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Dear Jeff

I will put a cheque in the post tomorrow for Cowbridge Buildings and People.

This is the information I have so far on the Feltons.

Richard Felton (b1806) was my Great Great Great Grandfather (my mother's maiden name is Felton). I know he was a tailor and later postmaster in Cowbridge and it looks as though he was followed in that role by Thomas Felton (b1837) who I presume was his son. I know he also had at least two other sons; Richard (b1834) shows up on the 1881 census in London with two teenage sons who were born in Bulgaria. He's described as an unemployed railway manager, so not sure if he would have gone to Bulgaria to help set

up a railway there? William Felton (b1832) who was also a tailor, was my Great Great Grandfather. He and Mary Radcliffe (b1828 in Llanharry) went to London where they got married and lived for many years.

Their son Frederick, also a tailor, was my Great Grandfather - he ended up in Yorkshire and had a draper's shop in Whitby.

I've come across references to a John Felton (b1837 or 1831) who could have been another brother - he seems to have moved to Pyle. I have also come across reference to various other Feltons born in the late 18th C in Cowbridge: Richard, Thomas and John but I'm not sure how they're related.

I'm a bit of an amateur and haven't got any further than searching census and marriage records online but have been helped by the fact that some documents from the Cowbridge area such as Slaters Directories do seem to have been transcribed. I would be most interested in any other information you may have.

Incidentally, this is a better email address for me. Many thanks for your help.

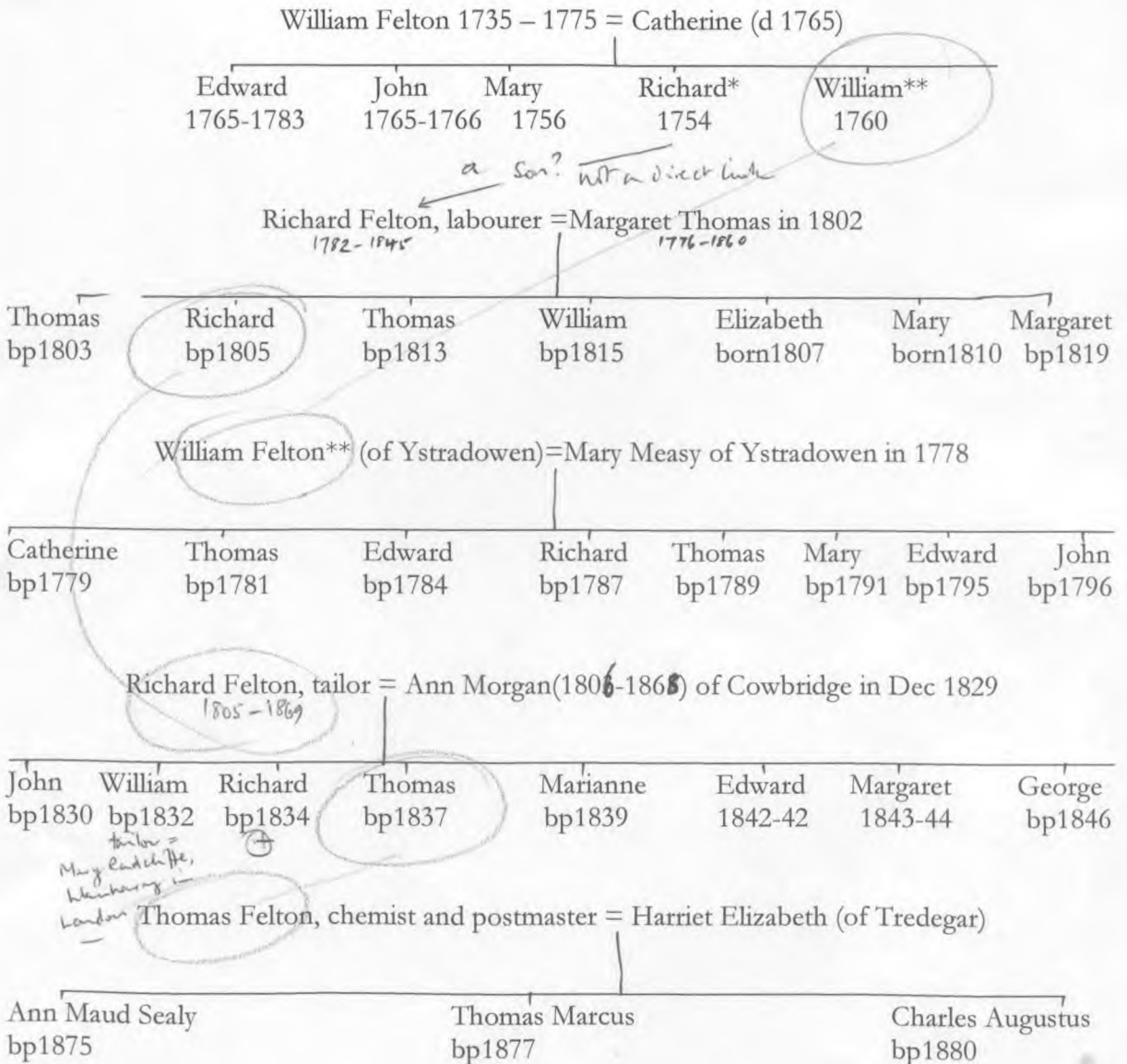
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FELTONS

SOURCES OF INFORMATION: Glam Fam Hist Soc's booklets on church registers and memorials; censuses for Cowbridge; The Cowbridge Story by John Richards.

Because baptism dates can be a number of years after birth dates, there are some big question marks!



“In September 1856 Richard Felton, tailor, became Post master in the building next door to the Bear Inn, on the site now occupied by the Midland Bank. He was succeeded in turn by his son, Thomas Felton, another chemist, and some of the borough elders still remember the old post office and chemist's shop, where leeches, which were sold at threepence each, were kept in a glass jar in the shop window. The side of the shop nearest the Bear Inn contained the post office, while the other side was devoted to pharmaceutical activities.”

⊕ Richard - 2 sons born in Bulgaria. 1891 census (London) shows him as up/railway manager
Sister: Anne Emma

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1851: Margaret F, (nee Thomas) widow of Richard and who was born in Bridgend, lived in Verity's Court (Prince's Buildings) and was described as a former laundress

1851: Richard, tailor and draper employing two men, lived in 55 High Street, Cowbridge

1861: Richard , then tailor and postmaster, lived in 59 high Street

1871: Thomas was chemist and postmaster in 61 High Street

1881: Thomas was chemist, dentist and postmaster in 61 High street

1891: Thomas, postmaster, 61 High Street.