

F&DHS Heritage Shop Project 2017



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In the 1840s the house that formerly occupied the site of Barclay's Bank was the home of the well-respected solicitor, James Purcell. He also owned the adjacent cottages. Following his death in 1848, aged 52, the house and cottages were auctioned.

Later the main house became Edward Dignum's grocers, provisions and confectioners shop. His sons Edward and William continued with the business after their father's death until about 1883.

At the end of the 19th century Joseph Kydd, who already had one shop in Church Street, opened a Profit Sharing Store on the site. He later changed its name to Frodsham Co-operative Stores and, in 1912, offered a dividend of 3 shillings in the pound in order to compete with the recently opened Runcorn and Widnes Co-op.



Kydd's Main Street store c.1912



The District Bank decorated for the visit of King George V on 8th July, 1925

After this store closed, the Manchester and Liverpool District Bank moved in. It became the District Bank in 1924.

The District Bank became the National Provincial Bank in 1962. During the early 1960s the bank decided to demolish the old building and rebuild on the same site. They managed this without moving out, a feat that would be unheard of today.

When The National Provincial merged with the Westminster in 1968, they closed this branch and Barclay's moved their branch from 105 Main Street to this more modern building.