



I hope you all enjoy the presentation

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No 3 Micklegate
and
The Queens Hotel

Micklegate c1890 – note the numerous ghost like figures



Micklegate c1890



11th January 1876

The minutes of the meeting held at the Queens Hotel in Micklegate agreeing to form the Eboracum Lodge.

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On the 11th day of January 1876 a meeting was held at the Queen Hotel, Micklegate, York, at which were present (by invitation) the following brethren:-

Bro Thomas Cooper P.M. 236
" George Balmford P.M. 236
" John Fleming Stephenson 236
" Thomas Bowman Whytehead 1330 & 236
" Henry Churchill 236
" Thomas Tuke 236
" John Spite Cumberland

The meeting was called with a view to initiate a movement for the formation of a second Masonic lodge in York.

Bro. Thomas Cooper was unanimously voted to the chair, after which the following resolutions were unanimously carried:-

Views of Micklegate c1890



4th February 1876

The letter from York Lodge No236 in which they refuse to back Eboracums petition to form a new Lodge in York.

"They decline to comply"

Middlethorpe Lodge
York.
14th Feb 1876
Dear Brother
I duly received the application of yourself & other Brethren, addressed to the Masters of our Masonic Hall, requesting permission for a proposed New Lodge to hold their meetings therein. A meeting of the Masters was accordingly called for & held today & the following Resolution was passed by them.

"That having carefully considered the question in all its bearing the Masters decline to comply with the wishes of the Memorialists"
Yours fraternally & truly,
Mr. Crombillo Cooper James Meek

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York 236 also refused a request from Eboracum to hold their meetings at Duncombe Place.

J.C. T.B.W. & J.F.S. masters
wardens of the 2. Lodge of F.M. on behalf of
the lodge agree to take for 7 years, lease to
be renewable on same terms at expiration
of that period, of Messrs Knowles agree to
let at an annual rent of £45. the
house shop & gallery 32, Stonegate
Landlords agree to complete walls
& put in repair walls & roof, tenants
to do internal alterations, landlords to
colour & decorate walls & ceiling. Tenants
to pay rates. Rent to commence March
1st 1876

1st March 1876

Written agreement to rent No 34 Stonegate from a Mr Knowles.

Soon after this agreement was signed, rooms became available at No3 Micklegate (close to the Queens Hotel) which were more suitable and so this agreement was eventually terminated at a cost of £20.



Minerva



2 Albany Terrace
Hull 22 March 76.
11-30 pm

Dear Mr Cooper,

Just a line to say
that the Minerva Lodge
have recommended the
Petition, which I shall
(D.V.) send in the morning
to the D.P.G.M. Keep as
quiet as possible about it,
lest unnecessary opposition

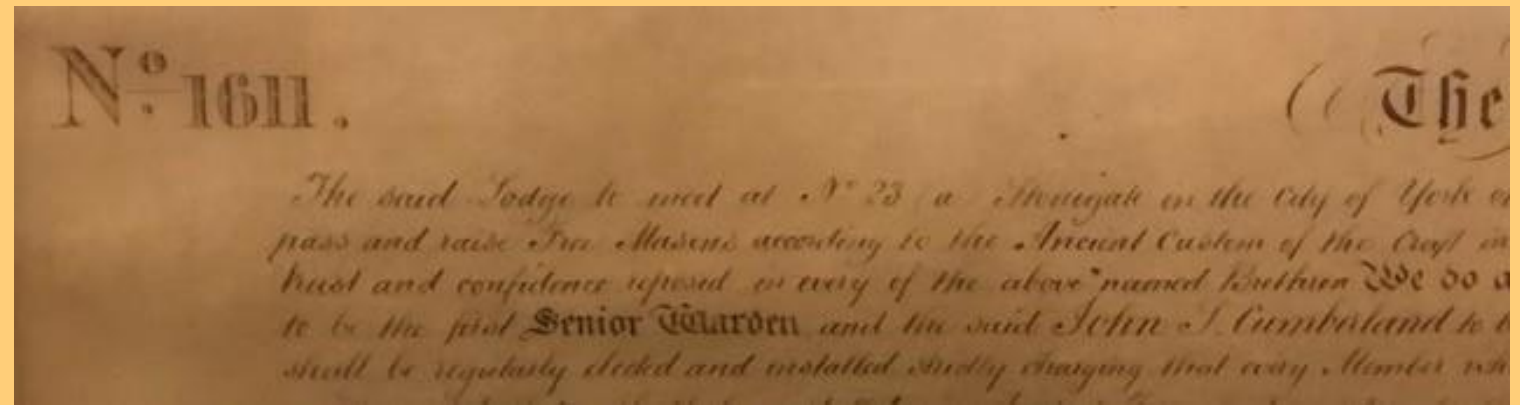
should be aroused
Yours faithfully
McPeck

Tell Mr Whytehead, but
no one else without strict
charge.

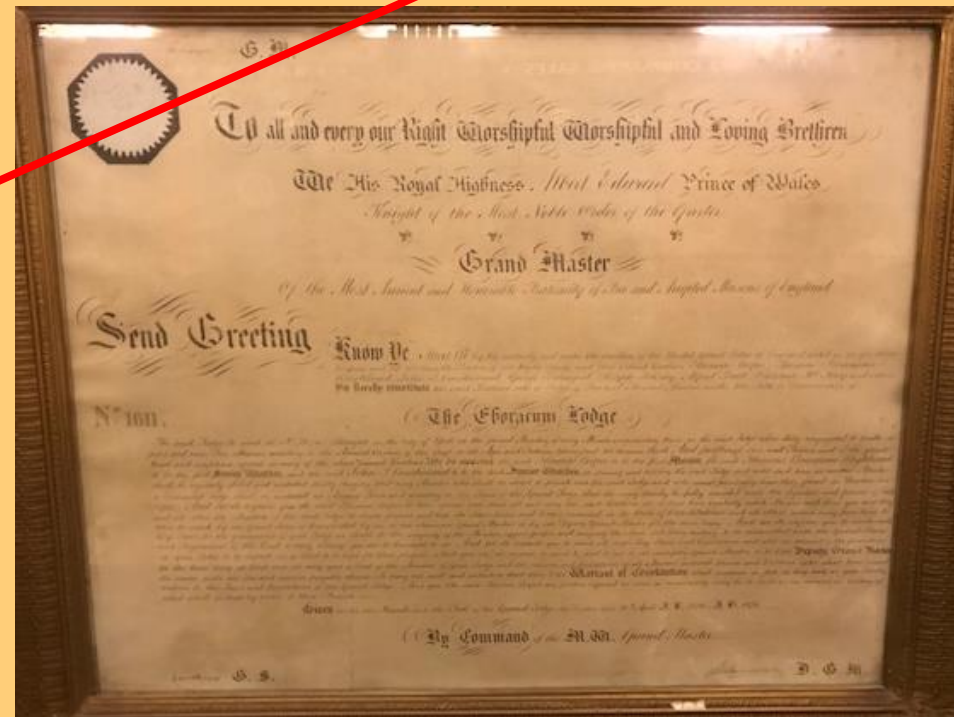
Keep as quiet as possible about
it, lest unnecessary opposition
should be alerted.

22nd March 1876
The letter from
Minerva 250 of
Hull
recommending
Eboracums
petition to form a
new Lodge.
Two other Hull
Lodges backed the
petition.
Humber 57 and
Kingston 1010

26th April 1876
The Grand Lodge of
England produced the
Warrant for the new
lodge.



The address of the Lodge meeting
place was given as **23a Stonegate**..
This address was never used by
Eboracum.
The Warrant has never been
amended.



3rd May 1876

At a meeting held at the Queens Hotel, it was announced that the Warrant had been granted and that the Lodge number would be 1611 on the Grand Lodge register. Bro. Henry Churchill stated that he had secured suitable rooms at No 3 Micklegate close by the Queens Hotel.

May 3rd. A meeting of the promoters was held at the Queens Hotel. Bro: Cooper, the W.M. Elect announced that he had received a communication from the Provincial Grand Secretary informing him that the Warrant had been granted and that the Lodge would be numbered 1611 on the Grand Register of England. The W.M. & Wardens Elect stated that Bro: Churchill had obtained possession of the premises 3 Micklegate, and that having inspected the same they were strongly of opinion that they could be easily adapted to the requirements of the Lodge, and offered many advantages over the premises in Stonegate. It

Micklegate: Houses, Nos. 3, 5 and Queen's Hotel



(55) Micklegate. Houses, Nos. 3, 5 and Queen's Hotel.
c. 1720.

MEMORANDUM.

FROM

J. W. KNOWLES,
STAINED GLASS AND MEDIAEVAL ART WORKS.

ALL KINDS OF CHURCH FURNITURE IN METAL, WOOD, AND STONE.

Textile Fabrics, Embroidery, Carpets, Surplices, &c.

Stained Glass, Decorations, Encaustic and Art Tiles.

DESIGNS AND ESTIMATES ON APPLICATION.

SHOW ROOMS, 23, STONEGATE, YORK.

To

23 Stonegate

Shewill see you Shetel for Masque Chair
as agree to make three as each - (two without
Arms) as per design for the sum of £15. 0-0
bevel Cushions for seats 12/- ea extra

J W Knowles

22nd May 1876

Order for 3 x chairs.

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No 23a Stonegate
Is today occupied
by the

Rohan shop
This is the address
on the Warrant



**No23a
Stonegate**



3rd June 1876
How to pronounce
"EBORACUM"

Gosh, June 3, 1876.

Dear Sir.

You ask a hard question.

In the first place Eburacum
is to be preferred to Eboracum.
Then as to the quantity, if you
follow analogy the word ought
to be Eburacum — if you like
to make it short ~, many persons
have done so before you. I
pronounce it short & so did Mr
Wellbeloved — there is no classical
authority on either side, & the question

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Wellbeloved — there is no classical
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to Kennings Masonic Depot, and make their selection from his list to be submitted at the next meeting.

A meeting was held at Bro. Churchills the W.M. Elect Meeting. Bro. Cooper & Cumberland reported that they had according to resolution visited Bro Kennings Establishment, and recommended the following as suitable for the requirements of the Lodge:-

1 Large Oak Chest, containing Wreath, torch & L & S Perfect Ashlar, Warrants Column, Gavel, Working Tools	11.11.0
Set of Racing Boards	4.12.0
Third Degree Sheet	1.10.0
Set of Masons Oak Gaudlebacks	12.12.0
Pair of Plated Doves	12.6
13 Collars	6.16.6
6 Silver Jewels	9.0.0
7 Elect Jewels	3.13.6
2 sets Compasses in Cases	2.10.0
German Silk Tow	2.6
2 Cable Tows	1.0
Set of Craft Candles	6.6
2 Woodwinks	3.6
3 E.A. Aprons	4.6
3 F.C. Aprons	7.6
4 Pairs Gaudlebs	6.0.0
1 Heavy Maul	10.6
1 Heavy Book	10.6
1 Signature do	10.6

Bro. Balford proposed, and Bro. Whytehead seconded that Bro. Cumberland be authorized to order the above from Bro. Kennings, & that Mr. Knowles supply the ^{Warrant} Warrants Pedestals & Secretaries Desk, & Bro. Kaurik the ^{Master} Master's Pedestal, Wands, Ballot Box and Kneeling Stools.

13TH July 1876 – an extract from the minutes – The shopping list on the left was used to order the fixtures and fittings for the new lodge room from Kennings of London. The image shown below is incorrectly captioned, it should read – No 3 Micklegate and not the Queen's Hotel.



THE EBORACUM LODGE ROOM, QUEEN'S HOTEL.



The FREEMASON, Weekly 2d.
 The MASONIC MAGAZINE, Monthly 6d.
 The COSMOPOLITAN MASONIC POCKET
 BOOK, Annually 2/-

2, 3 & 4, LITTLE BRITAIN,
 LONDON July 29 1876

BRANCHES—
 198, FLEET STREET, LONDON. 2, MONUMENT PLACE, LIVERPOOL. 145, ARGYLE STREET, GLASGOW.

FOR
Craft Lodges,

OF SUPERIOR DESIGN AND WORKMANSHIP,
 MANUFACTURED IN THREE QUALITIES,
 BY
BRO. GEORGE KENNING, P.M.,

COMPRISING

- | | |
|---|--|
| Three Pedestals. | One Oak or Mahogany Kneeling Stool. |
| Three Candlesticks, Oak or Mahogany. | Lamp (Star in the East). |
| Two Columns, Oak or Mahogany. | Third Degree Sheet. |
| S. W. Triangle, in Oak or Mahogany with Gilt Tripod. | Bible, with Name and No. of Lodge in Gold. |
| Pulley Blocks and Windlass and Rough and Perfect Ashlars. | Square and Compasses in Case. |
| Oak or Mahogany Box, and nine Tools, Plated. | Cushion for Bible. |
| Three Oak or Mahogany Gavel. | Ten Officers' Collars. |
| One " " Maul. | Ten Officers' Jewels. |
| One " " Ballot | I.G. Dirk. |
| Box and Balls. | O.G. Sword. |
| One pair " Wands. | Set of Eight Books. |
| Three Tracing Boards. | Three S—g Boards. |
| | Two Pairs of S—s. |
| | Three C—e T—s. |
| | Two H—s. |
| | Three Candles with Emblems. |

£30, £60, and £100.

Chairs, Dais, Tesselated Carpeting, Banners, &c., &c. on the most moderate terms, according to material, style, &c.
 For Personal Insignia, see List of Clothing and Jewels.

MASONIC DEPOTS:
 LONDON, LIVERPOOL, AND GLASGOW.

In answer to
 Favor of the 27th Inst. The whole
 the Furniture as per Invoice
 closed was forwarded per G.N.
 gauge Rails yesterday, with
 the exception of the 2 Sets of
 Square & Compasses the latter
 will forward per Passenger Train
 on Monday. Anticipating your
 further Commands.
 Yr Obedt Servt
 Geo Kenning

Advertisement
 from
"The Freemason"
 magazine
 dated 15th January
 1876

29th July 1876
 Delivery note from Kennings of London
 for furniture, square and compasses etc
 - just 9 days prior to the lodge being
 Consecrated.

EBORACUM LODGE, No. 1611,

will be Constituted, according to antient custom, by the

R.W. Prov. Grand Master, the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Zetland,

AT THE LODGE ROOM, No. 3, MICKLEGATE, YORK,

ON MONDAY, 7TH AUGUST, AT HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK,

Monday 7th August 1876

“Consecration”

held in

The Lodge Room

No 3 Micklegate

AUGUST 7th, 1876.

EBORACUM LODGE

Of Free and Accepted Masons of England.

1611

CONSTITUTION BANQUET,

DE GREY ROOMS, YORK.

Constitution Banquet ticket

for the De Grey Rooms

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE



North and East Ridings of Yorkshire.

W. SIR AND BROTHER,

I have the honor to inform you that the

EBORACUM LODGE, No. 1611,

will be Constituted, according to antient custom, by the

R.W. Prov. Grand Master, the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Zetland,

AT THE LODGE ROOM, No. 3, MICKLEGATE, YORK,

ON MONDAY, 7TH AUGUST, AT HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK,

(instead of half-past One as previously announced.)

when your company is fraternally requested.

A BANQUET will be held in the DE GREY ROOMS, York, at 4.30 o'clock. Tickets for which, price 6s. 6d. each (exclusive of Wines), can ONLY be had on application to the W.M. Designate, Bro. T. Cooper, P.M., or the Secretary, Bro. James Kay.

I am, W. Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

M. C. PECK,

Prov. Grand Secretary.

2 Albany Terrace,
HULL, 29th July, 1876.

PROVINCE OF NORTH AND EAST
YORKSHIRE.

Antient Free & Accepted Masons.



CEREMONIAL

To be observed at the

CONSECRATION

OF THE

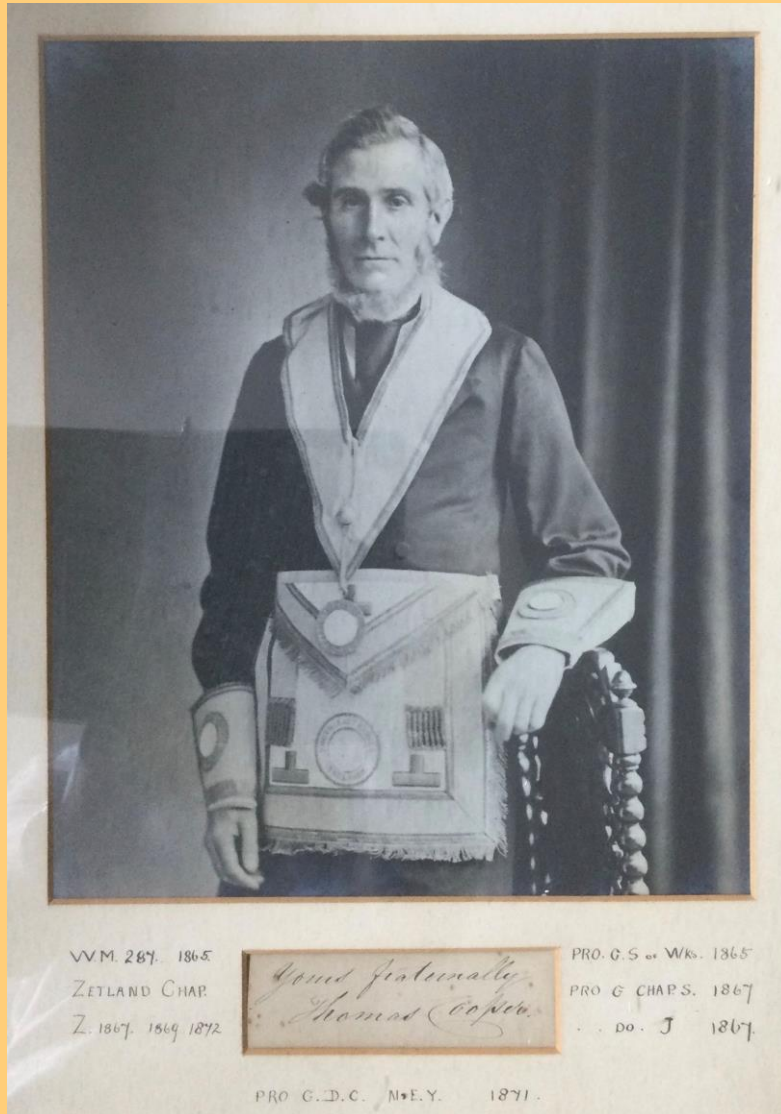
EBORACUM LODGE, 1611,

YORK,

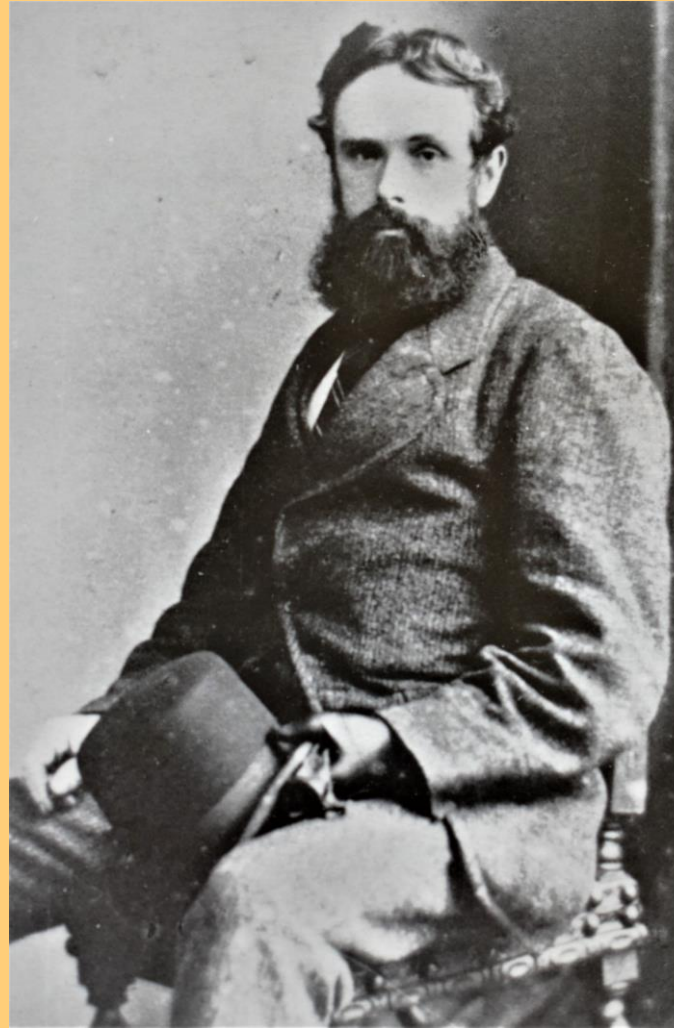
ON MONDAY, AUG. 7TH, 1876.

Bro. THOS. COOPER, P.M. ... W.M. Designate.

W.Bro.Thomas Cooper
First Worshipful Master in 1876.
He died in 1878.



W.Bro.Thomas B. Whytehead
Senior Warden in 1876
2ND Worshipful Master in 1877



T.B.W. was initiated in 1870
into lodge 1338 in New Zealand

W.Bro.George Balmford
Treasurer in 1876 and for many
years to follow.



THOMAS BOWMAN WHYTEHEAD



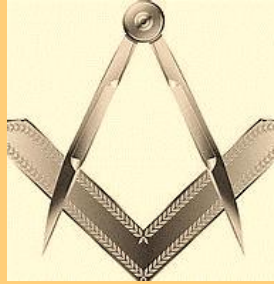
To Rev. T. B. Whytehead
with Mr. M. S. Leers' compliments

Mrs. S. Leers
P.M. 1338 (my mother's loop)
He taught me my first bit of ritual

"HE TAUGHT ME MY FIRST BIT OF RITUAL" - TBW



THE EBORACUM LODGE ROOM, QUEEN'S HOTEL.

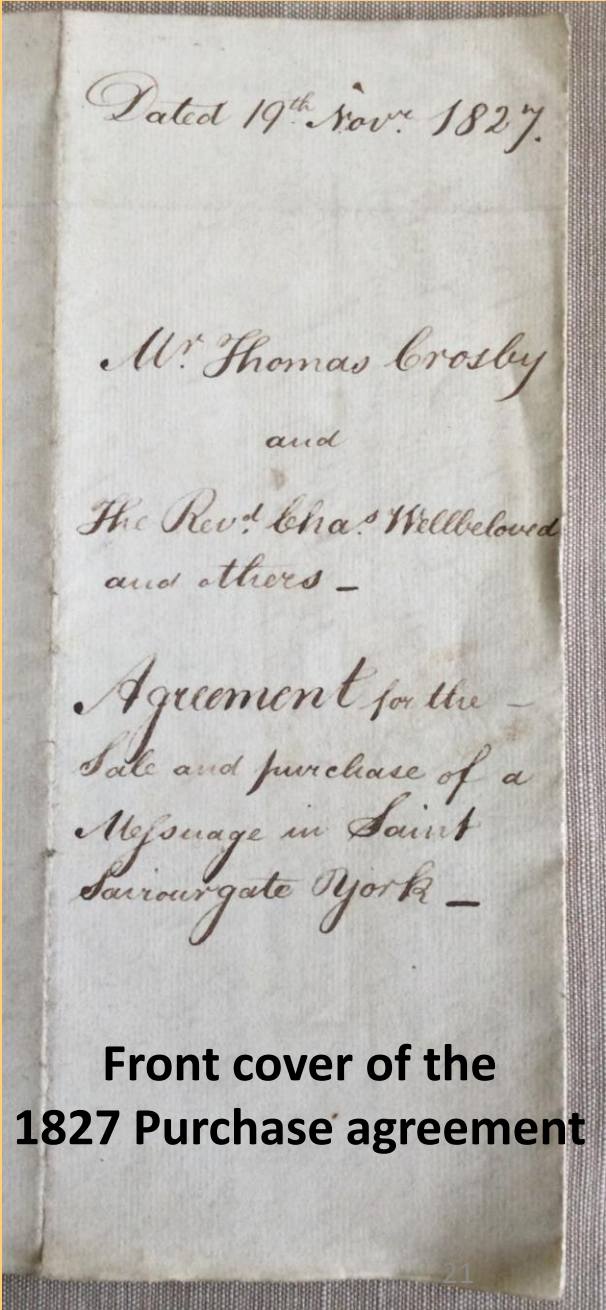
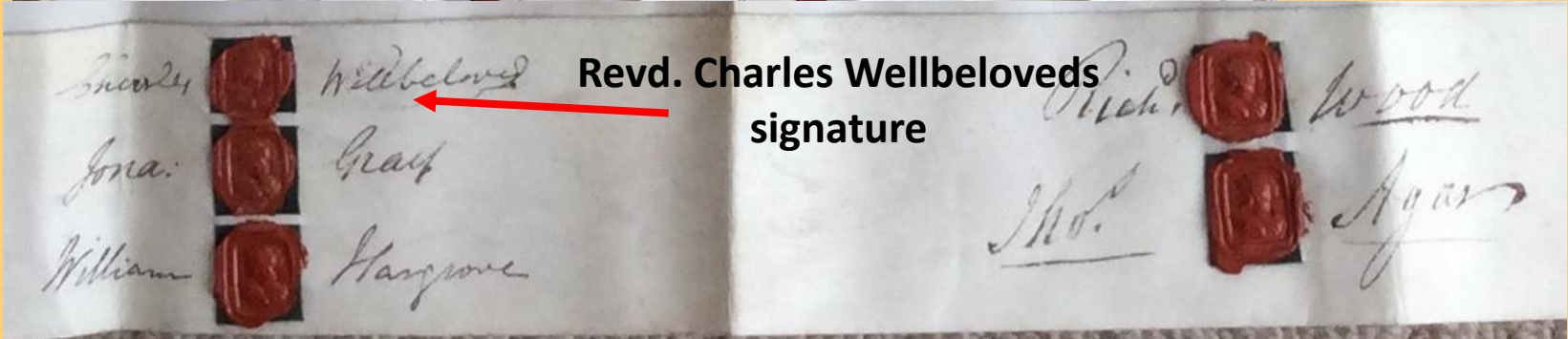
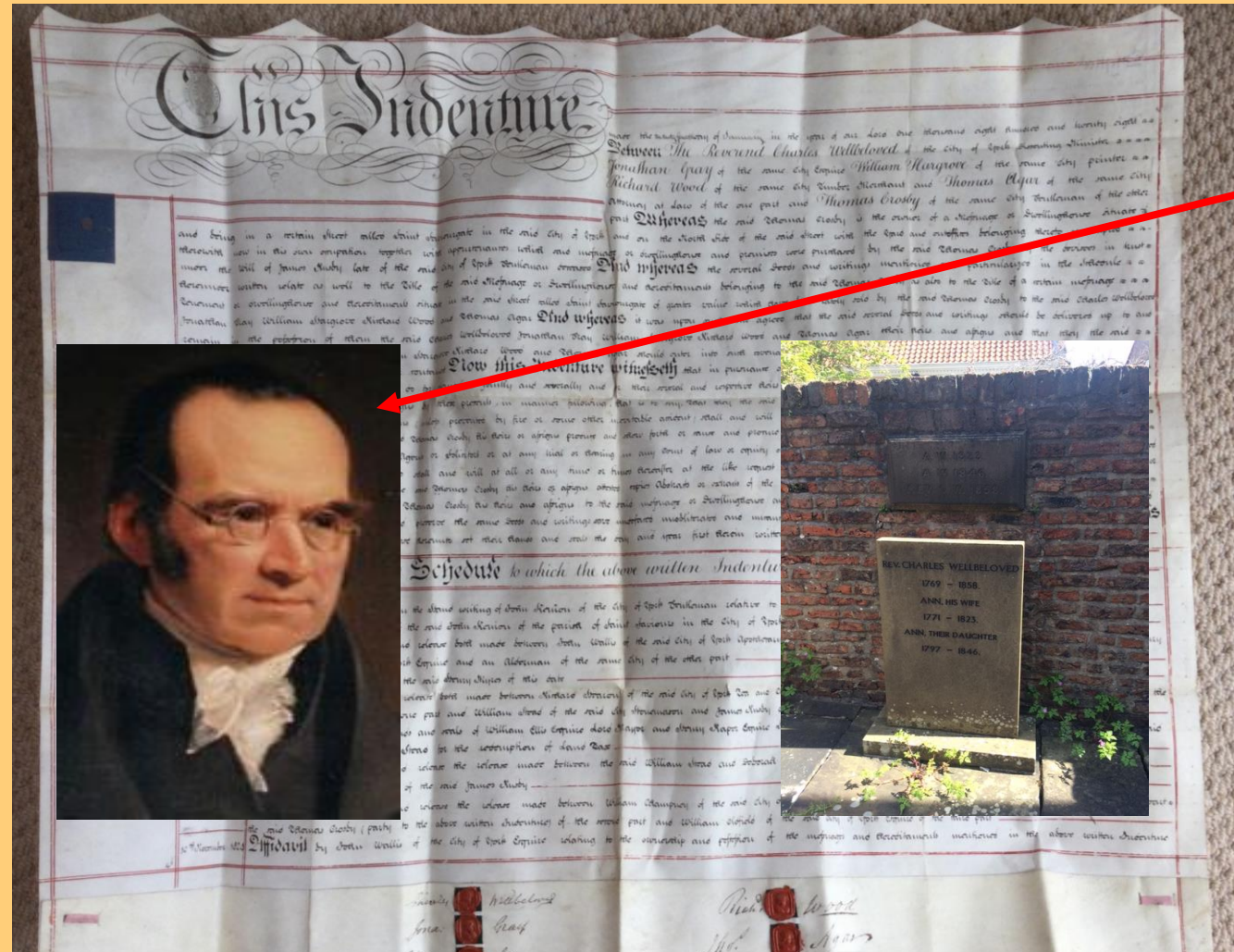


The Institutes and the Eboracum Masonic Hall

In 1836, The York Courant newspaper reported that over one third of all children in the City between the ages of 5 and 15 were receiving no education.

19th Nov 1827

Revd. Charles Wellbeloved, minister of the Unitarian Chapel, and others, purchased a house in St.Saviourgate which was converted into what became The Mechanics Institute.





**Black Swan
Peasholme Green**

Map of York c1610

**Approximate
position of
THE
INSTITUTE
(Masonic Hall)**

St.Saviourgate

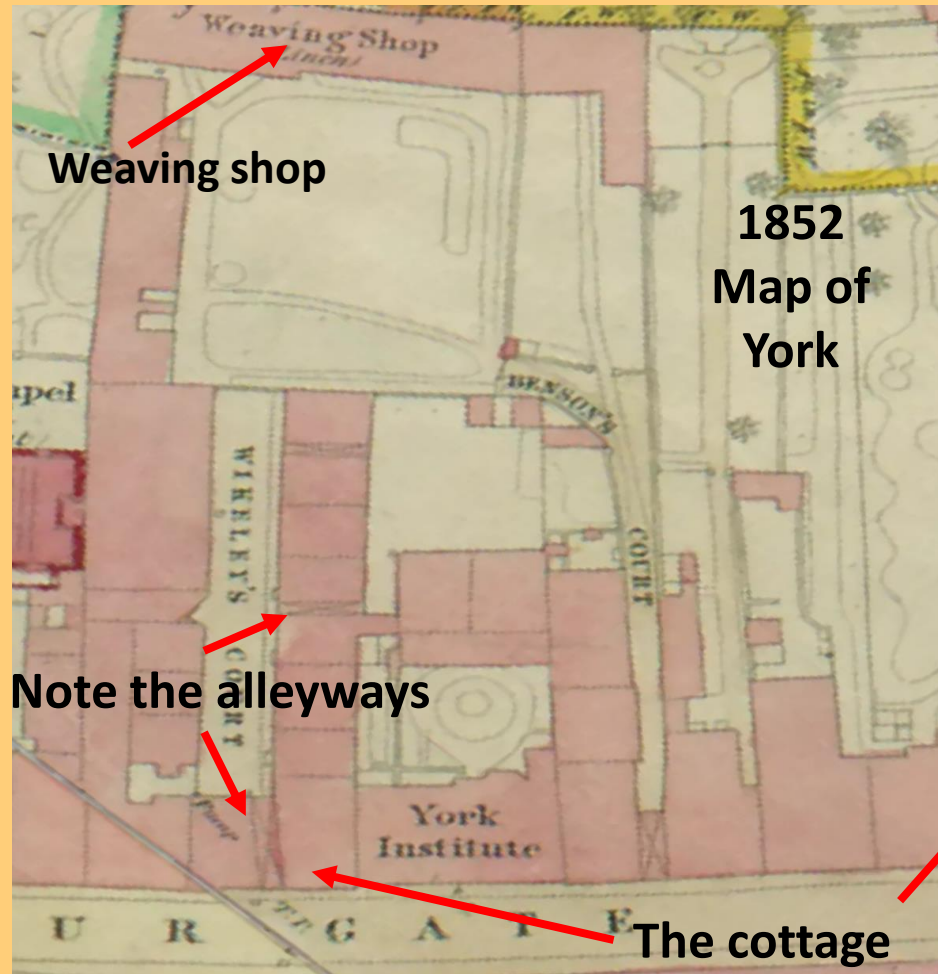
Membership fees for The Institute in 1828

First class £1 per annum

Second class 50p per annum

Third class 30p per annum

Third class boys were not allowed to borrow library books until they had been in use in the library for one year.



The Mechanics Institute

1827 – 1838

(name changed to)

The Institute of Popular Science and Literature 1838 - 1885



This image dates from pre-1838

Note the alleyway entrance

The cottage, which was purchased by Eboracum

Later front entrance

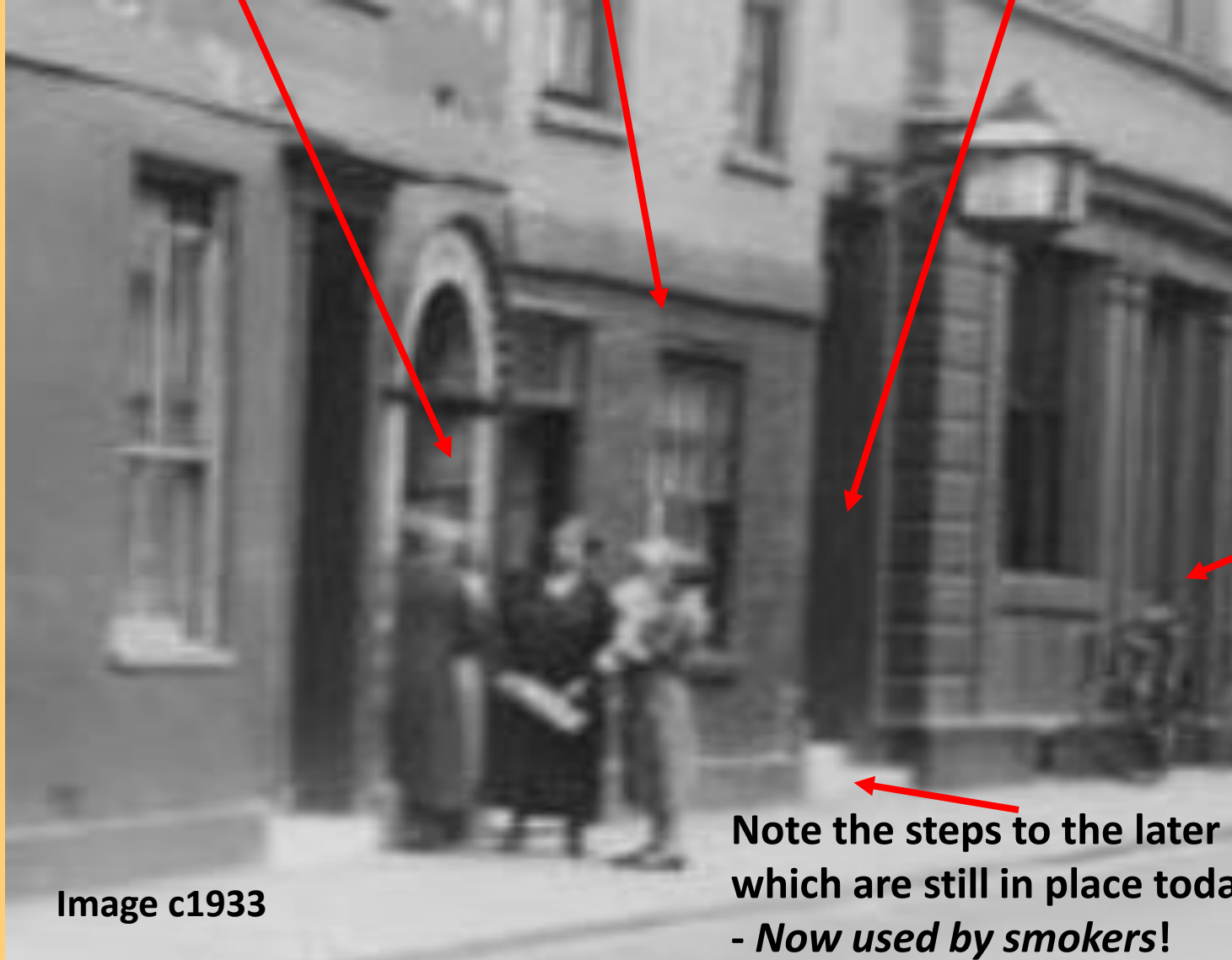


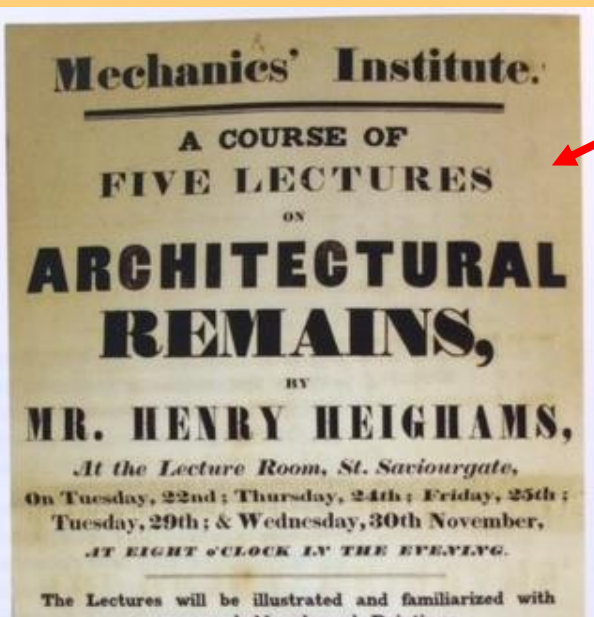
Original front entrance



Note the steps to the later entrance which are still in place today - *Now used by smokers!*

Image c1933





1836
Lecture

*Note the
change in
name*

1841
Lecture



Three views of the inside
of the “new institute” in
Tower St.
This enabled Eboracum to
purchase the building in
St.Saviourgate.



Note the chairs, they are
exactly the same as the
ones in use in our lodge
room today.



THE INSTITUTE OF POPULAR SCIENCE AND LITERATURE.
YORK

W. G. PENTY,
HON. SECRETARY,
34, CONEY ST.,
YORK.

October 6th 1882.

Dear Sir,

York Institute

I am directed by the
Institute Com^{ee} to inform you
in reply to yours of the 30th
ultimis that the building, known
as "The Institute" is for sale
together with the Cottage at
the price of the same and the

price they ask for the whole
is £1450

The premises are freehold
and free from any rent charge

I am, Dear Sir

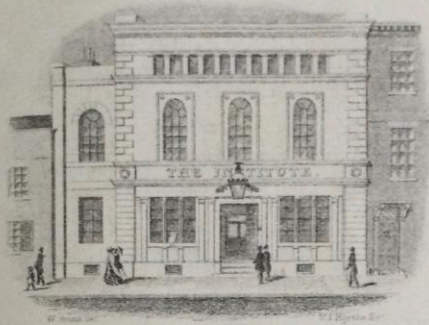
Yours faithfully
Walter G. Penty

Wm Secy.

Thos. Humphries Esq.
Eboracum Lodge
York

6th October 1882

The Institute was
offered for sale
along with a
cottage for the
sum of £1,450.



THE INSTITUTE OF POPULAR SCIENCE AND LITERATURE,
YORK.

W. G. PENTY,
HON. SECRETARY,
34, CONEY ST.,
YORK.

Oct. 30th 1882

Dear Sir
In reply to yours
of the 24th inst. offering, in
behalf of the F. M. Brethern
of the Eboracum Lodge, the
sum of £1150 (Eleven Hundred
and Fifty Pounds) for the
Institute premises, St. Lawrencegate

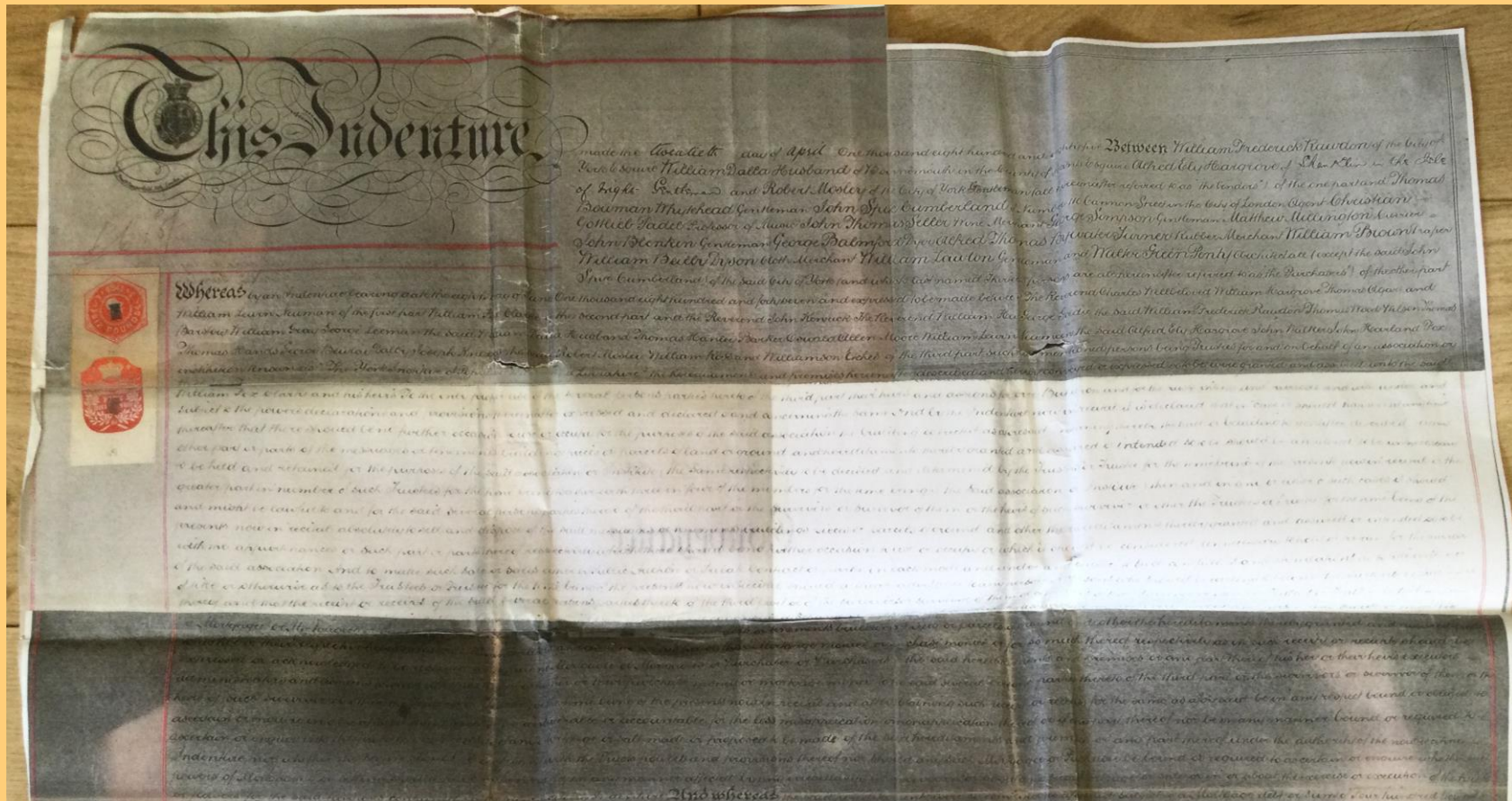
I am instructed by the
Com^{ee} to inform you that
after Careful Consideration
they feel Compelled to
decline your offer

I am, Dear Sir
Yours Very Truly
Walter G. Penty
Wm. Secy.
The Humphreys Esq.

30th October 1882
Eboracums offer of
£1150 to purchase
the Institute and the
adjoining cottage
was declined.

A subsequent offer of
£1250 was accepted
by the Trustees of
the Institute.

The sales agreement
was signed on the
20th April 1885
Note the difference
in the dates.



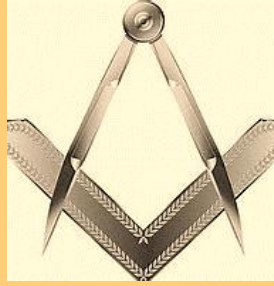
20th April 1885
Photocopy of the
purchase agreement
for The Institute.
The original is lodged
with our solicitors.
I hope!



A cartoon from the magazine "The Moorish Mosquito" depicting the 1885 move from the old to the new Institute in Clifford Street. The person "holding the new Institute" is Walter Penty who was its architect. He was a member of the Ebor Lodge which met in Coney Street.



Above: The glass phial or jar found behind the commemoration stone laid in 1883



St.Saviourgate and the Lodge carpark



Map of York c1820

Stonebow Lane

Site of the
Old George Hotel

Church of St. Crux

Whip-ma-wop-ma-gate

The Institute

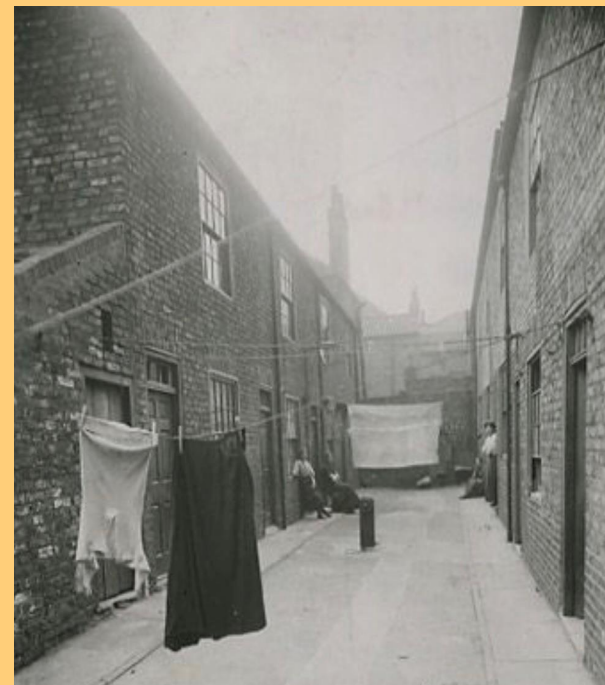
Note how the street
name is spelt.

St.Saviourgate c1933

**The
Salem Chapel
(Demolished
c1963)**



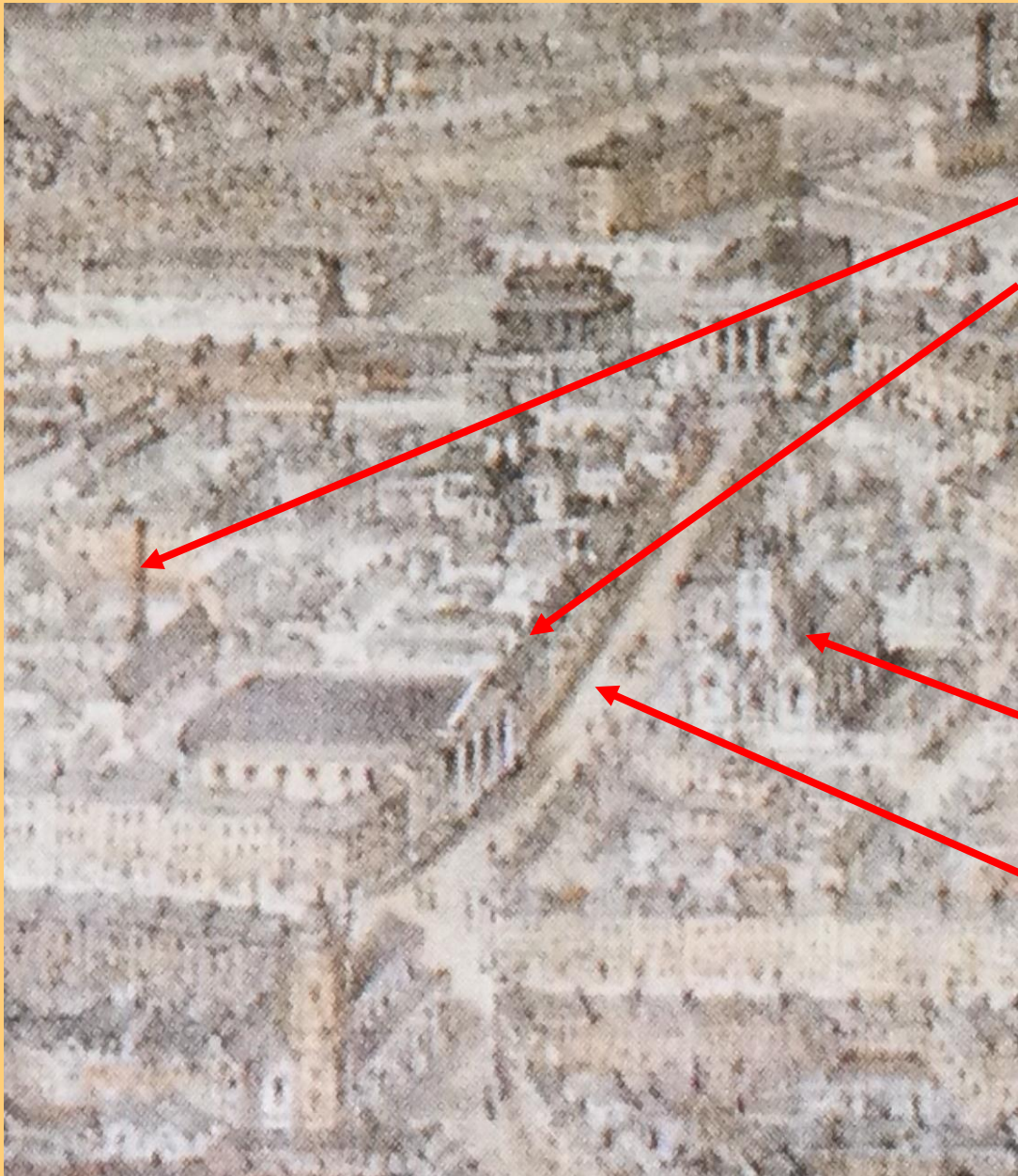
Note there is only one street light along the whole of St.Saviourgate.



**THE
CARPARK
AS IT WAS
&
AS IT IS
TODAY**



Nathaniel Whittocks 1858 Map of York



Chimney

**The Institute
and to the rear,
the twin rows
of cottages of
Wikeley Court**

**St.Saviours
Church**

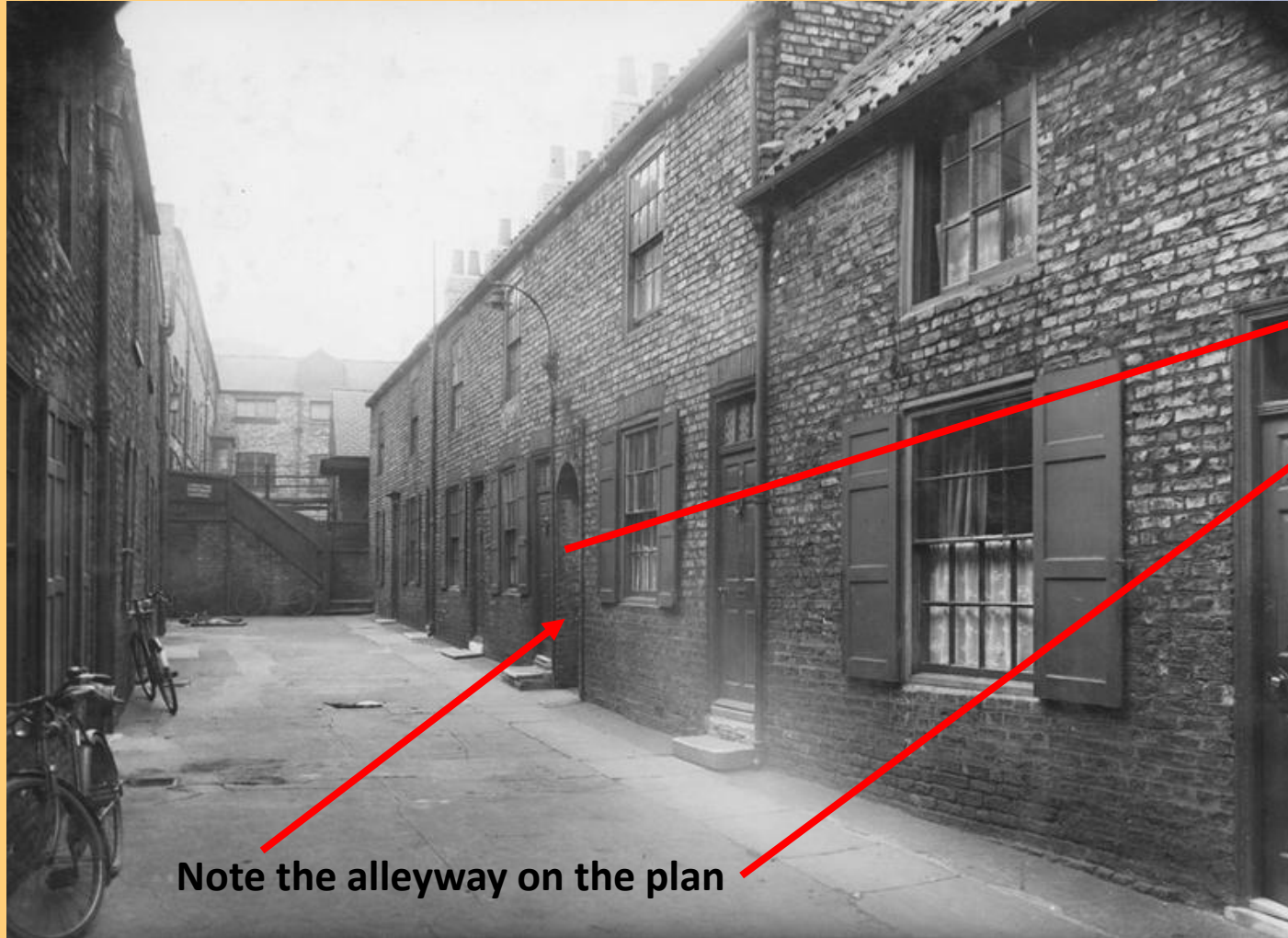
St.Saviourgate

Wikeley Court

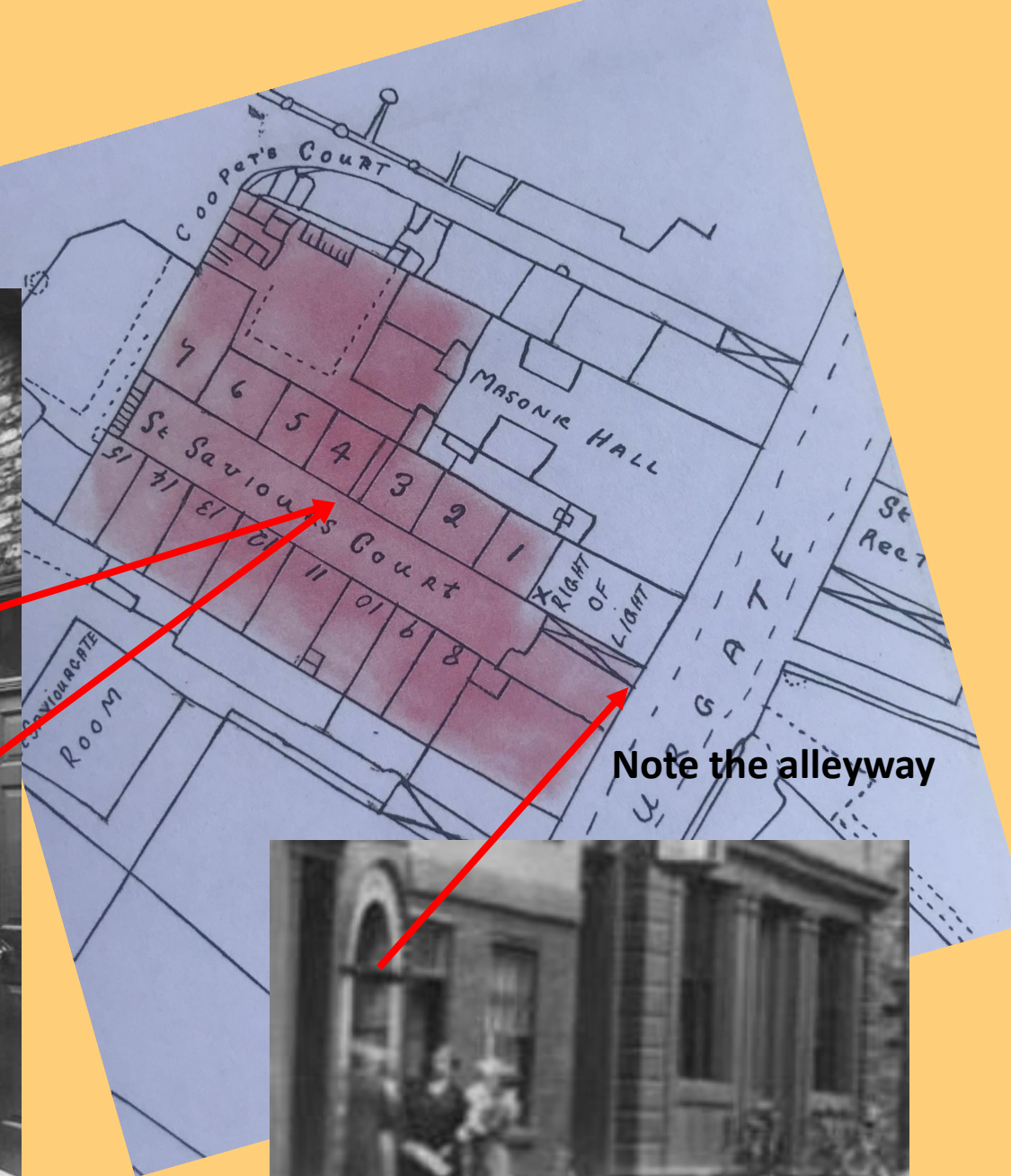


Wikeley Court latterly St.Saviours Court

This area was demolished in the 1930's



Note the alleyway on the plan

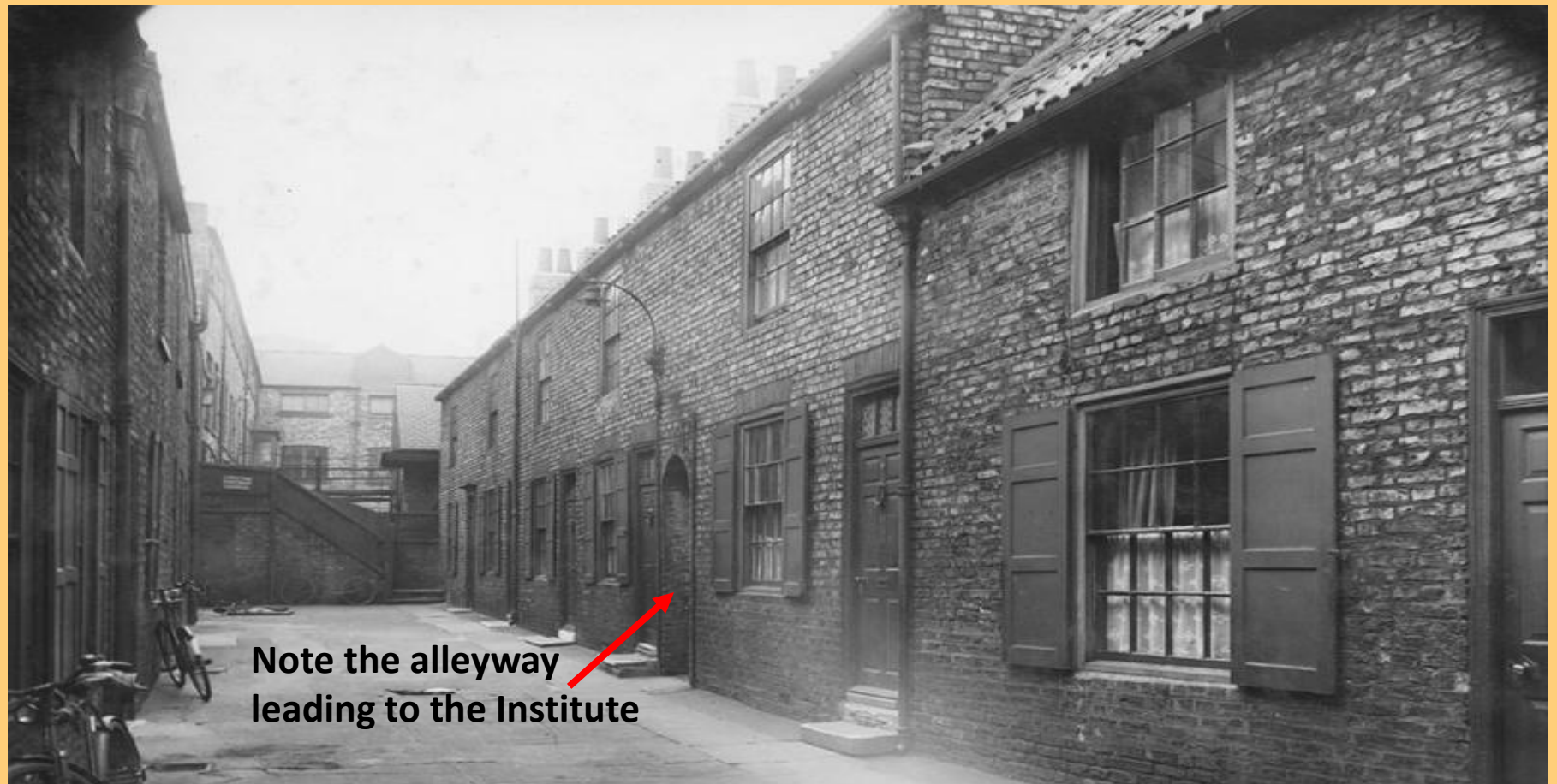


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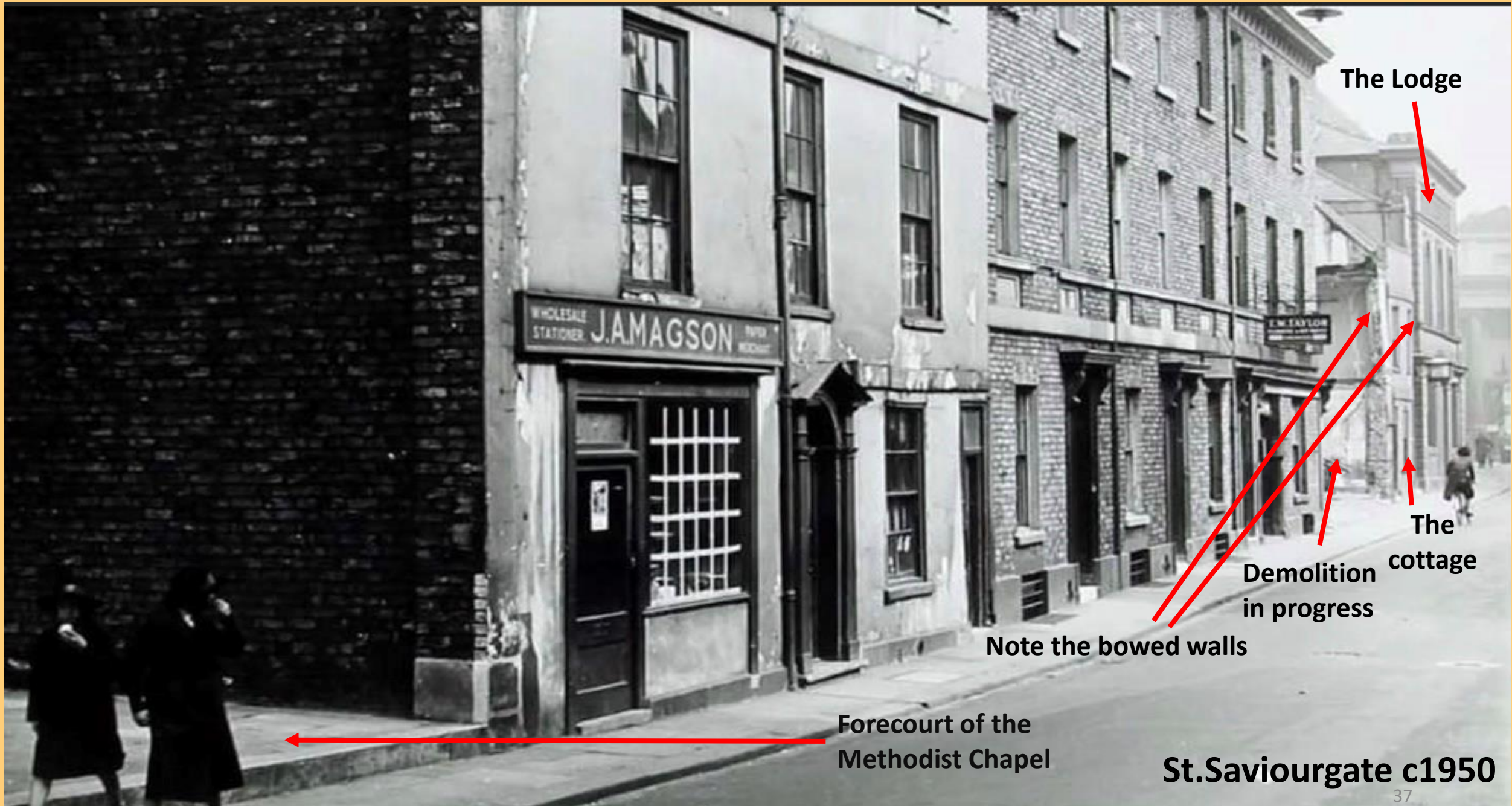
c1933

1851 Census for Wikeley Court



17	Wikeley Court	Mathew Henry Walls	Head	30	23	Secretary of the York Institute of Popular Science & Literature	York Yorkshire
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**1851 Census - Entry 17 - Wikeley Court - Mathew Henry Walls - Head - Age 30 – Secretary of the Institute of Popular Science and Literature
As secretary, he was paid £30 per annum**

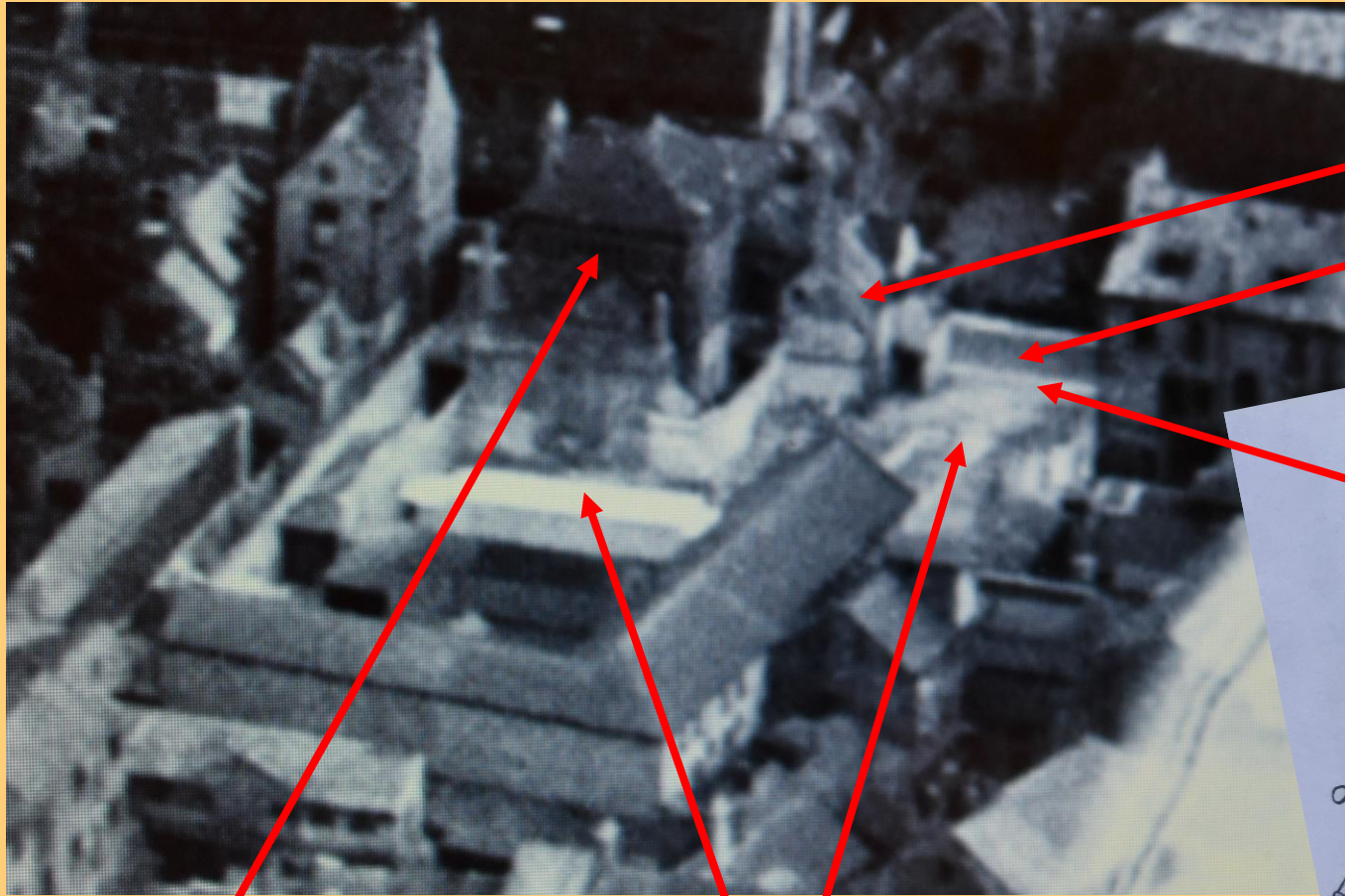


Forecourt of the
Methodist Chapel

St.Saviourgate c1950

St.Saviourgate and the corner shop



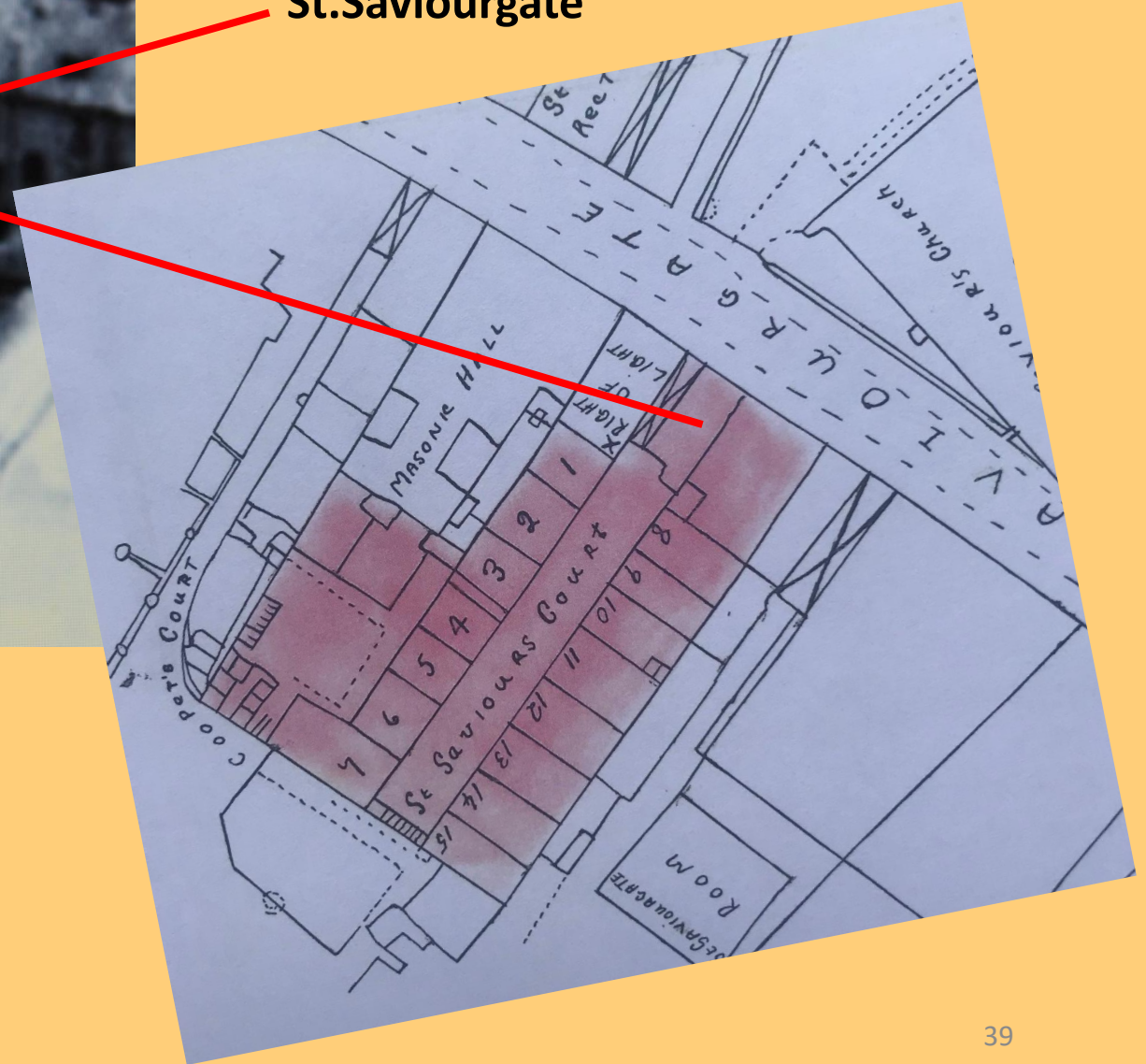


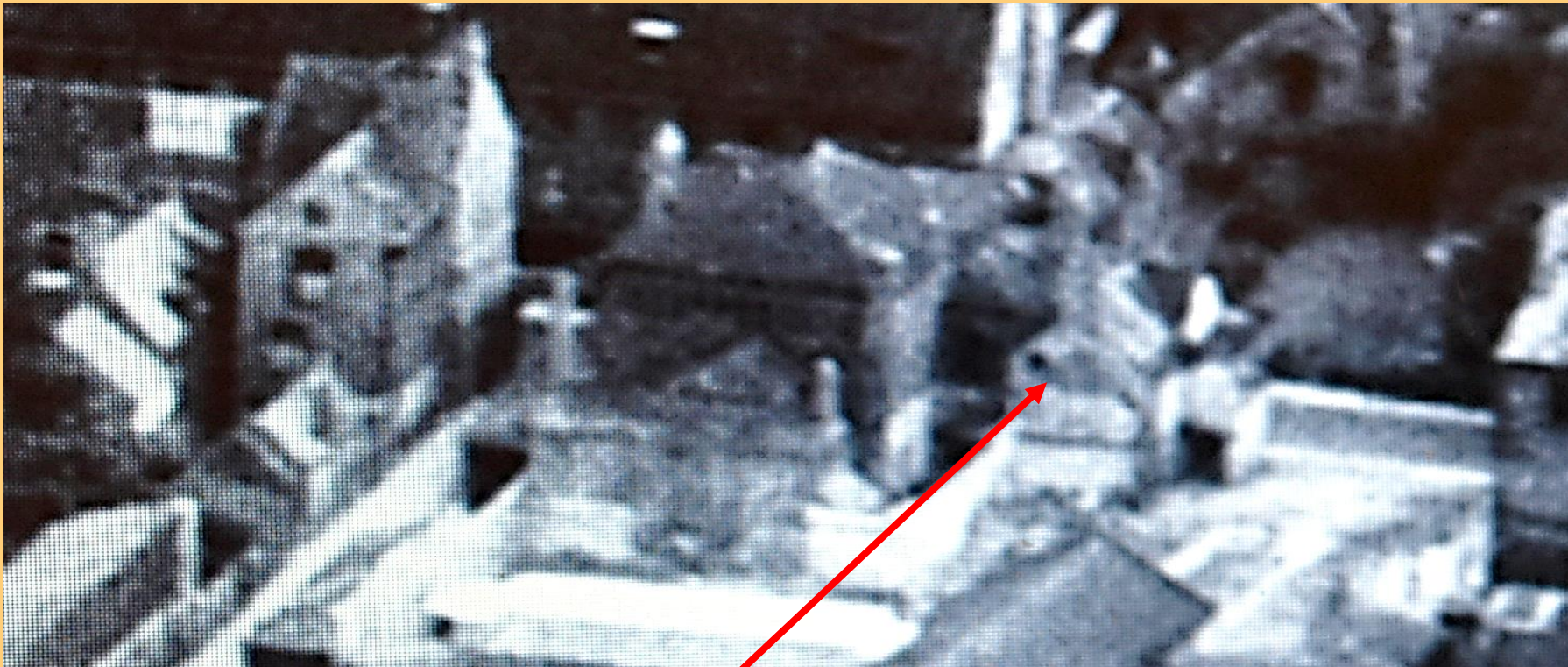
The cottage which was
purchased with the Institute
St.Saviourgate

The Lodge building

These areas would be
become today's carpark

View from above St.Andrewsgate
c1943





required to such an extent that possibly the Lodge Committee would deem it ^{more} ~~most~~ expedient to demolish the cottage than to meet their official requirements. In this relation we wish to stress the fact that a good part of the Lodge Organ is built over the Cottage Kitchen Scullery and in the case of demolition this would either have to be rebuilt or supported or the Lodge Organ might have to be dispensed with.

Demolition work in the 1930's

During this period wholesale demolition was underway around the Lodge. Eboracum had to take some major decisions which would create the Lodge that we know today. Wikeley Court was being demolished as well as the houses fronting onto St. Saviourgate.

As can be seen from the extract from a Lodge report, the old cottage had to go, but so would the organ unless!!!!

In the end the organ loft was saved – and the carpark evolved.

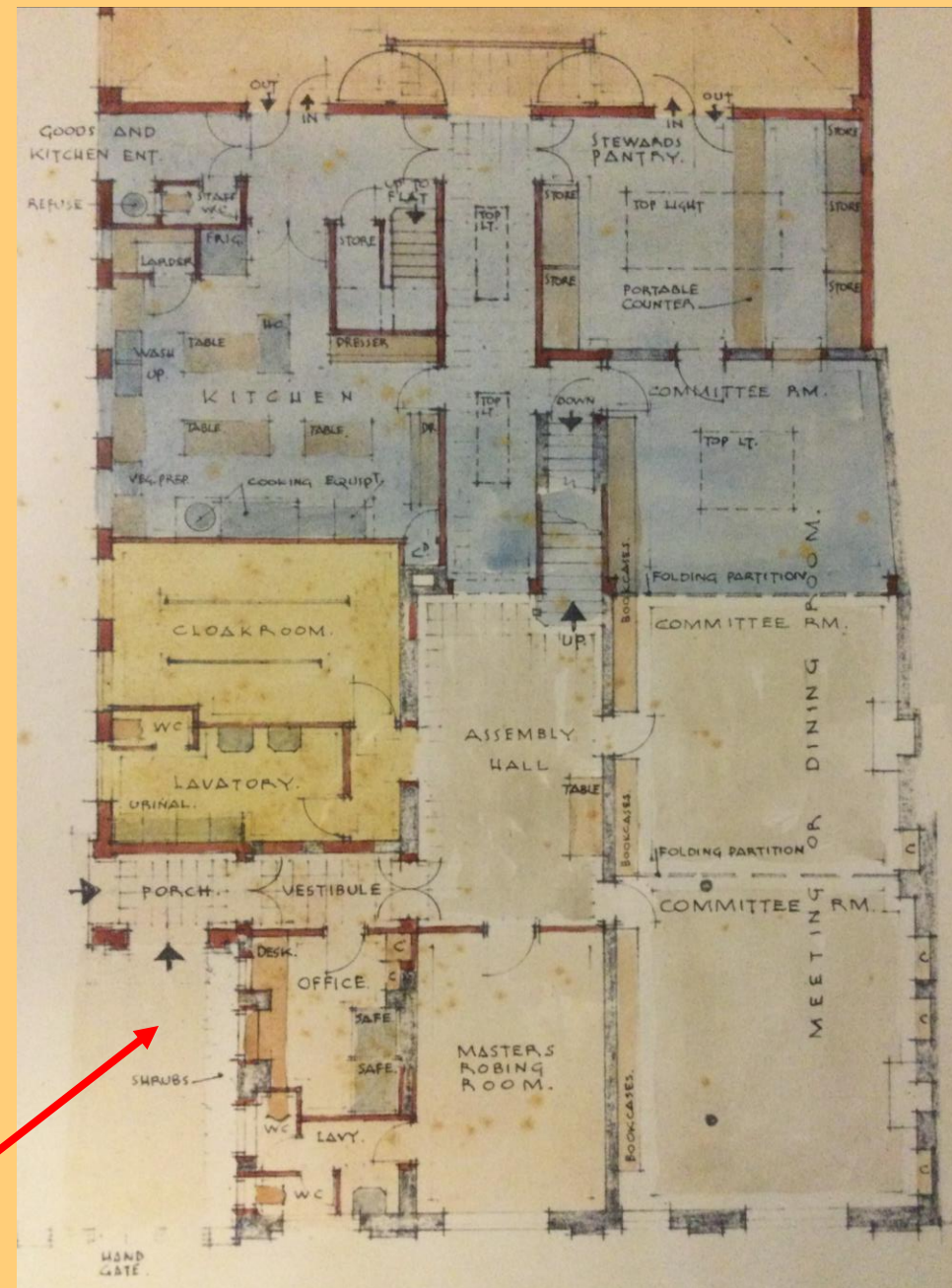


**Original
building**



**Modern
extensions**

1946 Plan



**Unitarian
Chapel**

St.Saviourgate

**St.Saviours
Church**

Hungate

**Methodist
Chapel**

**This area to be demolished to make
way for Stonebow in 1955**

Stonebow Lane

Fossgate

**The Old George
Hotel would be
demolished to
make way for
Stonebow**

Pavement

**RAF IMAGE
c1942**

Colliergate

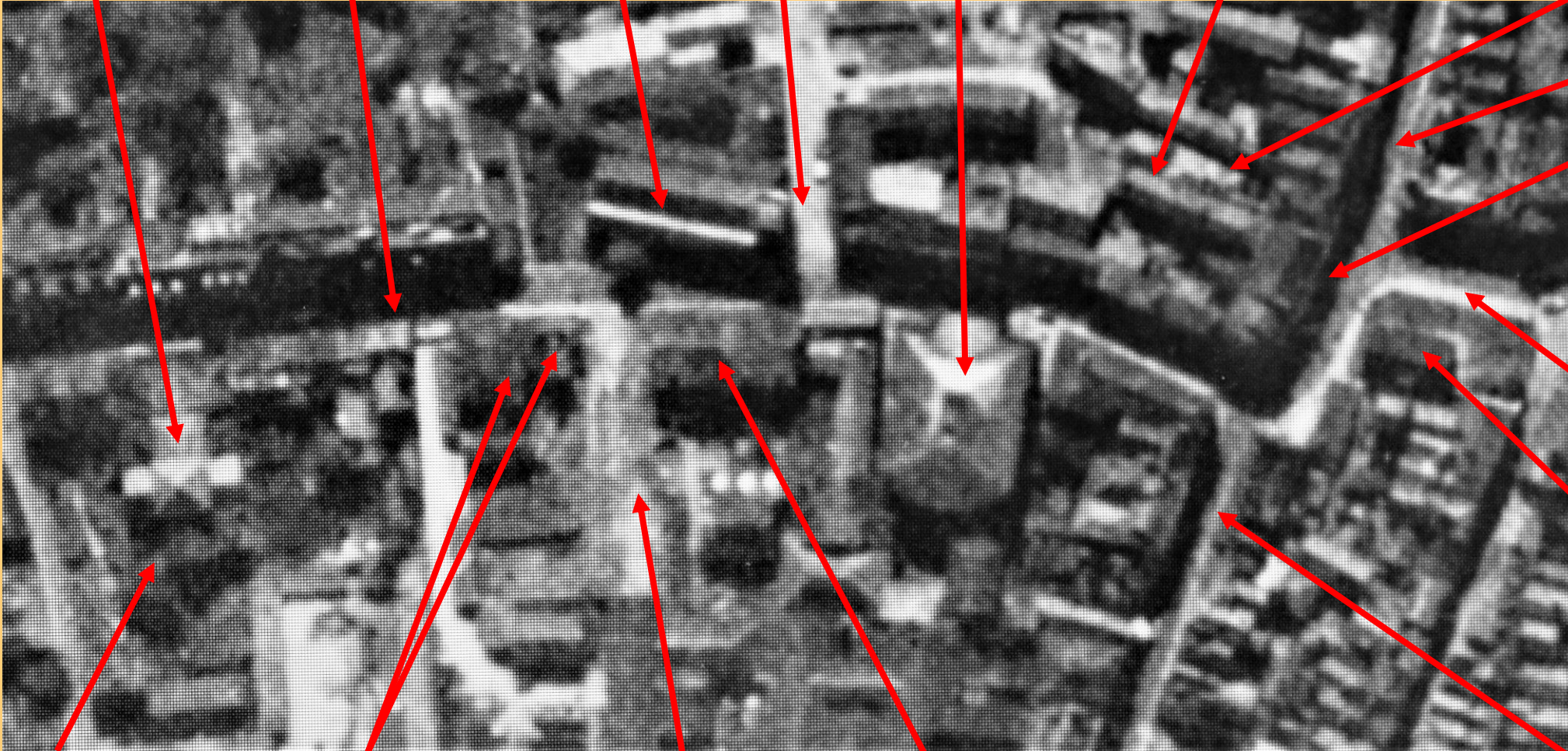
**Church
of
St.Crux**

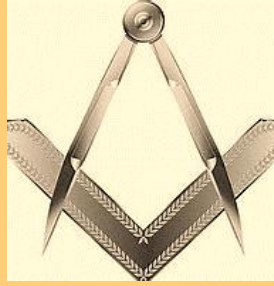
**Rev. Charles
Wellbeloved
is buried
here**

**Masonic Hall + the
old cottage – note
the outbuildings to
the rear**

**Wikeley Court has
been demolished**

**These houses were demolished to
make way for todays office block
and the lodge carpark**





THE PAVEMENT AND STONEBOW AREAS

Pavement

The Old George Hotel
was demolished c1953 to
make way for Stonebow

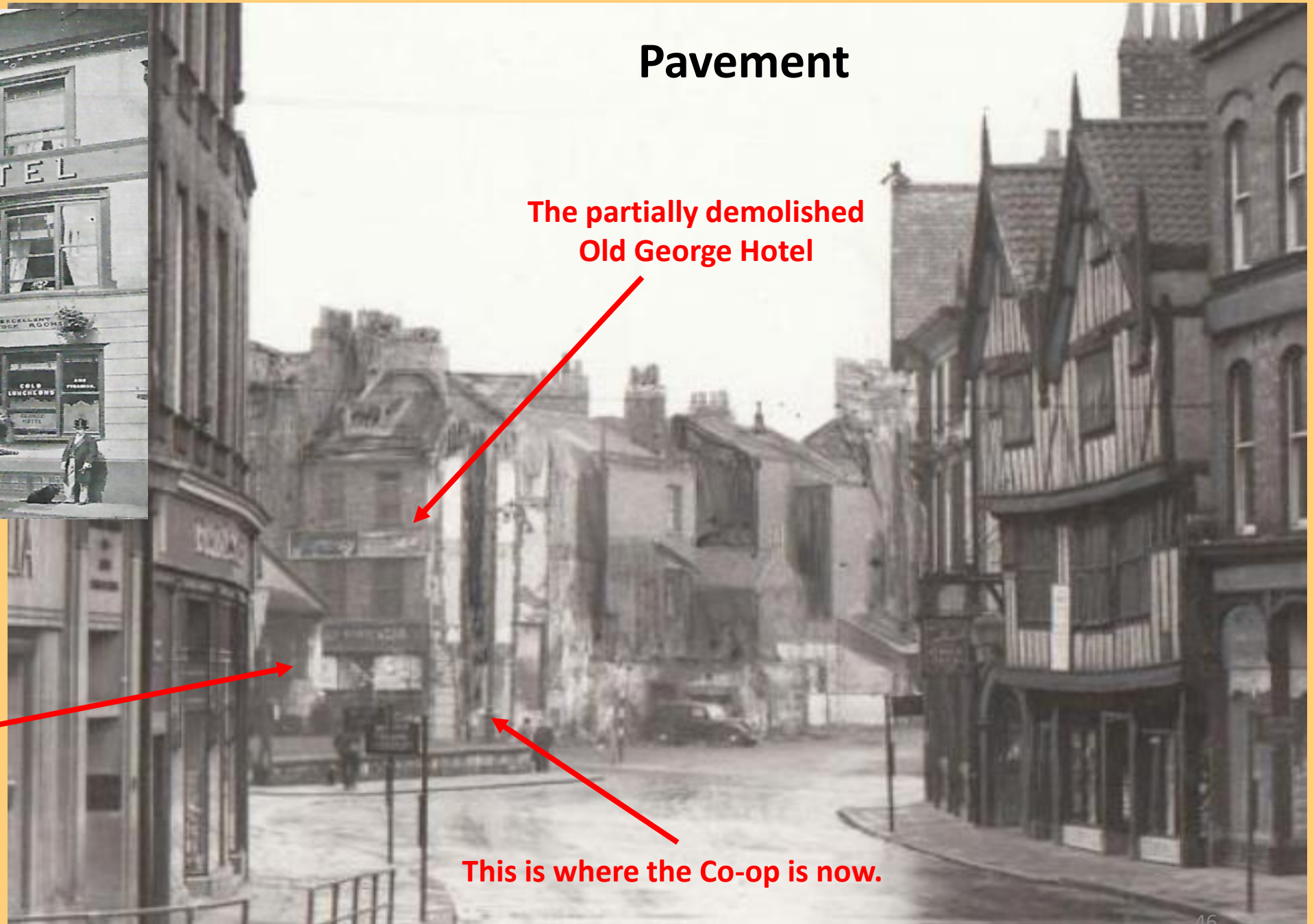
M&S

These buildings were demolished
to make way for Piccadilly





The Old George Hotel



Pavement

The partially demolished
Old George Hotel

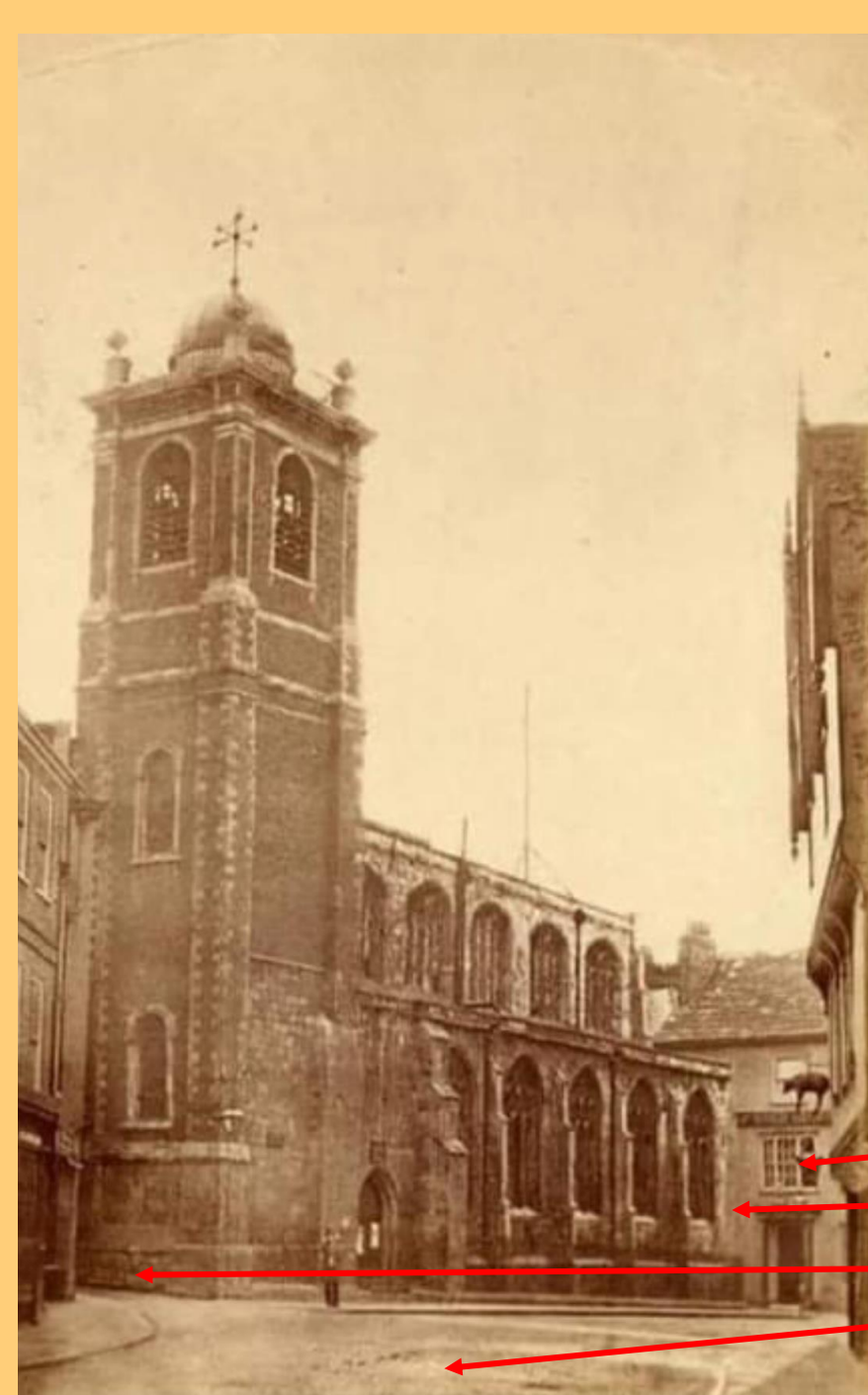
Church of
St. Crux

This is where the Co-op is now.

Image c1954

The Old George Hotel & Pavement c1952





The church of St.Crux was demolished between 1885 and 1887. The hall we know today was built from the stonework of the church.



**The Old George Hotel
Whip-ma-wop-ma-gate
The Shambles
Pavement**

Stonebow Lane



St.Crux & Pavement c1890

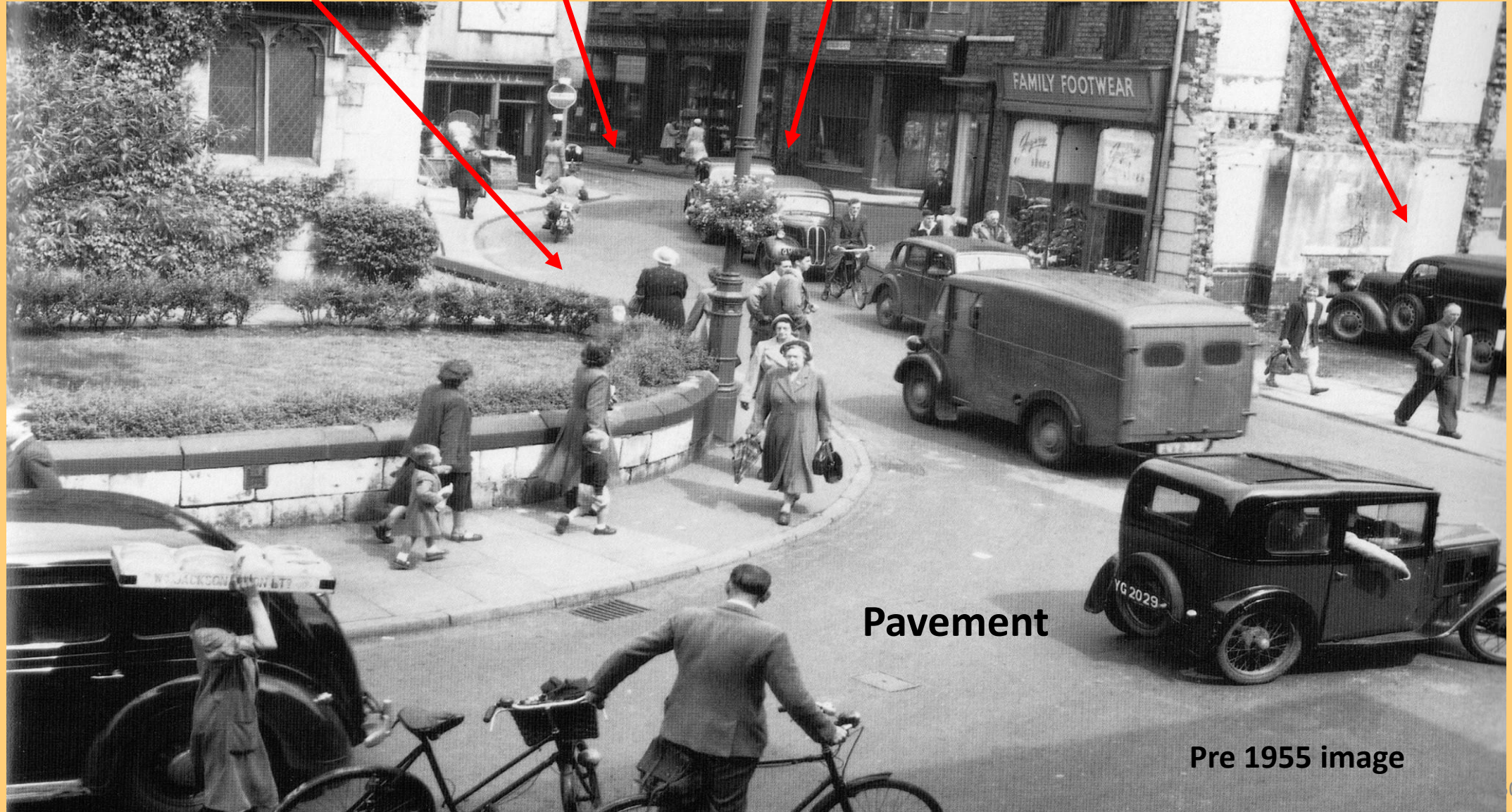
2 way traffic

Whip-ma-wop-ma-gate

Colliergate

St.Saviourgate

Site of the Old George Hotel
now todays Co-op



Pavement

Pre 1955 image



Turning into St.Saviourgate

Now the site of todays Co-op

These properties were demolished to make way for Stonebow in the mid 1950's

Looking down Fossgate

Pavement & the City centre





The Lodge

**2 Way traffic
In
St. Saviourgate**

**Hungate when it
was through road**

**A pair of double decker
buses passing at the
start of St. Saviourgate**



The Stonebow House development

**The office block
next door**

Hungate

The Lodge carpark





The Lodge Organ

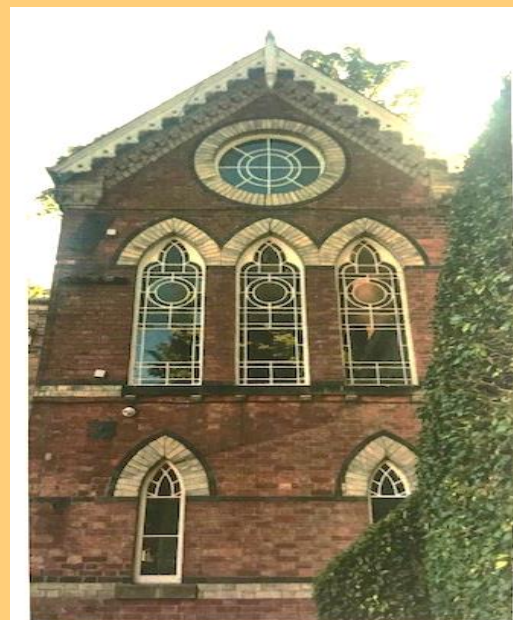
The organ was constructed in stages over a number of years, as and when funds became available.

The organ was completed in 1893.

The manufacturer was William Denman and Son.

Their workshop was in Skeldergate.

The building was demolished sometime ago.



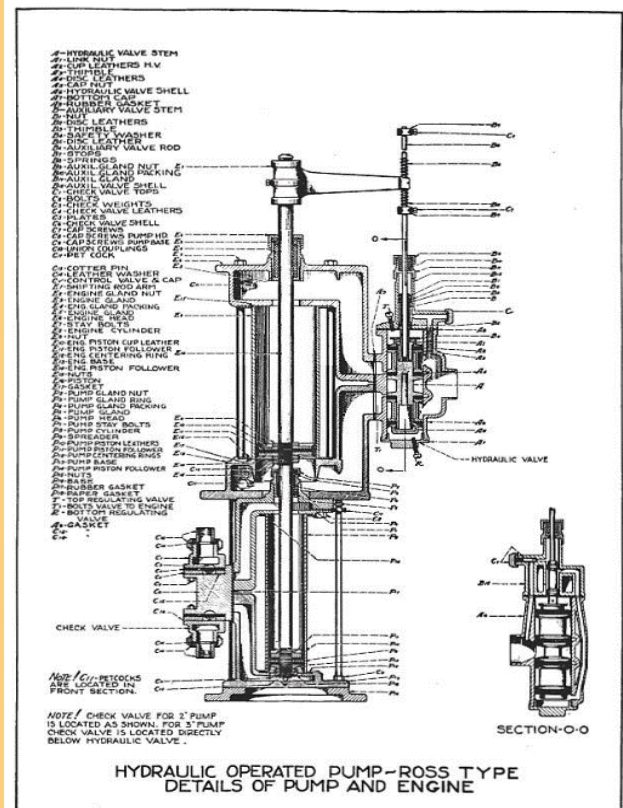
56 Skeldergate, York
The works of W. Denman & Son
from c1872 until 1898

The following is an extract from the
Lodge minutes dated 8th May 1893

*...son received his Grand Lodge Certificate No 1972.
The Lodge was then lowered to the First Degree
& Bro. Halliwell then presented on behalf of the Royal
Order of Scotland Extra Steps to complete the Choir
organ. The Worshipful Master proposed & Bro. Balmford
seconded a vote of thanks to the Members of the Royal*

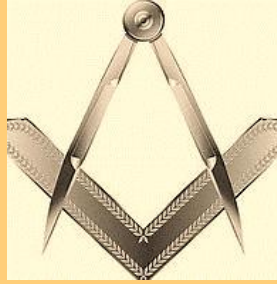
On the 18th March 1890, W.Bro.Thomas Bowman Whytehead proposed the following.

Rev. Whytehead proposed & Rev. Palmford seconded
"That water power be obtained to blow the organ
Cames."





Courtesy of BBC Scotland



The end

PROVINCE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

From Lodge *Wakefield*
No. *495*,

King Street
Wakefield 4 Oct 1876

W. Sir and Bro.

Mr. *William Coggin, of Wakefield*

being a Candidate for initiation into Freemasonry in your Lodge, ^{I have filled in} will you be good enough to fill in replies to the following questions, in accordance with Bye-Law 47, page 28, of the Provincial Grand Lodge Bye-Laws, a copy of which is annexed, and return this form to me at your earliest convenience.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

W. D. Alderson

W. M. 495. Secretary.

To the W.M. of Lodge *Exoracum*
No. *1611*, *York*

INITIATION.

Answers.

Do you consider him highly respectable and in reputable circumstances? *I do*

Is his Character such as to render him an acquisition to a Lodge? *Yes.*

Do you know any Masonic objection to his being admitted? *No.*

Has he applied and failed to gain admission to your or any other Lodge? *He has, see Explanation.*

Date *4 October 1876*

Address *King Street*

Signature *Wakefield*

Secretary

W. D. Alderson

October 1876

William
Coggin
- Applicant



STRAFFORD ARMS HOTEL, WAKEFIELD.

W. COGGIN, PROPRIETOR.

29 October 76

Dear Sir,

*I am glad to have the
honor of a ballot for your
Lodge - age 39, profession
Hotel Keeper,*

Yours Truly

Full name William Coggin

Explanation

Mr. Coggin sometime ago applied to be admitted into my
Lodge, and the only reason why he was not admitted was
the he being an Hotel Keeper, some of our Members had,
still have, an objection to any one being admitted who
is either a Publican or Hotel Keeper.

W. B. Alderson

W. M. 495

October 1876

**William Coggin
- Applicant**



1941 OS map, surveyed 1937. Courtesy National Libraries of Scotland



Piccadilly
– before and after re-development

