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| Source Abbreviations | |
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| RCAHM | Royal Commission Ancient & Historic Monuments |
| GRO | Glamorgan Record Office |
| BR | Burgage rents (GRO) |
| D/D X75 | Cornish, Aubrey, Deere papers in GRO |
| Bute | Bute papers in GRO |
| PRO | Public Record Office (Kew) |
| | Tithe, census, electoral roll, directories – in GRO |
| LTA | Land tax assessments (GRO) |
| D/D | Deposits in GRO |
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| | <i>Grade 2 listed building</i> | CADW/RCAHM |
| | <i>Information for 1738 - 1813 relates to the combined properties 52 & 54 High Street :</i> | |
| 1738 | Pierce Cornish Esq., one and a half burgages in the tenure of Wenllian Roderick, widow | BR |
| 1731 | (Wenllian, wife of John Rytherch, aledraper, presented for selling ale on a Sunday at Peterston super Montem) | Glamorgan quarter sessions |
| 1744 | Pierce Cornish owned, one and a half burgages, The Kings Head | BR 27 |
| 1762 | Ann Cornish, late Pierce Cornish, owned, Miss Gregory occupied | BR 27 |
| 1765 | Messuage on south side of the street heretofore called the White Hart Inn, and formerly in the possession of Emanuel Parcel*, and lately Mary Gregory and Charlotte Gregory, and now of Ann Cornish who is a lunatic, Mrs Llewelyn and John Giddings, having a messuage, of John Roberts, apothecary, on the west, and a messuage of John Vernon, esq on the east | D/D X75 173 |
| * 1744, 4th April | (Notice to collectors to pay their proportion of land tax due for 1743 at the house of Dorothy Purcell of Cowbridge, innkeeper) | CCL Bute xxv 33/2 |
| * 1745, 21st March | (Examination of Ann Thomas of Kidwelly, single woman, who says John Cornish late of Bristol, then of Cowbridge, lay with her at the house of Mrs Dorothy Purcell in Cowbridge and is the father of her child.) | CCL Bute xxv 33/2 |
| 1773/4 | John Willson, 13 windows, for coach house and dwelling house, 9/6d | Window tax |
| 1784 | Owner and occupier (coach house) Walter Williams, 12/8d Owner (dwelling house) late Daniel Jones; occupier, Matthew Webber | LTA LTA |
| 1800 | Owner and occupier - Dr. Bates and Mrs Waters, 12/8 | LTA |
| 1806 | Owner J Maxse, T Llewellyn occupied, one and a half burgages | BR 27 |
| | <i>(John Maxse of Bristol – as far back as the late 1770s, he imported wine from Bordeaux and Cadiz, but especially sugar and rum from the West Indies. In 1790s he owned several shops in Bristol. He employed two captains, Thomas Harvey, father and son; the next Harvey, John, founded the sherry firm.)</i> | From 'Bristol Cream', Batsford |
| 1813 | Lease and release of a messuage now converted into two re James Maxse Esq., Edward Ballard etc. | D/D St 1/16-18 |

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| 1813 | Auction of messuage with malthouse capable of making 2000 Winchester bushels of malt in the season, and garden behind, in occupation of Mr Thomas Llewellyn with a passage ofwide in the clear of the walls to be taken out of the lot (being auctioned) –ie Ballards Court and mess. or tenement adj. occupied by Mr Henry Walters as yearly tenant | <i>Cambrian</i> , 10/7 |
| | <i>Information for 1814, 1815 and others relates to No 52 and Ballards Court :</i> | |
| 1814 | Mr Edward Ballard owned, William Thomas occupied, half burgage | BR 27 |
| 1815 | Owner - Edward Ballard jnr., occupier H. Walters and others, 6/4d | LTA |
| 1829 | Lease for 21 yrs at £25 p a, Edward Ballard to William Vincent of Cowbridge, saddler – messuage in occupation of William Vincent, fronting main road, adjoining east house of David Prichard, draper and west house of Moses Godfrey jeweller, and also the messuage adj to the back of the above mess. In occupation of Henry Walters, yeoman. | D/D St 1/13 |
| | <i>Information on Henry Walters in 'Old Cowbridge'</i> | |
| 1830 | Owner - Edward Ballard jnr.; occupier Walters and others, 6/4d | LTA |
| 1831 | Mortgage for £200, E Ballard to Charles Dawson of Fronheillog, Llangollen – a messuage now converted into two, in the occupation of Thomas Lewis and Richard Felton (<i>relates to 52 & 54</i>) | D/D St 1/16-18 |
| 1832 | Edward Ballard owned, William Thomas occupied, half burgage | BR 27 |
| 1843 | Owner, Edward Ballard; occ. - Samuel Cottle, house and garden | Tithe |
| 1851 | Thomas Miles, grocer. Walters Court - Elizabeth Davies, Catherine Williams | Census#48 |
| 1861 | John Howe, grocer and butcher. Ballards Court - Christopher Norton and 2 unoccupied | Census# 153 |
| 1871 | John Howe, butcher and grocer Ballards Court - William Brown, Ann Lewis and 2 unoccupied | Census#171 |
| 1874 | J S Ballard owned; John Howe occupied, house and shop J S Ballard owned, 2 cottages, Ballards Court | Glamorgan County Rate |

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| 1880, 8th October | Discussion about the obstruction of Mr Ballard's shop – how had it been allowed. Was agreed 'before my time', 'before I was born'. Suggested that the shop blocked out by pillars. The shop has existed for more than 30 yrs said Mr Thomas of Hill House. Talk of singling out Mr Rees's shop (ie possible pillars there too). Mr William Thomas said shades could be put to the shops without having the pillars in front. Proposal agreed that no action be taken till other and greater obstructions in the town were removed. | <i>Central Glamorgan Gazette</i> |
| 1881 | John Howe, butcher and grocer. Ballard's Court - 2 unoccupied | Census#44 |
| 1891 | Mary Jane Jones, grocer (formerly wife of John Howe, but remarried), no reference to Ballard's Court | Census#41 |
| 1893 | House of Edward Ballard | Deeds of no 50 |
| 1900 | "Formerly of Edward Ballard, now of Laura Chapman" | Deeds of no 50 |
| 1901 | Arthur E Chapman, grocer, b Clifton, Bristol + wife Laura, 33 b Cowbridge + 3 daughters (Phyllis, Violet, Elsie, Laura) and one son, Arthur. Children born in Clifton, except Laura, 3 years, b Cowbridge. A sale notice of this year (chs04993) details their furniture & goods and reports they are leaving the town. | Census 148 |
| 1901 | Cottages at rear of 52 High St, now incorporated in Duke of Wellington car park; Laura Chapman to Elizabeth Mitchell: that messuage and shop formerly 3 cottages and yard formerly in occ of John Howe, afterwards his widow, then Laura Chapman | Deeds of Duke of Wellington |
| 1910 | George Mitchell occupied, E Mitchell owned, shop etc. Small, double-fronted, 3 storey. Small stable and loft in poor condition. | PRO IR58/18459 45 |
| 1912 | George Mitchell, shop | Western Mail directory |
| 1921 | Elizabeth Mitchell, William John Roberts and Ingram Pell | Electoral roll |
| 1923/6 | Harold Blick, shopkeeper | Kelly's directory |
| 1939 | Cottages at rear now incorporated into Duke of Wellington car park. T A Pratt conveys to S A Brain | Duke of Wellington deeds |
| 1960s & early 70s | Nanette's wool shop | Local knowledge |
| 1975 | Carol and John Hollings, Quills cards and stationery | Cowbridge Week programme |
| Late 1970s | Quills stationers (Des and Jan Harvey) | |

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| 1999 | Quills (Rae and Graham Kitchen) Village Framing (Graham Kitchen – behind in Ballards Court) Marooned hairdressers – first floor | |