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Source Abbreviations		
RCAHM	Royal Commission Ancient & Historic Monuments	
GRO	Glamorgan Record Office	
	Tithe, census, directories, register of electors etc all in GRO	

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	See also see 73 Eastgate for Bethuels Court	
	Possibly 18th century origin, largely re-furbished in the	RCAHM
	19th century	
	This building originally formed part of a much larger	
	land holding of one and three quarter burgages (most	
	Cowbridge houses covered half or one burgage), which	
	included 71, 73 and 75 Eastgate. No. 75 was the stable	
	and coach house for the property.	
	Whereas individual features in both 71 and 75 Eastgate	
	are medieval in origin, we can only trace back	
	ownership (so far) to the 1740s. Then, a William Davies	
	owned the whole area; he was followed by a Mrs. Rees	
	in 1767 and Charles Bassett by 1772. The Bassetts were a well-known local family, and it seemed that Charles	
	lived in the house as well as owning it. Towards the end	
	of the 18th century, Thomas Jenkins was the	
	owner/occupier, followed as owner by Isaiah Verity of	
	Ash Hall, Ystradowen.	
	It was Verity who in 1828 leased the stable and	
	coach house to a Cowbridge carrier, David John. John	
	put some more buildings on the land – perhaps the	
	cottage referred to later – but later mortgaged the	
	property to Thomas Bassett of Welsh St. Donats, and	
	then defaulted on the payments. Bassett then assigned	
	the lease to Richard Burchell, a coachmaker, who	
	already occupied the premises (recorded there in 1843).	
	In 1848, Burchell assigned the lease to Henry Gardner	
	of Cowbridge, and it was he who further assigned it to a	
	group of Cowbridge tradesmen, the trustees for the	
	Methodists, with the aim of erecting a Wesleyan Methodist chapel on the site. The trustees purchased the	
	property from Major David Harmer of Bath, who had	
	taken over the Verity properties in Cowbridge after the	
	death of Abraham Verity in 1846.	
	By 1889, the chapel was too small for the	
	congregation, and the Methodists built a 'larger and	
	more convenient Methodist chapel with school room,	
	vestries and other buildings thereto' across the road	
	(now Ebenezer Antiques). To help pay for the new	
	building they sold off the old chapel and dwelling house	
	to WT Gwyn, the Cowbridge solicitor, who owned 77	
	Eastgate and later had offices opposite at 56 Eastgate.	
	Gwyn converted the building into a house and shop,	
	occupied by David Giles, and then conveyed the	
	property to Thomas Rees, solicitor, who already owned	
	73 Eastgate.	

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	A D Thomas is recorded here in 1910, and Evan	
	Edwards from Porth y Green had established his	
	butcher's shop here by 1921.	
1020	Y Y I I I Y I Y I Y I Y I Y I Y I Y I Y	
1828	Lease, Isaiah Verity to David John, carrier, of C, of	
	stable and coach house, yard and garden (which garden	
	is 23ft 6in wide, and extends back to the Mill Field) (for £7.7s pa for 99yrs)	
	Having premises of I Verity, occ Bethuel Williams, on	
	east, premises of I Verity, occ Thos Llewellyn Jenkins,	
	on west, field called the Mill Field on north, high road	
	on south, which property was in occupation of Thomas	
	Llewellyn Williams, except way of passage through the	
	court or yard of Bethuel Williams which was used by T	
	Ll W but is not to be used by David John	
1829	Assignment of left hand premises, as above, plus the	
	erections and buildings lately erected, David John to	
	Ann Bassett of Cardiff, spinster, (ii), and Thomas	
1046	Bassett of Welsh St Donats, gentleman (iii) (for £100)	
1846	Assignment of leasehold premises, as David John had	
	defaulted in payment of mortgage, Anne Bassett, widow of Thomas Bassett, who died 5/11/1840, to Richard	
	Burchell of Cowbridge, coachmaker	
1848	Assignment of left hand premises, Richard Burchell of	
1040	C, coachmaker, to Henry Gardner of C, innkeeper	
	(witnessed by John Stockwood, clerk to Mr Edmondes,	
	Cowbridge)	
1850	Assignment of I/h pses, Mr Henry Gardner to Simon	
	Mustoe, cordwainer, John Parsons, grocer, Edward	
	Williams, surgeon, Richard Aubrey, cabinet maker,	
	Henry Johnson, watchmaker, Henry Davies, maltster, all	
	of Cowbridge, Richard Price of Great Frampton, farmer,	
	Benjamin Wright of St Nicholas, machinist, Philip	
	Price, chemist, Samuel Marks, watchmaker, William	
	Price, post office clerk, and Edward John currier, all of	
	Bridgend (ii), and Revd James Mayer of Bridgend,	
	superintendent preacher for the circuit in the Methodist connexion to erect a Wesleyan Methodist chapel thereon	
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1864	Conveyance of a chapel, dwelling house and pses in C,	
	upon trust for the English Wesleyan Methodist	
	Connexion, David James Harmar of Bath, major (i),	
	William Tilley, blacksmith (ii), John Parsons, grocer,	
	Richard Aubrey, formerly of Cowbridge but now of	
	Cricklade, Wilts, gentleman, Henry Johnson,	
	watchmaker, Henry Davies, formerly of Cowbridge but	
	now of Glyn Romney near Caerphilly, yeoman,	
	Benjamin Wright of St Nicholas, machinist, Philip	
	Price, gent, Samuel Marks, watchmaker, William Price,	
	woolstapler, all of Bridgend, and Edward John, formerly	
	of Bridgend but now of Melbourne, Victoria, currier (iii)	
	and Revd Samuel Hope Wardley of Bridgend (Synapintandant Preschar of the Wesleven Mathedists)	
	(Superintendent Preacher of the Wesleyan Methodists) (iv)	
	Refers to	
	1844, Abraham Verity to Thos Llewellyn, mortgage	
	1846, Abraham Verity to DJ Harmar, mortgage	
	1862, Thos Llewellyn to DJ Harmar, mortgage	
1889	Conveyance of building formerly used as a Methodist	
1009	chapel, together with dwelling house, yard and garden,	
	bounded on north by Mill Field, on south by High	
	Street, on east by property once belonging to Major DJ	
	Harmar and now by Thomas Rees, solicitor,, and on	
	west by property once belonging to Major DJ Harmar	
	and now by WT Gwyn	
	Henry Johnson of Cowbridge, jeweller, Wm Price of B,	
	wool merchant, Thos Rees, solicitor, Thos J Parsons,	
	grocer, Philip Griffiths, grocer, Wm Jas Davies, painter,	
	Geo R Pickard, cabinet maker, John Pickard, grocer and	
	Matthias Davies, painter, all of Cowbridge, Hugh	
	Bevan, merchant and Wm Buckley, ironmonger, both of	
	B, Wm Andrews postmaster and William L Price,	
	draper, both of Ll M (the trustees) (i), Revd John Atkins	
	of Cowbridge (ii) and Wm Thomas Gwyn, solr, of	
	Cowbridge (iii), for £280 which trustees intend applying	
	towards discharge of certain liabilities incurred in	
	connection with the erection of a larger and more	
	convenient Wesleyan Methodist chapel with school	
	room, vestries and other buildings thereto.	
	Witnessed by Alfred Giles, law student, Cowbridge	

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1890	Conveyance between WT Gwyn, solicitor, and Thos Rees, solr, (whereas since 1889 Thos Rees converted the building formerly used as a chapel into a dwelling ho and shop, the same being now, together with the rest of the hereditaments in occ of David Giles), the mess and shop and cottage or dwelling house, yard gdn and outbuildings &c	
	Witnessed by William Davies, clerk to Messrs Rees and Gwyn, solrs, Cowbridge	
1907	Agreement with Mid Glamorgan Water Board : Bethuels Court and cottages owned by Glyn Morgan Thomas of Stallcourt, Llanblethian	
1914 & 1920	Thomas Thomas butcher, 75 Eastgate	Kelly's
1921	Emma and Thomas Jenkins Annie Rose Ernest and Beatrice Rea - all residents of Bethuels Court	Register of electors
1923 & 1926	Evan Edwards, butcher (lived in Porth y Green, Llanblethian)	Kelly's
1926	Mid Glamorgan Farmers Ltd. – seed, potato and manure (Bethuels Court)	Kelly's
1930/31	E. Edwards, butcher	S. Wales buyers' guide
1947	Mansel and Annie Edwards, Royden and Nancy Edwards	Reg. of electors
1960s	Roy Edwards, butcher	
	Then a health food shop run by Barbara James.	
1993 & 1996	Then 'Cornucopia' greengrocery (same family). 'Secrets' pine and gift shop	Cowbridge Week programme
	Then an antiques centre	
	Mark Bradwick, photographic studio	
	'Fich and Ramous' hairdressers	