

Bishopwearmouth Pubs Profile (Demolished) – Crowtree Inn, 50 Crowtree Road

Project Pub REF: 018

NGR: NZ 39412 56999

Name of Pub: Crowtree Inn

Did it have any previous names?: Tavern

What did it look like in the past?



Image 1 – Early photograph of Crowtree Inn in the late 19th/early 20th century

Image 2 – Photograph showing the Crowtree Inn in c.1950s

Image 3 – Photograph showing the Crowtree Inn in c.1960s

Current Photographs:



© Sam Neale, August 2022. Photograph showing the former Crowtree Road

Building Description: Crowtree Inn was a two storey public house of painted and rendered brick construction with a hipped, slate roof and two brick chimney stacks. The building occupied a prominent corner plot at the junction of Crowtree Road and a minor, unnamed street. The ground floor had four entrances, two fronting the unnamed street, one to Crowtree Road and the final one on a canted corner at the junction. All doors were timber panelled with simple square fan lights above. To the first floor there were two 6/6 timber sash windows to the elevation fronting the street and two casement windows to the Crowtree Road elevation. The inn was demolished before 1973

Map regression:



Map 1 - 1887 Ordnance Survey Map (25") [Accessed via National Library of Scotland].

Map 2 – 1919 Ordnance Survey Map (25") [Accessed via National Library of Scotland].

Map 3 - 1946 Ordnance Survey Map (25") [Accessed via National Library of Scotland].

Map 4 - Modern Ordnance Survey Map (25") [Accessed via Historic England, Search the List].

The first known reference to Crowtree Inn on a historic map is the 1887 Ordnance Survey, which shows an unnamed 'Public House' with a broadly rectangular plan form. Interestingly, at this point, the building next door to the Red Lion was also a public house, known as Crowtree Inn. The Palace Theatre also sat directly to the rear of the building. There is no noticeable change to the plan form by 1919 to the Crowtree Inn, or the public house next door, however by this point the Empire Theatre had been constructed directly adjacent to both pubs. Again, between 1919 and 1946, the pub had undergone little notable change to the plan form and the surrounding area also remained largely unaltered. At some point between 1946 and modern day, the pub had been demolished in favor of a green open space

How long had it been a pub?

The building was built as a pub with trade directory records from 1873 onwards, and appears on the 1887 OS Map

Who worked here?

The following information has been extracted from Pubs of Bishopwearmouth, Ron Lawson (2019).

Owner:

1903 – John Vipond
1908 – C. Vaux & Sons, Sunderland
1963 – Vaux & Associates Breweries Ltd, Sunderland
1974 – Vaux Breweries Ltd Sunderland

Trade Directory:

1873 – John James Mitchell
1877 – T. Armstrong
1879-83 – John Emerson
1886 – George Newby
1887 – T.J Woodhill

License Holder:

1886 – Charles William Copeland
1895 – Thomas Cain
1895 – James Robert Anderson
1897 – Robert Marshall
1898 – William Askew
1899 – Alexander Lawlan
1899 – Thomas Marshall

1900 – William Forest
1902 – Alfred Barrett
1902 – Leonard Burdon
1904 – Frederick Thompson
1909 – William Forster
1909 – John Cutter
1910 – Frank Turnbull
1916 – Ada Turnbull
1919 – Francis Turnbull
1930 – William Newman Cannon
1934 – Ada Lilian Holmes
1969 – Madaliene Veronica Thwaites
1970 – Hilda Pendleton

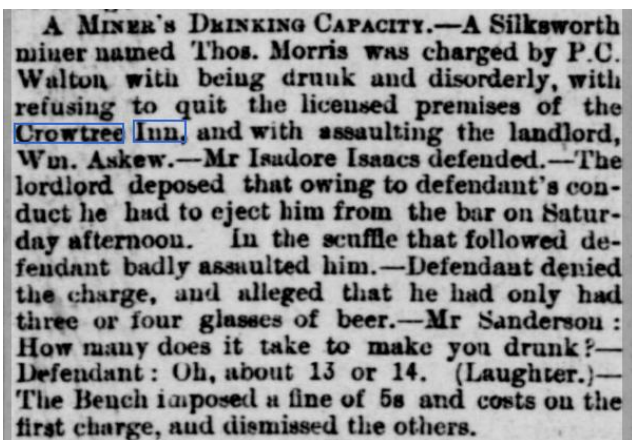
Census 1901:

William Forrest, Public House Barman
Jessie Bedford, Housekeeper

Census 1921:

Francis Turnbull, Publican beer house
Ada Turnbull, home duties
3 children – Francis, John George and Henry

Who drank here?



A MINER'S DRINKING CAPACITY.—A Silkworth miner named Thos. Morris was charged by P.C. Walton with being drunk and disorderly, with refusing to quit the licensed premises of the Crowtree Inn, and with assaulting the landlord, Wm. Askew.—Mr Isadore Isaacs defended.—The lordlord deposed that owing to defendant's conduct he had to eject him from the bar on Saturday afternoon. In the scuffle that followed defendant badly assaulted him.—Defendant denied the charge, and alleged that he had only had three or four glasses of beer.—Mr Sanderson : How many does it take to make you drunk?—Defendant : Oh, about 13 or 14. (Laughter.)—The Bench imposed a fine of 5s and costs on the first charge, and dismissed the others.

Sunderland Daily Echo and Shipping Gazette, Tuesday 11 October 1898

Brewery link:

The pub has been consistently owned by **Vaux Brewery**. Vaux has been a household name in Sunderland for almost 200 years. From the earliest incarnation of '**C. Vaux & Sons**' in 1837 right through to the 1990's, the brewery was an important part of city life in Sunderland until its closure in 1999

Completed by:

Caitlin Osborne and Judith Miller

Date: