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Relive Georgian Life – Olney



Olney Market Place 'The Rural Walks of Cowper' James Sargent Storer, 1822

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The earliest illustration of the Market Place is from 1822 in 'The Rural Walks of Cowper' by James Sargent Storer.

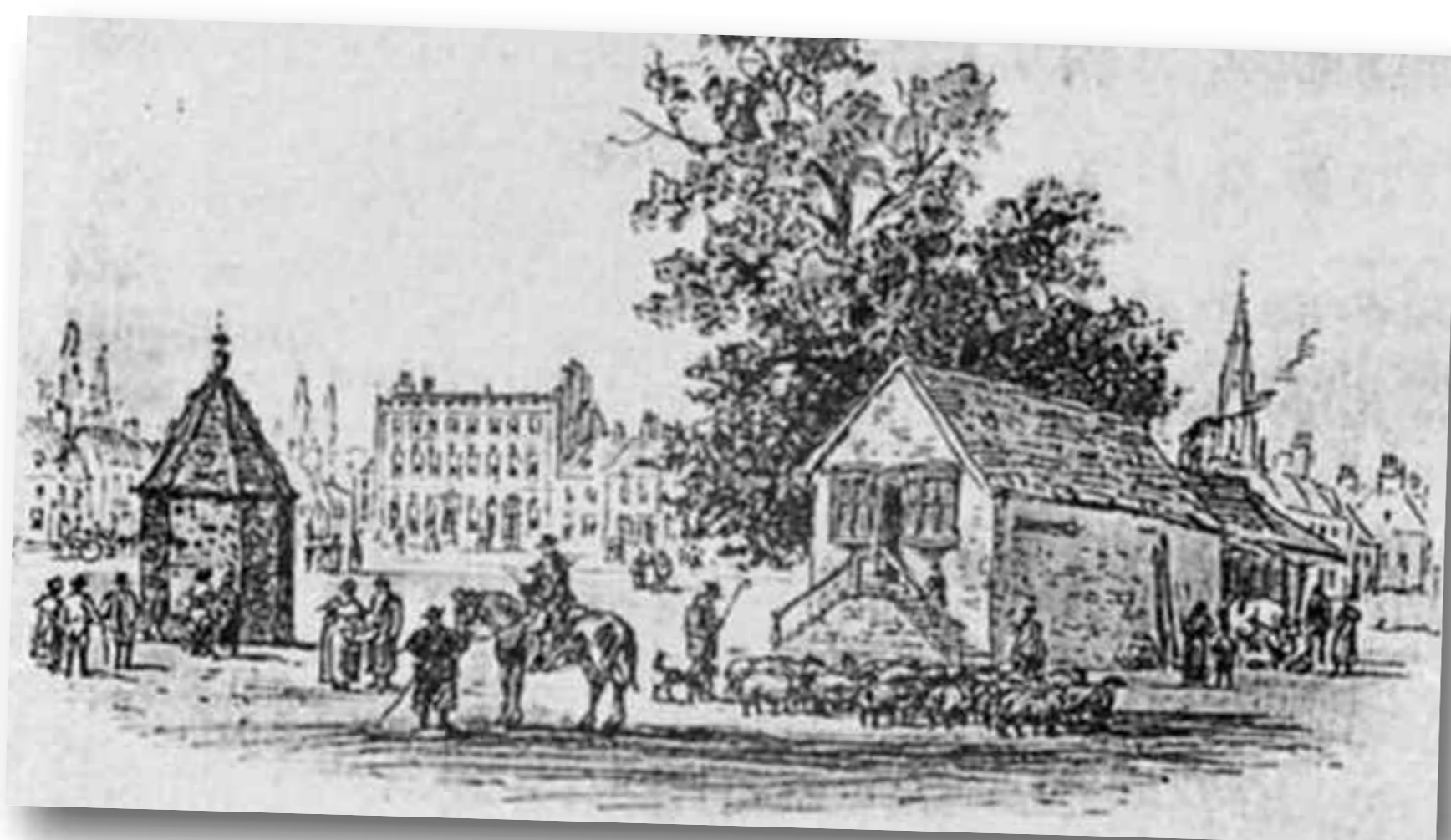
William Cowper's home, which was to become the Cowper & Newton Museum in 1900, can be seen in the centre.

By 1822 some of the buildings had been demolished but this 1821 view by Storer still shows a building on the right hand side of the Market Place. This is probably the Shiel Hall used by Samuel Teedon as a school. In his diary entries for 1791 he is worried because he has been told that the building was to be pulled down. The next door blacksmiths was taken down in 1792 but the Shiel Hall survived a little longer.



Hand-coloured photograph of the Cowper & Newton Museum around 1900

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A blacksmith's forge was located at the southern end of the Shiel Hall.



1821 drawing of Olney Market Place by James Sargent Storer

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