Appendix
Oxford Street pubs

The following alphabetical list may be incomplete but gives some guide to the extent of pubs formerly featuring in the street. Old numbers are those current between the 1770s and 1880. References are not generally given, since further information will be found in the relevant chapters.

The Bird in Hand. At No. 101 (previously 396) east corner with Great Chapel Street. Demolished after the Second World War.

The Black Horse. See the Old Black Horse.

The Boar and Castle. See the Castle.

The Bull and Feathers. Reported as opposite Blenheim Steps, i.e. probably between Winsley and John (later Great Portland) Streets, in 1774.¹

The Castle. A coaching inn in the C18th rather than a pub, on north side near Tottenham Court Road corner. First recorded in 1711 but probably built in the late C17th. Renamed the Boar and Castle in mid C18th. The pub attached to the Oxford Music Hall which replaced the inn in 1861 kept the Boar and Castle name but was suppressed when the music hall was rebuilt in 1892.

The Cheshire Cheese, Tyburn Road. Mentioned in an advertisement of 1713.²
The City of Quebec. At No. 540 (old No. 237), east corner with Old Quebec Street, from c.1770. Sometimes the Quebec Arms. Rebuilt in 1934 at 12 Old Quebec Street as part of the Mount Royal development.

The Clarendon. At old No. 162, west of Stratford Place, from c.1814. Later the Clarendon Stores, possibly not a true pub.

The Coach and Horses. Reported as opposite Blenheim Steps, i.e. probably between Winsley and John (later Great Portland) Streets, in 1775.3

The City of Oxford. James Figg the boxer’s base near Wells Street from about 1724. The name seems not to have lasted long.

The Crown. At old No. 356, between Poland Street and Blenheim Steps (later Ramillies Street), from at least 1823.4 Briefly after c.1860 the Scotch Stores, then a wine merchant’s and rebuilt as No. 183 in 1885–6.

The Delaware Arms. At No. 504 (previously 220), east corner with Portman Street, from at least 1772 to c.1930. Previously the King of Prussia.

The Dolphin. At No. 269 (previously 318), west corner of Dolphin Court between Swallow Place and Harewood Place, through most of the nineteenth century.

The Duke of Gloucester. At old No. 248, east corner with Park Street. From at least the 1840s the Gloucester Coffee House.

The Flying Horse. The only extant pub in the street. Present west of Bozier’s Court near Tottenham Court Road by 1793, renumbered 2 Oxford Street in 1880. Rebuilt as the Tottenham at No. 6 in 1892–3; reverted to the Flying Horse name in 2014.
The General Steuart’s Head. Recorded as in Oxford Road, 1724. General William Stewart or Steuart (d. 1726) lived in Hanover Square, so the pub is likely to have been on the south side near the square.

The General Townsend. At old No 231, between Old Quebec and Portman Streets. Here the dying Richard Honey, victim of the violence attending Queen Caroline’s funeral procession, was taken in August 1821. Abolished c.1870.

The General Wolfe. At old No. 242 until about 1818, when it became the Hyde Park Hotel.

The George. Original name of the pub in front of the Castle Inn, north side near the Tottenham Court Road corner, recorded 1711. Probably identifiable with the Horn, recorded 1723.

The Green Man and Still. Well-known hostelry at No. 241 (previously 335), west corner with Argyll Street near Oxford Circus. Closed in the 1880s.

The Hog in the Pound. This pub moved twice. The Hog in the Pound which was the site of the Hayes murder in 1726 was located west of Swallow Street opposite the original Nibbs’s Pound. It may have been the ‘new built’ pub in this location damaged by fire in 1719. By 1806 it was west of South Molton Street at old No. 294, after 1880 No. 373, and rebuilt on that site, 1900–1. After 1960 it was at the angle between South Molton Street and Lane until it closed c.2010.
The Hope Arms. At No. 398 (previously 174), west corner with Duke Street, from at least 1860 till it was demolished for the first part of Selfridges. Previously the King and Queen.

The Horn. Named in 1723 as in front of the Castle Inn, and perhaps previously the George.

The Horse and Groom. At No. 353 (previously 301), between Woodstock and South Molton Streets, until about 1904.

The Horse Grenadier. At old No. 257, between North Audley and Park Streets, in the early nineteenth century. Renamed the Valiant Trooper by 1845.

The Jolly Trooper. Probably the first name of the King of Prussia, later the Delaware Arms, at No. 220 (old numbering) from about 1757. So called because of its proximity to barracks.

The King and Queen. See the Hope Arms.

The King of Poland. At west corner with Poland Street from about 1690. Renamed as the Wheatsheaf by 1749.

The King of Prussia. In about 1759 replaced the Jolly Trooper at No. 220 (old numbering), east corner with Portman Street. From c.1772 the Delaware Arms.

The King’s Arms. Oxford Street had two C18th pubs of this name. One was at old No. 353 west of Poland Street and had disappeared by the mid C19th. The other, at old No. 264, west corner with George (later Balderton) Street, had gone by 1876.
The King’s Head. At old No. 74 between Wells and Winsley Streets in the C18th, immediately west of the entry to White Lion Yard. A King’s Head, Tyburn Road, not necessarily in the same place, is mentioned in an advertisement of 1710. See also the Old King’s Head.

The Lamb and Fountain. Mentioned in a petition of c.1755 as on the north side near the {Old} Cavendish Street corner.

The Man Loaded with Mischief. At No. 53 (previously 414), east of the Soho (formerly Charles) Street corner, from at least 1750. Famous for its sign. Rebuilt as the Primrose in 1890, name changed to the Shamrock, probably in 1900, the date on the front of the current No. 53.

The Mitre. In existence by 1715 between Great Chapel and Wardour Streets. Perhaps identifiable with the later North Pole.

The Nag’s Head. At old No. 343 between Blenheim Steps (Ramillies Street) and Queen Street (Hills Place) from at least 1789 to 1865. The Circus Restaurant took its site.

The Noah’s Ark. The easternmost property on the Oxford Street frontage of the Conduit Mead estate, No. 313 both before and after renumbering. Recorded in 1724, rebuilt 1890, closed c.1959, but the Victorian building remains.

The North Pole. At No. 115 (previously 387), west corner of Allen’s Court between Great Chapel and Wardour Streets, perhaps replacing the Mitre, until about 1881.
The (Old) Black Horse. At No. 89 (previously 400), east corner with Dean Street, until the late 1890s.
The Old King’s Head. At old 113, east corner of Bolsover Street. Pulled down for Nash’s Oxford Circus.

The (Old) Queen’s Head. At No. 61 (previously 412), west corner with Soho Street, Rebuilt 1880, closed 1959, building demolished c.2012.

The Oxford Arms. Large pub present by 1725 between (Old) Cavendish Street and Chapel Place, later No. 144 (old numbering). Became Fladong’s Hotel c.1790.

The Oxford Stores. New name from early 1850s for the Princess Amelia, at No. 418 (previously 181), between Duke and Orchard Streets. Disappeared c.1907.

The Plough. At old No. 305, between New Bond and Woodstock Streets, until late 1850s. Not in directories later, but wine and whisky merchants remained on the site and the name is recorded in 1905, when the address was No. 337.10

The Plume of Feathers. At No. 229 (previously 336), between Hills Place and Argyll Street. At east corner of Feathers Yard, 1759. Not rebuilt before it was converted into a café in 1967. Demolished in the 1980s or ‘90s.

The Primrose. Briefly the name of the rebuilt Man Loaded with Mischief at No. 53, following rebuilding in 1890.

The Princess Amelia. At old No. 181 between Duke and Orchard Streets till the 1850s, when it became the Oxford Stores.
The Quebec Arms. See the City of Quebec.

The Queen’s Arms. At No. 127 (previously 381), west corner with Wardour Street, till about 1900, when it became the Canadian, probably not a true pub.

The Queen’s Head. A pub of this name was located ‘in Oxford Road over against Hanover Square’ in 1722.

The Red Lion. Listed in Francis Glossop’s will, proved 1827, as on the south side, the first house west from Hog Lane or Crown Street (later Charing Cross Road), but not otherwise recorded.

The Rose and Crown. At old No. 287, east corner with Gilbert Street. Rebuilt c.1840, burnt down with loss of six lives 1844, continued afterwards but suppressed 1876 in favour of Gothenburg Refreshment Rooms.

The Shamrock. New name of the Primrose, at No. 53 east of Soho Street from c.1900 to at least the 1950s.

The Spread Eagle. At No. 349 (previously 303), east corner with Woodstock Street, until about 1955. Then re-established at 8 Woodstock Street where it continues.

The Sun, Tyburn Road. Mentioned in an advertisement of 1719.

The Swan, later the White Swan. At old No. 268, near east corner with North Audley Street. Suppressed by 1876.

The Swan and Horse-Shoe. Mentioned in an advertisement of 1723 as ‘in Oxford Road near Hanover Square’.
The Three Tuns. At old No. 429, near corner with Crown Street, later Charing Cross Road. Suppressed before 1850.

The Tottenham. The name of the Flying Horse between 1893 and 2014.

The Union. At old No. 191, between Duke and Orchard Streets, corner of Union Mews, till the 1870s, when it became a wine merchant’s, later No. 442.

The Valiant Trooper. Recorded at two addresses. In 1720s or ‘30s at east corner of Vere Street, later old No. 150. From at least 1846 at old No. 257, between North Audley and Park Streets, replacing the Horse Grenadier. Suppressed in the 1870s.

The Victory. At No. 384, previously No. 167, east corner with Bird Street, until site was rebuilt in 1904–5.

The Wheatsheaf. At No. 161 (previously 365), west corner with Poland Street, from at least 1749 till destroyed by bombing in 1940. Replaced the King of Poland.

The White Hart. At least two pubs of this name are recorded. 1) An early hostelry in Tyburn Road, mentioned in 1700. Perhaps identifiable with an alehouse on Portman land west of the present Orchard Street. 2) At old No. 276, west corner with Duke Street (south side). Replaced by the Deaf & Dumb Church in 1870.

The White Horse. A White Horse Yard is shown on Rocque’s map of 1746 between “Angel Hill’ (Dean Street) and Great Chapel Street, but not otherwise recorded.
The White Lion. Shown by Tallis (c.1839) at old No. 56, between Berners and Wells Streets. Later the American Stores, probably not a true pub. Horwood (1799) shows a White Lion Yard further west, between Wells and Winsley Streets.

The White Swan. See the Swan.