

Date	Ancient Druid, 44 Eastgate, Cowbridge	Source
	<i>Grade II listed. Eighteenth century, two storey house. Rendered three bay front elevation with chamfered quoins, moulded architraves to upper floor windows with a square wooden panel with relief carving of a heraldic griffin or dragon over all window heads. Sash windows three panes wide; the centre first floor window blocked and glazing bars missing in lower right half of right hand ground floor window. Central square-headed door opening; door with four fielded panels; 19th century half glazed vestibule door.</i>	RCAHM
	For further information, see RCAHM Llantwit Major and Cowbridge 1989, pp 514 and 518 (plan).	
1766	Catherine Williams	Deeds
1773	Oliver Richard 9d.	Land Tax Assessment
1778, 22nd April (? or 1785)	Oliver Richard, yeoman and wife Ann his wife for a year to Elizabeth Sands of Llandough, widow, - messuage, tenement and garden, formerly of Thomas Phillips and now of Thomas Edmondes Esq., (between) the house formerly of John Miles, Clerk, and now of Jane Vallance, widow, and lands formerly of Evan Jenkins, gent, and now of Thomas Edmondes Esq., and the highway leading through the town of Cowbridge.... as Catherine Williams, late of the town of Cowbridge, spinster, held	Deeds
1783	Oliver Richard owned and occupied, half burgage	BR 67, Bute
1784	Oliver Richard owned; Thomas Morgan occupied, 3s 4d.	LTA
23/4/1785	Conveyance of property to Elizabeth Sands for £73.10s	Deeds
1788	Oliver Richard owned, Evan Beddo occupied, 3s 4d.	LTA
1800	Oliver Richard owned, David Harry occupied, 3s. 4d.	LTA
1806 -16	William Sands owned (David Harry deleted), William Meredith occupied, half burgage	BR 67
1815	William Sands owned, William Meredith occupied, 3s.4d.	LTA
1827, 11th October	William Sands of Llandough, farmer to wife Catherine – ‘my house in Cowbridge’ for her life and then to son John Sands and heirs	Will (made 3/4/1823) & deeds
1832	John Sands owned, (William Meredith deleted) John Edwards occupied, half burgage	BR 67
1843	John Sands owned (Druid public house); William Williams occupied	Tithe 128
1844, 6th June	Mortgage, John Sands, farmer of Llandough, son of William Sands, to Miss Martha Ballard, Cowbridge, spinster – messuage now used as a public house known by the name or sign of The Druid	Deeds
1844	William Howells, Druid public house	Electoral roll

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1849 ?	Druid public house – John Sands of Llandough	Register of electors
1851	David Williams, 25, publican and labourer, born Colwinston, with Mary his wife and one servant, Jane Arthur, 24	Census 161
1852, 24th August	Conveyance of equity of redemption, message by the name of the Ancient Druid, formerly of Catherine Williams, spinster, lately held by William Whichello, and now held by David Williams, publican, as tenant of Martha Ballard, at £10 pa.	Deeds
1861	William Miles, 43, mason and victualler, with Sarah his wife, 41, and John David, 42, journeyman carpenter	Census or 220
1863, 26th March	Conveyance, Martha Ballard to Joseph May, yeoman & widower, for £240	Deeds
	<i>(For further details of Joseph May, see 55, 59 and 77 High Street. His daughter Margaret married Lewis Jenkins, maltster of Cowbridge, in 1864 – parish records)</i>	
1871	Joseph May, 60, widower, licensed victualler, and Charles May, 18, traveller in colliery grease	Census 234
1871, 6th November	Conveyance, Joseph May to George J May of Neath (alternative account is that Joseph rented it to his brother George for £40 per year for life. George was a merchant from Neath).for David Rees, add ‘draper and now of William Williams, gentleman’	Deeds
25/9/1872	George James May & Joseph May to Lewis Jenkins of Cowbridge, maltster & brewer, lease for 21 years at £18 pa – Ancient Druid and yard, stable, garden and premises, occupied by John Thomas	Deeds
1874	John Thomas occupied; owner Joseph May (JT was Joseph May’s son in law)	Glamorgan Rate Book
1876, 11th April	Conveyance, Joseph May and George James May to Lewis Jenkins (another account is that Joseph ‘conveyed’ the property to Lewis Jenkins the brewer for £112 per year, on the understanding that LJ agreed to continue paying £41 per year to him for the remainder of his life). Lewis Jenkins, or possibly his son, married one of Joseph May’s daughters.	Deeds
1878	John Thomas	Owen’s directory
1880	Joseph May	Slater’s directory
1881	Joseph May, 70, licensed victualler, with daughter Annie Thomas, 37, widow*, Edith Thomas, 16, apprentice dressmaker, Fanny Thomas, scholar, and Gwladys Thomas, all granddaughters, plus grandsons Percy Thomas, 11, scholar, Robert Thomas, 9, scholar, Charles Thomas, 7, scholar.	Census 118

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1884	Death of Joseph May	Cowbridge monumental inscriptions
1886	Licence transferred to 'New Druids' across the road, which Joseph May's daughter Annie took over as a pub.	'The Cowbridge Railway', Chapman, p 44
1891	Richard Morgan, 35, hay merchant, with wife Mary, daughters Gwladys, 10, scholar, Beatrice, 9, scholar, Nesta, 6, scholar, and Deborah, 2, and sons Edward, 7, scholar and Robert, 4, scholar.	Census 108
1910	Wybert Thomas occupied, Lewis Jenkins owned	D/D PRO/VAL/1/46
1920	Wybert Thomas, builder, office (living in St Crispin, 8 Eastgate)	Pigot's directory & Glamorgan Rate Book
1923	Will of Lewis Jenkins of Graig House (made 12 th July) – appointed daughter Mary Margaret Jenkins and son George Edward Jenkins as executors (inter alia); bequeathed to daughter M M Jenkins his 3 freehold dwelling houses in Eastgate (1. The Post Office 2. The Old Druids, occupied by Sidney Thomas, ? father of Wybert, and 3. The cottage for many years occupied by Robert Storm, ie 63 Eastgate)	Will
1947	Frederick and Elizabeth Roberts, Aubrey and Frances Davies, Katherine S Butler	Register of electors
1948	Hancocks bottling & distribution centre – beer brought in from barrels by steam lorry – water from river at bridge – 'fined' in the brewery. Distributed from there.	Notes (difficult to read) by Jeff Alden
1951	Conveyance, Mrs LA Jenkins, widow of George Edward Jenkins, Margaret Lottie Jenkins, spinster, and Edith Mary Jenkins, spinster, of 19 Church Rd, Whitchurch, Cardiff, to Elizabeth Mary Roberts for £650	Deeds
1953	Conveyance, EM Roberts to Mr & Mrs Hall	Deeds
1953 onwards	The Hall family (Mrs Mary Hall, mayor of Cowbridge)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Annie Thomas, daughter of Joseph May, was born 23 August 1844 and died 5th June 1931. She married Robert Thomas and they moved to Dolgellau, where their son Robert was born. Robert Thomas senior became a bank manager in Aberystwyth, where another son, Charles, was born. Robert Thomas senior died, and Annie moved back to Cowbridge, eventually living at 41 Eastgate (running the Druid Hotel there). She is buried in Cowbridge churchyard next to her parents, and there is a plaque inside the church to commemorate her death.</i> 	

