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E.M. Alden, January 2018

Source Abbreviations		
GRO	Glamorgan Record Office	
LTA	Land tax assessments (GRO)	
G & G	Gwyn & Gwyn files (with solicitors)	
	Cowbridge Borough records & Pigot's directory in GRO	

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	In Cross Keys:	
1811	William Griffiths, innkeeper, made constable of	Cowbridge
	Cowbridge	Borough Records
1815	William Griffiths, Cross Keys	LTA
1822	Elizabeth Griffiths	Pigot's directory
1830	Elizabeth Griffiths	LTA
	Children, as per Holy Cross baptismal records: Elizabeth, 1790; Mary 1795; Robert 1801; Thomas 1794; William 1797. (NB baptism, not birth).	
	Thomas Griffiths, Cowbridge Arms, 1832 - 1861. Thomas born Cowbridge about 1792, married Mary from Newton Nottage. Their children were David (bap 1825); Elizabeth 1838; Margaret 1829; Mary Anne 1819; Thomas 1823; William 1821. It is possible that this Thomas Griffiths was the brother of Robert and William.	
	Notes in Thomas Rees's hand - Nathan Thomas left the property to Thomas Thomas and Mary Howell, sister of Thomas Thomas. Mary survived Thomas and took the estate by survivorship. Mary Howell had 2 sons: James who died childless, and Evan. Trial at Bridgend County Court when Henry Richards lived there - he refused to pay the rent because Daniel Richards claimed it. Quoted will of Thomas Thomas of Nantyglo, 1834.ppty devolved to me under the will of my late uncle Watkin Thomas .dwelling house called Cross Keys, late occ Elizabeth Griffiths, widow to my wife Mary Thomas, then to my nephew Daniel Richard	Gwyn & Gwyn flies
1844	Deed of gift between Mary Howell of Pentyrch, widow (1) Ann Howell, widow of Evan Howell, decd, daughter in law of Mary Howell (2) Morgan Thomas, coal merchant, and Thos Watkins, farmer (3) trustees inter alia public house &c called The Cross Keys, in occ Thomas Davies, after decease of Ann Howell to use of James, Edward, Rachel, Eli, William, Mary, Evan, Ann and Watkin Thomas Howell, the 9 children of Ann Howell	G & G
1866	Lease of 7/9 shares to William Thomas for 22 years	G & G

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1878	Cowbridge Conveyance of 7/9 shares, Has Howell and others to Revd Thomas Thomas, - all that parcel bounded on the east by dwelling house and gdn occ Misses Edmondes on west and south by dwelling house, gdn, &c occ said Thomas Thomas on north by highway, building being ruin of a stable and outbuildings once belonging to a former public house called the Cross Keys	G & G
1885	Conveyance, Watkin Thomas Howell of S Cleveland, Ohio, iron refiner, to Revd Thomas Thomas, 1/9 share	G & G
1886	Conveyance, Edward Howell to Revd Thomas Thomas, 1/9 share	G & G
1887	Conveyance, Sir JLE Spearman, Bart, &c to Henry Johnson &c, part of premises south of previously conveyed property, and now occ Wm Price and Richard Thomas, bounded on east by pses formerly of James Taylor and now Revd FW Edmondes, formerly occ Miss Edmondes on west by premises of Sir JLE Spearman, and occ by Richard Thomas	G & G
1887	Indenture between (1) Revd Thomas Thomas formerly of Cowbridge but now of Blaenavon (2) Revd John Atkins of Cowbridge the present Superintendent Minister (3) Henry Johnson of Cowbridge jeweller, Thomas Rees of Cowbridge gentleman, Philip Griffiths of C grocer, Hugh Bevan of Bridgend merchant, William Price of Bridgend wool merchant, William James Davies of C painter, William Buckley of Bridgend ironmonger, William Andrews of Llantwit Major postmaster, William Lawrence Price of L M draper, George Richard Pickard of C cabinet maker, John Pickard of C cabinet maker, Matthias Davies of C painter Whereas the parties of the third part desire to obtain a piece of ground to erect a chapel and schoolroom have agreed with Thomas Thomas to purchase for £223 all that plot with the ruinous buildings now standing on part thereof in the East village of Cowbridge, bounded on the east by a dwelling house, garden and premises in the occupation of Miss Edmondes, to the west and south by a dwelling house garden and premises belonging to Sir Joseph Elmes Spearman, and on the north by the highway; the said building now standing being the ruin of a stable and outbuildings once belonging to a former public house known as the Cross Keys.	G & G

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1948	Trustees - Henry George Rowsell, 21 Eastgate, tea salesman, Ernest Whone, Woodlands, Westgate, sanitary inspector, Francis John Rose, Pantwylcyn (Pant Wilkin) Farm, Aberthin, farmer, Elizabeth Escott, 51 Eastgate, widow, Annie Elizabeth Davies. 13 Broadway, spinster, Elsie Lewis, Glenlyn, Broadway, solicitor's clerk, spinster, Reginald John Thomas, Rexton House, Llantwit Major, railway clerk, Mary Perrin, 67 Eastgate, widow, Patricia Mary Thomas, Summitview, Broadway, Kenneth Rose, 34 Eastgate, milkman, William Brewer Hopkins, Hillcrest, Station Road, St Athan, fitter, William George Clarbull, 51 Eastgate, painter and decorator	G & G
1963	Conveyance between (1) Annie E Davies of Morgannwg Hospital, Reginald John Thomas of 1 Ham Lane South, Llantwit Major, railway clerk, Patricia A Thomas of St Crispin, Eastgate, Cowbridge, William B Hopkins of Hillcrest, Station Road, St Athan, fitter, Edith Underwood Marsh and Elizabeth Dorothea Marsh, spinsters of Frampton, Cowbridge, Peter Graham Cobb of Cowbridge Grammar School, schoolmaster, Arthur Bower Codling of Chy Avallon, Llanblethian, schoolmaster, Vera Florence Davies of Westways, Cowbridge, Hubert Thomas of St Crispin, Eastgate, local government officer, Lily Bayliss Raggatt of Four Hedges, Llanblethian and Beatrice Rhoda Newman of 24 High Street, Cowbridge and (2) Edward John and Son Ltd. Eagle Stores, Cowbridge	
1880	Sketch by David Jones of Wallington, dated 1880, of 'a ruined house in Cowbridge' has writing on it: 'the ruin belongs to several people who cannot agree to sell it'. From the drawing and from the date, it would seem to be of the building there prior to the chapel. B. Alden	chs03434