

Bracketts

Bracketts was founded in 1828 by Henry Sawyer, who started his business (a House Agency) in a single room in the block of three shops he had recently built in the High Street. In 1867 William Brackett purchased Sawyer's business as a going concern, and expanded the business over the years, to fill what are now their current offices at 27-29 High Street

In 1928, on the centenary of the firm's foundation, Brackett and Sons published "A Centenary and Three Generations with a short history of Tunbridge Wells", in which it was noted that William Brackett was descended from Captain Anthony Brackett, one of the early settlers of New Hampshire in America some time before 1640. Both Anthony and his wife were killed by native Indians in a raid on 28th September 1691.

Not long after William Brackett acquired the business he is recorded as letting houses in London to members of the aristocracy, including the second Duke of Wellington and Prince Lucien Bonaparte. The firm's Tunbridge Wells office, meanwhile, became the centre of the businesses' activities in Kent, Sussex and Surrey, and which included property surveys, valuations and sales, and auctions. The company was also the local agents for County Fire Office Ltd, an Insurance company.

The business continued as a family business, with Arthur William Brackett, the eldest son of William Brackett joining the firm in 1885, followed by his brother Frederick Henry Brackett in 1891. After William Brackett died on 24th June 1916, Frederick John Newbegin Brackett joined the firm in 1923.

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