

2111 Alden butchers family of Oxford

In 1792, a young Lord Edward Seymour was admitted to Christchurch College, Oxford and with him came his personal assistant Isaac Alden (1764-1832). One year later Lord Seymour became the 11th Duke of Somerset. Isaac stayed in Oxford and opened a butcher's shop on Bear Lane in 1793. He lived above the shop with his wife and young son, Thomas.

Thomas (1808-1877) and Robert (1841-1927) expanded the business with an abattoir and moved to Eastwyke Farm – less than a mile from Oxford city centre. Len, Rodney and Leonard Alden were followed by Richard who ran the business from 1966 until Matthew was appointed MD in 2003.

Today the business, is a well-respected butcher based in Osney Mead, Oxford, . see <https://aldenoxford.co.uk/about/>

Info from William Alden, September 2023

Along the way and in 1898, two grandsons and two great-grandsons of Isaac ran competing butcher businesses in eight units in the Covered Market!

See <https://www.oxfordmail.co.uk/news/6633058.farming-focus/>

Apart from Eastwyke Farm, four generations of the family also owned and farmed Wheatley Bridge Farm, according to an article in the Oxford Mail on 30 March 2000. At the time, Jonnie Alden had 170 milking Holstein Friesians on his land with 200 other animals. Wheatley Bridge farm

See <https://www.hollandsfarmbeef.com/>

An Alden connection continues to exist at the nearby Hollands Farm in Great Milton.

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Ernest Alden took over the Rose family's butcher business at the west end of Church Road in 1911, see record 1295, and owned this until 1938.