

41 High Street

Grade II listed - 18th century doorway with fine moulded hood. 17th century origins. Details CADW/RCAHM

1717 Cecil Portrey (daughter of William Aubrey) occupied, William Cornish, apothecary, owned D/DX75/18-19

1738 Pierce Cornish, Esq for 14 b in tenure of Philip Walton Burgage rentals

pre 1763 Owner - Pierce Cornish, occ - Margaret and Cecil Aubrey
(latter had separated from husband Edward Portrey in 1700, and their lands were divided) D/DX75/173

1765 Owner - John Willson, Sadler of Bath (& Cowbridge, cousin of Pierce Cornish)
Occ - Philip Walton, clockmaker (or undertenants) D/D X75/173
(see note on Philip Walton, below)

1766 Owner - John Walton, surgeon, son of Philip and Mary D/DX75/179

1773-84 John Walton, owned + occ, 10/- LTA

1790 Will of John Walton, devising house to Thos. Franklen (JW died 3/11/1790)

D/D Cl 1/227

1793 Thomas Franklen Esq. owned, Mr John Bevan, occ 10/- LTA

1806-15 Thos Franklen, Esq., o, Dr Bevan occ, 14 b BR#135

1829, 12th December Auction by Mr William Morris at the Bear on December 15th, of a most desirable freehold dwelling house situated near the Market House in the centre of the town with a frontage of about 14 yards, containing two excellent parlours, two kitchens, pantry and Brewhouse on the ground floor, and five good sleeping rooms together with a roomy court, three-stall stable and good walled garden attached, now in the occupation of T W Davies surgeon as tenant at will. *Cambrian ? relating to this property*

1830 T. Franklyn, owned, Mrs Bevan, occ 10/- LTA

1843 John Bevan, owner and occupier Tithe

1851 John Bevan, unmarried, aged 47, solicitor, born Glamorgan Servant: Mary Howell, aged 29 Census# 104

1861 John Bevan, aged 57, landed proprietor and solicitor
Illtyd Nicholl, cousin, widower aged 75, magistrate for the counties of Monmouth and Glamorgan Census#76

1864 House, garden and premises, formerly owned by Mistress Bevan, and occupied by John Bevan, Esq Deeds of 43 High St

1866 Dwelling house belonging to, and in occupation of, John Bevan, Esq Deeds of 39 High St

- 1871 Mary Preece, widow, 48, boarding house keeper, born Cardigan
Hannah Hopkins, dom. servant, 35, born Llantwit Major *Census#84*
- 1871 John Bevan owned dwelling house and garden *Deeds of 43 High St*
- 1881 Eleanor A. Prichard, single, 76 years, annuitant, born Margam;
Decima Prichard, sister, single, 66 years, annuitant, born Llangan
+ visitor + servant/cook + housemaid *Census#246*
- (Decima Prichard, born 1814, daughter of Richard and Eleanor Prichard of
Llangan Parsonage) *Llangan Parish records*
- 1887 Dwelling house belonging to John Bevan, Esq., now in occupation of Miss
Prichard *Deeds of 39 High St*
- 1891 Decima Prichard, aged 76 + Elizabeth E. Jones, niece, 56 years, born Margam
(living on own income) + visitor + servant + housemaid *Census#243*
- pre 1897 Property unoccupied for a while after death of Miss Prichard *Deeds*
- 1897 Death of John Bevan the owner on 7th January whilst living at Varese in northern Italy
Memorial in Holy Cross Church
- 1900 Mrs Susanna Jane Moorman wife of Admiral Richard Moorman, RN, of
Exmouth, died 11/9/00, bequeathed the property to her nephew, Edward Morgan
Dawson Thomas *Deeds*
- 1900 House known as Ty Hen.
Owner Edward M.D. Thomas.
Stable and coach-house let to Arthur Stephen Evans.
House occupied by Anne Eliza Culverwell, as sub-tenant of A.S. Evans. *Deeds*
- 1901 Alice E Culverwell, s, 41, schoolmistress, b Goathurst, Somerset + Elizabeth M
Culverwell, s, 27, schoolmistress, b Cowbridge, joint heads, + Hester Smyth, 27,
governess, b Ireland + Sarah Lewis, 24, governess b Mountain Ash, + 3 female
pupils + Jane Burley, housemaid, 20, b St Helier, Jersey *Census#178*
- 1910 Ty Hen: occ, Thomas Thomas, o EW Dawson Thomas, Minehead. Two main
buildings: (1) 2 sitting rooms, 2 bedrooms, 2 attics. (2) rear - kitchen, pantry, 2
bedrooms. Fair repair, a most laborious and inconvenient property. 4 small
outhouses, old 3-stall stable, coach house, large garden across lane
PRO/IR 58/18461/299
- 1916 Death of Thomas Thomas aged 78 *St Hilary parish records*
- 1920 EMD Thomas conveyed to Thos Williams of Llangan, Ty Hen, formerly in occ
Henry L. Williams, existing tenant AS Evans *Deeds*
- 1920 Thos Williams conveyed to John Eason, formerly of Pontyclun, but now of Ty Hen,
purveyor of meat *Deeds*
- 1921 John and Elizabeth Eason, and Edmund William Eason *Electoral register*
- 1921 Conveyance, John Eason to John Roberts *Deeds*
- 1925 Called Ty Hen. Tenancy agreement – Catherine Elizabeth Llewellyn (owner) to
William James Davies (known as ‘Charlie the bun’) *Document held by Andrew
Davies, former Town Clerk (gt nephew of WJD)*

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| 1930 | William and Elizabeth Davies, and Annie Elizabeth Davies | <i>Electoral register</i> |
| 1939 | Francis Edwin Hill (resident) and Gertrude Amelia Hill (grocers, with Labour Exchange above) | <i>Electoral reg</i> |
| 1945 | Francis, Gertrude, Gladys, Edwin and Mavis Hill | <i>Elect. reg</i> |
| 1955 | Francis and Gertrude Hill | <i>Elect.reg</i> |
| 1960 | Henry and Olive Harwood | <i>Elect. reg</i> |
| 1965 | Ronald and Gwendoline Davies | <i>Elect. reg</i> |
| 1967 | HM Harwood - cafe | <i>Wales Trade Directory</i> |
| 1762 | M Harwood - Southgate restaurant | <i>Wales Trade Dir</i> |
| 1973/4 | Southgate Restaurant - Marjorie and Tony Diment, coffees, lunches and afternoon teas. | <i>Cowbridge Week programme</i> |
| 1980 | Yiet Ming Chinese Takeaway | <i>Cowbridge Week programme</i> |
| 1980s | Andrews and Courie - chemists. Information on Charles Rennie Mackintosh window design and Llanerch vineyard | <i>Peter Andrews</i> |
| 1999 | Lloyds pharmacy, ground floor Elle - buying and selling designer labels (1st floor) | |

Note on John Bevan

Just inside the door of Holy Cross church is the memorial to the Bevan family: John Bevan who died in 1823, his wife Susanna, and their children - particularly John, who died on 7th January 1897, aged 98, and whose remains rest at Varese in Lombardy. This latter is the man who - according to Iolo Davies in *A Certain Schoole* - in his day must have been widely known both as a busybody and a benefactor.

Bevan was a Cowbridge solicitor, and an old boy of the Grammar School, who from 1847 onwards became keenly interested in the educational provisions of the town. We find him making a report to the Commissioners of Inquiry into the State of Education in Wales - who produced the notorious Blue Book which claimed that 'Welsh ignorance was the result of the existence of the Welsh language'. Bevan's concern, however, was not with the Welsh language but with the running of the Grammar School, and in particular with Jesus College's meanness in providing for the school - especially as the value of the estates left to Jesus College by Sir Leoline Jenkins had increased considerably. He objected to the absence of "free boys" in the school - and as the century progressed, continued to fight for the education of the poor. He endowed scholarships to the Grammar School, and together with Alderman Edward John campaigned for secondary education for girls. John Bevan paid for the land and for the original hostel (or boarding house) of the Girls' High School, currently the Sixth Form block of Cowbridge School. He endowed exhibitions for children between the ages of 8 and 11 at the Board School, and also gave £100 towards the building of the Cowbridge Institute.

Note on Philip Walton

His work as a clockmaker is covered in *Clock and Watch Makers in Wales* by Iorwerth Peate.

David Jones (in WAH Fisher, vol 42, p 179) stated: "Dr Philip Walton died of drink - a very great drunkard. Swelled so much in his coffin that they could not put the lid down. Had to deflate him with a butcher's knife. My father knew PW. He died 1769, aged 79."

Sources/references :

LTA = land tax assessments in Glamorgan Record Office (GRO)

BR = burgage rentals in GRO

PRO = Public Record Office, Kew

WAH Fisher material in Cardiff central library

D/D = deeds in GRO