

<b>Research Document:</b>	<b>Lake Farm and area, Cowbridge</b>
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<b>Source Abbreviations</b>	
GRO	Glamorgan Record Office
NLW	National Library of Wales
Bute	Papers in NLW
D/D	Deeds in GRO
	Tithe, parish records – in GRO
chs	Cowbridge History Society

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Lake Farm and area, Cowbridge</b>	<b>Source</b>
1523	Lease by the Commons of the town of Cowbridge to William Prenche, burgess, of Priour's hill, with wood and meadow adjacent to the Thaw on the west, town lands on the east, Halfpenny mede and Halfpenny lake on the north, and land of William Bassett, gent, now held by Rees Mawncell on the south, for 70 years (subsequent deal: Priors hill alias The Lake)	Penrice & Margam 4c, 2810
1659	Lease for 99 years or lives of Robert Williams and daughters Cecelie and Gwenllian, Philip Earl of Pembroke to William Thomas of Aberthin gent. – land (16 acres) formerly occupied by David and William Gwyllym and land called the Lakeway, formerly occupied by Cicill Bassett widow in Llanblethian <i>(Endorsed in later hand – Mr Andrew Mathews)</i>	D/D Dynevor 190
1708	Will of Lewis Evors, alderman – leaves, after death of wife Maud Kemeys, to James Mayo of Bonvilston, tailor, four acres of customary hold land, purchased from Howell Bennett of Llanblethian called Cae-r Lake and adjoining a parcel of land there called Heol y Lake or Lake Way to wife Maud.....	<i>chs05297</i>
1712	Lease of Talbot family – Charles Talbot of Worcester Esq. to Richard Bates of Cowbridge gent. – land and property in Cowbridge and Llanblethian including lands called Erw y Lake (one acre)	D/D Dynevor 206
1713	Will of Maud Kemeys – bequeaths to nephew John Williams, alderman, 4 acres of customary land in Llanblethian (Peder Erw yr Lake)	
1729-1730	Surrender by Nathaniel Taynton and wife Joan (heir to Francis Williams deceased, the trustee of John Miles) – two parcels of land, eight acres, called kaya'r lake (used by William Miles). Endorsements in 1747 and 1753.	D/D Ed 54
1735	Further lease for 21 years to Richard Bates	D/D Dynevor 211
1737	Llanblethian reeve : Mr William David, farmer, for Lakeway	Bute R1/1
1750 (& similar in 1759)	Close near the lake (four and a quarter acres) occupied by Oliver Richards, covenanted to be surrendered by John Deere yeoman to the use of feoffee in trust for Thomas Edmondes. Closes of customary hold land (eight acres) called the lake, in the occupation of Oliver Richard, surrendered by Richard Bassett gent (feoffee in trust for William Miles clerk and wife Ann deceased) and David Jenkins gent (attorney for William Miles) to the use of John Thomas yeoman, as feoffee in trust for Thomas Edmondes, 18th Feb 1747/8.	D/D Ed 265

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1777	21 year lease to Thomas Horsman of Cowbridge gent. – six fields (24 acres) near the Lake, formerly occupied by Richard Bates’s widow in Llanblethian and St Hilary	D/D Dynevor 219
1786	John David of the Lake, 3s.6d.	Llanblethian tithe accounts
1811	The Lake – William and Ann Evan	St Hilary parish records
1820, 13 <sup>th</sup> May	<p><i>Around this area</i> – valuable freehold pasture lands for sale by Mr T. Watkins.</p> <p>Lot 1. A field in the occupation of Mr Simpson measuring about six acres, held under a lease for the life of Richard Lewis (aged 45) at the yearly rent of £9, but the present annual value of the premises is about £22.</p> <p>Lot 2. Two fields in the occupation of Mr Daniel Jones called Beggar’s Bush, containing about four acres, held at the yearly rent of £12. 12s.</p> <p>Lot 3. Three fields in the occupation of Morgan Thomas at the yearly rent of £28, containing about 14 acres.</p> <p>The lots are situate close to the town of Cowbridge and are highly desirable as situations for building.</p>	<i>Cambrian</i>
Ca 1837	From a copy of the Court Roll, admission of Thomas Edmondes senior, estate includes – two closes of land (twelve and a half acres) called cae Miles and cae Deere, near the lake in the occupation of Thomas Edmondes senior	D/D Ed 180
1840	Owner Elenora Markham ( <i>Nicholl/Carne family</i> ), occupier David Davies - Gwain y Lake	Tithe 294
1862, 6 <sup>th</sup> December	The Cowbridge Hounds will meet at The Lake on Monday, December 8 <sup>th</sup> .	<i>Cardiff &amp; Merthyr Guardian</i>
1873	Nicholl-Carne sale : one of the many properties in this sale let on a yearly tenancy - Lake Farm, 27 acres, to David Evans	Gwyn & Gwyn, <i>chs05165</i>
1884	Castell y Mynach sale documents : Lot 4. Piece of pasture land, one acre, one rod, eight perches or thereabouts, commonly known as ‘Part of the Lake’, now in the occupation of Mr John Jones of Llanblethian Farm as yearly tenant.	D/D SA – <i>chs00157</i>
1900, 25 <sup>th</sup> January	Found – six yearling sheep, black faces and red mark across the loins. D. Powell, Lake Farm	<i>South Wales Daily News</i>
1920s	Bert Jenkins, as a boy, would go fishing in the Thaw with Mr Fred Evans, retired Cowbridge tailor, in the fields opposite Lake Farm, catching trout ‘which were plentiful’. He was taught how to catch them by hand. There were otters there too.	Bert Jenkins – <i>chs02533</i>

