Aubrey Terrace, Croft Street etc.

1883, 5th March Revd. Thomas Edmondes to Richard Aubrey, innkeeper and wheelwright, lease for 99 years from 1882, at a yearly rent of £12 – land, 1316 square yards and four dwelling houses and outbuildings lately erected thereon. (Not to use any houses as a licensed public house, inn or tavern or carry on trade or business of a sugar baker, distiller, brewer, hatter, soap boiler, tallow chandler etc. nor use same as a slaughterhouse, smith's forge etc.).

1891, 6th May Richard Aubrey, mortgage to Alice Eliza Culverwell and Florence Susannah Culverwell of Great House, Cowbridge for £700 – Recites:

lease of 9/5/1881 between Revd Thos. Edmondes and Richard Aubrey – land, 411 square yards being part of Croft Carreg Wen, together with four dwelling houses and outbuildings lately erected thereon including free passage over a road or street set out by Thomas Edmondes and called Croft Street and over a footpath in front of said houses from 1/5/1878,

and a lease 5/3/1883 as above.

and whereon Richard Aubrey has built three other houses on the land. (Mortgages it).

1899, 12th September Will of Richard Aubrey.

1899, 3rd October Richard Aubrey died.

Mortgage repaid by trustees.

1907 Sale.

(1906 The tenants of Richard Aubrey were : John Arnott, Robert Reed, Edwin Reed, Mr Tutton, Mrs William Edmund, Mrs Thomas, James Foster, G R Richard, R Aubrey)

The account book showed the sale in 4 lots:

Lot 1 was sold to John Aubrey

Lot 2 to the Misses Tutton

Lot 3 to Mr D Williams

Lot 4 to Edward Williams

John Aubrey leased 42 Eastgate (occupier John Arnott)
Misses Tutton leased 40 Eastgate (occupied by the Misses Tutton)
David Williams leased 38 Eastgate (occupied by Elizabeth Edmund).

Arnott, Tutton and Edmund paid rents to the estate of Richard Aubrey in 1899 and 1906, and these properties were in the block leased by F W Edmondes to Richard Aubrey in 1883.

Edward Williams owned 2, 3 and 4 Aubrey Terrace (occupied by E Reed, G Kempton and R Reed) – the Reeds paid rent in 1899 and 1906.

Either Misses or Messrs Aubrey owned 9 Croft Street and 1 Aubrey Terrace (the latter being the large corner property).

No. 9 Aubrey Terrace was occupied by W Ellis.

Messrs Aubrey also owned 5, 6 and 7 Aubrey Terrace (occupied by J Fitzgerald, Ann Thomas and Fred House).

Looking at the map*, all these fit into the leases from Thomas Edmondes, and so we can be pretty sure that Richard Aubrey had 5-7 Aubrey Terrace built, but the two leases transferred 38-42 Eastgate, 9 Croft Street and 4 Aubrey Terrace to him.

1922 Conveyed – C T Edmondes to Edward Williams of Ithandale (?), Cardiff road, retired farmer (99 yr lease of 1883 to Richard Aubrey senior)

Gwyn and Gwyn deeds.

Research of Jeff Alden

Croft Terrace – the first 3 or 4 houses were built by the Taff Vale Railway Co. (raised footpath). The road was gravelled initially.

Memories of Tim Edwards

^{*} Maps and hand written notes in separate file chs01783-1