

A compilation of data from 1838 to the early 1900s focusing on Bradshaw's Yard, one of the alleys running down to the river Brent from Brentford High Street. To see other documents about this area: http://www.bhsproject.co.uk/RO_by.shtml

Bradshaw's Yard

Runs off the south side of the High Street and approached by a narrow entry between numbers 118 and 119.

Also Known as Drinkwater's Yard, Welch's or Welsh's Yard, in each case named after a nearby tradesman.

On the eastern and western corners of the High Street approach were:

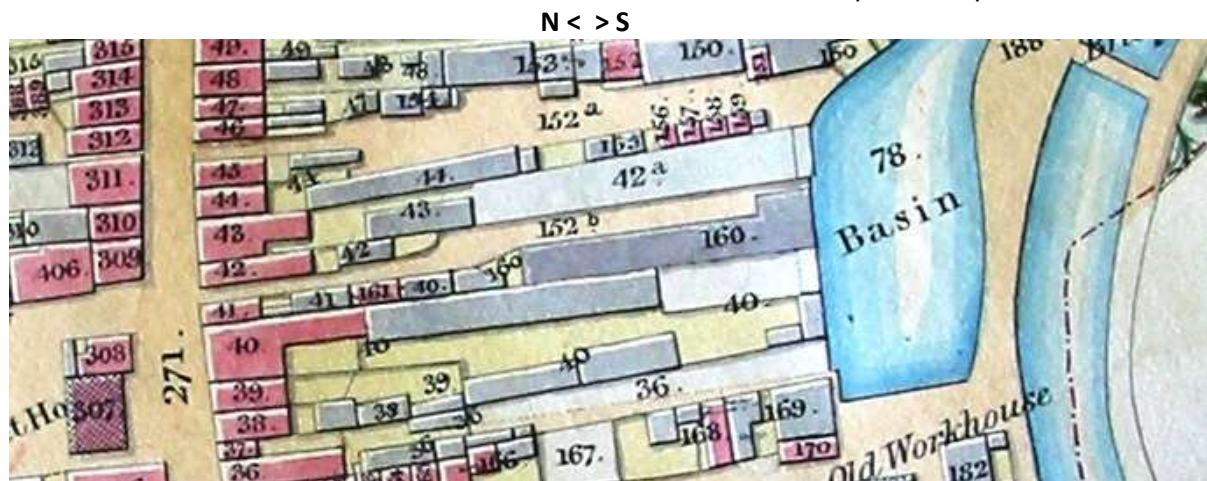
No. 118: John Drinkwater in 1811 census and prior to that a Mary Drinkwater, grocer, was recorded in a trade directory of 1793 in Brentford, address not known; a tea dealers / grocers, then boot & shoe makers in C19 and a coffee room by 1901. Later occupants included a solicitors, then HF Davis builders by 1933.
[tithe ref 42 on map below]

No. 119: William Welch in 1811 census; a bakery by 1839 (Welch). By 1851 William Welch had retired and Thomas Bradshaw, also a baker, was living in the Welch household. Thomas Bradshaw remained here running his bakery until the 1890s and this address appears with his name in a 1913 trade directory as a corn merchants.

No occupants recorded in the 1920s/30s; in 1940 C Ronald Sinclair, marine engineer, ran a boat yard at this address.
[tithe ref 41 on map below]

Records:

Bradshaw's Yard was formerly known as Drinkwater Yard in **1790** (Nigel Moore). The 1811 census for New Brentford records 'Mr Drinkwaters Yard' with one occupant: Joseph Ellis.



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The **1838** tithe map for New Brentford (above) shows Bradshaw's Yard marked as 152b, leading south off the High Street between property refs 41 & 42, opposite the Market Place, down to the Basin, later Brentford Dock. Only one property (ref 161) is shown as occupied, lying on the western side. Also on the western side is a large building (ref 160) near the Basin: this was a malthouse and was noted in a conveyance from Elizabeth Tillyer to Francis Ashton in 1910. (<http://debra.truth.posiweb.net/liabletofloodng/assets/history.pdf>)

Not located in the **1841** census: searched for 'Chalk' in New Brentford (see next paragraph), without success. The census covers the High Street occupants numbers 118 and 119, at the end of Bradshaw's Yard, consecutively: the yard may be covered in another part of the census

In the **1844 Poor Rate** (below: original is in Chiswick Library) the yard was called Welch's yard, after the baker. The Welch's Yard properties owned by William Welch consisted of a house (occupied by 'Chalk') and a factory (which had a gross estimated rental of £55). He also owned the house, shop, garden, wharf, yard and shed recorded as part of the High Street property, which later was numbered 119.

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No.	NAME OF OCCUPIER.	No. of Yards.	NAME OF OWNER.	No. of Yards.	Description of Property Listed.	Name or Situation of Property.	Estimated Rental.	Gross Estimated Rental.
408	Thomas Bowden	1	Bowden		Side	Thomas Side		2 10 -
9	Canal Co.	1	Canal Co.		Canal			12 - -
10					Rick House	Canal Side		9 4 -
11	Chalk	1	W. Welch		House	Welch's Yard		9 4 -
12					Factory			55 - -
13	Pearce				Shed &c	Flough yard		2 10 -
14								4 4 -
15	Heldom		Potter		Shed & outhouse			9 - -
16	Cooper		Warne		Cottage			4 12 -
17	Warne	1	Paddon		Shed and Bathhouse			23 4 -
18					Coal Shed			2 10 -
19	Keat		Potter		Cottage			4 - -
20	Bollan		P					4 - -
21	Bury							4 - -
22	Niggins							4 - -
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1851

In the 1851 census there are six properties in this area occupied by

- Pearce
- Welch
- Bradshaw (son), Bradshaw (father), Holmes
- Tillyer
- Boxall
- Wheatley

1861 – 1871 censuses: Bradshaw's Yard not located so far.

1881 District 26

3 households were recorded:

No. 1

Name	Relationship to Head	Condition	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth
Henry Saunders	Head	Unm	58	tailor	Brentford

(Henry Saunders was boarding in Brentford End, Isleworth, in 1871)

No. 2

Charles Brown	Head	Mar	59	general labourer	Bishops Stortford Herts
Eliza "	Wife	Mar	53		Birchanger Essex
Charles "	Son	Unm	27	carter	Bromley Mdx
John "	Son	Unm	18	Saw mill labourer	Brentford Mdx
Alice "	Dau		12	Scholar	"
Marian Brown	Visitor		8	"	Hammersmith Mdx

(In 1871 Charles Brown lived in Coles's Yard New Brentford: I think this what was generally called Plough Yard, but in 1871 it was called Coles's Yard after John Coles, the grocer on the corner)

No. 3

Henry D Prior	Head	Mar	35	malt maker & painter	Hertford
Jane "	Wife	Mar	31		Ealing Mdx
Florence "	Dau		12	Scholar	Ware Herts
Louisa E "	Dau		10	"	City Road Mdx
Alice M "	Dau		7	"	Barnsbury Mdx
Mary A E "	Dau		4	"	Brentford Mdx
Henry D "	Son		2		"
John "	Son		3 m		"

1891 District 38

2 households were recorded:

No. 1: occupying two rooms

Name	Relationship to Head	Condition	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth
William H Swainston	Head	Mar	46	lighterman	Isleworth Mdx
Caroline "	Wife	Mar	46		Brentford Mdx

(William and Caroline were living at 4 Plough Yard in 1881)

No. 2: occupying four rooms

Eliza Brown	Head	Widow	64		Birchanger Essex
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Alice "	Dau	Unm	22	soap factory	Brentford Mdx
Thomas Gray	Grandson		13	confectioner	Battersea London

1901 District 39

No. 1: occupying two rooms

Name	Relations hip to Head	Condition	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth
W H Swainston	Head	Mar	56	lighterman	Isleworth Mdx
Caroline "	Wife	Mar	56		Brentford Mdx

No. 2: occupying 3 rooms

Eliza Brown	Head	Widow	73		Birchanger Essex
Emily F Gray	Dau	Widow	50	monthly nurse	Witham Essex
Paul T O Gray	Grandson	Unm	22	bakers carrier	Battersea London

1909/10 Valuation

In 1844 the yard, wharf and nearby buildings were all held by the owner of 119 High Street. At the time of the 1909/10 Valuation the owner of 119 owned two coach houses and stables, presumably behind the High Street property and off Bradshaw's Yard; there is no reference to his owning the wharf too.

1911 Kelly's Directory for Ealing, Acton, Hanwell, Brentford, Gunnersbury and Chiswick

Bradshaw's Yard is included in the street directory, but no residents are recorded.

1911 Census

Bradshaw's Yard has not been found in the census. The occupants in 1901, William Henry and Caroline Swainston, were at 7 Catherine Wheel Yard, another good location for William Henry's work as a lighterman.