

“A House through Time – 5 Winkley Square, a family home”

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“I will cover the time from when the house was built in 1854 for Thomas Miller, wealthy mill-owner, to when it ceased to be a family home and became a girls’ school in 1891. I will explain how the house was designed to meet the specific requirements of Miller and his family. I will also include stories about one of Miller’s daughters and one of the servants.

I was first interested in the house when I went to school there. I knew nothing about the family who had lived there, but there were clues: a pet’s grave in the garden, wooden safety bars on the former nursery window, a linen press with labelled shelves (sheets, blankets etc.).

I had two careers in my working life: firstly, as a procurement engineer for British Aerospace and latterly as an English teacher and curriculum manager in adult education. When I retired, I decided to research 5 Winckley Square. This led to me joining ‘Friends of Winckley Square Gardens’ and along with other ‘Friends’ I give talks, not just about no.5, but also about other former residents who have an interesting story”.

