

26 High Street

Nos 16 to 30 are grade II listed for their group value. All were originally Carne properties, leased or conveyed by Richard Franklen of Clemenstone in 1830-40

1841 Lease, Richard Franklen of Clemenstone to Thomas Lewis, gardener of Cowbridge, the piece of land between 20 and 30 High St, with covenant that he build 3 houses on the plot within 6 months, and also that a right of way 10 feet wide be preserved to give access to the rear of the properties, and that if built over, the spring of the arch may be 8 feet from the ground, 9 feet 3 inches in the centre
D/D Cl 1-17

1842 Transfer of lease, Thomas Lewis to John Griffiths *D/D Cl 1-17*

1843 John Griffiths, owned and occupied *Tithe*

1851 John Griffiths, 38, b Cowbridge, blacksmith employing 1 man, + 2 daughters + niece
Census#73

1861 John Griffiths, blacksmith and grocer, emp 1 man, + wife + 5 daughters + son + workman
Census#180

1871 John Griffiths, shoeing and jobbing smith, + wife + 3 sons + 2 daughters (inc Elizabeth, who later became Warren after emigrating to USA) + 2 grandchildren
Census# 194

1881 John Griffiths, 25, blacksmith, + wife + 2 bros *Census#65*

1891 John Griffiths + wife + son + mother-in-law + bro *Census#63*

1896 John Griffiths died *Parish records*

1901 Matilda Griffiths, 45, laundress, b Llanblethian + 3 sons + mother (Mary Thomas, 74, shirtmaker, b Llancarfan) and b-i-1, William Griffiths, 34, blacksmith, b Cowbridge (feeble-minded)

Census# 137

1910	Matilda Griffiths, o and occ, ho, shop &c	<i>D/D PRO/VAL/1/46</i>
1912	C Durston, butcher	<i>W. Mail directory</i>
1921	Matilda, Albert and Wm Thomas Lewis	<i>Electoral roll</i>
1950s	Jack Burnage, newsagent	<i>Local knowledge</i>
1957/8	Ken George, who had a gents' outfitters shop in 18 High Street, had a paper shop in no. 26	<i>Kent Drummond's memories - did a paper round for him</i>
1960s	Sinkins, newsagent (later Hollings)	<i>Local knowledge</i>
1980s	Dewhurst, butcher	<i>Electoral roll</i>
1999	I.G. Nicholas, butcher	

In approximately 1942 the property was rented to Mr. Jim Ball and his family by the owner Mrs Evelyn Homfray of Penllyn Castle, wife of Capt. Herbert Homfray. She was reputed, as a former member of the Mansel Franklyn family to have inherited several of the terraced properties in High Street including no.26.

Just after the war the front room and a bedroom were rented to a Mr. Reuben Owen and his wife. This was at a time of housing shortages and many houses were in multiple occupation. They subsequently moved to Borough Close on its completion.

During the late 40's Mr. Ball kept his racing pony in a stable at the end of the garden and regularly walked her through Cowbridge to exercise her on the Commons.

Mr. Ball later purchased the property and sold it to Mr. Jack Burnage who opened a newspaper shop. In 1960 the Ball family moved to Arfryn Farm on Primrose Hill.

Sources/abbreviations : GRO is Glamorgan Record Office, holding D/D deposits, census, tithe, electoral roll, parish records and directories