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Source Abbreviations	
BR	Burgage rentals (GRO)
GRO	Glamorgan Record Office
D/D St	Documents in GRO
D/D X 75	Cornish, Aubrey, Deere papers (GRO)
LTA	Land tax assessments (GRO)
PRO IR58	Public Record Office (Kew)
RCAHM	Royal Commission for Ancient & Historic Monuments
	Tithe, census, window tax, directories etc all in GRO

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Date	50 High Street, Cowbridge	Source
1537	Possibly this property - hostelry of Lewis ap Richard (leading Welsh poet of his day, known as Lewis Morgannwg), said to be by the Cross.	James & Francis 'Cowbridge & Llanblethian Past and Present'
1643	Possibly this property - feoffment (conveyance) between William Williams of Llantwit Major gent, to Thomas Davies of Llanharan gent Cowbridge and Llanblethian properties including a house with furnaces, vats and cooling vats occupied by Richard Aubrey mercer (who appears to have had several properties in the town at this time)	D/D X75 4
1658	Possibly - Thomas Davies of Llanharan gent to Richard Aubrey merchant House, brewhouse, utensils, vats and cooling vats in the occupation of Richard Aubrey	D/D X75 5
1700	Feoffment (conveyance) - Christopher Portrey of Sully clerk to Edward Portrey of Boverton gent mansion house on the market-place in the possession of John Reed innholder, house in Church Street late in the possession of David Tydder glover (Edward Portrey had married Cecil, daughter of William Aubrey, but they separated in 1700 and their lands were re-divided)	D/D X75 11
1717	Conveyance - Edward Portrey of Boverton and w. Cecil (daughter of William Aubrey deceased) to Thomas Wilkins of Llanblethian gent and William Cornish apothecary various Cowbridge property including a mansion house occupied by David John, Mary Williams, Catherine Thomas and Mary Allen	D/D X75 18,19
1723	Mortgage - lease and re-lease - William Cornish and wife Anne to William Jones of Cardiff esq (i.e. the latter provided the mortgage) house near town hall in the possession of David John, John Jones and Mary Allen, purchased from Edward and Cecil Portrey	D/D X75 60
1726	Assignment of mortgage : Cradock Nowell of Cardiff gent to Mary Allen of Cowbridge widow (she was first married to Pierce Deere and after his death had married Dr.James Allen of Gileston) his interest in the house near the Town Hall, lately in the possession of David John, John Jones and Mary Allen, purchased by Wm.Cornish from Edward Portrey and wife Cecil	D/D X75 75/61
738	Owner Sir Thomas Stradling bart. in tenure of Mr John Vallance, half a burgage	Burgage rentals
1760-63	Account of Thomas Emanuel (landlord) for repairs to the Half Moon Inn, part of the Pierce Cornish estate	D/D X75 121

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1763	Surviving executors of Pierce Cornish's will are John Willson of Bath saddler (his nephew) and his sister Anne Cornish (referred to as 'a lunatic')	D/D X75 159
1763	From the rental of John Willson's estates - Thomas Emanuel £6 Daniel Morgan £1.1 0s - a house adjoining, i.e. in Church Street (said Mr.Cornish gave it to him) William Morgan 8s - a shop adjacent to the Half Moon (quitted the shop at Candlemas, now in possession of John Thomas, barber) William Miles, a barber £1 - a shop adjoining the Half Moon	D/D X75
16/5/1764	Lease for 1 year - John Willson to Alexander Willson of Cowbridge The Half Moon and adjacent brewhouse with furnace, late in occupation of Thomas Emanuel, John Thomas and William Miles. £10 annual rent. Land tax to be paid by John Willson.	
21/5/1764	As above, but less the stable - rent £8	
22/5/1764	Alexander Willson to pay for a furnace in the brewhouse adjoining the Half Moon - £3.12s	D/D X75 172
1765	Particulars of Pierce Cornish's estate for sale includes messuage called the Half Moon let to Thomas Emanuel £6 cottage adjoining let to Daniel Morgan £1.1.0s 2 shops adjoining let to William Morgan (£1) and William Miles (8 /-)	D/D X75 153
1765	Indenture between John Willson and Joseph Oliver of Bristol included - all that messuage, tenement, brewhouses, shops, sheds, stable, outhouses and garden situate in or fronting to the Market Place in the town of Cowbridge, known as the Half Moon, having Church Street on the west (sic) side thereof and a messuage in Church Street in the possession of Daniel Morgan cobbler (the two formerly in one and then called a mansion house in the possession of David John, Mary Allen, Catherine Thomas and Mary Williams)	D/D X75 173
1766	Contract for a lease for a year - John Willson to R.Hodgson a shop at the Half Moon, at £2.2s per annum	D/D X75 178
1766	John Willson was overseer for the poor of Cowbridge.	
1767	Willson was bankrupt, and property sold. Conveyance by his solicitors of property including The Half Moon on the west of Church St, and another house in Church St formerly occupied by Daniel Morgan, cobbler, which 2 houses were formerly one	D/D X75 223
1772	Owner Mrs Vernon; occupier Mr Vallance, half burgage	BR 28
1773/4	Owner - Jane Vallance, widow, 9 windows.	Window Tax
1773	Jane Vallance, widow, 6/-	LTA

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1783	Owner Mrs Vernon; occupier Mr Cole, half burgage	BR 28
1784	Owner Lady Vernon; occupier John Cole 8s.	LTA
1793	Owner Miss Emilia Gwinnit; occupier Mrs Mary Cole 8/-	LTA
1795	Mary Cole, shopkeeper	Universal British Directory
1796	Mrs Cole appointed postmistress (she died 1797)	Brian James
1800	Owner Mrs Gwinnitt; occupiers Louisa and Elizabeth Cole 8s.	LTA
1806-16	Owner Lord Clarendon; occupier T Samuel	BR 28
1815	Owner Lord Clarendon; occ Mr. Thomas (dwelling house) 8s.	LTA
1825	Conveyance, Earl of Clarendon to David Prichard	Deeds
1826, 28 December	Order that the town clerk examine the right of the corporation to the rental of the late shop at end of Mr Prichard's dwelling house, to examine Edward Williams watchmaker who for years occupied such shop as to whom he paid rent, and to write to Mrs Nicholls of Nottingham formerly Miss Cole to know from her and her sisters re such shop	Court of Common Council
1829	Deed of 52/54 High St refers to 'east the messuage formerly of John Vernon Esq. and now of David Prichard'	D/D St 1/16-18
1830	Owner and occupier David Prichard (house and premises) 8s	LTA
1832	Owner and occupier David Prichard, half burgage	BR 28
1843	Owner and occupier David Prichard.	Tithe
1851	David Prichard, draper	Census#49
1861	Samuel David Evans, draper and tailor master employing 8 hands	Census# 154
1871	Ann Davis, stationer	Census# 172
1872	Mrs Prichard served notice to quit on Ann Davis	Journal of T Rees, solicitor
1874	Owner late Mrs Prichard, occupier David Thomas, house and shop	Glam County Rate
1881	John Williams, draper	Census#45
1891	William Morgan, butcher.	Census#42
1893	Conveyance, Elizabeth Pritchard Roberts of Nolton House, Bridgend, to JS Gibbon of Newton House, Cowbridge	Deeds
1893	J S Gibbon died	
1895	R T Samuel became his heir at law after a case in High Court of Justice, Chancery Division	Deeds
1900	Conveyance, R T Samuel of Hackney to Samuel Hayter, photographer – messuage known as Cloth Hall	Deeds
1901	Samuel Hayter, 51, photographer and cycle agent, b Cowbridge	Census 147

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1907	Samuel Hayter died 4/9/1907 - left the property to his sister, Mary Ann Hayter	Deeds
1910	W E Jones occupied, Miss M A Hayter owned – freehold premises, stone pebbled, slate roofed structure, garage on ground floor, sitting room, kitchen and back kitchen (1930 sold to W E Jones)	PRO IR58/18459 47
1912	W.E. Jones, cycle depot; W. Knapton, photographer (above shop)	Western Mail directory
1921	Catherine and William Jones	Electoral roll
1929	Lease for 12 years, MA Hayter to WE Jones	Deeds
1929	Mary Ann Hayter died; W A Powell (nephew of Samuel Hayter) executor	Deeds
1930	Conveyance, WAA Powell to WE Jones of Pentwyn, Llanblethian, motor engineer of West End Garage	Deeds
1937	Gilbert Frederick Westcott	Register of land charges
1940-50	G F Westcott, confectioner and caterer	Cowbridge official guide
1960s	Cowbridge Tuck Shop (Grammar School), GF Westcott	Local knowledge
	Then Mr G Williams took over the shop (<i>info from his daughter, Miss Gilliam Williams in 2001</i>). The Williams family lived at 54a High Street, but left the shop and moved away in 1964 and a Mrs Edwards took over. Mrs Williams used to cook for the tuck shop. Upstairs was the photographic studio for Forrest Burton, whose wife was Mrs P Burton. Afterwards upstairs was Bill Anthony's hairdressers. Bill used to help in the tuck shop before opening as a hairdresser.	
1960s-70s	Nicholl, Payne, then IS Wood, dentists (1st floor)	Local knowledge
1970s	Sylvia Williams, chemist (No 50) Gwyn Hare, greengrocer and fruiterer (No 50a)	Local knowledge
1980s	Glyn Jenkins, delicatessen (No 50) Tony Holtam, greengrocer (No 50a), previously E J Edwards and Son Jeans Shop (Peter Jones) (1st floor)	Local knowledge
1990	Change of use, first floor – tea rooms and restaurant	Deeds
1990s	Edward England, greengrocer (No 50a) Jam Diner, cafe, run by Duncan Sankey (1st floor)	Local knowledge
1999	En Vogue dress shop (No 50), Goose Island children's clothes (No 50a) Calcaterra Estates office (1st floor) RC Kendrick office (1st floor)	
2013	'The Shop', furnishings and gifts (no 50)	