

19 High Street, Cowbridge – present Horse and Groom

The present pub appears to be a turn-of-the-century successor to the house of the same name next door at Nos. 13-17. the building appears to have taken over the earlier site of two houses either side of a narrow passageway (as shown on the 1843 tithe map), although in 1844 it was described as a single house.

- 1773 Thomas Thomas – a stable, 1/6d *LTA*
- 1783 Thomas Thomas owned; William Owen occupied, one cottage The Stable
Burgage rents 124
- 1784 and 1788 Thomas Thomas owned; William Owen occupied, 2/- *LTA*
- 1800 Thomas Thomas owned; Thomas Griffiths occupied, 2/- *LTA*
- 1815 Edward Ballard junior owned and occupied *LTA*
- 1830 Edward Ballard junior owned; Mrs Tamplin occupied, 2/- *LTA*
- 1830 Mrs Mary Tamplin, gentry *Pigot's directory*
- 1843 David Davies occupied *Tithe*
- 1851 John Thomas, 34, a master shoemaker employing 7, with his wife, son and 4 boarders (scholars), plus one servant *Census 87*
- 1861 Thomas Miles, 38, grocer/tea dealer employing two men, with wife, two daughters, a son and a servant *Census 59*
- 1871 William Stibbs, 36, born Cowbridge, a confectioner, with his wife, three sons and a servant *Census 65*
Also, Mary Ann Miles, 49, born Monmouth, a grocer, with 2 sons and 2 daughters *Census 66*
- 1881 William Hayter, 34, born Cowbridge, a house decorator, with his wife, son and father-in-law, and a servant *Census 229*
- 1891 William Hayter, 44, painter and confectioner, with wife and son Samuel, 19, a carpenter (who became publican here by 1914.) *Census 225*
- 1896 High Court of Justice, Chancery Division, Rees v Griffiths – sale of freehold double-fronted public house, known by the sign of ‘The Horse and Groom Inn’ with gardens, stables, brewhouse and other outbuildings, let on a yearly tenancy to Mr William Hayter at an annual rent of £41; together with a freehold dwelling house and confectioner’s shop, with garden, bakehouse and other offices thereto, adjoining the inn, let on a yearly tenancy to Mr Hopkin Watts at £25 p a.
Sale documents

1900 See plan attached to 13-17 High Street sale docs. *chs 00162*

1901 Unoccupied *Census*

Rebuilding and change of use to an inn

1901/6 William Herbert Hurch, Horse and Groom *Kelly's directory*

1910 William Henry Watkins occupied, Horse and groom; William Nell and Co.,
Eagle Brewery, Cardiff owned.
Modern. Ground floor : commercial room, tea room, bar, bar parlour, lavatory,
WC, cellar, kitchen and scullery. Upstairs : 5 bedrooms, billiard room
Outside : 5-stall stable, coach house, yard *PRO/IR 58/18461/278*

1912 William Henry Watkins, Horse and Groom *Western Mail street directory*

1914/1926 Samuel J. Hayter, Horse and Groom (his uncle was Samuel Hayter
photographer at 50 High St. in the 1891 census) *Kelly's directory*

1927-9 Albert Griffiths (Cllr Bert Griffiths) *Electoral register*

Subsequent publicans :

Mrs Griffiths

Don Griffiths *(there in 1947)* *Griffiths family*

Cllr Glyn McNeil

Mrs McNeil (during the 1960s, offered B and B) *Local knowledge*

1982 'Whitbread Wales have spent over £70,000 during the past five months on a
complete re-design of the interior to provide a large, Victorian-style bar. The new
Horse and Groom will also be offering a 'fast food' service with a difference for
its customers. They will be able to choose from a new range of meals developed
by French chef Emile, and the menu will include more exotic dishes such as
moussaka and lasagne. Running the pub will be licensees Paul and Alyson
Hacker. *South Wales Echo 11/3/82*

1985 Robert Brown *Electoral register*

1995 Previous floor replaced with wooden floor from Newport High School for boys,
demolished in that year *Alan Richards*

1999 Horse and Groom public house

Sources : Most documents used for reference are held in Glamorgan Record Office