<b>Research Document:</b>	The Armoury, 46 Eastgate, Cowbridge
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Source Abbreviations		
CADW	Welsh historic monuments preservation	
RCAHM	Royal Commission Ancient & Historic Monuments	
GRO	Glamorgan Record Office	
LTA	Land tax assessments	
D/D	Public Record Office papers in GRO	
PRO/VAL		
	Notebooks of WAH Fisher in Cardiff Central Library	

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Date	The Armoury, 46 Eastgate, Cowbridge	Source
	Grade II listed – a well preserved 18th century house.	CADW/RCAHM
	Early 19th century frontage. Two storey house. Four bay joint-lined stucco frontage with first floor cill band and plinth, slate roof. Sash windows three panes wide, the ground floor windows larger. Square-headed doorway in third bay from left with moulded flat cornice	
	hood on half-round columns; four-panelled door in reveals with plain overlight. Inside, contemporary staircase with balusters missing; slender circular newel at foot of stairs.	
Pre 1773	'House formerly of John Miles, clerk, and now of Jane Vallance, widow'.	Deeds of 44 Eastgate
1773	Owner Jane Vallance, widow, 5 shillings, occupier William Thomas	LTA
1784	Owner Thomas Blackwell, occupier Jane Vallance (numbers 46 and 48 combined), 6s 8d.	LTA
1785 (?)	'House formerly of John Miles, clerk, and now of Jane Vallance, widow'	Deeds of 44 Eastgate
1788	Owner Thomas Blackwell, occupier Rees Thomas (taxed with no. 48), 6s.8d.	LTA
1793 and 1796	Owner John Blackwell, occupier John Thomas, cooper, 6s.8d	LTA
1799	Owner Mr Miles, occupier Mary Williams, 6s.8d.	LTA
1809	'The Armoury of the Glamorgan Volunteers of 1809, and the Cowbridge Yeomanry Cavalry, was a house in East Village which belonged to Mr. Miles of Aberthin'.	David Jones of Wallington in notebooks of WAH Fisher
1827	Possibly the Armoury theatre	Poster in Cowbridge museum
1830	Owner late Mr Miles, occupier Edward Morgan, 3s.4d.	LTA
1843	Owner Francis Miles, occupier Richard Williams, usage  – house and garden	Tithe 129
1846	'This house was occupied in 1846 by Mr Richard Williams and his sister where they kept a school. After this, it was occupied by a painter and glazier. Later it was embellished and became the residence of Mr. John Williams, son of the late master of the Free School'.	David Jones (as above)
1851	Morgan Edwards, 46, coach builder, with wife Ann, 46, niece Mary Harris, 17, daughters Mary and Ann Edwards (7 and 2), and son Morgan Edwards, 11, coach builder's apprentice.	Census 160
1861	Evan M Jones, 35, painter, plumber and Wesleyan local preacher, with wife Jane Jones, 34, sons John and Evan Jones, 10 and 8, scholars, and daughters Elizabeth, 6, scholar, and Emma, 1.	Census 219

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1863	'House once of John Miles clerk, after of Jane Vallance,	Deeds of 44
	then devisees of late John Miles gent., and now of Mr	Eastgate
	David Rees	
1867, 5th	Tombstone in Holy Cross, Cowbridge in memory of	
December	John Williams, Esq. of the Armoury, Cowbridge, who	
	died 5th December 1867 in his 65th year. (Rev. William	
	Williams, DD, Headmaster of Cowbridge Grammar	
	School, had 6 children. John was the fourth. William,	
	subsequent occupant, was the third and Harriet- who	
	married Revd. Thomas Edmondes after the death of first	
	husband Revd. Rees Howell – was the sixth).	
1867	Death of Sarah Ord, aged 25 of the Armoury,	Llanblethian
	Cowbridge	burials
1871	Cecilia Llewellyn, cook,29, and Elizabeth Llewellyn, 22, housemaid	Census 233
1871	'House once of John Miles, clerk, after of Jane	Deeds
	Vallance, then devisees of late John Miles, gent, then of	
	Mr David Rees, draper and now of William Williams,	
	gent.'	
1874	William Williams, owner and occupier	Glamorgan Rate
	_	Book
1881	William Williams, 79, retired wine merchant, with	Census 117
	Elizabeth Llewellyn, cook and Elizabeth Lewis, 7 and a	
	scholar (visitor)	
	Extracts from diary of F W Edmondes:	
	29/7/1870 After early dinner to call at the Armoury –	
	over the house but rather hurried.	
	28/6/1871 C and I to call on Uncle William to see his	
	cellar and garden.	
	21/2/1885 Uncle William died.	
	2/3/1885 C and I to Cowbridge – at the Armoury in	
	after. Brought back some china. Worcester breakfast	
	service and some of the dinner service.	
	5/3/1885 At the Armoury seeing about packing, more	
	particularly the wine. Gave the aunts one dozen pints of	
	port.	
	6/3/1885 C and I to Cowbridge taking some empties.	
	Filled Bowen's trap with wine, carpets and pier glass,	
	and sent him back. Finished getting the wine packed.	
	11/3/1885 Loading Edward John's dray borrowed with	
	books, safe etc. and railway waggon with furniture. We	
	home by 5. Furniture came as we were going to dinner.	
	Spoke to Howell about selling the remainder of the	
	things.	
	In William Williams's will, he left £40 to each of the	
	churches at Llanblethian and Cowbridge to be spent on	
	the fabric of the buildings.	

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1891	Sara E Rogers, 53, widow, apartment keeper, with	Census 106
	daughter Bertha A Rogers, 15, and son Thomas A	
	Rogers, 11, and William L Benson, 23, lodger and bank	
	cashier.	
	In 1881, Sara Rogers lived at 35 High St (census 244)	
	with husband Joseph Rogers, ironmonger and stationer.	
	He shot himself in January 1882 (Revd. F W Edmondes	
	diaries).	
1910	E T Hopkin owned and occupied, house and garden	D/D
		PRO/VAL/1/46
1912	Evan Hopkin, monumental mason	Western Mail
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1921 &	The Misses Llewellyn	Pigot's directories
1926		800 2 33200000000
1,20	(Further information about the Llewellyn sisters, see	
	Heath House, 54 Eastgate)	
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