



Date	29 High Street, Cowbridge	Source
	<i>29 High Street is Grade II listed – for group value with the adjacent buildings.</i>	RCAHM
	<p>The right-hand half of what is now Sanders shoe-shop was owned in 1844 by the Carne family and occupied by John Gibbon as a house and garden. The head of household in 1851 and 1861 was Margaret Gibbon, aged 57 and 69 in the two enumerations, described on both occasions as a grocer, born in Ystradowen.</p> <p>No 29 seems to have remained a grocer's shop: in 1871 the head of household was William Lewis, farmer and grocer, aged 42, born in Llanblethian, and in 1881 Morgan James, born in Mynyddislwyn, aged 39.</p> <p>The left-hand property was owned and occupied in 1844 by Thomas Howell, again as a private house. Between the two houses there is a passage on the tithe map, now blocked off, labelled Tainten's Court, presumably indicating former ownership by the Taynton family.</p>	Unknown source
	<b>The Crown</b>	
1750	Rents for the house called The Crown to Mr John Carne	D/D CE/1
1783	John Thomas ten/occ: owner Rev Carne/Edward Thomas - Crown	Burgage Rents
1783-1787	John Thomas/Jenkin Jones ten/occ: owner Rev Carne - Crown	BR
1798-1804	Jenkin Jones ten/occ; owner Rev Carne - Crown	BR
1805-1816	James Hiscock ten/occ: owner Thomas Markham - Crown	BR
	<p>This property dates back to at least the end of the 17th century, and was known to be The Crown in 1750. Prior to that it was a saddler's shop in 1730, run and owned by David John.</p> <p>In the burgage rolls of 1783 John Thomas was shown as the tenant and occupied The Crown, and the tenure changed to that of Jenkins Jones between 1783 and 1787. Jenkins Jones continued to occupy the house until 1804. James Hiscock became the next occupant in 1804/5 and the burgage rolls still show the property as The Crown in 1816. By 1822 James Hiscock was referred to as a grocer in the lease.</p> <p>It would appear that this very small property was an inn or alehouse for about 70 years from 1750 until circa 1820.</p>	

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	From the deeds it can be seen that the house was built by 1799, and was for many years the property of the Carne family of Nash Manor. The Carne papers, and Edmond's papers for the adjoining property (both in the Glamorgan Record Office), can take the history of the house back into the 17th century	
	The Census returns and the Street Directories show that in 1843 the property was a grocer's shop being run by John Gibbon and his wife Margaret. John is described as a grocer and tea-dealer. He came from Pendoylan and married Margaret Evans in Ystradowen in the 1820's. It would appear that John died between 1848 and 1851. Margaret, his widow, carried on the business until at least 1861 where the census shows that she had been joined by her father Thomas Evans. By 1871 Margaret had moved and was living in 1 Eastgate, Cowbridge	
	By 1871 the property was in the occupation of William Lewis, who was both a farmer and grocer, from Llanblethian. He and his wife Mary, nee Rees, were helped in the shop by their daughter Jennet. There were two younger daughters - Mary and Catherine, and also Mary's parents, Thomas and Mary Rees, retired shoemakers originally from Carmarthenshire. As Mary was born in Llanblethian parish it is possible that her parents traded in the Cowbridge district, perhaps Trebetin. There is a memorial stone – pink marble cross - in Llanblethian Churchyard - 'In loving memory of Mary wife of William Lewis formerly of Trebetin in this parish born 7 March 1829 died 24 December 1877, also Mary daughter of Morgan and Mary Thomas and granddaughter of the said William and Mary Lewis born 15 August 1881 died May 1902. Also Mary wife of Thomas Rees of this parish born 3 February 1788 died 22 March 1829 (sic) Also the said Thomas Rees born 11 August 1793 died 18 April 1872.'	
14th September 1875	The property was bought by William Lewis from John Whitlock Nicholl Carne of St. Donat's Castle.	
1881	Occupied by Morgan James. He had married Jennet (Janet) the eldest daughter of William Lewis (1871) and they were living with their two small children and Jennet's younger sister Mary Lewis, a dressmaker and a 14 year old domestic servant, Mary Jane Harry, born in Llanblethian.	Census

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1891	The occupant was Morgan Thomas a grocer and baker originally from Welsh St. Donats and his wife Mary, the daughter of William and Mary Lewis (1871) and the sister of Jennet James (Lewis). Their two elder children were born in Ystradowen and sadly their elder daughter was termed an imbecile, she died in 1902, aged 20. The two younger children were born in Llanblethian. Mary's father William Lewis, now a widower, was living with them. William Lewis died on the 3rd November 1908.	Census
1912	By this time, the property was rebuilt and an additional storey was added providing very spacious accommodation above the shop premises. The premises was still a grocer's shop run by Morgan Thomas until at least 1914. At some time in the next six years he had moved his business to 33 High Street. On 2nd February 1911 the property was sold by Mr Thomas Lewis to Mrs Mary Thomas, wife of Morgan Thomas, for £180, and annual burgage payments of 1 shilling had to be paid to the Marquis of Bute. In 1934 Mary Thomas made a deed of gift to Laura Thomas - possibly a daughter.	Western Mail street directory and BR
1923 1926 By 1934	In 1923 David Walter Escott was running No 29 as a butcher's shop Mrs M.E.Escott was a fried fish dealer. This is still causing problems when trying to decorate the wall where the fryer was located. The shop premises were used by Mr Arthur Sanders - Bootmaker and Repair - while the house was in the occupation of the Thomas family. The shop and house continue to be in the Sanders family to this day and is a family-run shoe shop.	
	In the 1950s the old bakehouse was still in the garden between 29 and 31 High Street. It was taken down at about this time and the stones were used to build the road to Mount Pleasant Farm.	
	The house is now known as Linden House.	
	<i>I would like to thank Mrs Eileen Sanders for the help she has given me and for allowing me to see the Deeds of the Property – M Wallis</i>	
	<b>Deeds :</b>	
8/6/1799	Deed Poll between John Landeg & William Jeffreys - land tax	
9/12/1802	Memorandum between Thomas Davies & H. Wood - land commissioner	
13/10/1800	Deed Poll: Eleanor Markham	
25/31806	Indenture between Thomas Markham & John Parsons	

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13/3/1815	Indenture between Thomas Markham & William Nettleship	
24/9/1817	Indenture between John Parsons & Thomas Markham & Eleanor, his wife, and William Nicholl	
29/8/1821	Indenture between Samuel Nettleship & Thomas Markham	
6/3/1838	Indenture of lease and release between Eleanor Markham, Robert Charles Nicholl & Illtyd Nicholl	
14/5/1838	Indenture between Robert Charles Nicholl, Rev. Nathaniel Poyntz, Sarah Jane Poyntz, John Blandey & George Whitlock Nicholl	
6/1/1844	Indenture between Thomas Edmunds, John Whitlock Carne (hereinafter referred to as John Whitlock Nicholl) Rev. Robert Carne (hereinafter referred to as the Rev. Robert Nicholl) and Elizabeth his wife and Robert Charles Nicholl Carne (hereinafter referred to as ^ Robert Charles Nicholl)	
2/2/1853	Indenture between Elizabeth Carne & Robert Charles Nicholl Carne	
24/9/1854	Indenture between John Whitlock Nicholl Carne (hereinafter referred to as John Whitlock Nicholl and also as John Whitlock Carne) and Robert Charles Nicholl Carne	
23/7/1861	Indenture between Ellen Jane Dawson and Robert Nicholl Dawson and the said Robert Charles Nicholl Carne	
1870	The estates of Nicholl Carne settled.	
26/1/1875	Indenture between Robert Nicholl Dawson Scott, formerly Robert Nicholl Dawson and the Rev. Roger Williams & John Whitlock Nicholl Carne	
26/1/1875	Indenture between George Whitlock Nicholl & Adam Fettiplace Blandy & John Whitlock Nicholl Carne	
14/9/1875	Between John Whitlock Nicholl Carne - St. Donat's Castle & William Lewis of Cowbridge - grocer.	
1875	Conveyance between John Whitlock Nicholl Carne & William Lewis - 19ft. frontage of street width 208ft. burgage bounded on north by field, Thomas Williams's house and shop on south, White Lion Inn - Thomas Evans. House, shop with garden and outbuildings.	
1911	Conveyance, Mr. Thomas Lewis of 15, Cowbridge Road, Bridgend to Mrs. Mary Thomas, wife of Morgan Thomas, 29 High Street, Cowbridge - grocer. (William Lewis died 03.11.1907 - probate 14.01.1908). Sale to Mary Thomas for £180. Annual burgage payment of 1 shilling to Marquis of Bute.	
22/1/1934	Conveyance Mrs. Mary Thomas to Miss Laura Thomas, spinster of 29 High Street and Morgan Thomas - grocer retired.	

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22/1/1934	The shop (now in the occupation of Mr.Arthur Sanders – bootdealer and the house in the occupation of the vendor	
25/3/1950	Deed of Gift, Laura Thomas conveyed unto herself & Beryl Watkins as tenants-in-common	
	<b>Occupants :</b>	
Pre 1682	George Knapp, gent	D/D C 42
1682	Richard and Christopher Williams	D/DC42
1697/8	Pierce Deere, gent	D/D Ed 39
1707	James Allen & wife Mary Deere	D/D Ed 40
1723	David John, saddler	D/D Ed 42-44
1730	David John & stepdaughter Mary David, with sons William and John John (or Wm & John David)	D/D C 47
1750	Edward Thomas & wife Mary (wife of Richard Bassett, formerly Mary David, as above) and Mary, daughter of Ed Thomas	D/D C 55
1750	Mary Bassett, Edward Thomas, Mary Thomas – house called The Crown	D/D CE/1
1773	Thomas Lougher 3/9d	LTA
1784	John Thomas 5/-	LTA
1790-5	William David, The Crown	D/D CE/30
1797	Edward Thomas, tenant, paying annual rent of £1.2s.6d (died 1789)	D/D CE/30
1798-1800	David John, Crown public house	D/D CE/30
1800-02	Evan Richard	D/D CE/30
1800	Evan Richards 5/- (redeemed)	LTA
1803-6	Late Crown public house – James Hiscocks	D/D CE/30
1820	James Hiscock, shopkeeper	Deeds of no. 27
1822 & 1828	Lease – James Hiscock, grocer	Deeds of no. 31
1843	John Gibbon, house & garden	Tithe
1851	Margaret Gibbon	Census#98
1861	Margaret Gibbon	Census#69
1862	William Harris, grocer	Deeds
1871	William Lewis, farmer & grocer	Census#76
1881	Morgan James	Census#240
1891	Morgan Thomas	Census#236
1934	A Sanders – shop. Laura Thomas - house	Deeds
	<b>Street/trade directories :</b>	
1830	Jas Hiscocks & son, grocers & tallow chandlers	Pigot
1844	John Gibbon	Pigot
1848	John Gibbon, grocer & tea trader	Kelly
1895	Morgan Thomas	Kelly

