

THE STORY OF 51 THE ROCK

| Dates | Details |
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| 1800 - 1810 | Original house thought to have been built somewhere between these dates |
| 1852 | Lived in by Henry Shapland (Cabinet Manufacturer) and family. Furniture workshop understood to have been located to the rear of the property. Access steps and doorway were created at the front of house to main road level to allow easy loading of furniture. |
| 1881 census | Although not numbered on census, probably lived in by Henry Shapland (age 57, cabinet manufacturer away in Yeovil on census day), Emily Shapland (age 48, wife, also away), George Shapland (age 21, son), Ellen Shapland (age 15, daughter), Herbert Shapland (age 3, son), and two domestic servants, Jane Parkin (age 36, cook) and Georgina Knill (age 26, nurse) |
| 1911 Census | Lived in by Thomas H Priscott (age 34, cabinet maker), Mary Priscott (age 32, wife of 10 years), Dorothy Mary Priscott (age 3, daughter) and James Quance (age 76, retired farmer) |
| December 1973 | <p>Extract from British Listed Buildings SS5534 PILTON STREET, Pilton 684-1/2/361 (West side) Nos.50, 51 AND 52 The Rock, including terrace and garden walls</p> <p>GV II</p> <p>3 houses, possibly originally one. c1810. Roughcast; slate roof, hipped to Nos 50 & 53; stacks with brick shafts and old pots. U-plan; main range with projecting front wings to left and right; these may always have been separate units, as now, or may have been wings to a single house.</p> <p>2 storeys. Symmetrical 1:3:1-window range. Eaves board. No.51 has central round-headed doorway with fielded-panelled reveals and fielded-panelled door with fanlight with applied pattern.</p> <p>2 ground- and 3 first-floor 16-pane horned sashes. Wings each have one first-floor 16-pane horned sash and a tall round-headed recess on the ground floor containing C20 front doors with glazed side panels.</p> <p>INTERIOR: No.51 has a half-glazed C19 rear door, original joinery and a stick baluster stair rising from and parallel to the entrance passage.</p> <p>SUBSIDIARY FEATURES: the houses are raised high above the street with a stone terrace wall which includes a cellar door at street level and cellar below the terrace with steps up to the area in front of No.51. Stone rubble garden walls with bullnose brick coping.</p> <p>Listing NGR: SS5576034153 <i>Source: English Heritage</i></p> |
| 1966 | Lived in by Mr ?? & Mrs Edna Mary Skeates |
| Early 1995 | Lived in by Michael Robert and Sophie Trott |
| November 1998 | Lived in by Kevin Hayton and Helen Clark-Hayton and daughter Lizzie |
| 2003 onwards | Lived in by Martin and Carol Haddrill Rear extension from 1950-60s demolished and rebuilt in 2005. |