

detailed traders' *Directory* accompanied the *List*, except for three years in the later 1830s. A full set is held at the Centre for Banburyshire Studies [CBS], together with microfiche of a card index to a large part of the directories; the card index itself is at Banbury Museum [BM] (index viewed by appointment only). In the county, other sets of this useful work (not all of them complete) are at the COS and the Bodleian Library. It is a very good source of personal information, with a great number of town dignitaries, tradesmen and other residents listed; the index makes it possible to track changes in occupation and address.

A directory to *The Licensees of the Inns, Taverns and Beerhouses of Banbury 'from the Fifteenth Century to Today'*, compiled by Vera Wood, was published by the Oxfordshire Family History Society in 1998. This undoubtedly useful work should be used with caution, as proof-reading could have been better, and, more seriously, no sources are given.

Annual voters' lists from 1832 to date are held by the Oxfordshire Record Office [ORO]. Facsimiles of the lists for Banbury Borough for 1859 and 1865 were published in 1974 by the Open University. Of related interest is *A Victorian M.P. and his Constituents: The Correspondence of H.W. Tancred, 1841-1859*, ed. B.S. Trinder (B.H.S. 8, 1967), in which may be found references to many leading Banburians of that period.

The Victorian Period

For the Victorian period Barrie Trinder's *Victorian Banbury* (B.H.S. 19 and Phillimore, 1982) obviously should be checked, though it is a narrative history rather than records as such. Another (unique) source for the early Victorian period is George Herbert's *Shoemaker's Window: Recollections of Banbury before the Railway Age*. There have been three editions of this, the second being in the B.H.S series, vol. 10, with Phillimore, 1971; the most recent edition was published by Gulliver Press in 1979; both are indexed and have an introduction by Barrie Trinder. Herbert lived from 1814 to 1902 and, a few years before his death, wrote down what he remembered of the Banbury of his youth, in particular of those who lived there, going from house to house almost like a census enumerator, but much more entertainingly.

Somewhat similar is a booklet *Reminiscences of Old Banbury*, by Thomas Ward Boss, published in 1903. Boss was ten years younger than