

Medical profession

At the beginning of the period 1800-1819 John Griffin was the resident surgeon/apothecary in Deddington. He was listed in the [Universal British Directory 1791](#).

Griffin seems to have been an entrepreneurial type, since in 1800 and 1801 his name appears as local agent for the payment of Hair Powder Certificate Duty and Armorial Bearing Tax.¹

He is listed in 1806 as one of the 17 Deddington members of the 'Deddington Association for the Protection of Property, and Prosecution of Felons and other Offenders'.

Griffin died in 1809, and his executor was William Griffin. John Griffin is listed as owing 103 acres under the Inclosure Award 1808.

Griffin appears to have been succeeded by Richard Ordway, who is recorded as proprietor of 2 acres in 1808. Ordway had a house and apothecary's shop near the parish church, with a close of 3 acres adjoining, when he died in December 1816, following which the premises were offered to let.

It seems that Edward Price and John Wilson, surgeons, took over Richard Ordway's business. Their partnership was dissolved in 1819, Wilson thereafter practising in Deddington on his own account.

14 October 1809, page 2

The Creditors of Mr. JOHN GRIFFIN, of Deddington, Oxfordshire, surgeon, are requested to send accounts of their demands to Mr. William Griffin, his executor; or to Messrs. Churchill and Field, solicitors, of Deddington, in order to their being discharged: And all persons indebted to the Estate of the said John Griffin are desired to pay their respective debts to Mr. William Griffin, or Messrs. Churchill and Field, immediately.

October 11, 1809.

4 January 1817, page 2

DEDDINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

DESIRABLE RESIDENCE,

And an established Apothecary's Shop, &c.

WITH IMMEDIATE POSSESSION.

TO be LET, for a term of years, either with or without a Close of Pasture Land, of 3 Acres adjoining, - A genteel and convenient DWELLING HOUSE, situate near the Church, in

¹ John Griffin, surgeon, is also mentioned as a property agent in notices in 1783 and 1785.

Deddington, late in the occupation of Mr. Rich. Ordway, surgeon and apothecary, deceased; and comprising good cellaring, kitchen, two parlours, shop, several bed rooms, and attics; with back kitchen, brew-house, stable, and other suitable offices attached, and convenient yard, large barn, and a good walled garden. The whole well supplied with water, and in perfect repair. - The Medical Profession was practiced by Mr. Ordway many years with success, and it is considered that a fair opportunity now presents itself to a respectable medical man of succeeding to a considerable share of his business.

The Drugs and fitting up of the Shop, &c. may be taken to at a valuation.

6 March 1819, page 1

THE Partnership between EDWARD PRICE and JOHN WILSON, of Deddington, Oxon, surgeons, is this day dissolved, Mr. Price having declined business in favour of J. WILSON, who humbly solicits a continuance of that professional confidence which he and his late Partner have enjoyed, and which on his part shall be met by diligent and anxious attention.

