

COWBRIDGE REFERENCES IN WILLIAM THOMAS'S DIARIES 1762-1795

- Page 823 Jul. 1786 Was buried at Cowbridge from Aberdda since the beginning of June last of about 40 yrs. of age Charles Bassett the Tide Waiter in the Port of Aberdda he was the son of Charles Bassett of Cowbridge
- Page 824 Aug. 1786 Was this 12 months past buried over in England where he was an excise man, Thomas Basset, another son of Charles Basset of Cowbridge.
- Page 70 Mar. 1763 This day was determined a wager between Wm Jenkin of Cadoxton and Evan Thomas of ye Brook ditto in yt Evan called him a wizard and waglerjed him he had teats. But Dr. Bates of Cowbridge determined ye matter between ym. everyone to take up his wager-- also ye law in view of going to ye Great Sessions between Enoch and Miles Robert now an Innkeeper in Denispowis is determined wch was best.
- Page 141 Feb. 1764 Was buried in Lantrisant a young man fr. ye fever and about 200 have been buried in Lantrisant this 13 months last past and Dr. Bates of Cowbridge reports that ye vapours fr. ye mine are the cause of mch. fatal diseases. But his conjectures wrong.
- Page 143 Mar. 1764 Was buried at Lantrisant besides wt. mentioned 3 more in these days and about this 4 weeks past they buried there 40 in 14 days, and these fr. ye ill vapours of ye mine pits as young Dr. Bates reporteth for all yt. die are this side of the Town and many of them belong to ye mine pits.
- Page 146 Apr. 1764 Two women were buried in Lantrisant. some Drs as Bates gives out yt. except the mine pits were stoped the most of ye Town and parts about will die. but in vain when God switch is beating.
- Page 208 Jan. 1765 Was found dead in his shirt and breeches with his face in the well his throat cutt, the Razor by the well at Laleston William Cross a Gloucestershire man by birth about 35 yrs. of age formerly a servant to Mr. Windham of Cloverwall in Gloucestershire, since a Gentleman to Esqr. Jones of Fonmon, but since last Michaelmas a Malster with a partner at Bridgend, and Cornfactor, but abided with a Relative of his at Laleston. Some doubts yt. others Butchered him for the bed and stairs were all blood and a shirt of his, and a clean shirt about him wn. found in the well. other reports that he killed himself for Despair because Dr. Bates's servant maid after he had bought ye ring and License denyed to marry him, for he was gone back in ye world, but choose her cousen his partner in Malting, he was an ambitious man.
- Page 328 Feb. 1767 Ann wife of Thomas Howel of Cayra was delivered by Dr. Bates of Cowbridge of a dead child.
- Page 329 Feb. 1767 Was buried in Cayra Ann wife of Thomas Howel from child birth (her child taken from her by Dr. Bates/as mentioned before) of 31 yrs. of age daughter of Mr. Anthony of Carphilly, founder of the New Furnace [del.] Carphilly Furnace about 10 months since she married.
- Page 543 Sep. 1773 Lately Jennet Howel the wife of John Howel of Coed Cyn Lla was delivered by Dr. Bates of a child their first born.
- Page 586 Aug. 1775 The wife of Mr. Jas. Davis (the daughr. of Hary Lewis of the Cwm in Landaff dec'd.) was Delivered by Dr. Bates and Dr. Mountany of a dead child and she herself Dy'd in 12 hours after.

- Page 741** Feb. 1783 Was buried in St. Nicholas Mary the wife of Thomas Rees Taylor of about 6 months in a lingering dropsey tap'd 7 times by Dr. Bates of Cowbridge, the 2d. time 16qts the 3d. time 21 quarts of water run'd from her, of 58yrs. of age.
- Page 809** Jan. 1786 Was buried in Cowbridge from Cardiff Mrs. Bates the Relict of Dr. Bates [senr.?] dec'd of about 80 yrs. of age.
- Page 959** Apr. 1792 Was buried in St. Lythans from Rua Calch Catherine the 2d. wife of James Wade snr. from pittiful lingering of a cancer in her Breast which was cutt by Dr. Bates & Mr. Williams this 4 years ago and that cost them 18£ but it grew again and caused her death of 72 yrs. of age.
- Page 987** Aug. 1793 Was in these days buried in Cowbridge the wife of Dr. Bates of 67 yrs. of age.
- Page 929** Dec. 1790 A young lad from Cowbridge from 13 to 14 yrs. old had his death at Lanrithyd by a tree that his uncle hewed, and felled upon him and killed him on the spot he was the son of John Bowen of Cowbridge Carpenter and with his uncle learning the same Trade he was buried in Lancarvan the 20th instant & a brothers son to the wfe of John Holbin.
- Page 884** Feb. 1789 Was buried in Cowbridge from Dyffryn Golach (where he was with his daughter the wife of Charles Powel) William Bowen senr. of Cowbridge of 76 yrs. of age he was the father of John Holbin's wife.
- Page 132** Jan. 1764 Married in Lavernock Stephen Davis a drover from Pembrokshire to Catherine Robins of Swanbridge.
- Page 511** Jun. 1772 A burying of a child went from Cardiff to some parish near the sea side wch. was Lavernock being the child of Stephen Davis and Catherine Robins.
- Page 534** Apr. 1773 Was buried in Lavernock from Cardiff the son of Stephen Davis from Catherine Robins about two yrs. and a half old.
- Page 574** Dec. 1774 A child born this 8 weeks past at Swanbridge to Stephen Davis from Catherine Robins his wife he in a simple condition as she have been.
- Page 892** Jun. 1789 Married in Lavernock Edward Spickett late of Brinhill to the daughr. of Stephen Davis and Catherine Robins of Swanbridge.
- Page 936** May 1791 Was buried in Lancarvan about this 2 yrs. past having Relief from the Parish for years before Stephen Davis once a great Pig Drover and in great sway and credit he married Kitty Robins of Swanbridge and went to Cowbridge to keep an Inn but some disease came on he and his wife that they both went Melancholy and so he continued to his death and she for yrs. but he was from Pembrokshire by birth but became a Parishioner at Lancarvan by some land they had there, but she and children came to her mother to Swanbridge, where she is now, and he on the Parish of Lancarvan after roving a while about, he might be about 55 yrs. of age.
- Page 59** Jan. 1763 Was buried in Cadoxton East Barry Joan Dear (late daughr. of John Dear of Cowbridge deceased) alias Jenkin wife of John Jenkin of Gillhill in the Parish of St. Andrews about 70 yrs. of age from the fever.
- Page 130** Jan. 1764 Heard that Thomas Edmunds of Cowbridge Esqr. and a Lawyer was within this 3 weeks past buried in London where gone to London this while

ago. and took to another as ye report goes, and left his wife here in Cowbridge with his children wch. were 3 sons whom he have settled in the army as officers and recruiting captains ye last war but now in Cowbridge with their mother as gentlemen. He was an unjust man, his father was Thomas Edmund (his mother the aunt of John Humphrey Blacksmith yt. was hanged this 37 yrs. past) first a butcher then an agent under Sr. John Aubrey much in trust by Sir John and soon grew wealthy especially on ye death of Sir John who had but daughrs. and he in their novices had heap wealth and rose this son a lawyer who had after him the Stewardship and soon came more a Gentleman than his Mrs. and in a great way about this 12 years past as all stood in fear of him about the Neighbourhood yt. in 1752 he bought Brogwr's fair and brought ye same to Cowbridge wch. is still kept there at Michaelmas, and br. horse races at the time to the Stalling down wch. was kept for 6 or 7 yrs. there, but by his exorting men's possession in lieu of taking the same for them by Law his Reputation was much declined lately, and he was for some time in custody for his un justice, but his pomp and family they do still keep up. he was about 56 yrs. of age. Soon up and soon down.

- Page 847** Aug 1787 Married in Cowbridge Lewelin Treherne Esqr. of Coed Riglyn to Miss Edmunds of Cowbridge.
- Page 450** Feb. 1770 Was buried in Cowbridge the wife of Mr. Edmunds jnr. from child bearing a Londoner by birth.
- Page 450** Feb. 1770 A child born to Mr. Edmunds at Cowbridge.
- Page 484** Apr. 1771 Lately married in Cowbridge Mr. Edmunds of do. a widower to Peggy Deer, daughter of John Deer of Hilton in Coychurch.
- Page 639** Mar. 1778 Was buried in Cowbridge Mr. Edmunds of do. of about 55 yrs. of age. he dy'd suddenly.
- Page 96** Jun. 1763 Was married in Cowbridge ye Gardener of Mr Edmunds to the servant maid of ye same being Nancy Tanner of Llantwit Major.
- Page 910** Feb. 1790 Lately dy'd in England where he was living privately these several yrs. past Thomas Edmunds senr. Esqr. of Bewpur in St. Hilary near Cowbridge father to Coll. Edmunds of Landough near Cowbridge of about 80 years of age.
- Page 976** Feb. 1793 About the same Dy'd at Landough juxta Cowbridge Thomas Edmunds Esqr. called Coll. Edmunds from a lingering disease of 52 yrs. of age and a Justice of the Peace for our County, he was the son of the late Thomas Edmunds of Bewpur Esqr. dec'd.
- Page 203** 1764 [Included in the summary of births, marriages, and deaths for the year, under deaths] But ye true number is 297 for Thos Edwards [Edmunds?] of Cowbridge Lawyer is still alive and in London----
- Page 874** Sep. 1788 Was buried in Landoe the youngest daughr. of Mr. Ellis Curate of Cowbridge &c.
- Page 775** Jul. 1784 Married in Chapple Lanillturn Mr. Gibbons of Cowbridge to Miss Price of Park in Lanillturn.
- Page 459** May 1770 Was lately buried in Lantrisant from Cowbridge, being she had married and lived in ye latter Barbara Griffiths daughr. of Howel Griffith of Treverddrig of about 24 yrs. of age.

- Page 822** Jul. 1786 This Mg. rare two women living with the mother of one of them in a Room under Thomas Thomas's storehouse at Cowbridge went as supposed to the storehouse to open a cask there laid (thinking it to be either Liquor or Sugar) till the Iron about it or Nails by striking took fire and what it was but Gunpowder and in a few mitutes blowed off the roof of the house and made much other Damage, and the eldest of the maids had her death on the spot, and the other dy'd soon after. The daughr. of the old woman was Catherine Griffiths an old maid of 55 yrs. of age, the other was one Mary Williams of 35 yrs. of age a widow, the old woman was in her bed and saved.
- Page 666** Nov. 1779 Was buried in Cowbridge where he was a shoemaker John Hary son of Willm. Hary of Bovil in the parish of St. Andrews of 18 yrs. of age.
- Page 992** Nov. 1793 Was lately buried in Cowbridge Mr. Edward Jenkins a shopkeeper with his daughr. of 102 yrs. of age.
- Page 591** Oct. 1775 Was buried in Cowbridge old David John the Sadler of 80 yrs. of age or more.
- Page 52** Dec 1762 Was buried in Penarth one Hannah Kenton of about 23 yrs. of age fr. 4 days sickness in ye fever, her death stroke her in the Eye. She was a base daughr. to one Kenton an Excise man in Cowbridge deceased, and brought up by late Wm. Rees Taylor and wife of Wenvoe deceased, and since in Cardiff and about. But last harvest time came to St. Andrews to work and from there to Penarth, to Nicholas of ye Head deceased his widow where she dyed.
- Page 261** Dec. 1765 A few days past was buried in Cowbridge Mr. Redwood a Hat maker father to the wife of Thomas Lewis of ditto a Lawyer, and Cate Redwood who took ye trade after her father.
- Page 531** Mar. 1773 A base son was born to Martha Stephen at Cayra from the Malstrer of Thomas Lewis Lawyer of Cowbridge.
- Page 600** Mar. 1776 Married lately Mr. Tho. Lewis of Cowbridge's son.
- Page 934** Mar. 1791 Lately Dy'd at Lanblithian the wife of Thomas Lewis an Attorney at Law.
- Page 673** Feb. 1780 In these days was buried in Cowbridge Thomas Miles.
- Page 160** Jun. 1764 Also about this 6 weeks past, was buried in Cowbridge, within few days this one to the other (1) Joan Names being old in age (2) Edward Sale about 40 yrs. this man was born in Cardiff Jail and (3) Evan Mitchel about 50 yrs. of age and this 3 dyed of some lingering disorder-- as for John Thomas ye Lawyer an ---- in Chancery, his wife near to her time of a 3d child.
- Page 301** Sep. 1766 Was buried in Cowbridge Mr. Morgans a shopkeeper of do.
- Page 331** Mar. 1767 Was buried at St. Athan from Cowbridge Elinor Sweet the wife of Wm. Claxon late of St. Nicholas Innkeeper now at Cowbridge of 53 yrs. of age from the present lingering fever. I remember her wedding at the Parish Church of Micaelstone super Eley and both then worth much, but since Reduced to Nothing.
- Page 303** Sep. 1766 Was buried in Cowbridge the daughter of Thomas Thomas (the present Bayliff of yt. Town in partnership with Mr. Morgans the shopkeeper dec'd) of 18 yrs. of age fr. a lingering disease.

- Page 84** May 1763 Was buried in St. Tillery [sic] Thomas Lewis called Tho. of Felynyllydd allowed to ye best fiddler in Glamorganshire. the Master of yt. vice in St. Faggons for every summer this 12 yrs. past and had every summer yearly fr. £5 to £5-5s a year. But this year they had agreed with he and Wm. Morgan ye harper for £10-10s the summer, and much joy of their Vanity, but was soon opposed for he played not much, for he went to ye fever and dyed in 4 weeks lingering therein of about 50 yrs. of age. he was first cosen to William Lewis of Denispowis.
- Page 1914** Nov. 1764 Was buried lately in St. Tillary, old Ann Andrews of ditto aged 95 yrs. these yrs. on the parish of St. Tillary, but lately taken to his house in Cowbridge by William Morgan the harper, who took her for ye little she had and buried her.
- Page 699** May 1781 Was buried in Pentirch from Cowbridge William Morgan a Harper of about 45 yrs. of age from years of lingering consumption.
- Page 633** Dec. 1777 Was in these days buried in Cowbridge Catherine Morris daughr. of Francis Morris, from a Base Child's delivery and overheating herself by drinking as some reports.
- Page 1017** Feb. 1795 Was buried in Cowbridge from Cardiff Frank alias Francis Morris the Trumpeter of about 70 yrs. of age.
- Page 707** Sep. 1781 About the same time was buried in Cowbridge Philip Richd. called Philip the butcher about 70 yrs. of age worth as ye report is 1500£ he left a house at Cowbridge to Wm. Richd. of Cayra and made Mr. Bassett of Aberdda his excutor.
- Page 104** Aug. 1763 Was buried since ye month of March last in St. Kitts Isle yt. wicked man with Capn. Washbud in 1754 in the Thetis snow of Bristol, was the cause of much grief to John Banker Carpenter in ye same who used him as barbarous a[s] Indians vizt. John Roberts called Dr. Roberts by birth from Cowbridge he was about 40 yrs. of age had been 13 voyages on ye coast of Guinea etc. but villainous to ye men.
- Page 838** Apr. 1787 Died lately at Cowbridge Mrs. Robertson wife of Jas. Robertson Esqr. strangers there.
- Page 251** Oct. 1769 Was buried in Cowbridge old Mrs. Taunton of about 80 yrs. of age she dy'd suddenly of a Fitt.
- Page 442** Oct. 1769 Was buried in Peterston super Eley Jane John widow of long lingering of about 60 yrs. of age mother to that vicious lad called Thomas of ye Bont who went to sea, and unheard of these yrs. which brought his mother to such grief, and that lingered her to death, she was daughr. to she called Ann Dragaredd now in the Parish of St. Nicholas.
- Page 678** May 1780 Was lately buried in Cowbridge Tho. o'r Bont in do. about 9 weeks before his mother was buried from few days in the present fever.
- Page 887** Apr. 1789 Four buryings in Cowbridge (vizt.) Benjamin Thomas a Shopkeeper of about 40 yrs. of age and an old woman out of the Workhouse one Mrs. Says and two child inoculated for the smallpox.
- Page 178** Sep. 1764 This day John Minutt and William Miles of St. Andrews was with Mr. Edward Thomas the Lawyer of Cowbridge, for William Miller had served him ye 24th instant by a writ, which humbled Minutt to his mercy (after taking his wheat

and oats away without leave nor price) in allowing him 3£ for every acre of wheat, and 20s for every acre of oats he took with a steer Wm. sold him come to ye rent, and Minutt gave him discharge of all and paid the writ charges etc. being he was in great fear and trembling wn. he Receive ye writ, and allowed Wm. very good time to pay ye next rent.

Page 710 Nov. 1781 Was buried in Cowbridge this 4 months or more Caleb the son of Rees Thomas the Printer, and a Printer himself of about 30 yrs. of age.

Page 922 Aug. 1790 Was buried in Cowbridge about 8 weeks past, Rees Thomas Printer and Bookbinder from Carmarthenshire by birth but th[ese] many years at Cowbridge and Cardiff of 80 yrs. of age or more.

Page 796 May 1785 Married in Cowbridge Thomas Hoosman to Mary Thomas daughr. of Tho. Tho. of do. and came to live to the Upper House in the Parish of Wenvoe.

Page 836 Sep. 1786 Was buried in Cowbridge the wife of Thomas Thomas a shopkeeper in Cowbridge

Page 904 Nov. 1789 Was buried in Cowbridge this few weeks past Mr. William Walter of 20 yrs. of age.

Page 927 Nov. 1790 Was lately buried in Cowbridge Dr. Walton of about 56 yrs. of age from a lingering palsey.

Page 786 Jan. 1785 Dy'd in Cowbridge Mrs. Williams a widow of 105 yrs. of age.

Page 19 Aug. 1767 This Mg. the Great Trial for a Mare was tryed in Cardiff

[Between John Richards of Coity a clergyman, and James Richards a fuller, of Michealston le Pit--Richards had bought a mare of Phillip John of Cogan at the mid summer fair of 1760. The mare was given to wandering]

It [was] Wm. ye carrier of Cowbridge and rode her to Llantwit Major and left her there.

[The story continues at some length and is quoted several times throughout the diarys]

Page 753 Jun. 1783 Was buried in Cowbridge the revd. Mr. Williams Vicar of Cowbridge and Master of the Free School there and a Justice of the Peace of about 54 yrs of age from a fever.

Page 76 Apr. 1763 The Qr. Sessions ended at Cowbridge when John Minutt of Westra in St. Andrews for ye Lower Division and Wm. Lucas of Peterstone super Eley for ye higher division was chosen high constable for our hundred instead of Geo. Stephens of Sully and Richd. David of Peterstone super Eley--- Also here was licensed one Isaac yt. knew but little English, for a dissenting Minister. Mr. Hopkins of Lantrythid and others of ye Clergy yt. served on ye Bench for Justices opposed to license him but Mr. Tho. Wm. ye Lawyer of Cowbridge pleaded the Acts of King Wm. wch. made ym. all dumb in ye mouth.

Page 96 Jun. 1763 Tho. Howel made ym. a Bill for attending and watching of the mother by ye advice of Mr. Wms. ye Lawyer of Cowbridge 1s for every night watching and 6d for every day attending wch. came to £5-18s-6d and gave it ym. then they returned he a Bill of £8 for eatables.

[Thomas Williams involved in a trial re goods etc., left by Edward Howel, an old pupil of the diarist]

- Page 112** Sep. 1763 Old Francis Richd. was by orders Removed to the parish of Wenvoe after had been from there to St. Andrews and had relief there 7Qrs. of a yr. and Wenvoe's overseers went with ye orders to Tho. Wm. the Lawyer of Cowbridge to be appealed ye next Qr. Session, and the 30th they had a Vestry in Wenvoe on the case.
- Page 116** Oct. 1763 Was sworn the Militia at Cardiff for the hundred of Kibbor and at Cowbridge for the hundred of Cowbridge also a commission was in Eley and giving much ale in case of the estate in Landaff Tho. Mathew Esqr. of Thomanston [sic] in Ireland with ym. in Leckwith and Thomas Edwd. of Cardiff his Solicitor of ye one side and Jas. Davis of Landaff with Thos. Wms. of Cowbridge Lawyer for Mr. Michael Allmar who married a daughr. of Geo. Mathew Esqr. of Thomanston deceased ye late possessor of ye estate, cousen to ye sd. Thomas Mathew the determination is to be by Law.
- Page 224** Apr. 1765 This day both Wm. John of our New House and Charles Tho. of St. Faggons (husband of Joan Cradock) was served by tickets fr. John Jones for Journey Expenses etc. his wife made their wives as a midwife this 3 yrs past wn. his wife took their Christening Money as her demand for her pains and never enquired more of ym. only of envy because they took one Christian of Landaff another midwife ye time to their wives, they gave their case to Mr. Tho. Wms. Lawyer of Cowbridge.
- Page 271** Jan. 1766 Dy'd in Cowbridge Gwenlian Jenkin Nicholas or Mrs Williams mother to Mr. Thomas Williams the Lawyer of Cowbridge (with her son she resided in Cowbridge) aged 77 yrs. of age.
- Page 274** Feb. 1766 Married in Cowbridge Mr. Thomas Williams to Mrs. Taunton his 2d wife.
- Page 575** Dec. 1774 Was Buried at Newton Nottage from Cowbridge Mr. Tho. Williams jnr. son of Mr. Tho. Williams senr. of Cowbridge a Lawyer. of about 30 yrs of age from 5 months lingering from his wa[i]st down dead as is supposed from over much venery.
- Page 961** May 1792 Was buried in Cowbridge this 3 months or more past Mr. Thomas Williams an Attorney at Law of 80 yrs of age or more.
- Page 994** Jan. 1794 Was buried at Cowbridge in these days Mr Thomas Williams an Attorney at Law of a very good report of a Just and an honest man and one of the oldest Lawyers in our County of 72 years of age. [!!]
- Page 790** Mar. 1785 Was buried at Pendoulwyn Morgan Williams Esqr. (first cousin of Morgan Williams of the Park Esqr. decd.) of 60 yrs of age or more from long Lingering. father in law to Mr. William Humphreys of Craic Craben and to Mr. David Samuel of Benvilston and fathrer to Mr. Thomas Williams junr. of Cowbridge Lawyer and to many children.