

**57 High Street (The Cross)**

1738	Richard Bates, 1 burgage	<i>BR#142</i>
1762	Mr Thomas Thomas late Richard Bates, f/h, lb	<i>BR#138</i>
1772	Mr John Thomas late Richard Bates	<i>BR</i>
1773	20 windows in the premises of Cissil Thomas	<i>Window tax</i>
1773	Cecil Thomas, widow, 7/6d	<i>LTA</i>
1783	Cecil Thomas, widow, o and occ	<i>BR#142</i>
	Cissil Thomas confirmed as owner and occupier (10/-).	<i>LTA (also 1793, 1799)</i>
1788	John Perkins visited the Thomases of the Cross 'Mrs. Cecil Thomas's house on the market place is charged with the yearly sum of 12/- to buy bread for the poor'.	<i>Benefactions board, Holy Cross Church</i>
1790 – 1796	John Thomas of 'The Cross, 11/6d.	<i>Tithe accounts</i>
1799	Occupied by John Thomas, attorney + Cecil Thomas + Mary Thomas <i>(for John Thomas, see 55 High St)</i>	<i>D/D Xam 200</i>
1806-16	Mrs Thomas, owned and occ, 1 burgage, The Cross	<i>BR#142</i>
1809	Mary Thomas married Edward Powell by special licence in no 57 <i>'Old Cowbridge', L Hopkin James</i>	
<p>1817, 10<sup>th</sup> October Death of Mrs Cecil Thomas opposite the Cross in her 89<sup>th</sup> year. She was a widow lady of the most affable and cheerful disposition, paying the most scrupulous attention to her devotional duties, and exhibiting both in her life and death the exemplary character of a true Christian. <i>Cambrian</i></p>		
1830	Mary Powell, owned and occ, 10/-	<i>LTA</i>
1837	Mary Powell died, having bequeathed 57 HS to Edward Bradley	<i>D/D Xam 200</i>
1843	Edward Bradley, o, Christopher Bassett, occ	<i>Tithe</i>
1850	No. 57 is called "Great House"	<i>Deeds of No 59</i>
1851	Marianne Thomas age 59 landed proprietress "The Cross" Sarah Thomas age 22 daughter Laura Thomas age 19 " Caroline Thomas age 17 " Mary Williams age 23, house servant, b St. Brides Catherine Llewellyn, 23 " " b Michaelston	<i>Census#117</i>
1861	Unoccupied	
1871	James Rich age 58, Inland Revenue officer b Wigan Lancs. Elizabeth Rich age 49 wife b. Yarmouth Norfolk William Rich age 16 scholar b. Liverpool Elizabeth Rich age 14 b. Liverpool Amy Rich age 12 b. Boseley, Salop. George Rich age 10 b. Boseley, Salop. James Rich age 7 b. Builth Alice Rich age 4 b. Cowbridge <i>Does this mean that the family moved in approx. 1866/67?</i>	<i>Census#96</i>
1881	David Thomas age 29 a draper b Coychurch Annie Thomas age 24 wife Cardiff Alice Thomas age 1 b. Cowbridge Maud age 19, milliner's assistant Cardiff Mary age 17 general servant Wick	<i>Census#258</i>
1891	David Thomas age 39 a draper b Bryncoch [ <i>change in birthplace</i> ] Ann Thomas age 35 Cardiff	

William Thomas age 14 son [not recorded 1881] Cowbridge  
 [Family could have been in the house since 1877 David being age 25  
 Arthur Thomas age 12 scholar, b Cowbridge  
 Alice Thomas age 10  
 Thomas Thomas age 8  
 Harold Thomas age 6  
 Herbert Thomas age 5  
 Dorothy Wilkins age 27 employee dressmaker Thornbury Glos.  
 Mary Morris age 25, milliner/dressmaker from Watchet, Somerset  
 Nelly Powell 22, mother's help, from Hereford  
 Ellen Ousley, 20, servant, from Chard

*Census#253*

1901 David Thomas, 49, draper shopkeeper, b Coychurch + w Annie + sons Thomas  
 Harold and Herbert, daus Alice and Mildred (9) + servants Annie John,  
 domestic, 17 b Cowbridge and Elizabeth Thomas, dressmaker, 30, b Carmarthen

*Census# 168*

(Councillor David Thomas, a respected churchwarden for many years, owned a drapery and millinery  
 emporium, with dressmaking and millinery departments at Cross House  
*Memories in parish magazine 1970s*)

1910 D Thomas, occ, R Morgan &c. owned, Cross House

*D/D PRO VAL/1/46*

1910 Cross House - house, shop and garden; occ David Thomas (then Mrs Jacob);  
 owners Noah and WH Morgan.

12/- payable as Bread Money. 1-stall stable, coach house; includes: ground floor  
 - large shop, sitting room, kitchen, scullery; 1st floor large workroom, large  
 sitting room

*PRO IR58/18461/315*

David Thomas draper is referred to in every directory until 1926. Subsequently,  
 Jacobs the drapers

*Gethin Thomas*

1930s Tilley's drapers

*Local knowledge and see Tilley family notes*

*Information on Mrs Tilley from Elgeva Thomas*

1965 Tilley

*Electoral register*

1970 Fine Fare supermarket (involved rebuilding)  
 Ian S Wood, dentist, above

1999 Spar supermarket, and I.S Wood

### **Sources/abbreviations :**

*GRO Glamorgan Record Office*

*Electoral register, tithe, census, directories etc in GRO*

*D/D Deposits in GRO*

*PRO Public Record Office (Kew)*