

31 High Street

A grade II listed building, 'retaining some 17th century character, whose gable facing street reflects burgess plots of ancient Cowbridge'.

See CADW/RCAHM

Occupants

1730	Sampson Sweeting	<i>D/C 47</i>
1738	Sampson Sweeting, half burgage the Tanyard	<i>BR#131</i>
1744	Sampson Sweeting half b. the Tanyard in tenure Thomas Thomas, glazier	<i>BR#131</i>
1750	Sampson Sweeting	<i>D/C 55</i>
1762	John Lewis, the Tanyard	<i>BR#127</i>
1773	Robert Cooke, 4/6d	<i>LTA</i>
ca 1780	Benjamin Thomas by lease	<i>BR#134</i>
1784	Benjamin Thomas 6/-	<i>LTA</i>
1793	Mrs Rebecca Bevan. 6/-	<i>LTA</i>
1798	Mrs H Thomas	<i>BR#131</i>
1799	Mrs Waters, 6/-	<i>LTA</i>
1800	Robert Thomas 6/-	<i>LTA</i>
1804	Robert Thomas	<i>BR#131</i>
1815	Thomas Hunt 6/-	<i>LTA</i>
1821	Thomas Hunt	<i>Deeds</i>
1823	Mary Hunt, widow, and Rev. Henry Scawen Plumtre	<i>do</i>
1828	Thomas Howell	<i>Deeds</i>
1830	Thomas Howells 6/-	<i>LTA</i>
1830	Thomas Howell, baker	<i>Pigot</i>
1843	Thomas Howell- house and garden	<i>Tithe #59</i>
1848	Thomas Howell, baker	<i>Kellys</i>
1850	William Thomas	<i>Deeds</i>
1851	Elizabeth Thomas (servant)	<i>Census #99</i>
1861	Mary Williams, baker's wife	<i>do #70</i>
1862	Thomas Williams	<i>Deeds</i>
1871	Thomas Williams, baker	<i>Census #77</i>
1881	Mary Williams, baker and flour dealer	<i>do #241</i>
1891	Mary Williams, baker	<i>do #237</i>
1901	Mary Williams, retired baker	<i>do #182</i>
1914	David Williams, grocer	<i>Kellys</i>
1926	Arthur Sanders, boot repairer	<i>Kellys</i>
In a little cottage behind the shop lived Robert Thomas, 'Bob the Bus', who was a local bus inspector.		
1980s	Sanders shoe shop (display window), with No 29 Sanders chiropody practice behind	<i>Local knowledge</i>
1995	Glyn Jenkins, delicatessen	<i>do</i>
1999	do do	

2015 Elephant & Bun delicatessen

Owners

1730	Evan Seys		<i>D/C 47</i>
1744	Sampson Sweeting		<i>BR#127</i>
1750	Evan Seys, clerk		<i>D/C 55</i>
1762	Mr Jones late Sampson Sweeting		<i>BR#127</i>
1784	Robert Jones	6/-	<i>LTA</i>
1800	Robert Jones	6/-	<i>LTA</i>
1815	Thomas Hunt	6/-	<i>LTA</i>
1822	Mary Hunt, widow		<i>Deeds</i>
1828	Thomas Howell late of Aburthin		<i>do</i>
1830	Thomas Howells	6/-	<i>LTA</i>
1850	William Thomas - conveyance 24.06.1850.		<i>Deeds</i>
1862	Thomas Williams - conveyance 29.08.1862		<i>do</i>
1910	John Williams, London House. Includes 4 old 2-roomed cottages at rear (vacant 1909)		<i>PRO IR58/18461/288</i>

Census Returns

1851	Elizabeth Thomas	22	unm	house servant, b. Llanblethian
1861	Mary Williams	37	wife	baker's wife, b. Glamorgan
	Mary "	dau	10	unm, scholar, b. Glamorgan
1871	Thomas Williams	47	mar	baker, b. St. Hilary
	Mary "	wife	47	b. Ystradowen
	Mary "	dau	26	unm assistant, b. Cowbridge
1881	Mary Williams	57	head	widow, baker & flour-dealer, b. Welsh St Donats
	"	servant		
1891	Mary Williams	67	widow, baker,	+ 2 servants + boarder
1901	Mary Williams,	77,	retired baker, b Prisk	+ Blanche John, grandchild, 18, draper's assistant, b Cowbridge

Deed extracts

22 April 1822 Mortgage between Mary Hunt of Cowbridge, widow, and David Jones of Saint Faggans, miller all that messuage or dwelling house, malthouse, the malthouse being now converted to a schoolroom and garden, now in the tenure of the said Mary Hunt and Reverend Scawen Plumtre situate in Cowbridge, having the dwelling house and premises of James Hiscock, grocer, on the east, a dwelling house and premises occupied by Ann Nicholl, widow, on the west, a meadow and pasture field of John Bevan Esq., on the north and a highway leading through Cowbridge to Cardiff on south; together with all and singular houses, outhouses, edifices, buildings, cellars, sollars, yards, areas, pump, privies, wayswaters, watercourses, privileges, easements profile commodities,

involvements, hereditaments and appurtenances to the said dwelling house or messuage, hereditaments and premises hereby bargained.

(Note: Thomas Hunt - yeoman died 21 April 1821, will dated 24 November 1817. Property left to his wife Mary.)

- 07 February 1828 Lease for 1 year between David Jones of St Faggans, miller, and William John of the parish of Llanblethian -all that messuage or dwelling house, malthouse now converted into a schoolroom and garden late in the tenure of Mary Hunt and now of the said Thomas Howell, late of Aburthin, with dwelling house premises of James Hiscocks, grocer on the east, a dwelling house and premises occupied by Thomas Davies, surgeon on the west (and as in indenture of 1822).
- 08 February 1828 Transfer of mortgage between David Jones, Saint Faggans, miller(1), Thomas Howell, late of Aburthin now in Cowbridge,(2), and William John, farmer(3). Mary Hunt's will dated 22 December 1827 devised the said premises to Thomas Howell son of Thomas Howell. William John paid £200 to David Jones as mortgage. Thomas Howell, unable to pay requested William John to advance the samehe agreed.....repayment to be made with interest.
- 1844 William John left his mortgage interest in certain premises in Cowbridge in the occupation of Thomas Howell, baker, to his daughter Catherine Thomas (will 1844 attached). Catherine John and William Thomas of Colwinston married at Llanblethian 21.5.1836. She died 29.11.1844 and was buried at Colwinston. Catherine Thomas, spinster, and Ann Thomas, wife of Edward Thomas, were their surviving children
- 24 June 1850 Mr Thomas Howell to Mr William Thomas - Conveyance of the Equity of Redemption on a freehold dwelling house, malthouse (schoolroom) garden and premises in Cowbridge (belonging to) Thomas Howell, yeoman and William Thomas of Ty Maen in parish of Colwinstone, farmer..... with James Hiscock on the east, Ann Nicholl widow on west and the meadow of John Bevan on the north.
- (Mary Hunt left to Thomas Howell described as son of Thomas Howell of Aburthin - shoemaker in her will, she died 10 January 1828).
- 29 August 1862 Conveyance of freehold dwelling house etc (as before) from Mr William Thomas to Mr Thomas Williams. Indenture made between John John of Aburthin, farmer(1), William Thomas, late of Ty Maen Colwinstone now of Waterton Court, Coychurch, farmer (2), Catherine Thomas of the same place, spinster, and Edward Thomas of the parish of Coity, labourer and Ann, his wife (3) and Thomas Williams of Cowbridge, baker (4). (Mary Hunt died 10 January 1828). Edward Thomas intermarried with Ann Thomas. ...House next to premises of late James Hiscock now belonging to RCN Carne Esq. and occupied by William Harris, grocer. A dwelling house and premises formerly occupied by Ann Nicholl, widow, but now belonging and occupied by John Parsons, grocer on the west and the meadow belonging to John Bevan Esq., and now occupied by Mr Thomas Ballard (on north).

Information on travelling circus - Elgeva Thomas in 'Cowb. Buildings & People'

Will

Dated 4 July 1844 of William John of Aberthin - farmer.

To his wife Mary he left house, stables and appurtenances and then to pass to his son John John - customary hold

To his son David John house, stables and bam in parish of Ystradowen - customary hold

To his daughter Margaret Williams inn or public house - Farmers Arms in the town of Cowbridge - leasehold

To his daughter Jane Phillip mortgage interest in leasehold premises in the town of Cowbridge in the occupation of the widow of Thomas Woodwell Davies - surgeon deceased.

Mortgage interest to daughter Catherine Thomas premises situated in Cowbridge and now in the occupation of Thomas Williams – baker (*no 31*)

Monetary gifts between

daughter Mary Hopkin and between her seven children living with her

granddaughter Margaret Hopkin - now living with me
granddaughter Mary daughter of my son David John
to the six children of my deceased son Thomas John.

Probate

Granted 14 April 1845. Proved at Llandaff 13.9.1844.
Mary, wife of William John executor. Will witnessed by
E. Bafuth. solicitor, Llantwit Major and Thomas Jenkins -
Aberthin - farmer.

Under £1500.

Sources 'references :

D/D and other deeds = in GRO (Glamorgan Record Office)

LTA = land tax assessments in GRO

BR = burgage rentals in GRO