



<b>Date</b>	<b>The Armoury, 46 Eastgate, Cowbridge</b>	<b>Source</b>
	<i>Grade II listed – a well preserved 18th century house.</i>	CADW/RCAHM
	<i>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.</i>	
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	L T A
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, then devisees of late John Miles gent., and now of Mr David Rees	Deeds of 44 Eastgate
1867, 5th December	Tombstone in Holy Cross, Cowbridge in memory of 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, Cowbridge	Llanblethian burials
1871	Cecilia Llewellyn, cook, 29, and Elizabeth Llewellyn, 22, housemaid	Census 233
1871	'House once of John Miles, clerk, after of Jane Vallance, then devisees of late John Miles, gent, then of Mr David Rees, draper and now of William Williams, gent.'	Deeds
1874	William Williams, owner and occupier	Glamorgan Rate Book
1881	William Williams, 79, retired wine merchant, with Elizabeth Llewellyn, cook and Elizabeth Lewis, 7 and a scholar (visitor)	Census 117
	<i>Extracts from diary of F W Edmondes :</i>	
	<i>29/7/1870 After early dinner to call at the Armoury – over the house but rather hurried.</i>	
	<i>28/6/1871 C and I to call on Uncle William to see his cellar and garden.</i>	
	<i>21/2/1885 Uncle William died.</i>	
	<i>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.</i>	
	<i>5/3/1885 At the Armoury seeing about packing, more particularly the wine. Gave the aunts one dozen pints of port.</i>	
	<i>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.</i>	
	<i>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.</i>	
	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.	

