



## Nat West Bank 22 Frederick Street, B1 3HE

**Source:** JQDT/BIDS Townscape  
Heritage & The Hockley Flyer

### Pre-1901

Before the present Grade II building was built, the original buildings on this site were occupied as living/business premises by the following:

- 1860 Ethell family, headed by School Mistress, brother Jeweller, aunt (blind) retired Upholstress
- 1870 Walker family, Shoemakers, Summer family (Poland) Jeweller/Valuer.
- 1872 Michael Walker lunacy patient admission
- 1896 Summer family, Jeweller/Valuer

### 1901 - New Building for the National Provincial Bank of England

The original buildings were demolished and the present building was built in 1901 as a branch of the National Provincial Bank of England with two entrances: one for the bank's clients and the other for employees -

1918.] BIRMINGHAM ADVERTISEMENTS. 11  
TELEPHONE: 286 Jewellers. Telegraphic Address: "CAMEO, BIRMINGHAM."

## ABRAHALL & BINT, 22, Frederick Street, BIRMINGHAM, Diamond Mounters,

DESIGNERS AND MANUFACTURERS OF ALL KINDS OF . . .  
*Gem Jewellery, High-Class Pearl Goods,*

. . . AND SPECIALITIES IN . . .

Gem Rings, Brooches, Bracelets, Tiaras, Necklets, Aigrettes, &c., &c.

### \* GOLDSMITHS AND JEWELLERS. \*

Speciality: Municipal and Presentation Work

DESIGNS PREPARED AND SUBMITTED.

SPECIAL ATTENTION TO REPAIRS AND APPROBATION ORDERS.

OUR STOCKS VISIT ALL THE PRINCIPAL TOWNS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

with a staircase to the 1st floor where the bank manager and clerks were employed, complete with large walk-in strong room, and a hoist near front door up to first floor, and an internal staircase. These premises also included a ground floor and 1st floor extension at the rear. A toilet block was built in the outside yard.

The new building has a particularly attractive pediment which bears the

date 1901.

In 1910 the 2nd floor was occupied by a caretaker, (Thomas and his family) bank messenger, Jewellers clerk and errand boy.

Later the bank confined their use of the building to the right-hand entrance, banking hall and manager's office and commenced leasing the rest of the premises with the exception of the 2nd floor caretaker's flat.

- 1918 WWI aftermath: Missing name in Thomas family.

### Abrahall & Bint

1918 1st floor & GF rear). Abraham & Bint until 1930 - (Goldsmiths & Jewellers)

Abrahall & Bint traded from 22 Frederick Street occupying the rear GF and 1st floor during WW1. They were Diamond Mounters. They also designed and manufactured all kinds of Gem Jewellery and High-class Pearl Goods and specialised in Gem Rings, Brooches, Bracelets, Tiaras, Necklets, etc. Another speciality was Municipal and Presentation Work with Special Attention to Repairs and Approbation Orders.

- 1920 2nd Floor - Marie Thomas, first woman voter inhabitant; daughter Sidney Pickering, Coach Painter
- 1927 2nd Floor - Thomas and Pickering families replaced by Bruce family.

### Birmingham Medal Co.

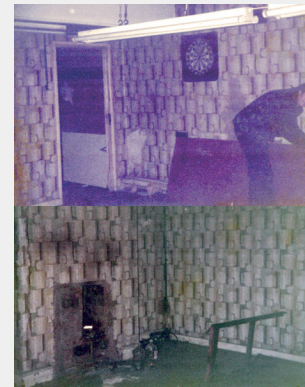
1930 1st Floor - Birmingham Medal Co. was established in 1921 - Hal (Harold) Stewart Turner, head, also Silversmiths), joined by Hutchinson & Co. Jewellery Valuers.

The Birmingham Medal Company employed mainly disabled ex-servicemen. In 1922 they operated from 58, Vittoria Street, in 1926 moved to Summer Hill Terrace, in 1930 moved for about ten years to 1st floor 22 Frederick Street (over Natwest Bank).

In 1939 changed name to Birmingham Medal & Badge Co., and in 1940 moved to 29/30 Albion Street, 1963 to 95 Albion Street, then to 30 Frederick Street. Their makers mark was 'BM Co' and they produced a wide variety of objects including enamel badges and AA and RAC badges

### 1933 2nd Floor - Turner & Somers

Turner & Somers specialised in the manufacture of sporting goods, such as Dart Novelties, Medals, and Cuff Links.



(When YBA were renovating 2nd Floor they were surprised to find two dartboards and large holes in the plaster - not realising that previous tenants were for testing their darts for accuracy etc.).

(Names of jewellers can still be seen etched on the windows on the second floor).

- 1935 2nd Floor - Bruce family replaced by Boot family to 1945
- 1970 Vesting of NatWest Bank Plc

### York Business Administration and YBA Publications

1988 2nd Floor - York Business Administration (Marie Haddleton - later YBA Publications (Mark Haddleton) took over semi-derelict 2nd Floor. York House previously at 27 Tenby Street and before that in York Terrace. The Hockley Flyer launched in 1984. YBA Publications also published programmes for Hednesford Hills Raceway and Birmingham Wheels Stock Car racing tracks plus the monthly A4 Short Circuit magazine, National Grass Racer and many Year Books;

also publishing The History & Guide to The Jewellery Quarter (Issues 1 and 2).

1989 Jewellery Quarter Association Ltd. (registered and administered by York Business Administration from York House. JQ Heritage was also launched from this address.



### The Hockley Flyer's Own Sculpture on Pavement Trail

There is a sculpture on the pavement outside 22 Frederick Street premises depicting the trolley which Marie used for many years to distribute the Hockley Flyer to every letterbox in the Jewellery Quarter. .

### Other Recent Tenants at 22 Frederick Street

- 1989 1st & GF - KV Jewellery (Eddie Clinton) - moved to 79/80 Buckingham Street due to parking problems when responsibility was passed from Police to Council.
- 2000 1st Floor - Flange Jewellery
- 2000 NatWest becomes part of Royal Bank of Scotland
- 2012 JQA address moved to 9-11 Vittoria St - moved back to 22 Frederick Street a few months later.
- 2013 Natwest auction over 100 small branches all over country - firm in Gibraltar buy 22 Frederick Street - two years later they went bankrupt and premises put in hands of Official Receiver.
- 2014 (Laxmi Jewellers) buy whole of premises for redevelopment.
- 2016 YBA Publications move to 31 Cedarwood Croft B42 1HE
- 2018 Natwest branch closes down completely and nearest branch was in City Centre.
- 2019 New owners start refurbishing premises

### Further Information:

This item has been produced as a collaboration with The Hockley Flyer and JQ Townscape Heritage researchers.  
**W:** [th.jewelleryquarter.net/research/](http://th.jewelleryquarter.net/research/)

**TOWNSCAPE  
HERITAGE**

