23 High St

23 High Street today covers what in the 18th century - and probably earlier - was two properties. The corner one covered one burgage; the adjacent property being 3/4 burgage, was known as The Black Horse. The building is Grade ll listed 'for surviving 17th century structure and group value with adjacent listed buildings'. The water pump, against it south east elevation, was Grade ll listed in 1981 (amended 1999) – 'scarce 19th century water pump with group value with Town Hall and no 23 High Street'. The telephone box outside no. 23 (1999) was similarly Grade ll listed 'included for its contribution to conservation area'.

1684 Mary Ralfe, widow, will. Bequeaths to son William Ralfe all the vessels in
      the brewhouse.

1749 Nathaniel Taynton devises house near Bridewell and a leasehold house adjoining
      (formerly the Black Horse, the freehold of which he afterwards purchased)
      to his son Nathaniel   - document found in box of deeds of 67 High St

1755 Will of Nath. Taynton
     1)   freehold house near the Bridewell to son, Nathaniel
     2)   ho contiguous that I hold by lease from Sir Edward Stradling
     to son Nathaniel and my will is...that the said ho shall be occupied by those to
     whom the freehold mess shall belong   *LL/1755/27*

Specific refs to Black Horse:

Year	Description	Reference
1717	Moiety of a house called Mary Ralf's in poss of Ann Tanner, widow	*D/DX75 18,19*
1735	House of Pierce Cornish called the Black Horse	*D/D C 48*
1738	Pierce Cornish, owned 3/4 b	*BR#127*
1762	Pierce Cornish, o, Mary Williams late Alex Wiltons, 3/4 b	*BR#123*
1765	Pierce Cornish's estate for sale inc mess called the Black Horse	*D/Dx75153*

1765 Mess formerly called Mary Ralfe's now known...Black Horse
     adj messuage of Revd Francis Taynton on E   *D/DX75 173*

1767 Sale at Bear of Black Horse   *D/DX75 225-7*

The Tayntons are shown in the Burgage Rentals as the owners of the one burgage property throughout the 18th century, and in the second half of the century, both properties

Year	Description	Reference
1738	Nathaniel Taynton, owner, 1 burg.	*BR#126*
1773	Mr Thomas Lewis, 4/6	
	Messrs Lewis & Bates, 3/-	*LTA*
1773	Thomas Lewis, gent	
	Jeremiah Jones	*Window Tax*
1784	Revd Mr Taynton, o, John Thomas, occ, 6/-	
	do David Jones, occ, 4/-	*LTA*

1793   Revd Mr Taynton, owned William Abraham, occ, 6/-
            do   David Jones, occ   *LTA*

1795   Wm Abraham, farmer, David Jones, victualler, Black Horse   *Universal British directory*

1800   Mr Francis Taynton, 6/-   *LTA*

1806,13/6   Died - Mrs Jones of the Black Horse, Cowbridge   *Cambrian*

1806-16   Francis Taynton o, David Jones occ, % b   *BR#127*

1815   Francis Taynton, Esq, o and occ, 6/-
            do   , David Jones occ, late Ye Black Horse, 4/-   *LTA*

1830   do   o and occ, 10/-   *LTA*

1835 'On the 19th inst at Cowbridge in 68th year of his life - death of Francis Taynton Esq, solicitor and the father of the profession in this county. He was a gentleman who entertained a high sense of religion, and alike distinguished for the benevolence of his heart and the sincere uprightness of his intentions; with the strictest truth it may be said of him that in his death "the world has lost an honourable man".'   *Cambrian, 18/4 1835*

1843   Francis Taynton, owned and occ   *Tithe*

1851   Jane Taynton, 81, b Cowbridge, landed prop, + s + bro-i-law + 3 servants
                                                                         Census#93

1861   Francis Taynton, 61, b Cowbridge, perpetual curate of
            Ystradowen and Talygarn chapels + 2 servants   *Census#66*

1870   Francis Taynton died, 26 Dec   *Memorial - Cowbridge church*
1871   Unoccupied
1880, 30th July   'Fashionable marriage' between Miss Frances A. Thomas of Taynton House, only daughter of the late Revd. Parry Thomas, Llanmaes Rectory, and Revd. John Crosby of Cowbridge and Llansannor – detailed description.   *Central Glamorgan Gazette*

1881   Elizabeth Thomas, 64, b St Dogmaels, Pembs, landed prop
            + dau + s-i-law + niece + 3 servants   *Census#237*

1891   Ebenezer Miles, 59, b Cowbridge, solicitor + w + servant   *Census #233*
1895   Gibbs & Brown printers, at side*   *Deeds of Cow. E. S.*

1901   Ebenezer W Miles, solicitor, 49, b Cowbridge,+ servant   *Census# 186*

1910   Gibbs and Brown occ, EW Miles, o, printing office
            EW Miles, owned and occ, house and gdn   *D/D PRO/VAL/1/46*
            Large, old-fashioned, generally inconvenient, fairly good repair. 2 offices, sitting room, 2 kitchens, scullery and pantry. 9 small bedrooms, stable with loft, glasshouse, small garage.   *PRO/IR58/18461/284*

1912   EW Miles, solicitor   *Western Mail direct.*
            (details of Miles's achievements - *The Cowbridge Story* by John Richards*)*

1921   EW Miles, Helen Miles, Lewis Jenkins   *Electoral roll*

1923/6 EW Miles, solicitor & Commissioner for oaths
            Henry Gibbs, baker, Town Hall Square   *Kelly*

1935   Henry Gibbs, baker   *Wales Trade Directory*

1950   Owners, Goronwy and Elizabeth Jones   *Cowbridge Electrical Services*

1964   Mr and Mrs Vosper owned the whole property. Rooms nearest Town Hall rented
to Schwartz O'Shea, accountants. Front part of property sold 1979 in 3 lots
 Owners of Cowb. Elect. Services

Messrs Gibbs and Brown, printers opposite side entrance to Town Hall – now Cowbridge Radio
Service   *Notes from parish magazine of 1970s*

Subsequently - Wayne Morgan, then Mr Walker of Gaskell and Walker, solicitors
                                        Selwyn Davies, in parish magazine 1977

1999 land use :   Raggs, Jenny Wren, The Travel House (road frontage, from E to W)
                        Off the Beeton Track Restaurant (entry Town Hall Square)
                        Cowbridge Electrical Services (do) + 3 residential properties

Sources/abbreviations :

GRO   Glamorgan Record Office
PRO   Public Record Office (Kew)
D/D   Deposits in GRO
LL   Llandaff probate
Census, tithe, register of electors, directories etc all in GRO
LTA   Land tax assessments (GRO)
BR   Burgage rents (GRO)

Taynton family tree

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                                          Nathaniel 1693-1754
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Nathaniel          Revd Francis T = Anne Ridding              Elizabeth          Robert
                       1731-94        (1762)

Francis Taynton= Jane Williams  ------------ 1---------------- I----------------------- I----------------------I
1767-1835      (1795)                      Nathaniel         John               Robert              William
               1                           1771-1810        1773-1831          1775-1839           1779-1857

        Revd Francis
        Taynton
        1799-1870
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