

1 and 3 High Street

The Thaw bridge (Cowbridge's main bridge) stood between 1 High St. (Glanthaw) and 81 Eastgate.

Glanthaw and the brewery (south wing) are Grade II listed *Details, see RCAHM.*

Grade II listed building (1981) – probably late 18th century, with later alterations, retaining overall character. Forecourt enclosed by rendered stone dwarf wall and 19th century iron railings with spiked and scroll finials, which abut the bridge & parapet wall on the south east. 19th century iron gate with similar railing.

Up until the early years of the 19th century, this was part of one plot, together with nos. 5, 7 and 9; it would seem that the chief building was where no. 5 High Street stands today.

1 – 9 High Street.

- 1686 John Deere of St Mary Church to nephew John Deere and his heirs, house in Cowbridge near the bridge, called the Royal Oak *Will*
- 1738 Revd. John Deere *Burgage rents*
- 1762 Revd John Deere owned; late John Thomas, and Joan Morris widow occupied - 3 burgages *BR 118*
- Pre 1768 Edward Thomas gent. *D/D Ra 28/15-18*
- 1768 Evan Thomas of St Brides Major owned; Thomas Morgan victualler occupied *D/D Ra 28/15-18*
- 1773 Evan Thomas, 6/- *LTA*
- 1784 Evan Thomas owned; David Johnes occupied, 8/- *LTA*
- 1784, 15th August Benjamin Thomas owned – ‘Royal Oak, in tenure of David John, victualler’ *D/D St 1-4*
- 1785 Benjamin Thomas owned; Daniel Lewis occupied, 8/- *LTA*
- 1789-91 Mrs Hannah Thomas owned; Humphrey Salter occupied, 8/- *LTA*
- 1792 Mrs Hannah Thomas owned; John Milverton occupied, private house, 8/- *LTA*
- 1793-5 William Day occupied, 8/- *LTA*

- 1800 Mrs Hannah Thomas owned; William Day occupied, 8/- LTA
- 1802-9 (1) John Price
(2) Elizabeth Williams D/D Ra 28/13
- 1809 Edward Ballard (lease) – ruinous.
Elizabeth Williams, heir to John Price, to Edward Ballard, skinner...ruinous
messuage called the Royal Oak public house and two crofts of pasture either side,
etc. D/D Ra 28/13

Rebuilding.

Edward Ballard, senior, bailiff and freeman of Cowbridge, purchased a plot of land next to the river and the old bridge early in the 1800s. He developed Bridge House (no. 5) and on the eastern part of the site built another house, Glanthaw.
From 'Cowbridge Buildings and People'

1 High St. Glanthaw

- 1815 Edward Ballard owned; Griffith and others occupied, dwelling house and croft, 8/-
LTA
- 1820 Mr Ballard owned; tenants occupied, houses and croft, 8/- LTA
Glanthaw (1 High St.) may date from 1817, as the LTA quotes 'houses' and croft.
- 1828 Edward Ballard owned; John Chambers occupied.
'Edward Ballard to James Ballard, innkeeper...the storehouse keeping timber with a wool loft on the upper storey which James Ballard has converted into a malthouse, with the dwelling house of Edward Ballard (occupied by John Chambers) between the said building and the turnpike road'. D/D Ra 28/13-18
- 1831 John Anthony, linen draper (father of Mark Anthony, artist)
LTA, according to Brian James
- 1839 – 40 'Mr Strange says in 1782 the bridge over the Thaw at Cowbridge had no parapet at the sides. I can remember 1839-40 when its one little arch stood up far above the roadway in a high ridge, in going over which every carriage gave a heavy bump. As a child in Mr Donne's school close by (no. 5 High St), I could hear this and, I think, feel it in the schoolroom as the coaches drove over it. Well I do remember the bridge being improved and the approaches to it raised whereby

its ridge was covered.’ *David Jones of Wallington, in scrapbook of WAH Fisher, vol 27, p 60 in Cardiff Central Library*

(Mathew Donne – ‘Dwn Morganwg’, 1790 - 1874, was the son of Mathew Donne of St Donat’s Castle and Llanmihangel Place, a tenant farmer).

- 1843 Edward Ballard owned; John Nicholas occupied *Tithe*
- 1848 Edward Ballard died, leaving the chandler’s shop etc to Thomas and Martha Ballard *Deeds of no. 5*
- 1849 Thomas Ballard, freehold house at the Bridge *Electoral register*
- 1851 Richard Davis, with wife, 2 stepchildren, his father in law and a servant *Census 86*
- 1861 Morgan Williams, wife, son and servant *Census 53*
- 1868 Thomas Ballard died, leaving his property to James Ballard *Deeds of no. 5*
- 1871 John Ford, with wife, niece and a servant *Census 60*
- 1881 Mary Prichard, with 2 daughters and a servant *Census 224*
- 1887 ‘Messuage lately belonging to Thomas Acton Ballard, occupied by the present owners Mrs Mary Smith and Miss Susanna Prichard’ *Deeds of no. 5*
- 1891 Arthur Evans, with wife, daughter, niece and 2 servants *Census 221*
- ? March 1900 Freehold croft or close of land situate near the bridge in the town of Cowbridge with the Brewery Malthouse Engine House and cartshed cowshed and stable and coach house with loft and double ashpit fixed plant in the Brewery. Zinc lean-to shed wooden clad (?) house boundary wall on the east side of the said croft and the boundary wall on the west thereof commencing from the northern side of the door leading to the Bridge House garden by the said double ashpit to the northern side of the said croft but except and reserved an unenclosed slip of land 2 yards wide adjoining and running parallel with the brick wall of Glan Thaw house and also except and reserved to the said Clive Jenkins and to the owners tenants and occupiers of the time being of the three messuages gardens and premises and the outhouse formerly a propestores (?) in the rear of Bridge House (i e no. 5) situate on the western side of the said croft and the owner tenants and occupiers for the time being of the rear of Glan Thaw house adjoining the said malthouse and their respective agents a free and unobstructed right of

way to and from the main street over the said croft and approach thereto and from the messuages and gardens of the premises thereto belonging either with or without horses and carts.....

Typed from a faded pencilled copy of an unexplained deed.

- 1901 Thomas H Morgan, master mariner, with wife Emily and children Vera, Aubrey and Irene (*they were in Greenfield, Llanblethian in 1891*) *Census 196*
- 1910 Mrs D Lewis owned, E Morgan occupied *D/D PRO/VAL/1/46*
- 1911 Re-construction of the river bridge *Plaque on bridge*
- 1912 Emily A Morgan (*she later moved to Cusop, Llanblethian*) *Western Mail Directory*

Brewery

– a Grade II listed building, listed for special interest of its south wing and for its group value with no. 1 High Street.

- Pre 1828 Edward Ballard, timber and wool store *D/D Ra 28/13-18*
- 1828 James Ballard, malthouse “ “
- 1848 Edward Ballard died, leaving the chandler’s shop etc. to Thomas and Martha Ballard *Deeds of no. 5*
- 1873 James Ballard sold the malthouse etc. to James Simpson Ballard (*his son – they lived together in Llwynhelig, and then the Verlands*) *Deeds of no. 5*
- 1886 ‘Ballard’s Sale’ – freehold malthouse, occupied by Mr Jabez Evans as yearly tenant *Gwyn and Gwyn, box E, bundle 20*
- 1887 Conveyed to Lewis Jenkins, with Jabez Evans as tenant. Jenkins developed the brewery. *Deeds of no. 5*
- 1900 Conveyed to Hansards *Deeds of no. 5*
- 1903 Thomas Morgan and Son *Photograph of 1912*
- 1912 T Morgan, brewery stores, Pontyclun Mineral Water Co. *Western Mail directory*

1923 Thos. Morgan, brewer

Kelly's directory

1955 Brewery closed; became private dwelling.

Thomas Morgan (Tom Pops) married the daughter of Lewis Jenkins, and took the brewery over in 1903. The big tree planted in the yard was a sapling from Newton Hotel, Porthcawl – its shade kept the barrels cool in the summer. Daisy the cart-horse, winner of a race, is buried behind the tree. Thos. Morgan sank 2 wells at Mount Pleasant too meet the brewery's needs; in a drought year, he had to get water from Llwynhelig. Mrs Thomas Morgan kept the Dunraven Arms in Bridgend; and Thomas Morgan's brother ran Morgan Universal Hotel, 324 West 14th Street, New York in 1922.

Owen Williams, Ewenny (grandson of Thos. Morgan)

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Thomas Morgan, brewer

Interview with grandson of Thomas Morgan, Owain Williams, farmer of Ochre Draw Farm, Ewenny

Thomas Morgan, his grandfather owned the brewery at 1-3 High St, Cowbridge, though he did not live there. It was managed by his son Dillwyn, who was killed in a motor bike accident in Worcestershire, where his father had two farms, before Owain Williams was born, but Owain can remember visiting the brewery. His grandfather used the water from the well in the garden there for the brewing. His dray horse Daisy, his favourite horse, died there and is buried in the garden – the stone marking this is now in Cowbridge museum. Thomas Morgan brought saplings from the Newton Hotel, Porthcawl to plant there, the trees keeping the barrels cool in the summer months. 100 barrels of 36 gallons each of mild ale were produced at the brewery each week. The brewery closed in the 1950s. Owain has fishing hooks from his grandfather, who fished for trout in the Thaw by the brewery. He collected from the garden a very early coin.

Whenever there was a drought in Cowbridge, the brewery had water from the well at Llwynhelig House (Thomas there) and so they had their beer supplied free for their help.

Thomas Morgan owned a number of pubs, including the Edmondes Arms in Cowbridge, and the Hare and Hounds at Aberthin. He supplied the Bear with beer, and was an agent for Worthingtons. He built the Dunraven Arms in Bridgend (Owain Williams has a large photo of the building work and his grandfather observing it).

Owain Williams has lent for copying a photo of his uncle Dillwyn, manager, with some of the other brewers (Dillwyn second on the right), plus a photo of the fire brigades in procession through the town in 1909.

Apparently, the royal coat of arms from St Donat's castle is built into an internal wall of Ochre Draw farmhouse, Ewenny. It broke when being moved to William Randolph Hearst's Californian home at St Simeon, and was given to the Williams family at the time (they worked there at the castle). A replica was taken to St Simeon.

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Thomas Morgan

1881 census at Pontclown, Miskin :

Thomas Morgan, 23, grocer, draper and beer merchant, born Llanbadarn, Cardigan, with brother William, 19, and sisters Ann, 26, a housekeeper, and Jane, 21, a grocer's assistant; also his mother Sophia, 58, carpenter's wife, born Ystrad Meyrick.

1891 census, at Victoria Buildings, Miskin :

Thomas Morgan, 38, ale and spirit merchant, with wife Margaret, born Llanwonno, and two servants (a haulier and a bottle washer)

1901 census, at School Street, Pontyclun :

Thomas Morgan, wine and spirit merchant aged 44, born Devils Bridge, Cardiganshire, with wife Margaret, 33, born Mountain Ash, sons Wyndham, 8, Walter, 6, Valentine, 3, and daughter Alice, one; also a general servant and two other servants.

Margaret Morgan, nee Jenkins died 1908.

Thomas Morgan re-married 1909.

1911 census, at School Street, Pontyclun :

Thomas Morgan, 54, born Rhosygell, Cardigan, wine and spirit merchant, with wife Ruth, 35 (born Kimbolton, Herefordshire), son Wyndham, 18, assistant in the office, son David Walter, 16, son Valentine Dilwyn, 13, daughter Alice Margaret, 11 and daughter Emley Sophia, one year, plus three servants.

Dilwyn Morgan was born 1898 in Pontyclun.
He died in Herefordshire in 1922.

*Sources/abbreviations : Most documents referred to for this research can be seen in
Glamorgan Record Office
PRO = Public Record Office, Kew*

Notes on the Cowbridge breweries from Brian James :

There were two breweries in Cowbridge in the late 19th century, both founded by men named Lewis Jenkins – they were not related to one another. Lewis Jenkins (1835-1929) started the Vale of Glamorgan Brewery (where the Vale of Glamorgan Inn is today) and Lewis Jenkins of the Horse and Groom (1851-1897) started the Cowbridge Brewery, at the back of 1-3 High Street.

The latter had no children, and in 1903 Thomas Morgan took over this brewery. He was married to Margaret Jane (c.1868-1908), the daughter of David Jenkins of Pontyclun, who (with his son Thomas Jenkins) started the Crown Brewery at Brynsadler. Lewis Jenkins of the Horse and Groom was a cousin. Many of these Jenkinsons were in the pub and brewing trade, but their ancestor was Lewis Jenkins (who died 1830) of Trefran, Llanilid, a farmer.

(Brian James is one of his descendants).
