

6 High Street, Cowbridge

1738	John Robert, barber owned, one burgage	<i>Burgage rents 42</i>
1762	Town owned	<i>BR 42</i>
1773	Thomas Thomas esq. for the Town house, 3/-	<i>LTA</i>
1782	Thomas Thomas owned and occupied, one burgage	<i>BR 43</i>
1793	Mr Thomas Thomas owned; Mr Thomas Thomas and William Roberts occupied, 4/-	<i>LTA</i>
1800	Mr Thomas Thomas owned; Evan Richard and Thomas Griffiths occupied, 4/-	<i>LTA</i>
1805	Thomas Thomas owned; Thomas Griffith occupied, one burgage	<i>BR 43</i>
1815	David Jones owned and occupied, 4/-, dwelling	<i>LTA</i>
1816 – 33	David Jones owned and occupied, one burgage	<i>BR 43</i>
1835	David Jones, Ship Aground	<i>B/Cow 8</i>
1843	Mary Jones owned and occupied, Ship Aground public house	<i>Tithe</i>
1851	Teresa Jones, 29, born Cowbridge (Ship) – daughter of David Jones, glazier and Mary, baptised 1819)	<i>Census 80</i>

‘Only an oil portrait of Rev.J Walters was rescued from the bonfire of his papers. Many years after, the portrait was hung up on the wall in...the Ship Aground. It was so little valued that it had been stuck into its frame head downward. Poor demented Lewis Walters was then alive and recognised his father’s portrait...and was indignant. The people present pacified him by restoring the portrait to its proper position’.

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1861 Owen Roberts, 50, born Chatham, Kent, victualler and master nailer, with wife, three daughters, mother-in-law, aunt, granddaughter and 2 lodgers (Ship) *Census 188*

‘Owen Roberts made nails by hand in a small smithy at the rear of the Ship Aground. His wife, the innkeeper, would talk intelligently of the struggle in passing the Reform Bill, and her husband referred to her as the ‘White Sergeant’

Reminiscences of EW Miles D/Dx dg 3

1871 Thomas David, 75, born Llangan with wife, daughter and lodger (Cross Keys)
Census 202

1871 Conveyance, James Ballard, William Lewis, John Simpson and others (upon trusts of settlement 1849 on the marriage of William Thomas and Jane Richards) to John Jones
Deeds

1881 Frederick A Miles, 34, born Cowbridge, grocer, with wife, 2 sons and 2 lodgers
Census 73

1889 Conveyance, John Jones to trustees of William Thomas and others
Deeds

1891 Frederick Miles, grocer, with wife, 3 sons, 3 daughters, 2 servants and one apprentice
Census 72

1892 Death of William Thomas

1901 Frederick A Miles, his wife, 5 sons and 4 daughters
Census 129

'I remember having my photograph taken when a small boy by a visiting artist who rented accommodation at the Ship Aground inn occasionally'

Reminiscences of EW Miles D/Dx dg3

1904 Described as a dwelling house and shop, the freehold property of Elizabeth Ann Moon of Hill House, Llanblethian, the wife of Frank Moon, and of Mary Edith Savours of Fontigary, wife of David Walter Savours (the two remaining beneficiaries of Frederick Miles)
Deeds

1906 Conveyance, EA Moon and ME Savours to Mrs Wilmot Agnes Miles – that messuage in High St., formerly the site of the Cross Keys inn, and for many years in the occupation of Frederick Augustus Miles, grocer, as tenant, and now in occupation of his widow.
Deeds

1910 W A Miles, owned and occupied the house an shop etc
D/D PRO/VAL/1/46

We lived next door. I remember I was terrified of him (Mr Miles) for some reason or another. I remember him because of the bacon. He used to take sides of bacon down the bottom of the garden and drop them in the river which ran past both our gardens. He had made a sort of basin of stones which the river ran through. On enquiry, I was told it was to wash it. Years later, I also learned it was to soak it so as to make it much heavier'

*Reminiscences of David Harris of Llysworney,
who grew up in the Blue Bell, no. 2 High St.*

1912 Mrs Miles
Western Mail directory

1921 WA Miles and family
Electoral roll

- 1926 Mrs W A Miles, grocer *Electoral register*
1929 WA Miles died, leaving the property to her children *Deeds*
- 1947 William, Henrietta, Dorothy and Harry Miles and John Richards
(*John Richards was later the author of 'A Cowbridge Story'*) *Electoral register*
- 1953 21 year lease, Miles family to HC and MJ Weston of RAF Llandow (Weston's
grocery shop) *Deeds*
*Margaret Weston, later of Kumalo House, Eastgate, became mayor of Cowbridge
in the late 1970s*
- 1965 Assignment of lease, Westons to AH and AA Morris of Bridgend *Deeds*
- 1967 Further 5 year lease (1974-9), HB Miles to Morris *Deeds*
- 1967 Underlease, AH and AA Morris to DE Wood *Deeds*
- 1967+ Woods greengrocer's (*giving Green Shield stamps*) *Local knowledge*
- 1971 Assignment of lease, Morris to CC Thornton *Deeds*
- 1970 'Guy's' restaurant – Guy Thornton *Local knowledge*
- 1978 Planning application : new shop front, change of use from restaurant to shop
Deeds
- Ca 1991 – 1995 Rumours hairdressers
- By 1999 Eastgate Antiques (run by Liz Herbert)

Sources/abbreviations :

GRO Glamorgan Record Office

PRO Public Record Office

LTA Land tax assessments (GRO)

BR Burgage rentals (GRO)

Tithe, census, directories, register of Electors – in GRO

D/D Deposits in GRO