

## 6 and 8 Westgate, Cowbridge

1766, 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> September Conveyance, lease and re-lease for £170 between Thomas Edmondson, late of Cowbridge, peruke(wig) maker and his wife Mary to John Edmondson of Cowbridge –  
a messuage, barn, orchard and garden converted into a bowling green in the western village of Cowbridge. Had been purchased by Robert Lougher from Lewis Lewis of Llangadock (an earlier lease and mortgage for £110.6s is quoted, from Robert and Mary Lougher to Thos. Edmondson, dated 18/19 February 1757)

*D/D X 57/2/1-15*

1768, July Property conveyed from John Edmondson and wife Charlotte to Walter Williams of Cowbridge, innkeeper *Deeds*

1783 Walter Williams owned; Mrs Collins occupied, three burgages *Burgage rent 13*

1794, 22<sup>nd</sup> February (codicil 16<sup>th</sup> January 1796) Will of Walter Williams, leaving the property to his wife Susanna for life (she died 1801), then to John Maxse, eldest son of John Maxse of Bristol, merchant. John Maxse junior died before 21 yrs of age in 1798, leaving his brother James as the next eldest son. Walter Williams had a son Thomas who was left £600 by his father; he had died by the date of the conveyance.

Following the deaths of Walter and Susanna Williams, the property passed to John Maxse *Deeds*

1806-16 John Maxse esq. owned; occupied by John Thomas, two burgages, Thomas Llewellyn, one burgage *BR*

1813, 27/28 December Conveyance transferring the property from John Maxse of Arnos Vale, Bristol to John Thomas of Cowbridge, carrier, and (trustee) Edward Ballard junior of Cowbridge, ironmonger, also to James Simpson of Cowbridge, innholder –  
messuage and gardens in the occupation of the overseers of the poor in Cowbridge, and of Thomas Llewellyn (excepting a part of the garden in the occupation of the overseers of the poor, measuring 204 sq yds), adjacent south the stables and coach house in the occupation of Thomas Llewellyn, which John Thomas is to fence,  
adjacent east the said coach house and stables,  
west a house and garden in the occupation of Thomas Thomas (father of John Thomas),  
north the turnpike road.

1817, February Property mortgaged for £200 by John Thomas to William Nicholl of Cowbridge, now 'lately converted into two dwelling houses'.

March 1826 Indenture - referred to on 3/2/1835 below

*Gwyn & Gwyn papers*

1828, 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> March Mortgage document, £300, being transferred from Rev John Nicholl of Cowbridge, clerk, Illtyd Nicholl of Usk, and John Thomas to John Bevan, gent. of Cowbridge –  
a messuage late in the occupation of the overseers of the poor and Thos. Llewellyn, on the site of which messuage John Thomas has lately erected two new dwelling houses, with a coach house, adjacent east a malthouse of Thomas Llewellyn, west a house late in the occupation of Thomas Thomas (son of John Thomas), now in ruins,  
south by the lands of Thomas Edmond.

?1832 John Thomas owned and occupied, two burgages

*BR 13*

3/2/1835 Thos Edmond, the Revd Thos Edmond and John Thomas of Cowbridge – they leased to John Thomas a ruinous messuage, carthouse and shed, bordered on the east by a cottage being built by the said John Thomas on the hereds comprised in the indenture of March 1826 on the east, a cottage occupied by Mrs John Perkins on the west, on the south a garden then and for many years in occ. of John Thomas.  
All above hereds. better described as 3 dwelling houses adjoining, with gardens behind, now occupied by John Harman, blacksmith, William Jones, butcher and John Griffiths, blacksmith  
*Gwyn & Gwyn papers*

1837 John Thomas carrier and James Reynolds the younger, draper, to Thomas Bassett of Welsh St Donats – lease for a year : all those 3 dwellings adjoining, plus gardens and garden behind the house of John Thomas, held by lease from Thomas Edmond – the houses occ by John Harman, blacksmith, William Jones butcher, and John Griffiths blacksmith.

13/6/1837 Conveyance of houses in West Village, John Thomas and others to Thomas Bassett – whereas by lease and release of 1826, release being between Hugh Leicester (1), Rt Hon John Charles ? Earl of Clarendon and Hon Maria Harriet Villiers his daughter (2) Wm Charles Hayter (3) Evan Griffiths Esq. (4) Elias Bassett and Jonathan Howells (5) Sd John Thomas (6) and James Reynolds (7) :

A messuage or warehouse, outhouse and cottage since converted into dwelling houses in western end, occ by John Thomas, having house of John Thomas on the east, garden of Mrs Eleanor Markham and a property of Thomas Edmond Esq. and Rev Thos Edmond, held by said John Thomas and used by him as a warehouse, but which the Edmond have since devised to him and which he has converted into a dwelling house, on the west,  
was conveyed to John Thomas.

Whereas in May 1826 JT mortgaged the property to Elizabeth and Ann Bassett who both died, leaving John James Bassett as executor; whereas in Feb 1835 Thos Edmondson the elder (1) Rev Thos Edmondson (2) leased to Jn Thomas (3) for 999 yrs all that ruinous messuage, carthouse and shed bounded on the east by a messuage being built by Jn Thomas, on west cottage occ by Mrs John Perkins, on south garden for many yrs occ by Jn Thomas.

1843 Owner John Bevan; occupier John Thomas *Tithe 212*

1851 John Thomas (No. 6) *Census 33*  
 William Llewellyn (No. 8) *Census 32*

1856, 19<sup>th</sup> December Property passed to Thomas Llewellyn of the Vurlong, near Cowbridge, widower, by a conveyance from John Bevan and John Thomas - a messuage or dwelling house, stable, coach house and large garden in the occupation of John Thomas, at a rent of £20, and also a cottage or dwelling house adjacent to the said messuage, with a small garden, in the occupation of Samuel Howells senior, rent £4.10s, all adjacent on the east to a malthouse of the said Thomas Llewellyn and houses and ground held under the Corporation of Cowbridge, west the new houses of Richard Bassett, erected on the site of a ruinous house with gardens, north the turnpike road, and south the lands of the Rev. Thomas Edmondson. *Gwyn and Gwyn 2004/11*

1861 No.6 Morgan Morgan, shoemaker, with wife Catherine *Census 138*  
 No.8 Anne Howells, farmer's widow, with son Samuel, a 42 year old maltster and master brewer *Census 137*

1871 No.6 Catherine Harris, spinster, 60, a seminary, b Neath *Census 157*  
 No.8 Richard Thomas, general labourer *Census 156*

1874 No. 8 Richard Thomas occ.' Thomas Llewellyn owned; RV £9  
*Glam County Rate*

1881 No. 6 Elizabeth and Maria Joseph, dressmakers and sisters *Census 28*  
 No. 8 Richard Thomas, as before *Census*

1891 No. 6 Walter Pinfield, solicitor's clerk, with wife Ellen and baby son *Census 30*  
 No. 8 Morgan J Morgan, shoemaker *Census 29*

1899, 22<sup>nd</sup> August Conveyance between Maria Louisa Davies of High St, Cowbridge and Emma Williams of Walkley, Yorkshire (daughters of Thomas Llewellyn)

and Robert Lane of Coedhills Farm, St Hilary (having received deeds of 2 messuages, lately purchased by W A James from ? Robert Lane).

22/8/1899 Robert Lane of Coedhills Farm, St Hilary, having received deeds of 2 messuages from Maria Louisa Davies (High St, Cowbridge, and Emma Williams of Walkley, Sheffield, heirs of Thos Llewellyn, on 22/8/1899, lately purchased by WA James from the above. Recites:

17,8/2/1817 Lease and Release John Thomas and William Nicholl  
17,8/3/1828 Land R, John Nicholl, Illtyd Nicholl, John Bevan  
1830, 1831 Inds of further charge betw J Thos and JB  
19/12/1856 Conveyance, John Bevan (1), John Thomas (2) Thomas  
Llewellyn (3). *Gwyn & Gwyn*

1901 No. 6 Sidney Lane, 31, agricultural implement stores and show repairer b Llanblethian, with wife Mary, 30, b Cowbridge and sons William, 8, Robert, 6, Sidney, 5, Frank, 1, and daughter Alice, 3 *Census*

No. 8. Morgan Morgan, 53, shoemaker own account, with wife Mary, 51 and sons Philip 12 and Morgan 8 *Census*

1910 No. 6 Sidney Lane occ., James Cross (Masons Arms) owned  
No. 8 Morgan Morgan (or Miss W Morgan) occ., James Cross owned  
*D/DPRO/VAL/1/46*

1912 No. 6 Sidney Lane, gardener  
No.8 Morgan Morgan *Western Mail street directory*

1919 James Cross owner *Record of valuations D/D PRO/VAL/1/46*

1921 No. 6 Sidney, Mary and Frank Lane  
No. 8. Philip and Mary Morgan *Electoral register*

### **The Lanes/Johns of Westgate and Aberthin**

*Mr A H Lane of Yeovil, the grandson of Sidney Lane who lived at No. 6 in 1912, has written about his family :*

Sidney was one of six children of Robert and Mary Ann Lane, who lived in Aberthin, probably Aberthin House (recorded there 1861, 1871and 1881 censuses). Sidney had married Mary John.

His grandson wrote : 'I remember a big formal picture of a bearded man in mayoral robes and chain of office hanging in my parents' room in Bridgend; my mother had told me he was Edward John, my great-grandfather.

Sidney and Mary had 8 children – Frank Percival (my father), Anne, Robert Edward, Sydney, Alice, Ernest, Doris and William Eaton, who was killed in France in 1916. I was in Cowbridge recently and saw his name on the Cenotaph – he was down as a private, when in fact he was a sergeant.

My father Frank worked for Edward John in the Eagle Agricultural shop; when the Great War came in 1914, he joined up and lied about his age, being only 15 – a lot of men did that, I gather’.

***Sources/abbreviations** : Most documents used for reference are held in GRO (Glamorgan Record Office). Gwyn & Gwyn solicitors’ papers were seen by Jeff Alden in 2004. PRO = Public Record Office (Kew). BR = burgage rentals in GRO*