

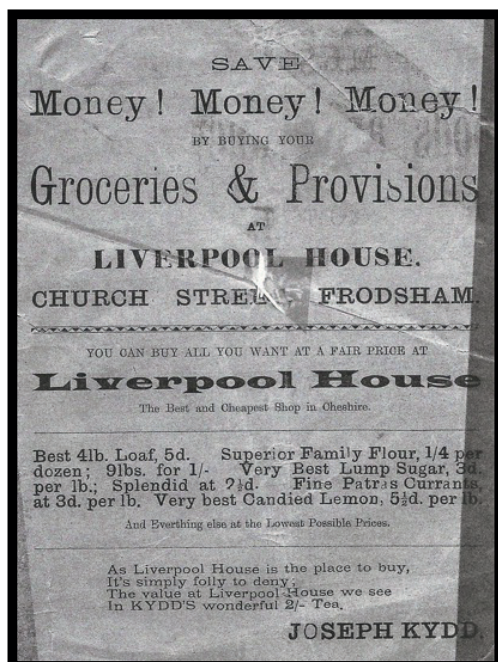
F&DHS Heritage Shop Project 2023



Church Street



Kydd's Grocery Stores, Main Street and Church Street, and the Jam Factory



Kydd's Banner of Faith 1884

Joseph Gilmore Kydd left his native Ireland to be apprenticed to Liverpool grocer John Musker. Joseph came to Frodsham to manage Musker's, Church Street, shop.

Joseph bought the business when the owners got into financial difficulties.



Kydd's 'flagship' store in the early 1900s

Enterprising J G Kydd and Co. opened a short-lived Profit-Sharing Store next to the Bear's Paw in Main Street in the 1890s, later renaming it Frodsham Co-operative Stores.



Kydd's Jam Factory prior to demolition

In the 1890s Joseph with his two brothers branched out into the manufacture of jams and preserves, opening a factory off 'Sandfields' in Frodsham. They gained a contract with the War Office to supply jam for the troops fighting in the Boer War. About one million jars were shipped to South Africa in 1900 alone. When the brothers died the factory was sold but continued producing jams and jellies, under the name Kydd and Kydd, into the early 1960s.

The factory was demolished in 1973 and the site redeveloped with 3-storey town houses.

J G Kydd opened a further small store at the lower end of Church Street and another in Helsby in 1912. However the first store remained the 'flagship' specialising in more expensive foodstuffs, fine wine and the wholesale trade.

Such was the reputation of the name 'Kydd' that when this store was sold in the 1960s the name was retained. The shop finally closed in the 1970s and the property was relaunched as Kydd's Wine Bar and Restaurant in 1978! It is now Kash 22, still selling food and drink, and advertising "Paddy's music, food and beer".

Advertisement in the Chester Chronicle
16.6.1978

