

Date	75 Eastgate & Bethuels Court, Cowbridge	Source
	<i>See also see 73 Eastgate for Bethuels Court</i>	
	<i>Possibly 18th century origin, largely re-furbished in the 19th century</i>	RCAHM
	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	
	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	

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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.	
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 L I 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 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 C, coachmaker, to Henry Gardner of C, innkeeper (witnessed by John Stockwood, clerk to Mr Edmond, Cowbridge)	
1850	Assignment of l/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	<p>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 (Superintendent Preacher of the Wesleyan Methodists) (iv)</p> <p>Refers to 1844, Abraham Verity to Thos Llewellyn, mortgage 1846, Abraham Verity to DJ Harmar, mortgage 1862, Thos Llewellyn to DJ Harmar, mortgage</p>	
1889	<p>Conveyance of building formerly used as a Methodist 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</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Witnessed by Alfred Giles, law student, Cowbridge</p>	

