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Pre 1711	Owned by Robert Powell	Will of Edward Bates
1711	House, courtyard and garden in the Pentre – left by Edward Bates to son Thomas	Will of Edward Bates
1744	Thomas Bates esq., half burgage, late Diana Davies	BR 53
1749	Will of Richard Bates, to widow Jennet and son Edward, property including house and garden without East Gate between the house of Henry Matthews gent on east and Francis Gwyn esq. on west, way to Limes on south, high road on north.	
1762	Mrs Bates, late Thomas Bates owned; Richard Taylor, late Diana Davies occupied	BR 53
1773	Jennet Bates widow, 1/6	LTA
1783	Edward Bates surgeon owned; William Preece occupied, half burgage	BR 53
1784, 1788	Mr Edward Bates owned, William Prees occupied, 2/-	LTA
1793, 1795, 1796	Humphrey Salter occupied, 2/-	LTA
Pre 1800	Owned by Edward Bates the elder, surgeon, occupied by Humphrey Salter hairdresser	Deeds
1800, 8th October	Edward Bates leased the property to John Aubrey cabinet maker (99 years) – ‘all that messuage and garden and slope house sometime since converted into a stable by Edward Bates’.	Deeds
1822, 25th February	Assignment of lease by John Aubrey to William Williams, tiler and plasterer.	Deeds
1830	Edward Bates Esq. owned, Samuel Williams occupied, 2/-	LTA
1832	Edward Bates owned, William Williams occupied, half burgage stable	BR 53
1842	William Williams (here described as a stone-cutter) died, leaving the property to his wife Elizabeth Williams.	Deeds
1843	Owner Mary Williams, occupied by Edward Howell.	Tithe
1844	<i>Marriage of Thomas Nicholas, widower of Cowbridge, carpenter (son of John Nicholas carpenter) to Mary Hopkin, dressmaker of Cowbridge, daughter of William Hopkin, farmer.</i>	Cowbridge parish register
10/10/ 1849	Will of Edward Bates the younger, surgeon of Greengate, St Bride’s Major, left the property to William Lewis, Bridgend, gent. and William Jones, Pyle, gent	Deeds

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1849	Reference to an Edward Howell as a boot and shoe maker, also a beer retailer, somewhere in Cowbridge	Hunts directory
1849	Thomas Nicholas, carpenter, occupier (refers to William Preece, shoemaker, and Samuel Williams, saddler, as previous occupants)	Aberthin 93
1851	Thomas Nicholas, 45, born Llanblethian, timber merchant employing one man, with wife, daughter, sister and lodger.	Census 148
1852	Thomas Nicholas, carpenter and joiner, also wheelwright	Scammel's directory
1856	Elizabeth Williams died, leaving the property to her nephews, William and Samuel Bevan, labourers of Kenfig Hill. William then sold his share to Samuel.	Deeds
1858	The property owners, William Lewis and William Jones, bought the remainder of the lease from Samuel Bevan.	Deeds
1858/9	Thomas Nicholas (still the tenant) – timber and slate dealer	Slater's
1861	Ann Bates, widow, aged 72 years, born Cowbridge, a landed and house proprietor, with daughter and granddaughter	Census 208
1865	Soloman Warren, beer retailer, Bridge Street	Webster's
1867	Property auctioned at the Bear Hotel – purchased by Soloman Warren. He then took out a mortgage with Thomas Matthews, saddler of Cowbridge. Further mortgage of £50 taken	Deeds
1868	Soloman Warren, retailer of beer	Slater's
1869, 25th June	Advert for sale of Bridge Inn – 'dwelling house, buildings, garden and premises, now occupied by Mr Soloman Warren.	<i>Central Glamorgan Gazette</i>
1870	Soloman Warren, painter	Slater's
1871	Soloman Warren, beer retailer, plumber, painter and house decorator, East Village	Kelly's directory
1871	Soloman Warren, 40, born Marnhull, Dorset, described as a master painter employing two, of the Bridge Inn, with wife, son and daughter.	Census 221
1881	Soloman Warren, innkeeper and master painter, 50, with wife, two sons and a daughter	Census 95
1890	Solomon Warren's mortgage transferred to Lewis Jenkins, brewer, of Graig House (owner of the Vale of Glamorgan Brewery)	Deeds
1906	Solomon Warren and son, painters, Bridge Inn and The Bridge	Kelly's directory
January 1906	Solomon Warren died; buried in Cowbridge parish church	Holy Cross records
1908, 11th November	Conveyance of the property by John S Warren to Lewis Jenkins	Deeds

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1910	Mrs Ellen Crowley, Bridge Inn Solomon Warren and son, painters, The Bridge <i>(The Crowleys, from Ireland, had earlier lived next door to Glen Cottage, higher up Eastgate on the other side)</i>	Kelly's
1911	New bridge built (see stone plaque on the side), preventing the use of water by chain pump from the parapet near the Bridge Inn	<i>A Cowbridge Story</i> by John Richards
1912	E Crowley, Bridge Inn	Western Mail directory
1912	John Crowley, Bridge Inn (63 years) buried February 22nd.	Holy Cross records
1913	Mary Ann Crowley, daughter of John, innkeeper, married Henry Robbins of Llantrisant	Holy Cross records
1914	Mrs Ellen Crowley, Bridge Inn	Kelly's
1919	Conveyance, Lewis Jenkins to Ely Brewery Company	Deeds
1920, 11th June	Eleanor and Thomas Crowley, Bridge Inn, fined for permitting consumption of intoxicating liquor	<i>Glamorgan Gazette</i>
1926	The Bridge Inn (Mrs E Crowley) lost its licence on the grounds of redundancy. Compensation to owner £1150, tenant £100	<i>Glamorgan Gazette</i>
1927	Conveyance, from Rhondda valley and Ely Breweries Ltd. to Arthur Lloyd Phillips of 13 Westgate Street	Deeds
1920s	W Phillips, plumber	Information from Mr R Phillips
1932	Death of WAL Phillips	Deeds
1937	Death at 92 yrs of Mrs Helen Crowley of 19 Eastgate (late of the Bridge Inn), widow of John Crowley and a native of Cowbridge. Survived by two sons, William and John, and two daughters, Margaret Quick and Mrs Harry Robbins of Rhode Island USA.	? <i>Glamorgan Gazette</i>
1941	Death of Mrs Phillips, widow	Deeds
1942	Property transferred to beneficiaries within the Phillips family	Deeds
1950s	Property turned into a shop – till then it looked like a pub, with a function room upstairs traditionally used for brass band practice. 3 feet walls between the current bookshop and the next-door florist's.	Mr R Phillips
1967	Converted back to a house	Mr R Phillips
1976	Mrs Margaret Rawlinson, artist and potter, from Aberthin took over the little western part of the property as a shop and workshop.	Deeds & local knowledge
1994/5	This western part was Makers craft cooperative	
1996	Oops a Daisy florists, with John MacClean's 'Cowbridge Book Shop' on the eastern side. Mr R Phillips occupies first floor of the complete building.	

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	<p><b>Notes on Thomas Nicholas</b>  1851 census shows John Nicholas, younger brother, lodging with the Price family around the corner. Aged 24, he was a carpenter and journeyman.  1861 census (207) shows Thomas Nicholas, 56 years, carpenter and master builder employing 15 men, appearing to live in the Limes, around the corner from 72 Eastgate, with wife Mary. Schedule 224 shows his father John, a retired wheelwright, living in Eastgate with Thomas's brother John and sister Harriet.  1871 census (219) shows Thomas Nicholas living in the Limes, near 72 Eastgate, a builder employing 5 men, with wife Mary and daughter Jane (26 years).  In 1881 (schedule 151), he was a widower aged 76, a retired builder, living with daughter Jane and her husband Ebenezer Davies in Eastgate.  1891 (146), he was 86, continuing to live with Jane, her husband and children near the Commercial Hotel, Eastgate.</p>	
	<p><b>Notes on Solomon Warren and family</b>  Census returns of 1871 show Solomon Warren was born in Marnhull, Dorset about 1831. The Marnhull census for 1851 shows him and his father James as agricultural labourers at Great Devon farm there. His brother Samuel was already in Cowbridge at that date, aged 20 and lodging in Town Hall buildings, and Solomon and James followed him there. James took lodgings with Samuel and his eventual family in High St., dying aged 69 in 1867. Samuel Warren's first wife was Hannah Jackson, daughter of Cowbridge painter and decorator Thomas Jackson.</p> <p>The 1861 census shows Soloman and Jane Warren, 27 and 20 years respectively, and he described as a housepainter and journeyman (an employed worker) living at the far end of Westgate.  From Cowbridge parish records and Board School records, their children appear to have been : Anne Jane Warren, born 14/7/1861, John Samuel Warren, born 5/11/1865,</p>	

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	<p>Margaret Louisa Warren, born 26/7/1869, Lucy Warren, born 18/8/1867, Mary Warren, born 13/4/1872 (died about 1879), and Evan Isaac Warren, born 4/12/1875.</p> <p>Recollections of Miss Evelyn Hopkin (parish mag. 1977) mention Soloman Warren and his sons carrying on ‘a painting business in the Bridge Inn’, with the instruments of the town band being kept in part of the building. ‘Cowbridge and Llanblethian Past and Present’ (James and Francis) mentions John Warren as having a brass band in the town in the early part of the 20th century. He is described as an ‘entertainer’, along with Fred Knapton’s wife and drummers. Cowbridge Board School records show John and Fred in school together, one year different in age.</p> <p>Cowbridge parish records show a Margaret Louisa Warren, daughter of Soloman Warren, painter, marrying Henry Griffiths, butcher of Cowbridge on September 1st 1897.</p>	
	<p>Evan Warren appeared in the 1912 Western Mail Street directory as a ‘decorator’ in Cardiff Road, two years after the last reference to Soloman Warren and son, painters at the Bridge, in Kelly’s directory. 1921 Cardiff and District Trades directory shows an Evan and Lucy Warren living at 14 Cardiff Road, but this number does not exist today – possibly 4 Eastgate, by the Railway Inn.</p> <p>1926 Kelly’s directory lists Evan Warren as a painter in Llanblethian Road (he is remembered as living then in Broadway Villas by the primary school).</p> <p>Cowbridge parish records show Dorothy Amelia Warren, 28, daughter of Evan James Warren of Broadway Villa, marrying Henry Gibbs, butcher of 23 Eastgate on 20th December 1931.</p> <p>These records also show Gilbert Stanley Warren, butcher aged 29, son of Evan Warren, postman of Broadway Villa, marrying on 25th October 1936.</p>	
	<p><b>Notes on Ellen Crowley</b></p> <p>Her granddaughter is Mrs Frederick of Geraints Way, Cowbridge (see memories and diaries file), who recalls the Crowleys as an Irish family, close friends of the large Fitzgerald family in the town. There were often ‘hooleys’, she said, in the Bridge Inn. She also remembers paint being kept in part of the building, possibly left from Soloman Warren’s business.</p>	
	<p><i>Researched &amp; written by B Alden ca 2000</i></p>	

