

## Town Hall Cottages

- 1861 Town Hall buildings :  
Edward Grant, ag lab, 38
- 1901 William Rawlings, 47, farm lab, b Bridgwater + w + Stepson *Census#188*  
Jane Knapton, wid, 54, b Newport, Mon, + 3 sons *Census# 189*  
Harriet Wells, wid, 76, b Carmarthen + s + 2 boarders *Census#190*
- 1910 Town Hall Square:  
William Morgan, occ, Corporation, owner (no 279)  
F Knapton\*, (280)  
J & F Knapton\* (281)  
William Brown (282) *D/D PRO/VAL/1/46*
- 1910 Houses & gardens, Town Hall Sq. Very old stone/straw thatched cottages, 2 rooms  
+ pantry, 3 bedrooms. All owned by the Corporation; occ (1) Wm Morgan -  
dilapidated (2) T Knapton - better condition; (3) J & F Knapton - very poor; (4) Wm Brown.  
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- "The Knapton family lived in two of the three cottages behind the Town Hall. They had two cottages because they were a sizeable family and one of the daughters was a seamstress and taught dressmaking. She always had up to six learners, and so occupied one cottage herself. Son Fred was very well known in the town. He was a monumental mason and made all the local gravestones. He worked in the yard on the Bridge. There were other boys I knew. Syd worked for Evans the Draper in the shop, and I think Willie was a teacher".

*Reminiscences of David Harris, Llysworney*

### **Sources/abbreviations :**

*GRO Glamorgan Record Office (where most documents referred to here are held, including D/D deeds)*

*PRO Public Record Office (Kew)*

