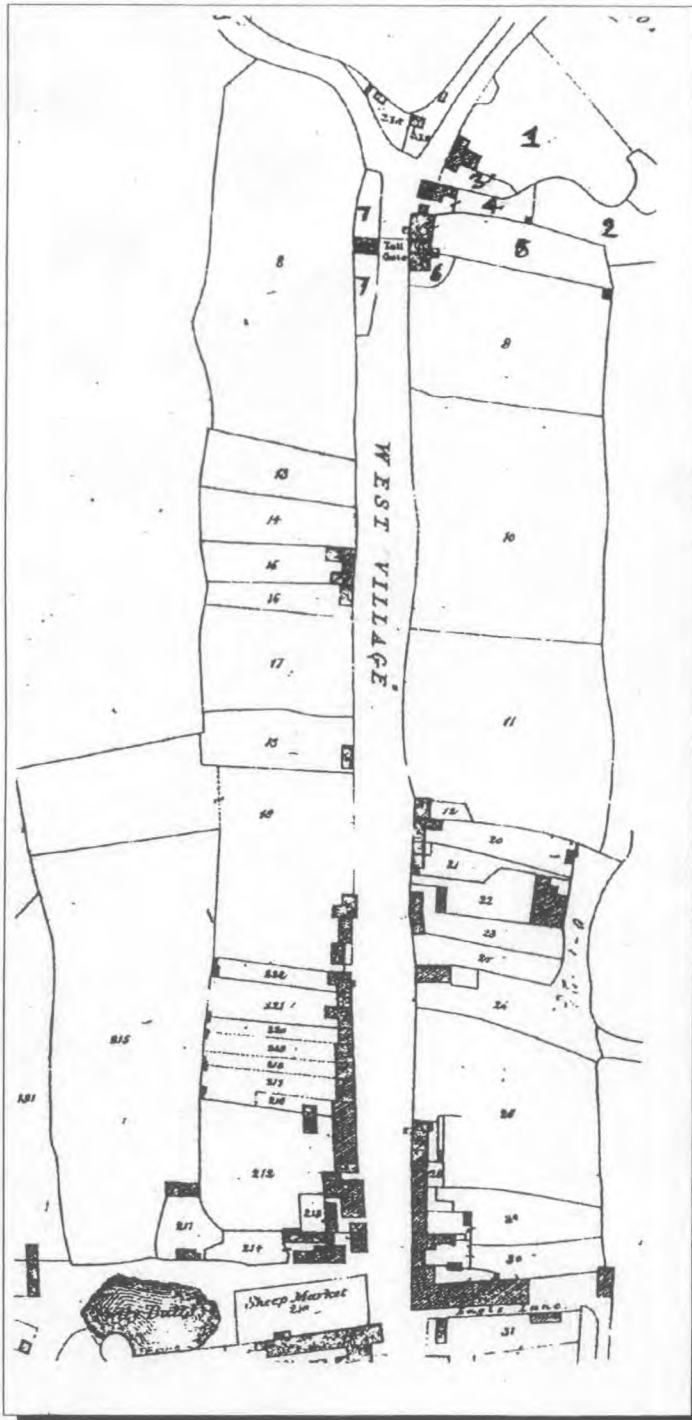


## Westgate Report

The Tithe map of 1843 shows that at that time Westgate had very few houses beyond the Baptist Chapel, much of the road being lined by 'meadows' and 'gardens'. The properties were owned by a total of seventeen individuals and 'bodies' with Illtyd Nicholls being the major landowner of the 'undeveloped' land. The following list of owners is in alphabetical order.



**The Baptist Society**

Properties 21 and 22.

**Thomas Basset**

Properties 217, 218, 219 and 220.

**John Bevan**

Property 212.

**Edward Bradley**

Properties 24 and 25.

**The Commissioner of Roads**

Property 6a.

**The Corporation of Cowbridge**

Properties 210, 238 and 229.

**Earl of Dunraven**

Properties 15, 17, 18 and 26

**Thomas Edmondson**

Properties 5, 9, 19, 23, 30, 211 and 215.

**Richard Franken**

Properties 1, 2, 3 and 4.

*Homfrey  
Penllyn  
Castle  
Estate*

**Henry Griffiths**

Property 222.

**James Hiscock**

Property 20.

**Cadogan Howell**

Property 14.

**Mrs Lewis**

Properties 6 and 7.

**Ann Llewelyn** Properties 27, 28 and 213

**Thomas Morris** Property 29.

**Illtyd Nicholl** Properties 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16 and 221

**Thomas Rees** Property 214

The properties listed as either a house, a cottage or an inn are marked in red.

1843

The Tithe Map shows a cluster of buildings around the 'West Village' Toll Gate and the 'Tithe Commutation List' shows that the properties, numbered 1-7, 238 and 239 on the map, were owned by the following people.

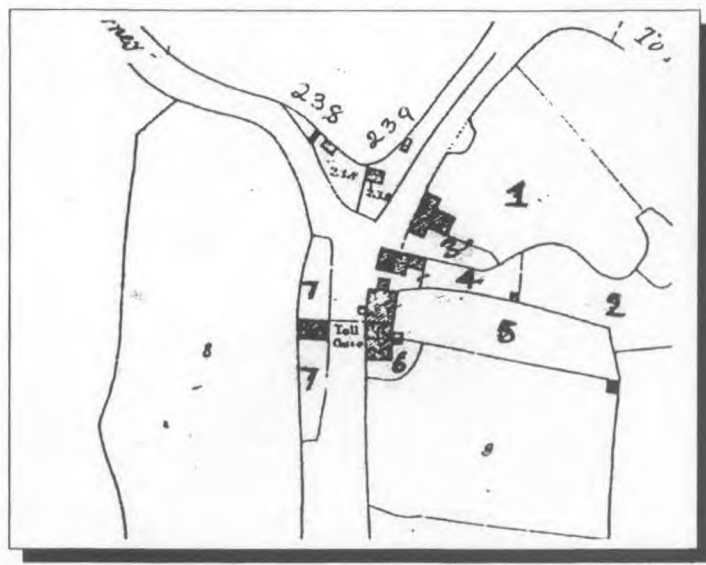
Properties 1-4  
**Richard Franklen**

Property 5 & 9  
**Thomas Edmond**

Properties 6 and 7  
**Mrs Lewis**

Property 6a 'The Turnpike House'  
**The Commissioner for Roads.**

Properties 238 and 239  
**The Corporation of Cowbridge.**



The occupiers of the properties were as follows.

Property 1 'The Westgate Inn', David Preece. He is also shown as the occupier of Properties 2 and 3, described as 'gardens'.

Property 4 a 'House and garden', Thomas Williams. (\*)

Property 5 a 'House and garden', John Lewis. He is also shown as the occupier of Property 9, a 'meadow'.

Property 6 a 'House and garden', David Lewis. He was also the occupier of Property 7 a 'Nailer's Shop' on the opposite side of the road.

Property 6a 'The Turnpike House', George Malpas.

Property 238 'Cottage and garden', Thomas Evans.

Property 239 'Cottage and garden', Thomas Lewis.

(\*) A Thomas Williams ( ?same man? ) is also shown as the occupier of Properties 21 and 25.

Today there are two houses on the sites of Properties 238 and 239, 'Westgate Lodge' and 'Rock House'. However 'Westgate Lodge' was completely rebuilt only a few years ago and 'Rock House', according to the 'Deeds', was rebuilt circa 1903.

Properties 4, 5, 6, 6a and 7 have also been demolished, so only the 'Westgate Inn', now known as 'Westgate House', is still standing.

## The 'Westgate Inn'



The earliest reference to the site of the inn appears in 'Dynevor Property' papers deposited in the Glamorgan Record Office.

D/D D155

*"1st March 1649/50 - Lease for 99 years, annual rent 1 ss and couple of hens and work of one man one day in the corn harvest or 4d in lieu. Thomas Davies of Llanharan, gent to John Webb of Cowbridge, tailor, lands called Gibbett Hill or Hangmans Hill, ¾ acres."*

Later in 1740 -

D/D D160

*"William Lord Talbot, lease for three lives to John Jones of Cowbridge periwig (?) maker, messuage and croft called Gibbett Hill, ¾ acres, as lately held by Henry Williams or his under-tenants."*

1758 -

D/D D163

*"John Lloyd, yeoman, messuage, garden and croft called Gibbett Hill."*

1779 -

D/D D164

*"William Earl Talbot to William Meyrick, cordwainer, lease for 99 years (3 lives) house, garden and croft called Gibbett Hill."*

The name of William Meyrick is mentioned again in the '1788 Cowbridge Land Tax Assessment' -

*"Lord Talbot - William Meyrick - 5s"*

The property also appears in the 'Penllyn Papers' deposited in the Glamorgan Record Office -

D/D WP Box 5 - Bundle 24

<sup>79</sup>  
July 17th 1790 - "Earl Talbot to William Meyrick, lease for 3 lives - William Morgan, Mary his wife, and Thomas son of Richard Meyrick of Penlline, brother of said William Meyrick, at a yearly rent of £3 - 10 -0.

July 7th 1799 - "Rt. Hon. George Talbot, Baron Dynevor, to Reverend Evan Jones, clerk, (bought at auction for £78) All that messuage, dwelling house, garden and close called Gibbett Hill (about 1 acre) in possession of William Meyrick or his under tenants at yearly rent of £3 - 10 -0."

1831 - "Evan Jones, vicar of Colwinston, to Thomas Lewis then of Cowbridge, ironmonger, but now of Bridgend, brewer, 99 year lease." (soon after the lease was granted, Thomas Lewis built the dwelling house now used as a public house, called the Westgate Inn)

1843 - Death of Evan Jones; title of Westgate Inn passed to Reverend Sam Fenton, of Wavertree, Liverpool, wife Lydia, and Theophilus John Fenton also freehold dwelling house occupied by John Morgan adjoining the same; also three closes of pasture land adjoining and near the Westgate Inn in Llanblethian."

(1849 - Reverend Samuel Fenton to Thomas Lewis, lease of land near Tyla Rosser and the Pyle road.)

In his "Cowbridge and Llanblethian - Past and Present." (page 87) Brian LL. James names the many public houses in Cowbridge around the year of 1850. He labels several, including two in Westgate - 'The Westgate Inn' and 'The Bush', as -

*"Only beer-houses or beer-shops..... These were not strictly speaking 'licensed premises' since anyone could open a beer-shop, under the Sale of Beer Act of 1830, on payment of a two-guinea excise fee.....undoubtedly they varied quite a bit in their clientele and the standard of hospitality they offered." (#)*

This explains why, apart from 1871 when the census shows two locally born lodgers in residence, the 'Westgate' - although called an inn - did not provide any accommodation for guests.

It would appear from the census returns that in 1891, when work was proceeding on the 'Cowbridge and Aberthaw Railway', other inns in Westgate, and some houses, were full of 'Navvies' and their families. Henry Trott, formerly of the 'Toll House' ( 1881 Census ) and at that time landlord of the 'Globe', was accommodating ten on Census night (\*). The 'Greyhound' had four but the 'Bush', like the 'Westgate', had none.

(#) "Beer-houses had to be licensed by the justices after the Wine and Beer-House Act of 1869"

(\*) Altogether there were 21 people in the house that night.



If the '*Westgate Inn*' opened in 1832 we have no details of the 'landlords' for the next eleven years. The first named being a **David Preece** mentioned in the 1843 Tithe Commutation List

Then after 1851 we have the names and details given in the ten-yearly censuses -

1851 Census

In 1851 the occupier of the Westgate Inn was the 63 year old Somerset born '*Victualler*' **Joseph Williams**.

1861 Census

Ten years later in 1861 39 year old Glamorgan born **William Rees**, again described as a '*Victualler*', was living in the inn.

1871 Census

However by 1871 the '*Publican*' was another Glamorgan born man, the recently married **Iltyd Davies**, who was to remain there for at least twenty years. His name appears as the occupier in both the 1881 and 1891 Censuses. In 1871 and in 1881 Iltyd Davies described himself as an '*Agricultural labourer and Publican/Innkeeper*'. But not in 1891 when he described himself as just a '*Licensed Victualler*'.

Apart from having his two daughters in employment, working as dressmakers, had trade at the inn improved sufficiently for him to give up his "Day Job"??? Perhaps the 1869 'Wine and Beer-House Act' had gradually reduced the number of rival establishments in the town.

Census Records for the 'Westgate Inn'.

The census records reproduced below have some details missing, due to either my inability to read the collater's writing or the photocopies clipping the edges of the original sheets.

1843 Tithe Commutation

Property 1 - Westgate Inn - Occupant David Preece

1851 Census

<u>Schedule</u>	<u>Name</u>		<u>Age</u>		<u>Birthplace</u>
16	Joseph Williams	Head	Married 63	? Victualler ?	Somerset, ????????
	Ann Williams	Wife	Married 45		Glamorgan, ???????

1861 Census

<u>Schedule</u>					
119	William Rees	Head	Married 39	Victualler	Glamorgan, St Marys
	Catherine Rees	Wife	Married 30		Glamorgan, ????????
	Francis G Rees	Son	10		Glamorgan, ???????
	William L Rees	Son	2 (?)		Glamorgan, Cowbridge
	Mary S Rees	Dau	6 months		Glamorgan, Cowbridge

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1871 Census

Schedule

133

Illyd Davies	Head	Married	31	Ag' Lab' and Publican	Glamorgan, Marcross
Alice Davies	Wife	Married	31		Glamorgan, Wick
Mary Jenkins	StepDau		2		Glamorgan, Marcross
Edmund Davies	Son		3 months		Glamorgan, Cowbridge
William Davies	Brother	Umar'	34	Ag'.Lab.	Glamorgan, <b>MARCROSS</b>
<del>Marcross</del> John(?) Bright	Lodger	Umar'	26	Painter	Glamorgan, Cowbridge

1881 Census

Schedule

289

Illyd Davies	Head	Married	42	Ag.Lab and Innkeeper	Glamorgan, Marcross
Alice Davies	Wife	Married	42		Glamorgan, Wick
Mary Jenkins	StepDau		12	Scholar	Glamorgan, Marcross
Adelaide Davies	Dau		8	Scholar	Glamorgan, Cowbridge
Margaret Davies	Dau		6	Scholar	Glamorgan, Cowbridge
William Davies	Son		3		Glamorgan, Cowbridge

1891 Census

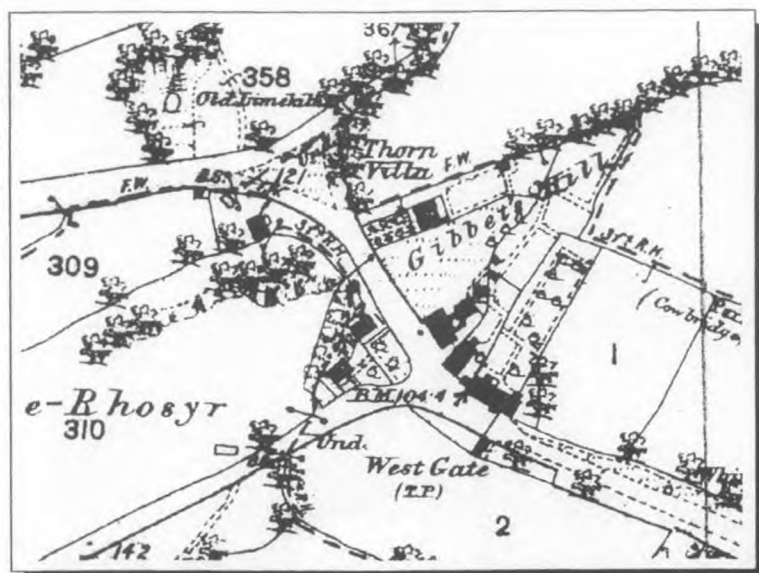
Schedule

5

Illyd Davies	Head	Married	57 (?)	Licensed Victualler	Glamorgan, Marcross
Alice Davies	Wife	Married	57 (?)		Glamorgan, Wick
Adelaide Davies	Dau	Umar'	18	Dressmakers Assistant	Glamorgan, Cowbridge
Margaret Davies	Dau	Umar'	16	Dressmaker	Glamorgan, Cowbridge

(?) Obviously an error made in transcription.

Today two more houses stand in the garden of the old inn. 'Bryn Crogwr' (Gibbet Hill), was formerly known as 'Thorn Cottage' and is a modern building. ( It is not shown on the 1972 OS 6-inch map ) The older of the two, 'Thorn Villa', was presumably built between 1851 and 1861 as it first appears in the 1861 Census returns and it is shown on the 1877 OS 25 inch/mile map. O.R



## Thorn Villa



### 1861 Census

Schedule

120

William Thomas	Head	M	77	Retired Farmer	Glamorgan, St Mary Church
Rebecca Thomas	Wife	M	70		Glamorgan, Lanblethian
Rebecca Thomas	Servant	Umar'	19	House Servant	???????????

*Birthplace*

### 1871 Census

Schedule

134

William Thomas	Head	M	88	Retired Farmer	Glamorgan, St Mary Church
Rebecca Thomas	Wife	M	80		Glamorgan, Lanblethian
Selina Thomas	Servant	M	20	General Servant	Glamorgan, Newbridge

### 1881 Census

Schedule

290

James F Rich	Head	M	60	Officer of Excise	Lancashire, Wigan
Elizabeth Rich	Wife	M	59		Norfolk, Yarmouth
Mary Rich	Dau	Umar'	33		Gloucester, Iron Acton
William Rich	Son	Umar'	26	Bank Cashier	Lancashire, Liverpool
Amy Rich	Dau	Umar'	22	School Teacher	Salop, ?Bosely?
James L Rich	Son	Umar'	19 (?)	Scholar	Brecon, Builth Wells
Alice Rich	Dau		14	Scholar	Glamorgan, Cowbridge

### 1891 Census

Schedule

6

Jane Meredith	Head	Widow	64	living on means	Merthyr Tydfil
Mary Meredith	Dau	Umar'	30	living on means	Merthyr Tydfil
Sarah Meredith	Dau	Umar'	26	Milliner	Merthyr Tydfil
(7) Charles Griffiths (*)	Lodger	Umar'	30	Bank Clerk	Breconshire, Hay

(\*) Charles Griffiths has been given a different 'schedule number' although he was shown as a lodger. The convention was only to give such a number if he had been a 'Head of Household'. This is only one of the many basic mistakes made by this collator.

## Other Buildings around the West Village Toll Gate

Apart from the 'Westgate Inn' there are six other dwellings shown in the 1843 'Tithe Commutation List'. They are Properties 238, 239, 4, 5, 6a ( the Toll House ) and Property 6. The first two of these were discussed on page 3.

### Property 4

This thatched building stood at a right angle to the road (see the map on page 3) and was situated between the 'Westgate Inn' and Property 5. According to the Tithe Commutation List of 1843 it was owned by Richard Franklen and the occupier was a Thomas Williams. Franklen was also shown as the owner of the 'Westgate Inn'. I presume that this is the same house described on page 5 which passed to Sam Fenton on the death of Evan Jones - "... *freehold dwelling house, occupant John Morgan, adjoining the same; i.e. the 'Westgate Inn'*")

But of course this names a different owner and occupier to those shown on the Tithe list. This could be explained if, as was discussed in class, Richard Franklen was a Land Agent and John Morgan was a subtenant of Thomas Williams.

The 1891 Census tells us that the house had only four rooms but in both 1851 and 1861 the occupant was shown as a 'lodging house keeper'!!! A blacksmith lived here in 1871 so had the 'nailer's shop' across the road, Property 7, been converted to a blacksmiths forge?

### 1843 Tithe Commutation List

Occupier - Thomas Williams

#### 1851 Census

Schedule

15

John Morgan	Head	M	52	Greenwich Pensioner (Lodging house Keeper)	Glamorgan, Cowbridge
Elizabeth Morgan	Wife	M	44	Dressmaker	Glamorgan, ???
William Morgan	Son	Um	14	Scholar	Glamorgan, Cowbridge
Alfred Lewis	Lodger	M	24	?Saddler?	Brecon, La.....
Ann Lewis	Wife	M	22		Hereford, De.....
Alfred Lewis	Son		2		Brecon, La....
Jane Powell	Lodger	W	40	No Occupation	Brecon, St .....

#### 1861 Census

Schedule

118

Ann Jenkins	Head	W	75	Lodging House Keeper	Glamorgan, St Brides
Jane Jenkins	Dau	Um	33	Dressmaker	Glamorgan, Lanblethian
Rebekah Jenkins	Gdau		8	Scholar	Glamorgan, Whitchurch
David John	Boarder	Um	32	Groom	Glamorgan, Ystrad
John Baker	Boarder	Um	18	Labourer	Glamorgan, Swansea



1871 Census

Schedule

132

William Jennings	Head	M	27	Blacksmith	Somerset, Coleceston (?)
Mary Jennings	Wife	M	27		Glamorgan, Penlline
Catherine Jennings	Dau		3		Glamorgan, Cowbridge
Frederick Seymour	Nephew		15	Smith's Apprentice	Glamorgan, Coleceston ( original error!!!)

1881 Census

Schedule

288

Charles Baker	Head	M	41	Agricultural Labourer	Somerset, Bromfield(?)
Elizabeth Baker	Wife	M	48		Somerset, ditto
Esther Daniel	Dau	M	20	Puddlers Wife	Somerset, ditto
Charles Daniel	Gson		6		Glamorgan, Aberdare
Ellen Baker	Dau		17	General Servant	Somerset, ??
Sarah Jane Baker	Gdau		5		Glamorgan, Cowbridge
Charles Baker	Son		8	Scholar	Glamorgan, Penllyne
Harriet Baker	Dau		5		Glamorgan, Penllyne
James Baker	Son		2		Glamorgan, Penllyne
John Pritchard	Visitor		25	Agricultural Labourer	Brecon, Builth

1891 Census

Schedule

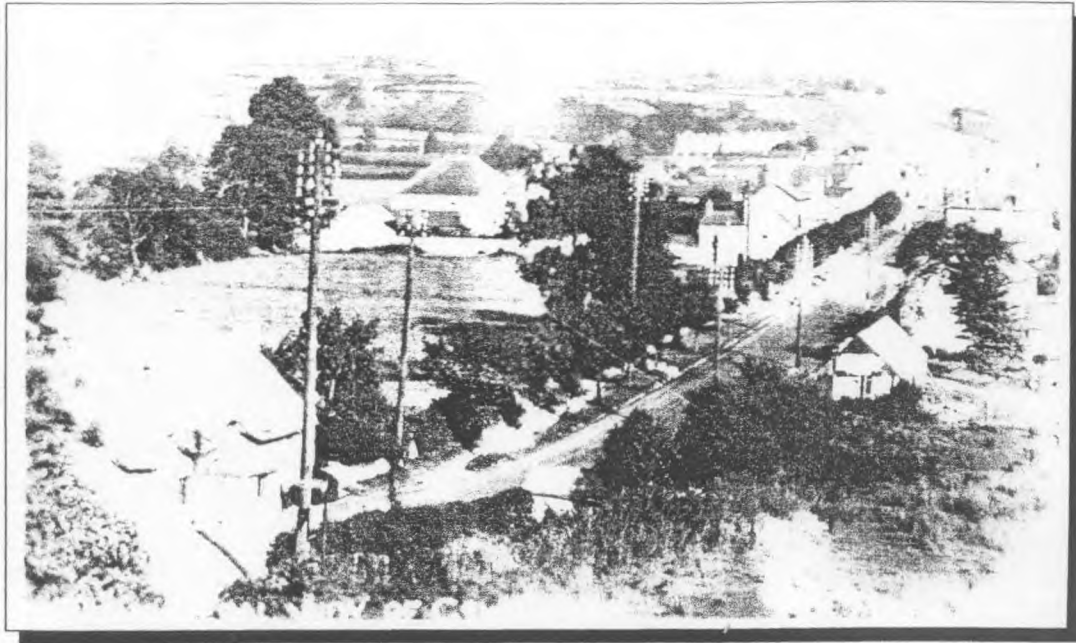
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Edward Edwards	Head	M	41	Farm Servant	Glamorgan, St Donats
Mary Edwards	Wife	M	30		Glamorgan, Llanblethian
William Edwards	Son		5	Scholar	Glamorgan, Cowbridge
? Magdalu? Edwards	Dau		3		Glamorgan, Cowbridge
Alice Edwards	Dau		1		Glamorgan, Cowbridge
Henry Harris	Lodger	S	40	Railway Labourer	Monmouth, Bassaleg

As an observation I have noticed that Cowbridge seems to have attracted many agricultural labourers and other workers from Somerset. In fact I believe that the county of Somerset was the most common 'Place of Birth' of the non-Welsh born residents of the town. Presumably this was because the industrial north of Glamorgan with its higher wages was drawing away workers from the Vale and replacements were being recruited from across the Bristol Channel. But why so many did so many come from Somerset compared to the other west country counties?

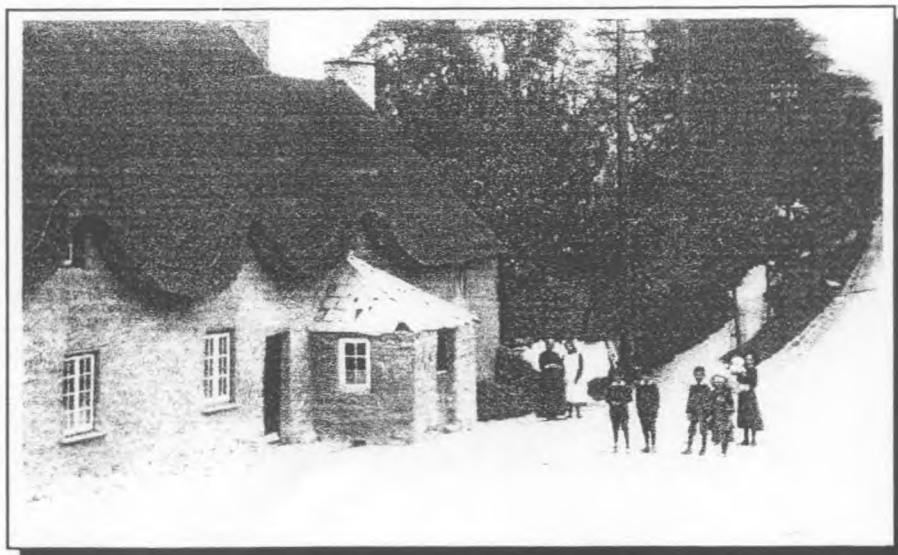
Perhaps one such 'recruit' from Somerset was the **Charles Baker** shown above in the 1881 Census. He had moved to South Wales sometime between 1864 and 1873. His daughter **Mrs Esther Daniel**, who was born in Somerset in 1861, was the wife of an 'Iron Puddler' presumably working in Aberdare. Her son Charles Daniel had been born there c.1875, at which time Esther would have been only 14!!

Properties 5, 6a, 6 and 7



This photograph of Westgate was taken after the 'Old Manse' was built in 1912, probably around 1920. On the left of the frame is the thatched block of buildings with the projecting 'porch' consisting of the '1843 Properties' Nos. 5, 6a and 6. On the opposite side of the road is a small hut-like building, Property 7, the 'Nailer's Shop'. The 'Westgate Inn' and Property 4 are out of the picture on the left.

On the north side of the road the first building to the east of the fields is the present No. 27 Westgate. The row of trees fringing the road is still there, though somewhat larger now, and above them is the Baptist Chapel. On the south side of the road the first 'building' is probably the 'Telephone Exchange' and behind the trees is the 'Old Manse'.



A closer view shows the front door of Property 5, then the tiled toll-collectors booth, Property 6a, with a window on either side and a 'stable door'. Beyond that is Property 6 and another few yards further on

is a telegraph pole. A modern pole occupies the same spot today.

### Property 5

This was another four roomed house and owned in 1843 by **Thomas Edmondes** and a **John Lewis** was the occupier. John was still living there in 1851 and the census shows that he was a 62 year old stone mason and that he had three adult sons who worked in the same trade. His third son **Richard Lewis** appears in both the 1871 and 1881 censuses living in Property 6 on the other side of the Tollhouse. Richard's son **John** had been born in 1862 at Llantwit Major, explaining the family's absence from the 1861 Cowbridge census. In 1891, aged 69, Richard was living in the cottage ( later '*Westgate Lodge*' - schedule 9 ) next to '*Rock Cottage*'.

In 1871 and 1881 the occupier was an **Evan Rees** a farmer and milkman from Llanmaes. Evan evidently prospered as by 1881, aged 47, he had doubled his land from 54 to 95 acres and his family from four children to nine. (and all in a four roomed house!!!)

### 1843 Tithe Commutation

Occupier - John Lewis

#### 1851 Census

#### Schedule

14

John Lewis	Head	M	62	Stone Mason	Glamorgan, ????
Margaret Lewis	Wife	M	60	Pastry Cook	Glamorgan, Cowbridge
Mary Lewis	Dau	Um	33	Dress Maker	Glamorgan, Cowbridge
John Lewis	Son	Um	31	Stone Mason	Glamorgan, Cowbridge
Thomas Lewis	Son	Um	29	Stone Mason	Glamorgan, Cowbridge
Richard Lewis	Son	Um	27	Stone Mason	Glamorgan, Cowbridge
Margaret	Dau	Um	23	Dressmaker Apprentice	Glamorgan, Cowbridge
John Lewis? Thomas?	Lodger		9	Scholar	Glamorgan, Cowbridge

#### 1861 Census

#### Schedule

117

Thomas Roberts	Head	M	33	Tailor Jouneyman	Glamorgan, Cowbridge
Margaret Roberts	Wife	M	26		Glamorgan, Landough
Mary Roberts	Dau		7	Scholar	Glamorgan, Cowbridge
Margaret Roberts	Dau		4	Scholar	Glamorgan, Cowbridge
Elizabeth Roberts	Dau		2		Glamorgan, Cowbridge
?Lola? Roberts	Dau		1 month		Glamorgan, Cowbridge

#### 1871 Census

#### Schedule

131

Evan Rees	Head	M	36	Farmer 54 acres/Milkman	Glamorgan, Llanmaes
Mary Rees	Wife	M	31		Glamorgan, Coychurch
Jane Rees	Dau		8	Scholar	Glamorgan, Coychurch
Ann Rees	Dau		6	Scholar	Glamorgan, Llanmaes
Elizabeth Rees	Dau		4		Glamorgan, Llanmaes
John Rees	Son		2		Glamorgan, Cowbridge

1881 CensusSchedule

287

Evan Rees	Head	M	47	Farmer 95 acres	Glamorgan, Llanmaes
Mary Rees	Head	M	43		Glamorgan, Coychurch
Jane Rees	Dau	Um	18	Domestic Servant	Glamorgan, Coychurch
Ann Rees	Dau	Um	16	Domestic Servant	Glamorgan, Llanmaes
Elizabeth Rees	Dau	Um	14	Scholar	Glamorgan, Llanmaes
John Rees	Son		12	Scholar	Glamorgan, Cowbridge
Thomas Rees	Son		9	Scholar	Glamorgan, Cowbridge
Mary Rees	Dau		7	Scholar	Glamorgan, Cowbridge
William Rees	Son		5	Scholar	Glamorgan, Cowbridge
Edmund Rees	Son		2		Glamorgan, Cowbridge
Beatrice Rees	Dau		5 months		Glamorgan, Cowbridge

1891 CensusSchedule

3

Samuel Williment(?)	Head	M	58	Gardener (domestic servant)	Somerset, Combe St Nichola
Mary Williment(?)	Wife	M	54		Somerset, Buckland St Mary
John Bond(?)	Brother	?	29	Gardener (domestic servant)	Somerset, Combe Storey

Property 6a - The Toll House

This 'house' was even smaller having only 2 rooms and no apparent garden, unless it shared a garden with Property 5. Perhaps this explains why the post of toll-keeper was often given to widows and widowers.

The Cowbridge turnpike road is mentioned several times in "The Diary of William Thomas" (Editor - Roy Denning ) and it seems to have started to operate in 1765. So there must have been Toll-houses and keepers from that time and we have two mentions of the early 'gate-keepers' in the diary.

page 199

*"January 1768 ...Was buried in Penlline since the 17th of December last part, **Thomas Christopher** that kept the west gate of Cowbridge. Of 80 years of age he was the father of he that was lately committed to Cardiff's jail for stealing the money of David of Caewanaf."*

page 364

*"March 1788 - 9th March - was buried in Bonvilston from Cowbridge Westgate, where he kept the gate, old **Philip Lwycher** of 80 years of age or more."*

The 'Cowbridge Directory of 1795' gives the names of two others but as there were three toll-gates in Cowbridge so we do not know where they worked.

<i>Thomas Christmas</i>	<i>Tollgate Keeper</i>
<i>Lewis John</i>	<i>Toll-gatherer</i>

Brian LL James say on page 83-4 of his 'Cowbridge and Llanblethian - Past and Present' that from 1832 when the main road was diverted to pass through Bridgend that town grew rapidly and it became the main market of Mid Glamorgan and so Cowbridge became less important. Then when the railway between Cardiff and Swansea opened in 1850 the mail coach ceased to run through Cowbridge.



David Jones of Wallington in describing Cowbridge in the 1860s said that on Tuesdays, the market day, the town was busy but -

*"On the remaining six days of the week the long single street of the town might be used as a ground for rifle practice with but small danger to any of her Majesty's subjects."*

This is reflected in the 'manning' of the western toll-gate. From 1871 onwards the husband worked at his trade leaving his wife and children to collect the tolls. In the late 1880s the County Councils took over the responsibility for the roads and the tollhouses became redundant. After the post of Tollgate Collector disappeared the last known resident of the tollhouse **Henry Trott** went on to become by 1891 the unsuccessful landlord of the 'Globe Inn'. (In the early years of the next century he was working as a Coal merchant)

### 1843 Tithe Commutation List

Occupier - George Malpas

#### 1851 Census

##### Schedule

13	John Gibbon(?)	Head	M	57	Toll Gate Collector	Berkshire, .....
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#### 1861 Census

##### Schedule

116	Margaret Llewelyn	Head	W	48(?)	Toll Collector	Glamorgan, Ystrad
	John Llewelyn	Son		9	Scholar	Glamorgan, Ystrad
	John Jenkins	BinLaw		35	Tailor Journeyman	Glamorgan, St Do....

#### 1871 Census

##### Schedule

130	James John	Head	M	31	Gardener	Glamorgan, Cowbridge
	Ann John	Wife	M	32	Toll Collector	Glamorgan, Colwinston
	Joseph John	Son		6	Scholar	Glamorgan, Lanblethian
	Matilda John	Dau		4	Scholar	Glamorgan, Cowbridge
	Francis	Son		15 months		Glamorgan, Cowbridge
	Emily	Dau		3 months		Glamorgan, Cowbridge

#### 1881 Census

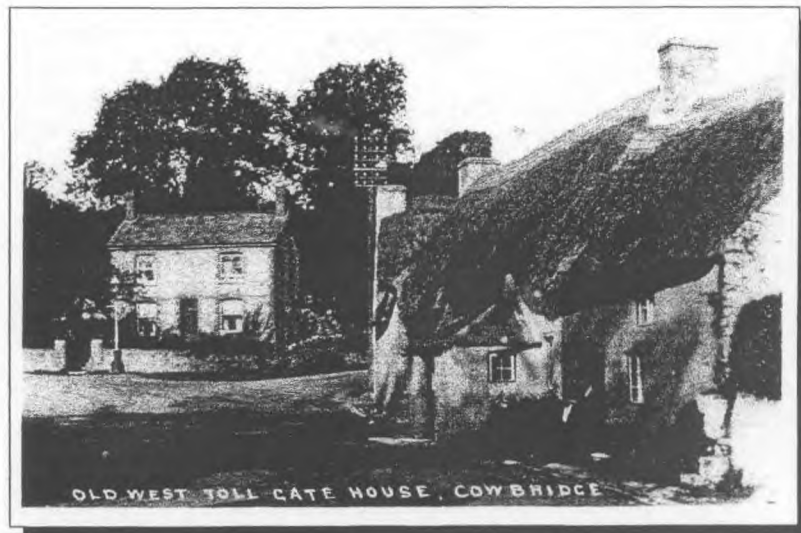
##### Schedule

286	Henry Trott	Head	M	35(?)	Road Labourer	Somerset, North Petherton
	Ann Trott	Wife	M	27(?)	Toll Gate Keeper	Somerset, North Petherton
	Ann Trott	Dau		4	Scholar	Glamorgan, Cowbridge
	Henry W Trott	Son		5 months		Glamorgan, Cowbridge

1891 CensusSchedule

2

George Burley	Head	M	37	Blacksmiths striker	Gloucester, Stroud
Elizabeth Burley	Wife	M	24		Somerset, .....Road
??? Burley	Son		1		Glamorgan, Llanblethian

Property 6

This 3 roomed house was at the eastern end of the block and, as is shown in this photograph, it had a lower roof line than the other two houses. Also the garden to the rear of the property, as shown in the 1843 Tithe map (page 1), was very much smaller than that of Property 5. It appears to have been 'scooped out' of the meadow, Property 9, owned by **Thomas Edmond**s who also owned Property 5.

Therefore I would suggest that Properties 5 and 6a were originally one house. When a tollhouse was needed in 1765 Thomas Edmond's predecessor partitioned off the end of the house, added a porch and sold it to the Road Commissioners. Property 6 was built on at a later date and allotted only a small garden before eventually being sold to Mrs Lewis.

1843 Tithe Commutation List

Occupier - David Lewis

1851 CensusSchedule

12

Edward Roberts	Head	M	65(?)	Labourer	Glamorgan, Cowbridge
Ann Roberts	Wife	M	68	?Laundress?	Glamorgan, .....?
Ann Vaughan	Dau	M	39	A pauper, no occupation	Glamorgan, Cowbridge
Thomas Vaughan	Gson		11	Scholar	Glamorgan, Cowbridge

1861 CensusSchedule

115

Mary Sophia Morgan	Head	W	46	Chelsea Pensioner W	Kent, Deptford
Mary Morgan	Dau	M	47	Boot Closer	Kent, Brompton
David Thomas	Boarder	W	57	Boot Maker Journeyman	Gloucestershire, St Michael.....

1871 CensusSchedule

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Richard Lewis	Head	M	46	Mason	Glamorgan, Cowbridge
Margaret Lewis	Wife	M	47		Glamorgan, St Donats
John Lewis	Son		9	Scholar	Glamorgan, Llantwit Major

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Richard Lewis	Head	M	56	Mason	Glamorgan, Cowbridge
Margaret Lewis	Wife	M	56		Glamorgan, Llantwit Major
John Lewis	Son	Um	19	Mason	Glamorgan, Llantwit Major

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Alice Griffiths	Head	W	52	?keeper of fancy shop?	Glamorgan, Llangan
Richard Griffiths	Son	Um	19	wheelwright	Glamorgan, Llanblethian
??? David	Gdau		8		Glamorgan, Maesteg

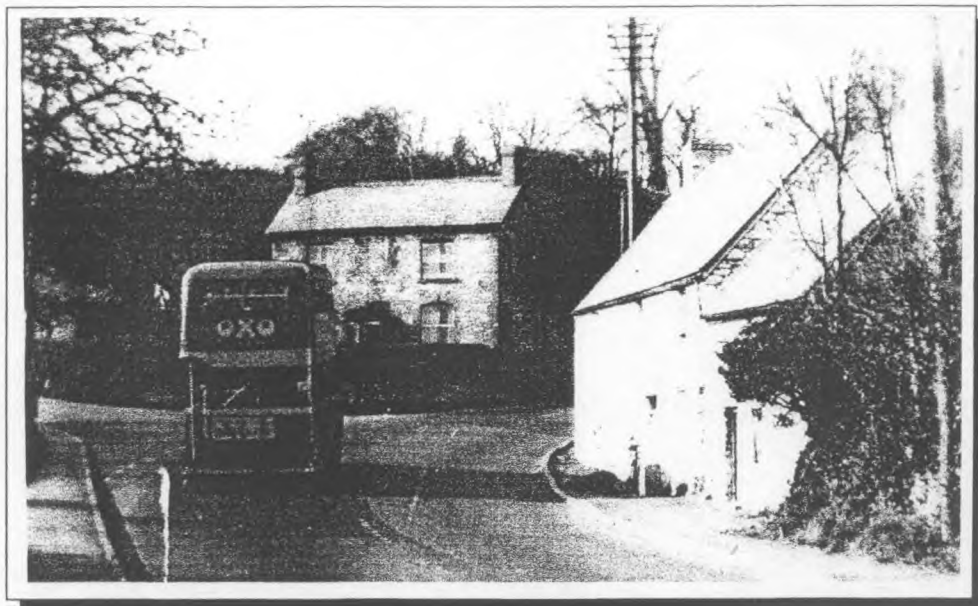
The photograph on the opposite page was taken after 1903 when 'Rock House' was rebuilt. The 'Westgate Inn' is not visible but the gable end of the 1843 Property 4, which stood at a right angle to the road, can just be seen.

Property 7 - Nailer's Shop

This small building stood across the road from the Tollhouse and from photographic evidence it seems to have survived into the 20th century (page 11 ). A description of such a nailer's shop was given in a book published by the Western Mail in 1912, 'Recollections' by Sam Allen. He was a young engineer who moved to Cardiff from Pembrokeshire in the 1860s and in the book gives his impressions of Cardiff at that time. On page 67 he remembered a lady blacksmith who worked in a forge in Paradise Place. -

*"Here, through an open window was to be seen a lady blacksmith, wielding a clumsy short-handled hammer, and pounding away on a short length of white-hot rod, about a quarter of an inch square. These rods were rolled especially for nail making, probably at the College Works near to the Cow and Snuffers at Llandaff. A little bellows, perched overhead, and operated by a sort of bell-rope, supplied the necessary blast, and another, considerably smaller, such as was in common use for kitchen purposes, sent a small jet of air, which blew away the scale from the nail in the course of making. A fixed cutter in the anvil were the principal appliances required for making the larger number of strong nails, by a past generation, for horse shoeing, and other purposes."*

According to 'folk memory' (i.e. Margaret Hawkins and Alf Charles) the tollhouse block was demolished in the late 50s or early 60s. The last photograph we have of the houses is the one below, apparently taken in the 'post-war' period. The projecting booth has disappeared and the thatch roof has been replaced by corrugated iron sheets..



Seemingly "Noboby objected to a couple of old cottages being knocked down." But when one considers that in Cardiff at around that time a monstrous office block was built on top of the the Greyfriars Priory site that should come as no surprise.



Further thoughts on the Westgate Toll House

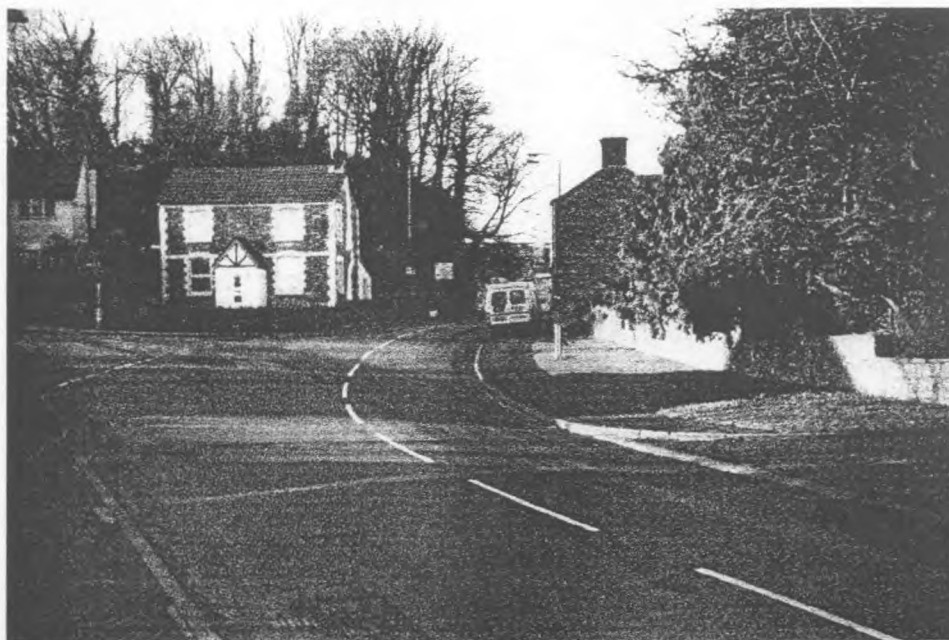
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The photograph shows the Tollgate House after the Turnpike gate had been removed. The exact date of the picture is unknown but guessing from the clothes worn by the woman, standing at the door of the right-hand cottage, 'around 1900' would be a fair guess..

The 'Westgate Inn' is not visible but the gable end of the '1843 - Property 4' can be seen, as can 'Rock House' with a gas lamp at the front gate

Today all four cottages have been demolished. 'Rock House' is still standing and now the side of the renamed 'Westgate Inn' can be seen.



We can find out some details of the four cottages from the **1891 Census** which listed the number of rooms in a property, if there less than 5.

- 1/ The separate building, **Property 4** , which stood at right angles to the road and was sometimes used as a 'Lodging House', had only 4 rooms!!!!
- 2/ The property on the Western end of the Tollgate block, **number 5**, also had 4 rooms. (in 1881 the house was occupied by farmer Evan Rees and his family, 11 people in all.)
- 3/ But the Tollhouse, **Property 6a**, was even smaller having only 2 rooms.
- 4/ Finally the property at the Eastern end of the block, **number 6**, had 3 rooms.



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The above photo' shows that **No.6** had a lower roof line than the other two. The garden to the rear of the property, as shown in the **1843 Tithe Map**, was much smaller than that shared (?) by **6a** and **5**. It appears to have been 'scooped out' of the meadow, **Property 9**, owned by Thomas Edmondson who also owned **Property 5**.

Therefore I would suggest that **properties 5** and **6a** were built as a single house of 6 rooms, at some time prior to the setting-up of the *Turnpike Trust* (ie. c.1764). Then at that time it was subdivided to provide 'basic accommodation' for the Toll Collector which was then sold by Thomas Edmondson to the Turnpike Trust. (? replaced later by the 'Commissioner of Roads' ?)

**Property 6**, the easternmost dwelling of 3 rooms, was added at a later date and was allotted only a small back garden.

In 1843 **Property 4** stood on land owned by Richard Franklen the owner of the next door 'Westgate Inn' (opened c.1832). But had the cottage been built before 1832 (but after the construction of **Property 5**) and at 90° to the road to make most of the space between the then existing property boundaries?

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The **1891 Census** seemingly shows that the Westgate Turnpike had ceased to operate as it does not mention either the Tollhouse or a 'Tollgate Collector'. (see previous notes re -'The end of the Tollgates')

An apparently 'post-war' photo' shows that the projecting porch of the Tollhouse had gone as had the thatch, replaced by corrugated iron sheets. At this time I have not yet discovered when the buildings were demolished but we believe they were removed c1955.



Also the **1891 Census** tells us that a 'Retired Toll Gate Keeper', Elizabeth ?Eddous? and her daughter, were living in Church Street. So does this mean that the South Toll House cottage was unused but still standing? Again, as with the Western Tollgate, there is no mention of the Easter Tollgate.

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