

## 73 High Street

*This property in the eighteenth century seems to have been part of The Tanyard, originally owned by Thomas Wyndham, and which is dealt with under the heading 'Coopers Lane'. However, there probably was a house fronting the main street.*

1773	John Edmondson - one shilling and sixpence	<i>Land tax assessment</i>
1750	Lease for 99 yrs or the lives of William Morgan, Ann his wife and Richard his son. Thos. Edmondson to Wm Morgan, peruke maker	<i>Ed 2003</i>
1784 and 1788	Owner Thos Edmondson; occupier William Morgan	<i>LTA</i>
1800	Owner and occupier William Morgan - one shilling	<i>LTA</i>
1806	Court and malthouse and dwelling house of Thomas Edmondson, in possession of Wm Morgan, barber	<i>Deeds of 71 High St., Gwyn and Gwyn, A/3</i>
1815	Owner and occupier William Morgan - 2/-	<i>LTA</i>
1830	Owner Thos. Edmondson; occupier Robert Luton – 2/-	<i>LTA</i>
1843	Owner Thos. Edmondson; occupier D. Richards and others	<i>Tithe</i>
1851	Mary Lutton, 70, pauper, carpenter's widow, b Cowbridge	<i>Census 125</i>
1861	James Eddols, 42, miller journeyman, b Cowbridge, with wife and two children	<i>Census 94</i>
1871	Elizabeth Morris, 83, annuitant, b Cowbridge, with one granddaughter	<i>Census 103</i>
1881	Hannah Britten, 64, retired housekeeper, b Gloucester	<i>Census 267</i>
1891	Sarah Ward, 51, dressmaker, b Liverpool, with 2 children (see below)	<i>Census 260</i>
1901	Arthur Lawrence, 29, coachman b London, with wife Emily, 24, b Cardiff and son Albert, 2 months, b Cowbridge	<i>Census 160</i>
1910	Edward Overton occupied; Mrs. Edmondson owned	<i>D/D PRO/VAL/1/46</i>
1921	John Adams	<i>Electoral register</i>
1947	Trevor and Mollie Williams (still owned by son Paul Williams – 2012)	<i>Register of electors</i>

### Sarah Ward.

She married (1) William Breeze. Had two children including George Breeze, initially underkeeper with his stepfather at Penllyn, then head keeper there. He moved to St Fagans

(2) Frederick Ward. Had 3 children – Bertha (married Fred Inns in Cowbridge in 1897), Maggie, and Frederick William, who was looked after by George Breeze (grandfather of informer). Frederick Ward was head gamekeeper at Penllyn Castle and lived in the Keeper's Lodge until his death in 1889 – when widow Sarah and family moved to Cowbridge. *Information from Sally Reeve, Leigh on Sea.*

### **73 and 75 High Street and Cooper's Lane**

When a bulldozer happened to collide with the almost derelict corn stores at 75 High Street in 1975, it showed that a substantial medieval building lay behind the 18th facade (and that in turn had been built over Roman property). The area around Cooper's Lane has had some interesting changes of use.

In the early 18th century, it possibly housed the bakehouse and tanyard of Thomas Wyndham; by the middle of the 18th century the area had been purchased by Thomas Edmondson and housed two maltings (Edmondson frequently stipulated in leases of inns that malt should be purchased from these maltings). The arched roof of the cellars associated with a brewhouse at the rear could be seen until recently.

Thus it is not surprising that the courtyard was known as Malthouse Lane, and in the 19th century contained four or five cottages largely occupied by labourers or journeymen, and it is only for No 73 that one can with any degree of certainty work out the names of the inhabitants (Mary Lutton in 1851, James Eddolls in 1861, Elizabeth Morris in 1871, Hannah Britton in 1881 and Sarah Ward in 1891). By 1912, however, one celebrated resident in the Lane was Jim The Cooper, James Lewis, who made barrels and lived on the premises. After his death, Eddie John used the front, substantial part of the premises as Corn Stores.

Today, No 73 is a private residence, 75 houses the Yorkshire Building Society and Anthony Jarvie solicitors, while the new houses in the now Cooper's Lane are among the few new buildings in Cowbridge to have been well/received in the new 'Pevsner' of Glamorgan.

*'Cowbridge Buildings and People', published by CRS 1999*

#### ***Sources/abbreviations :***

*GRO Glamorgan Record Office*

*PRO Public Record Office*

*LTA Land tax assessments (GRO)*

*BR Burgage rentals (GRO)*

*D/D Deposits in GRO*

*Tithe, census, directories, electoral registers – in GRO*