

F&DHS Heritage Shop Project 2017



• 28 Church Street •

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This shop was one of a row of shops built on the site of 3 ancient cottages which were demolished in 1878.

In 1882 a lease was signed between the 3rd Marquis of Cholmondeley and John Bethell, a retired druggist of Frodsham, for 2240sq. yards of land between the Church Hall and what is now Eddisbury Square. Backed by a number of local investors, he built a row of 5 shops: numbers 22 and 30 at either end were larger than the middle 3.

Peter Booth, from Five Crosses, bought the lease of no 28 in 1883 and John Musker, grocer and tea dealer of Liverpool, bought no 22. In 1884 when John Musker got into financial difficulties, that business was bought by Joseph Kydd.

Peter Booth opened a draper's shop at no 28 and later expanded into no 30. Peter Booth was a prominent person in Frodsham. He was Chairman of the Parish Council and a member of Runcorn Rural District Council.

Peter Booth died in 1921, and is buried in St Laurence graveyard. As his eldest son, Thomas, had his own business on Main St, the running of the draper's shop passed to his second son Fred. Fred died suddenly in 1929, and the business eventually closed. Sadly Peter Booth Jnr. had been killed in WW1.

No 28 was sold to Henry Cotgreave who had the butcher's shop at no 26 next door. Henry Cotgreave moved into no 28 and specialised in pork, and sausages, leaving his son Harry to run the butcher's at no 26.

During the war, when meat was rationed, the butcher's stayed at no 26 but no 28 was rented by the Ministry of Labour and National Insurance and became the Labour Exchange.

In the 1950s, Mrs Cotgreave sold sausages and cold meats from no 28 and in 1969, following the death of Henry and the retirement of Harry Cotgreave, the shop was let to Carl Fairfax, and later to Mr Griffiths, who both ran pet shops.

In 1936/7 Mrs Doris Cotgreave rented no 30 from the Booth family and opened a ladies' hairdressers and sold wool and baby clothes. This was later bought by Mrs Calland who ran a wool shop.

The Callands left no 30 in 1967. It was demolished shortly afterwards as part of the Eddisbury Square development.



The Church St cottages demolished in 1878



The row of 5 properties on the left side of Church St



Booth's drapers shop c.1920s

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