

Date	Source	Names of Occupants	Relationship	Age	Occupation	Birth Date	Birth Place	Notes
1629 - 1885	CRT130BED/233	Notes on Cross Keys						
C1660's	Farrers "Old Bedford" P187	John Clarke			Landlord. Also former Cordwainer and Grocer			Three Tokens known with "Crossed Keys" design
C1668	Bed 17th C Tokens, Gaunt&Oddie	John Clarke			Grocer			
1678 - 1868	BorBE4/78	Deeds of the Cross Keys						
1696	BorBE4/78/2 Lease (Rent)	William Yarrington (Owner) Francis Walker (Occupant)			Owner and Occupant			
1700	FAC8/1 Hagable Roll	John Church			Victualler			
1714	BorBE4/78/3 Will	Francis Walker (Snr) bequeathes property to Francis Walker (Jnr)			Owner			
1731	BorBE11/23/6 Conveyance	George Flood			?Publican			"Tenement in the occupation of George Flood called the Cross Keys on north side"
1751	QSR1751/42 Licence	John Church (Daughter Eleanor)			Victualler			
1752	CRT130/155	John Church			Victualler			"Cross Keys" High Street
1753	QSR1753/31	Ale House Licence						"Cross Keys" High Street
1767	BorBE11/23/12 Conveyance	John Church			Victualler			"Tenement in occupation of John Church called the Cross Keys (North)"
1768	BorBE4/78/5 Lease and Release	(1) Francis Walker (2) John Hornbuckle of Bedford, brazier. Messuage Cross Keys			Owner and Occupant, a Brazier			(1) Executors will of Francis Walker (2) John Hornbuckle, Bedford, brazier. (1789 identified as Cross Keys [Bedford])
1777	HF40/5/5/25 Rent Receipts	Due from Thomas Button (later Mrs Button) to John Hornbuckle						
1778	HF40/5/5/17 Will	Will of John Church, sole executrix; Eleanor Button (daughter)(Husband Thomas Button)			Yeoman and daughter			Eleanors husband was Thomas Button, a victualler
1782	BorBE4/78/6 Will	John Hornbuckle bequeathes property to son Thomas Hornbuckle			Owner			
1787	BorBE11/23/16-17 Conveyance	House late of Francis Walker, the Cross Keys, now in occupation of Elenor Button, widow			?Publican			
1792	CRT130BED/233	Eleanor Button			Publican			
1792	GK161/1 and 2	Mrs Button			Publican			
1792	X380/35 Release of Conveyance	Messuage in High Street, the Cross Keys, late in tenure of Eleanor Button, now of John Kent			Publican			
1793	BorBE4/78/8 Lease and Release	Rev Thomas Hornbuckle sells property to Peregrine Nash, Brewer			Owners			(1) Rev Thomas Hornbuckle, Bedford (2) Peregrine Nash, Bedford, brewer. Messuage Cross Keys.
1793	BorBE7/1/72 Lease	House called by the name of the Cross Keys, in occupation of widow Button			Former wife of victualler			
1797	Z1583/1/6a-b Lease & Release	Messuage late in the tenure of John Church and now belonging to Eleanor Button, widow			Publican			
1809	WL1000/1/GOLD/1/1 Title	Messuage late in tenure of John Church belonging to Eleanor Button, widow;			Former wife of victualler			
1811	Holdens Directory	Not Mentioned BUT Brewer Peregrine Nash of Bedford			Brewer/Owner			
C1820	GK156/1	Late occ of Eleanor Button now of John Kent			Publicans			"Messuage Called 'Cross Keys'. Late occ of Eleanor Button now of Jn Kent"
1822	GK161/1	William Combes			Publican			
1823	CLP13 LICENCE	William Combes			Publican			
1823/4	Pigott and Company	John Kent ???			Publican			"Cross Keys" High Street
1828	GK161/1	John Griffin			Publican			
1830	Pigott and Company	John Griffin			Publican			"Cross Keys" High Street
1830/31	Pigott and Company	John Griffin			Publican			
1832	BorBE4/78/9	George Peregrine (Snr) bequeathes property to George Peregrine (Jnr)			Owners/Brewers			
1835	BorBE11/21/1-2 Lease & Release	George Peregrine Nash			Brewer/Owner			"Messuage of George Peregrine Nash called the Cross Keys"
1839	Robsons Directory	John Mayle			Publican			"Cross Keys" High Street
C1840	PSBB1/1 Petty Sessions	John Mayle			Licensee			"Cross Keys" High Street
1841	Census	Job Litchfield	Head	35	Victualler	1802 - 1806		
1841	Census	Eliza/Elizabeth Litchfield	Wife	35		1802 - 1806		
1841	Census	Mary Odell	Servant	17	Servant	1822 - 1824	Bedfordshire	
1841	Census	? Peterman(?)	Servant	30	Servant	1807 - 1811		
1841	Census	William Odell	Labourer	40	Labourer	1797 - 1801	Bedfordshire	
1842	BorBE4/78/9	In occupation of Eleanor Button, then John Kent and now Job Litchfield			Publicans			
C1841-1844	PSBB1/1 Petty Sessions	Job Litchfield			Publican and Licensee			"Cross Keys" High Street
1847	Post Office Directory Bedford	Richard Stennett			Inn Keeper			"Cross Keys" High Street. N.B. By 1854 Richard Stennett was Superintendent of Police
1850	Slaters Directory	Richard Stennett			Publican			
1851	Census	Richard Stennett	Head	43	Inn Keeper	1808	Hadley Suffolk	
1851	Census	Ann Stennett	Wife	40	Inn Keepers Wife	1811	Bedford	
1851	Census	William Clarke Stennett	Son	6		1845	Bedford	
1851	Census	John Luddington	Servant	12	Servant	1839	Harrold Bedford	
1851	Census	Sarah Harris	Servant	17	Servant	1834	Bedford	
1851	Census	George Clarke	Nephew	18	Painter	1833	Bedford	
1851	Census	George Lilly	Lodger	32	Labourer	1819	Bedford	
1851	Census	James Stokes	Lodger	25	Labourer	1826	Bedford	
1851	Census	John Franks	Servant	19	Servant	1832	Bedford	
1851	Census	James Lavender	Lodger	54	Grocer	1797	Biddenham Bedford	
1853	Cravens Directory	Joseph Abbis			Publican			
1854	Post Office Directory Bedford	Joseph Abbis			Publican			
1861	Census	Thomas Knox	Head	56	Publican	1805	Newcastle on Tyne	18 High Street
1861	Census	Sarah Knox	Wife	61		1800	Everton Beds	
1861	Census	Elizabeth Thomas	Servant	26	General Servant	1836	Cottonend Beds	
1861	Census	Christopher Ennis		29	Coach Painter	1832	Dublin	
1861	Census	David Kennedy	Lodger	36	Coach Painter	1825	Ballymena	
1861	Census	John Thomas Butter	Lodger	26	Coach Trimmer	1835	Leicester	
1861	Census	John Dubleday	Lodger	24	Groom	1837	London	
1861	Census	James Metcalf	Lodger	30	Coach Painter	1831	Birmingham	
1861	Census	Thomas Gredge	Lodger	42	Carrier	1819	London	
1861	Census	Thomas Lunt	Lodger	70	Coach Painter	1791	Chester	
1862	Casey Beds and Hunts Dir	Thomas Knox			Inn Keeper			High Street
1864	Post Office Directory Bedford	Thomas Knox			Inn Keeper			Cross Keys
C1866	X373/32 Photo	Photo Cross Keys						
1866	Bygone Bedford	Photo Cross Keys, Page 15						
1867	GK161/1 Lease and Release	Vendor Peregrine Nash, purchaser 'Cross Keys' late in tenure Jn Church now Eleanor Button.			Brewers			
1867	GK161/2 Mortgage	Mortgage Cross Keys "formerly occ Eleanor Button, then John Kent, now by Thos Knox".			Publicans			
1868	BorBE4/78/10 Conveyance	From Thomas Barnard, Thomas Twining, William Joseph Nash to Borough of Bedford			Owners			15th Dec 1868. Bought for demolition for widening of bridge ?
1869	CRT130BED/233 C'Keys Notes	Last Landlord Thomas Knox transferred to NEW Crosskeys at 69 High Street			Publican			See 69 High Street for further information
1869	CRT130BED/233 C'Keys Notes	Beds Times 5 Jan 1869, P5 Col 6, "DEMOLISHED"						
1869	CRT130BED/233 C'Keys Notes	? Neith mentioned						
1871	Census	? Barnard Davis	Head	27	Butcher	1844	Bedford	Address not clear, could be 16 18 or 20. Alt Frederick Thompson, Bookseller
1871	Census	? Lucy Davis	Wife	28		1843	Hatfield Herts	
1871	Mercer & Crockers Dir. Bedford	John Etkins			Chemist			18 High Street
1876	Harrods Directory of Bedford	Rous Batholomew and Co			Fishmongers and Poulterers			18 High Street
1881	Census	Uninhabited						Also states 16 pulled down
1885	Kellys Directory of Bedford	Henry William Brown			Fishmonger			"High Street"
1887	Bedford Directory	Henry William Brown			Fishmonger			
1890	Kellys Directory of Bedford	? Henry William Brown			Fishmonger			Shown at No 16; Arthur Ransom Printer of Beds and Herts Times also listed

1890	CRT130BED/233 C'Keys Notes	Cellar of Cross Keys found when John Howard Statue foundations dug					
1891	Census	Untenanted at night; Fish Shop					
1892	Bedford Directory	Henry William Brown			Fishmonger		
1893	Bedford Directory	Henry William Brown			Fishmonger		
1894	Kellys Directory of Bedford	? Henry William Brown			Fishmonger		
1895	BLARS Photograph	Henry William Brown			Fishmonger		At No 16 and ? No 18
1896	Bedford Directory						States Browns Fishmonger and Poulterer just prior to demolition in 1895
1897	Bedford Directory	Harry Sell			Fishmonger		
1898	Kellys Directory of Bedford						At No 16 and ? No 18
1900	Bedford Directory	Vacant					
1901	Census	No mention after No 14					
1902	Bedford Directory	No Mention					After No 14 next High street Number is 20 "here is St Pauls Square"
1903	Kellys Directory of Bedford	No Mention					After No 14 next High street Number is 20 "here is St Pauls Square"
1904	Bedford Directory	No Mention					After No 14 next High street Number is 20 "here is St Pauls Square"
1907	Bedford Directory	No Mention					After No 14 next High street Number is 20 "here is St Pauls Square"
1908	Bedford Directory	No Mention					After No 14 next High street Number is 20 "here is St Pauls Square"
1910	Kellys Directory of Bedford	No Mention					After No 14 next High street Number is 20 "here is St Pauls Square"
1910	Bedford Directory	No Mention					After No 14 next High street Number is 20 "here is St Pauls Square"
1911	Bedford Directory	No Mention					After No 14 next High street Number is 20 "here is St Pauls Square"
1914	Bedford Directory	No Mention					After No 14 next High street Number is 20 "here is St Pauls Square"
1914	Kellys Directory of Bedford	No Mention					After No 14 next High street Number is 20 "here is St Pauls Square"
1915	Bedford Directory	No Mention					After No 14 next High street Number is 20 "here is St Pauls Square"
1920	Kellys Directory of Bedford	No Mention					After No 14 next High street Number is 20 "here is St Pauls Square"
1920/21	Bedford Directory	No Mention					After No 14 next High street Number is 20 "here is St Pauls Square"
1922	Bedford Directory	No Mention					After No 14 next High street Number is 20 "here is St Pauls Square"
1923	Bedford Directory	No Mention					After No 14 next High street Number is 20 "here is St Pauls Square"
1924	Kellys Directory of Bedford	No Mention					After No 14 next High street Number is 20 "here is St Pauls Square"
1925	Bedford Directory	No Mention					After No 14 next High street Number is 20 "here is St Pauls Square"
1926	Bedford Directory	No Mention					After No 14 next High street Number is 20 "here is St Pauls Square"
1928	Kellys Directory of Bedford	No Mention					After No 14 next High street Number is 20 "here is St Pauls Square"
1929	Bedford Directory	No Mention					After No 14 next High street Number is 20 "here is St Pauls Square"
1930	Bedford Directory	No Mention					After No 14 next High street Number is 20 "here is St Pauls Square"
1931	Kellys Directory of Bedford	No Mention					After No 14 next High street Number is 20 "here is St Pauls Square"
1932	Bedford Directory	No Mention					After No 14 next High street Number is 20 "here is St Pauls Square"
1934	Bedford Directory	No Mention					After No 14 next High street Number is 20 "here is St Pauls Square"
1936	Bedford Directory	No Mention					After No 14 next High street Number is 20 "here is St Pauls Square"
1938	Bedford Directory	No Mention					After No 14 next High street Number is 20 "here is St Pauls Square"
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1940	Kellys Directory of Bedford	No Mention					After No 14 next High street Number is 20 "here is St Pauls Square"
1947	Kellys Directory of Bedford	No Mention					After No 14 next High street Number is 20 "here is St Pauls Square"
1949/50	Kellys Directory of Bedford	No Mention					After No 14 next High street Number is 20 "here is St Pauls Square"
1952	Kellys Directory of Bedford	No Mention					After No 14 next High street Number is 20 "here is St Pauls Square"
1955	Kellys Directory of Bedford	No Mention					After No 14 next High street Number is 20 "here is St Pauls Square"
1957	Kellys Directory of Bedford	No Mention					After No 14 next High street Number is 20 "here is St Pauls Square"
1959	Kellys Directory of Bedford	No Mention					After No 14 next High street Number is 20 "here is St Pauls Square"
1961	Kellys Directory of Bedford	No Mention					After No 14 next High street Number is 20 "here is St Pauls Square"
1963	Kellys Directory of Bedford	No Mention					After No 14 next High street Number is 20 "here is St Pauls Square"
1965	Kellys Directory of Bedford	No Mention					After No 14 next High street Number is 20 "here is St Pauls Square"
1966	Kellys Directory of Bedford	No Mention					After No 14 next High street Number is 20 "here is St Pauls Square"
1967	Kellys Directory of Bedford	No Mention					After No 14 next High street Number is 20 "here is St Pauls Square"
1968	Kellys Directory of Bedford	No Mention					After No 14 next High street Number is 20 "here is St Pauls Square"
1969/70	Kellys Directory of Bedford	No Mention					After No 14 next High street Number is 20 "here is St Pauls Square"
1970/71	Kellys Directory of Bedford	No Mention					After No 14 next High street Number is 20 "here is St Pauls Square"
1971/72	Kellys Directory of Bedford	No Mention					After No 14 next High street Number is 20 "here is St Pauls Square"
1972/73	Kellys Directory of Bedford	No Mention					After No 14 next High street Number is 20 "here is St Pauls Square"
1973/74	Kellys Directory of Bedford	No Mention					After No 14 next High street Number is 20 "here is St Pauls Square"
1975	Kellys Directory of Bedford	No Mention					After No 14 next High street Number is 20 "here is St Pauls Square"
1976	Kellys Directory of Bedford	No Mention					After No 14 next High street Number is 20 "here is St Pauls Square"