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Source Abbreviations

GRO	Glamorgan Record Office
NLW	National Library of Wales
Aberthin	Aberthin papers in NLW
	Census, registers of electors and directories – all in the GRO
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Date	11 Westgate, Cowbridge	Source
	<p>One of a row of three (houses) built on what was originally a small corner of 'Early's garden' (<i>see 11a Westgate</i>). No 7 was the first house on the site; the owners subsequently built nos 9 and 11 on what was described in the purchase deed of 1724 as 'garden, curtilage and plot of ground', to the side of the house or 'mansion'.* The result was that the three premises, unlike most in the town, have no back gardens. Thomas Wyndham of Dunraven had sold the site to Jane Llewellyn of Cowbridge, spinster, who is almost certainly the Jane Jenkin (s), widow, who was the owner-occupier down to her death at the age of 85 in 1774.</p> <p>Nos. 7, 9 and 11 Westgate are grade III listed.</p> <p>'Mansion' had a rather different meaning then!</p>	Brian James
1851	<i>Possibly</i> - John Bailey, 30, agricultural labourer born Ireland, wife Jane 37 born Bristol, lodger William ? Howe 31, boot and shoemaker journeyman from Bristol, lodger John Jenkins, 69, a sawyer from St Mary Church, lodger Mary Lakeham, 21, house servant from Ireland and lodger Ellen Clifford, 20, house servant born Ireland	Census 7
1861	<i>Possibly</i> - William Tilley, 37, implement maker etc and employer, wife Mary, 42, daughters Eliza 14, Lydia 12 and Mary 10, and son David, 5	Census 109
1871	John D. Evans, tailor, 34 born Carmarthen, wife Margaret 32 born Wick, daughters Ada 4, Bertha 4 and Elizabeth 3, all born in London, and nephew John Thomas, a tailor aged 19 from Carmarthen, and lodgers Catherine and Ann Mordecai, 21 and 19, laundresses born Penllyn	Census 121
1881	John Thomas 29, tailor, born Carmarthen, wife Rachel 26, born Ewenny, daughter Annie 3 and son David 1, both born Cowbridge	Census 276
1890, 18 th December	The will of William Llewellyn – he left all his property to his nephew, Thomas Llewellyn Lister	
1891, 12 th February	William Llewellyn died	
1891	John Thomas, 39, tailor, born Llanybydder, with wife Rachel 36, born St Brides Major, daughter Annie 13, a scholar and sons David 11, William 9, Thomas 6 (all scholars) and Owen 1, all born Cowbridge	Census 270

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1901	<p>Occupied by John Thomas, 49, a tailor, born Llandeilo, and wife Rachel, 46, nee Griffiths, born St Brides, with their children William, 19, an ornamental mason, Parry, 16, a railway porter, and Brinley 11, Mabel 8 and Alfred 5, plus mother-in-law Margaret Griffiths, a 65 year old dressmaker, born St Brides Major</p> <p><i>John Thomas was a nephew of John David Evans, tailor. In the 1871 census, he was living, aged 19, with John D Evans and family in this property. John D. Evans had moved his residence and his business into Church Street by 1901.</i></p>	Census 241
1911	John Thomas, 58, a tailor working at a draper's, born Llanybydder, Carmarthen, wife Rachel, 55, born St Brides, sons Brinley, 21, (a steam on locomotive boilers, railway work) and Alfred, 15, (a railway clerk), and a daughter Mabel, 15, (assistant to a draper), all three born Cowbridge	Census 223
1912	John Thomas, tailor	<i>Western Mail</i> directory
1913, 31 st July	The Dunraven Estate (the Earl of Dunraven) conveyed to Canon Thomas Llewellyn Lister of St Mark's Vicarage, Newport, Gwent – the garden of No. 9 and No. 11 Westgate (the piece of ground on which was erected the rear portion of the dwelling house, and the adjacent dwelling house), now in the occupation of the purchaser.	Aberthin 159 – with regard to the development of 11a Westgate
1919, 15 th September	Canon T. Llewellyn Lister of Newport sold 11 Westgate to tenant, Rachel Thomas, widow for £200	Aberthin & D/D SA 15-49, <i>chs00172</i>
1921	Rachel Tomas, Francis Gordon Gray	Electoral register
1923, March	Rachel Thomas sold to William John Thomas and his wife Rosa Mary of Brynblodau, Aberthin, post office clerk	Aberthin
1935	David Hopkin Davies and Lydia Davies	Register of electors
	Mr D.H. Davies had a saddlery and repair business in premises nearly opposite the National Provincial Bank. His wife sold grocery and sweets in 35 High Street.	Memories in a former parish magazine
1947	Frederick and Mary Roberts	Civilian Residence register
Ca 1960	In No. 11 was an old lady – she died over fifty years ago.	Mick Brown, 2015