

5 JUNE 1867 FIRST MIDDLETON LAND SALE HERITAGE WALK

The first part through the town centre is around ½ hr. The whole walk, to include Cowpasture Road and Wellington Road, takes between 1½ and 2 hrs.

Start by leaving the Ilkley Manor House and pass through the archway to **Church Street** and turn left to the pelican crossing.

Stop before crossing and look at **Panache (LOT 8 – nos. 19 & 21)** an original building pre-dating 1867. The visibly blocked up doorway on the right-hand side indicates a second premise before being merged into one, probably in the early 1900s.

To the left is **Eric Spencer (LOT 7 – nos. 15 & 17)**. This was originally two premises as well. The current entrance is the door into the original right-hand shop.

The look to the right of Panache, along the south side of Church Street was very different in 1867 from today. There were farm buildings and cottages, and South Hawksworth Street had not been built. The Arcade stands on the site of the old vicarage and “charity ‘ole”.

Cross over Church Street using the crossing, turn left and walk towards **Brook Street** along **Church Street**. The shop after Eric Spencer, Anna Morgan (no.13) was only built in the 1890s when the Black Hat Pub (Originally the Rose and Crown) was significantly altered. In 1867 the Rose and Crown owned cottages here attached to the pub. The gap between the Black Hat and Beau Monde (nos. 7 & 9) was there in 1867, as was a building where Beau Monde stands, although altered today.

The next 4 premises are **Dr T J Buckingham Opticians (no.5), Mrs Dutton’s Wonderous Workshop (no.3) and Time Menswear (no.1 and 49 Brook Street) (LOT 6)** built by Elizabeth Beanlands. The building includes all 4 despite the road name change, due to the building design required by William Middleton mirroring the curve of the Crescent Hotel opposite; built in 1860 on land not owned by the Middletons. The next building up Brook Street is Brook Terrace, built in 1855 (look up towards the top of the building to see the name -top left and date - centre) which was also built by Elizabeth Beanlands. The stretch of shops on opposite side of Brook Street from Lindley & Simpson (no.30) to Costa Coffee (no.14) were also present in 1867, although originally built as residential cottages and later converted to shops.

Walking up **Brook Street** one passes Boots, the right-hand side of which is Gothic House and stands on the site of what was Billy Hawksworth’s Farm in 1867 before reaching **J B Wilkinson’s (no. 35) and Piccolino’s (LOT 5 nos. 33 & 31)**.

Crossing West Street on the corner there is **Craghoppers/Regatta Outdoors (LOT 4 nos. 29 & 27)**. The recent extension at the rear was once the garden of Mr Critchley’s premises. All the shops when first built had gardens behind.

Continue up Brook Street. The left-hand entrance to **Craghoppers, Venus Nails, and Phillip’s Jewellers** make up **LOT 3 (nos. 27, 25 & 23)**. Look at the floor of the door entrance to Venus Nails (no.25) and notice the WL in the tiles for William Lawson, the Lawsons had a plumbers shop here for close to 100 years. Next are **Martin House Hospice and Holland and Barrett (LOT 2 nos. 21 & 19)**.

In 1867 the remainder of Brook Street from here was the Station Hotel and other cottages.

Use the zebra crossing to cross Brook Street. On reaching the far side look back to Holland and Barratt (no.19) and look back to its end wall above Clarks (no.17) to see the remains of the advertising for Hampshire’s shop that occupied no.19 for 80 years.

Turn right and follow the pavement round to the left to just before the next zebra crossing.

Look right along **The Grove** to see the spire and church of **Christchurch (LOTS 14,15 &16)**. In 1867 the plot that today is occupied by the building including Santander and Dale Edison was a farmhouse known as Manor House Farm.

Across **Station Road** are **The Station Hotel, Westrow and The Loafer (LOT 1 nos. 2, 3 & 4)**

Cross over the crossing, turn right and then left up Wells Road. Pause by the building containing Fusion 3 and Waste Not Ilkley (nos. 3 & 5), which in 1867 was the home of Rebecca (owned Lot 1) and Sarah Batty, and one of the older buildings still in Ilkley.

On the other side of the road stand, **Friends of Ham and Quinta Bar and Grill (LOT 9 nos. 8 & 10)**, **Denise Elliot Interiors**, the old post office (**LOT 10 no.12**), and **Ilkley Café Company (LOT 11, nos.14 & 16)**. Next is **Guardian Court (LOTS 12 & 13)**, which is the site of the Wesleyan Chapel. The remainder of Wells Road to Skelda Rise had no other buildings.

There are two further areas included in the sale; top of **Cowpasture Road** and **Wellington Road**, both of which are about a 15–20-minute walk from here, however in opposite directions. The following directions guide you to both areas in a single “loop”.

Continue up Wells Road. Before **Skelda Rise** on the left notice the private gate posts and a view of Skelda Grange, the “new vicarage” built in 1848. Cross over Skelda Rise and continue up Wells Road. Most of the buildings on the left from here until reaching **Crossbeck Road** were already built by 1867.

Turn left and head along Crossbeck Road. Again, many of the properties on the right-hand side (south) of Crossbeck Road were present in 1867. Towards the end of Crossbeck Road are Troutbeck, a Hydropathic Establishment and Rombalds the home of Dr Thomas Scott & later Dr Maurice Dobson who were physicians at Craiglands.

Turn right up Cowpasture Road until the unmade road **Craiglands Road** and the mini roundabout are reached. The new houses of Craiglands Gardens stand on (**LOTS 38, 39 &40**). Further up **Cowpasture Road** are **Tarn Villas (LOTS 41 & 42)**, **Heatherland (LOT 43)** and **Rockwood (LOT 44)**, the latter two originally Hydropathic Establishments.

Turn around and head down Cowpasture Road towards the centre of town. **Cross over Cowpasture Road at the crossing** just after the Grammar School and then **turn right down Tivoli Place**. At the end of Tivoli Place **turn left along Springs Lane**. Continue until the pedestrian crossing is reached just beyond Tesco's. **Cross over the crossing and take the footbridge straight ahead crossing over the railway (note there are a set of steps to go down at the end of the footbridge)**. The footpath exits onto Railway Road. **Wellington Road** is opposite and little to your left. **Head down Wellington Road**.

The first set of terrace houses on the left **nos. 5-25 (LOTS 29 &30)** is missing nos. 1 & 3, which were demolished when the railway was extended to Skipton. Opposite on the right is **no.2 (LOT 37)**. The plot where nos. 4-26 are built was not sold in 1867, however **nos. 28-38 (LOT 35)** and **nos. 27-39 (LOT 31)** are built on lots sold. LOT 32 where nos. 41-55 stand was also not sold. At the bottom of Wellington Road on the left are modern houses built on what was **Tipping and Lees/Ledgards (LOT 33)**. On the right is the Kingdom Hall, which is built on the unsold LOT 34, which was purchased in a future sale and one of the few terraces of back-to-back houses in Ilkley used to stand here.

Turn left along Little Lane, bear left on Leeds Road and head back towards the centre of town.