

## Bishopwearmouth Pubs Profile (Unlisted but extant) – 2 Church Lane

Project Pub REF: 007

Location: [Streetview, 2020.](#)

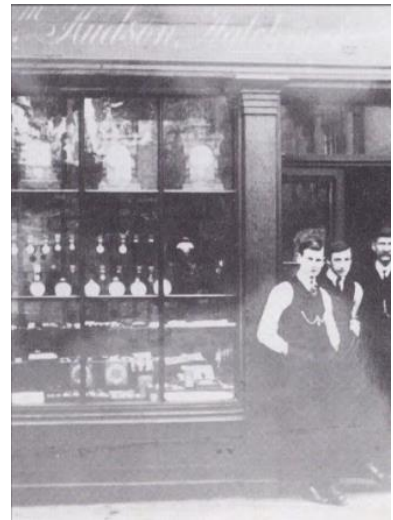
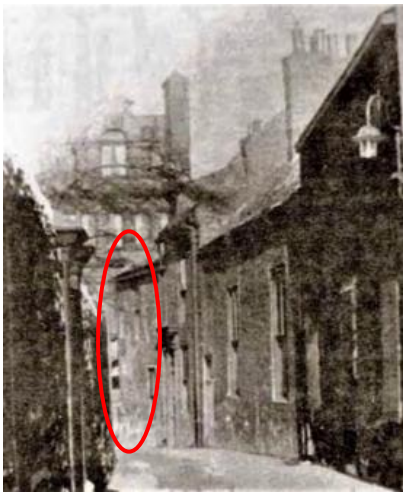
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Current Photographs:



© TDR Heritage, 2022. Photograph showing both elevations of 2 Church Lane.

What did it look like in the past?



**Image 1** – An undated early 20<sup>th</sup> century view of Church Lane with 2 Church Lane just visible and highlighted in the red circle. (Bishopwearmouth Village Atlas, 2021)

**Image 2** - View of Church Lane in 1941 with 2 Church Lane highlighted in the red circle. (Bishopwearmouth Village Atlas, 2021)

**Image 3** – An undated photograph of Hudson watchmakers – one of the two shops at 314/315 High Street West.

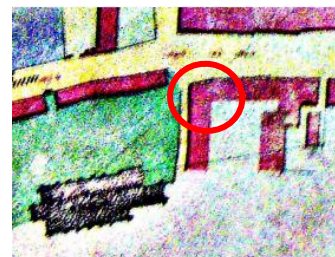
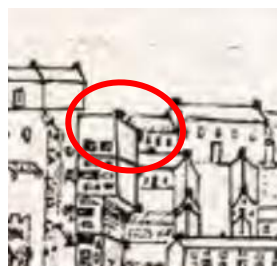
**Bishopwearmouth Village Atlas:** There appears some confusion over the property numbering. Today the property is known as 2 Church Lane but it is likely that in the 19th century it was No. 1. This originally may have formed the southern part of Wester House, which in the early 18th century was apparently all in the possession of Richard Thompson, who passed it to Thomas Thompson in 1718. In a deed for Wester House of 1752, the property was described as being abutted on the south by “the tenement formerly of Richard Thompson and late of Mary Robinson Widow”; presumably the same Richard Thompson described in the 1718 transfer to Thomas Thompson. If this is the case, then Wester House must have been subdivided prior to the date of that deed.

A deed of 1807 (not seen by the author) refers to a transfer from Storey to Storey, in trust for Mary Robinson, niece of John Robinson, brewer of Houghton-le-Spring. It is not clear whether this was the same Mary Robinson as previously referred to. But in 1854, when Joseph Hudson bought 314 High Street West, this property was shown on the location plan as being in the occupation of a Mary Robinson.

At some point between 1854 and 1911 it seems the Hudson family bought this property as the 1911 census records them living at 1 Church Lane rather than 314 High Street West. It would have remained in their ownership until 1933 when all the Hudson’s property on the block was sold.

**Building Description:** 2 Church Lane is a two storey building of painted brick construction with a hipped, clay tiled roof and a brick chimney stack located on a prominent corner plot comprised of High Street West and Church Lane. The principal elevation, which fronts onto High Street West comprises a modern ground floor, with a pair of shop fronts which flank a central recessed doorway on the left and a pair of windows to the right. There are fluted pilasters with carved brackets. To the first floor, there are three later added top opening timber casements of possibly 20<sup>th</sup> century date. The elevation which fronts on Church Lane is rendered and whitewashed, and of two separate units, identifiably by the roof pitch. The building to the north, has a multipaned bow window to the ground floor and two later added timber casement windows to the first floor, which appear coeval with those to the principal elevation. To the south is a slightly taller building which has a modern doorway and an additional bow window to the ground floor and a single later added casement, coeval with the others seen in the building.

#### Map regression

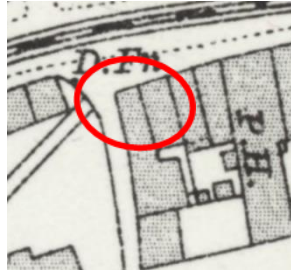
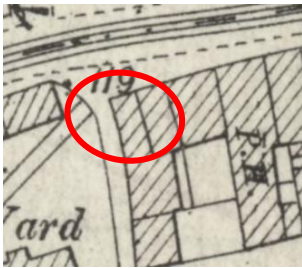


**Map 1** – Burleigh and Thompsons Map of 1731 [accessed via Sunderland Antiquarian Society]

**Map 2** – John Rains Eye View Map of 1785 – 90 [accessed via Sunderland Antiquarian Society]

**Map 3** – Giles’ Map of 1819 [accessed via Sunderland Antiquarian Society]

The first time that '2 Church Lane' appears on a map is Burleigh and Thompsons map of 1737. Although the building is not distinguishable at this stage, its presence on the street scene is established. The buildings plan form becomes more identifiable by John Rains Eye View map of 1785 – 90, with the roof pitch and separate units distinguishable; 314-315 High Street West to the north and 1-2 Church Lane to the west. The building appears to have maintained this plan form by Giles' 1819.



**Map 4** – 1887 Ordnance Survey Map (25") [accessed via National Library of Scotland]

**Map 5** – 1919 Ordnance Survey Map (25") [accessed via National Library of Scotland]

**Map 6** – 1946 Ordnance Survey Map (25") [accessed via National Library of Scotland]

**Map 7** – Modern Ordnance Survey Map (25") [accessed via Historic England, Search the List].

The buildings plan form becomes very clear from the 1897 OS map. At this point, it is evident that the building has largely maintained the same plan form that was present in Rains map of 1785-90, comprising two separate units arranged on the corner plot of High Street West and Church Lane. The western most building (1-2 Church Lane) had an 'L' shaped plan form with a square extension to the south and the adjoining building (314-315 High Street West) had a simple rectangular plan form. By 1919, little notable change had occurred to the building. Between 1919 and 1946. A small extension had been constructed to the tip of the corner building which was possibly a porch, or the bow window which is present today. There is little mapping evidence between 1946 and modern OS mapping, however little change has subsequently occurred other than the buildings subdivision.

**How long has it been a pub?:** The building that the pub No.2 Church Lane now occupies has not always been a public house. As explained above in the extract from the Bishopwearmouth Village Atlas, the building was originally a house owned by a Richard Thompson (Bishopwearmouth Village Atlas, 2021).

**Who worked here?:** Unfortunately, there is no evidence to suggest who may have worked here historically.

**Who drank here?:** Unfortunately, there is no evidence to suggest who might have drank here historically.

**Brewery link:** Unfortunately, there is no evidence to suggest a potential brewery link.

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