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Source Abbreviations		
LTA	Land tax assessments (GRO)	
GRO	Glamorgan Record Office	
B/Cow	Borough Council deeds in GRO	
	Glamorgan County Rate (GRO)	
	Tithe, directories, census etc all in GRO	

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Date	2 Eastgate, Railway Inn, Cowbridge	Source
	This substantial property stands on the corner of the	
	cross roads of Eastgate, St Athan, Broadway, Aberthin	
	and Cardiff roads. Its front has two large bay windows,	
	and an extension has been added to the rear.	
1783 - 9	Deborah Perkins owned and occupied, 4/-It is	LTA
	mentioned in the diary of her son, John Perkins that she	
	had moved here from the family home at 49 Eastgate	
	(The Shield) following her husband's death.	
1831	Will of William Lewis – leaving the property to his	B/Cow/Correspon
	daughter Jennet	dence
1843/184	Property shown as a very small building just outside	Tithe 115
	both Eastgate and Broadway toll gates -Janet Lewis	
	owned and occupied	
1851	Jennette Lewis, 77, unmarried, mason's daughter born	Census 173
	Cowbridge	
1853	Death of Jennette Lewis, leaving the property to her	B/Cow/Corresp
	nephew John Lewis .	
1861	Hiram Anderson, 51, chimney sweep, born Scotland,	Census 233
	with wife and another chimney sweep, David Bowers	
1864	Conveyance, John Lewis of Mountain Ash to David	B/Cow/Corresp
	Williams of Cowbridge, victualler – a ruinous dwelling	
	house, partly taken down, with garden etc belonging,	
	situated in east village, lately occupied by Jennett	
	Lewis, later Charles Anderson, sweep.	
	David Williams was the landlord of The Royal Oak in	
	High Street, and had his eye on trading opportunities	
	afforded by the opening of the Cowbridge to Llantrisant	
	railway in 1865.	
1865, 12th	Joseph Braddick of the Railway Inn fined for the sale of	Bridgend
May	beer in illegal hours.	Chronicle
1871	Edward John, 29, innkeeper, born Cowbridge, with wife	Census 259
1070	Elizabeth, two baby daughters and a servant	G1
1872	Transfer of licence, Edward John to William Jones of St	Glamorgan
1074	Brides	Gazette
1874	William Jones occupied; David Williams owned	Glam. county rate
1070	Mon shovya nyanayty tarias ita maarii	129
1878	Map shows property twice its previous size	V allay? = 1: 4
1880	William Jones, Railway Inn	Kelly's directory
1881	William Jones, 47, licensed victualler, born Cowbridge,	Census 159
1000	with wife Margaret and daughter Mary, 6	
1889	Assignment of 21 year lease, Mary Williams to Lewis	
1001	Jenkins, Railway Inn, occupied by William Jones	Congres 155
1891	William Jones, 57, with wife and daughter Mary, 16, a	Census 155
1005	dressmaker's apprentice	Valley's
1895	William Davies (from Shrewsbury), Railway Inn	Kelly's
1898	William Davies pays Borough rent for shed and yard,	B/Cow/192
	near old east gate	

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1899	Death of Lewis Jenkins	
1900	Consent to assign lease, Anne Jenkins, widow of Lewis Jenkins (of the Butchers Arms) to Hansard Bros., brewers	
	By 1901, William Davies had almost certainly married the young daughter of former landlord William Jones. I the 1901 census, Davies was 56, his wife Mary Edith 26	
	and they had two sons. Miss Evelyn Hopkin (in the 1977 church magazine) remembered them as 'Mr and Mrs Billo DaviesMrs Davies had a lovely face, but	
	her head by some muscular aberration was twisted towards her shoulder'.	
	The lease of the inn remained tied to the Cowbridge Brewery as it was transferred first to Hansard Brothers, the successors to Lewis Jenkins, and then to Thomas Morgan.	
	In 1906, Mary Davies took over the licence (1906 death of William Davies in St Hilary parish records) and then for twenty one years from 1907 James Denbury was the landlord. It must have been in his time that 'Ma Haig'	
	from Llanblethian used to come in with her donkey cart to the Railway inn. She would tie up the donkey outside, and on one occasion some local lads untied it and	
	replaced it back-to-front between the shafts, wondering if Mrs Haig would be too drunk to notice.	
1910	Railway Inn recorded, but no name of occupier	Bennett's directory
1920 - 26	James Denbury, Railway Inn	Kelly's
1927 & 1933	Deaths of James and Ellen Denbury, both aged 57, of the Railway Inn	St Hilary parish records
10/7	The Railway Inn continued as a public house until the 1960s, Roy Cherry being the last landlord.	
1967 1979	Peter Alan, estate agent Trustmark stationer's	Cowbridge Week programme
1984	Basil's Brasserie	
2016	Formerly L'Ariostos restaurant but now empty.	