

Comments on
1861 Census
Cambridge

Comments by David Harris on
people named in the 1861 and 1871
Census for Cambridge.
(He was brought up in the Blue Bell)

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East Village

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no 211) This William James must have been the father of Ald. William James who lived in "Stafford House" for many years. was Mayor of Cowbridge on more than one occasion. he was the man who built the Cowbridge Institute on Commission for a Nathaniel Bird, who presented it to the town. He also had a brother Alfred James, he was cabinet maker, picture framer. I remember he had shops somewhere round where the present Post Office, but finished in the shop where John the Butchers are now.

214) Richard Aubrey. I knew his son who kept the "wheelright Arms" changed from the "Jennis Court" I should think, because the Bell Court was still there in my day. The site later became the Cinema, it was one of several public houses in Lowbridge where every thing (man and beast) went in through the front door. You went into a long passage and on the way, various doors, opened off. The first the top room, next the living room. then the cellar and then the stable and so on, until you got out the other end and there was a Blacksmith Shop and opposite that a Wheelwrights Shop. and then right up ~~to~~ the top end was a big shed which housed the saw pit. and many is the time I've been tropped into going down in there and working one end of the saw; jolly hard work!

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83) Samuel Evans had a very prosperous business in the High Street, near the former Post-Office he employed several tailors and did a lot of business with the local gentry, specially in hunting clothes ~~to~~ later taken over by son Arthur, who was the first to start the Bridge Garage: which grew out of the War and handling tractors for the Government, from that he developed the Garage which he ran for many years. He was the father of Dr. Dai Evans, a very well known character in Cowbridge, between the wars, and passed on some three or 4 years ago.

Then there was another son of Samuel, by the name of Fred: he opened a shop at St. Athan, as a grocer & baker, but I don't think he was very successful it was situated too near the pub, so he came back to Cowbridge and spent his last living on the Bridge had one daughter better known as Fluffy Evans.

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