

SMITHY LANE/CROSS LANE



View from Church Street



View from Regent Street



Aerial View

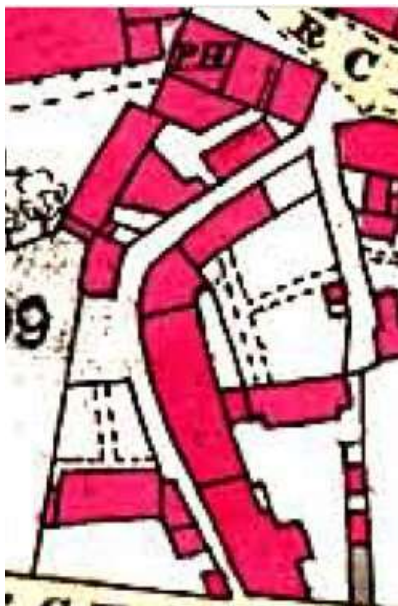


2017 Map

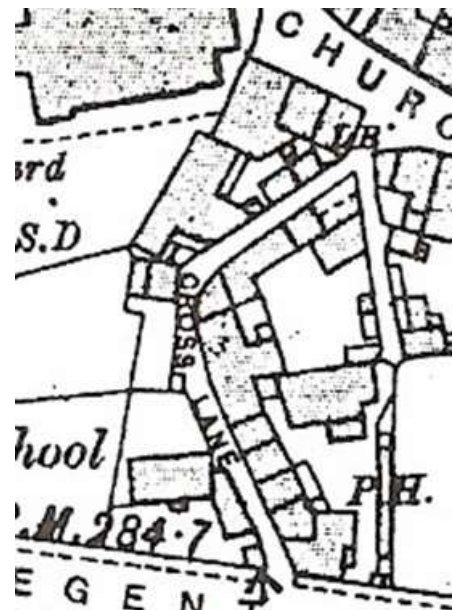


1838 Tithe Map

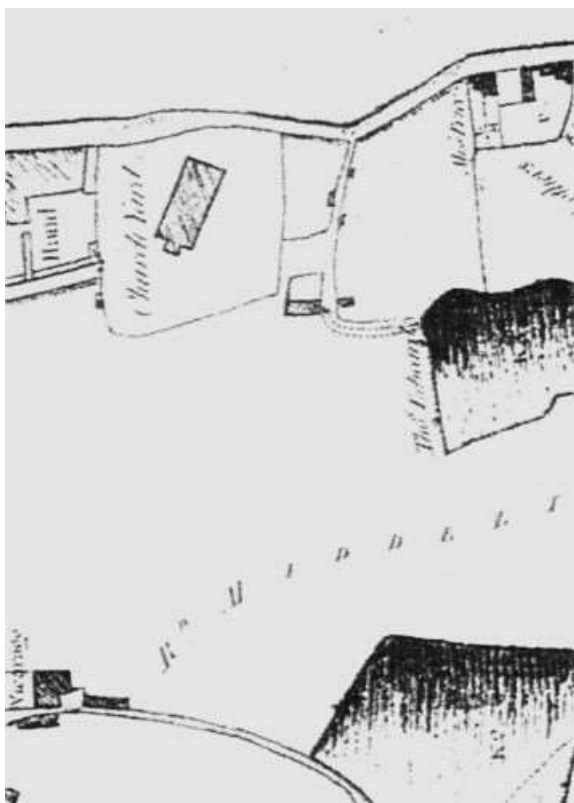
- 125 Garden, owned by Hon. Frederick West, occupied by John Jones (Agent)
- 126 House & Garden owned by Hon. Frederick West, occupied by John Griffiths
- 127 House & Garden, owned by Hon. Frederick West, occupied by Mary Williams
- 208 Croft and building, Ley arable, owned by Hon. Frederick West, occupied by Richard Griffiths
- 209 House, owned by Richard Edwards (Glyn), occupied by Thomas Edwards
- 210 Gardens Glebe, owned by John Jones



1873 map



1911 map



The earliest map that shows this area is that of 1791. This was before the construction of the A5. There are only a few buildings shown near the Church Street end, at this time lane may have been little more than a footpath. Later there was Francis Roberts Smithy on the corner of Church Street. As a result of this the lane was known as Smithy Lane until at least 1860. By 1871 it had become Cross Lane.

Some recollections

Broadsheet 22nd March 1983

I omitted mention of Cross Lane as I came up Church Street. It was just a footpath, across the field to the Meadow. This was the house of Humphrey Jones the Chemist. I mentioned him as a Star Skater some weeks ago. The work done in Coward's was the treating of pelts and at the bottom of the lane stood Francis Roberts' Smithy

Sales

Wrexham and Denbighshire Advertiser and Cheshire Shropshire and North Wales Register

2nd June 1860

**DWELLING HOUSES, PUBLIC HOUSE, &c.
LLANGOLLEN, DENBIGHSHIRE.**

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION BY MR EDWARD. HUMPHREYS at the Eagles Inn, in the Town of Llangollen, County of Denbigh, on Monday, the 26th day of June, 1860, at 5 o'clock in the afternoon precisely subject to conditions then to be produced, (unless disposed of in the meantime by private Contract, of which due notice will be given.

Lot 1. All that substantial Messuage or DWELLING HOUSE, and Out offices, situate in Church street, in the Town of Llangollen, in the County of Denbigh, in the occupation of Mr Henry Evans, Painter. And also two NEWLY ERECTED DWELLING HOUSES, adjoining thereto, situate in Cross Lane, in Llangollen aforesaid, together with the Out-buildings thereto be longing, in the several occupations of Robert Roberts, and William Bebb.

N.B. The first mentioned House has a double frontage of 17 feet 6 inches, and 20 feet 6 inches, and may at a small expense be easily converted into an excellent shop.

The respective Tenants will shew the premises, and for further particulars apply to the Auctioneer, at Llangollen, or to Messrs Thomas and Charles Minshall, Solicitors, Oswestry.

12th June 1868

SALE BY MR. E. HUMPHREYS. LLANGOLLEN, DENBIGHSHIRE.

Sale of Freehold Property.

MR. E. HUMPHREYS is instructed to **SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION**, on Saturday, the 20th day of June, 1868, at the house of Mr. Charles Williams, Wine and Spirit Vaults, Church-street, Llangollen, at four o'clock in the afternoon, in the following or such other lots, and subject to such conditions as shall then be produced (unless disposed of in the meantime by **PRIVATE CONTRACT**, of which due notice will be given), the following property:—

LOT 1.—All that old established WINE & SPIRIT VAULTS, with the Brew house, Cellars, Out-buildings, and Premises, at the back thereof, together with the large room attached (35 feet by 13 feet) situate in Church-street, in the town of Llangollen aforesaid, and now in the holding of Mr. Charles Williams.

LOT 2.—All that DWELLING-HOUSE, and Premises, adjoining lot 1 situate in Church-street aforesaid, late in the holding of Mr. Edward Edwards.

LOT 3.—All that STABLE and OUT-BUILDINGS, situate in Cross-lane, in Llangollen aforesaid, now in the holding of Mr. David Lloyd.

LOT 4.—All that MESSUAGE or DWELLING- HOUSE, situate in Church-street aforesaid, and adjoining lot 2, late in the occupation of Mr. John Jones.

LOT 5.—All those TWO COTTAGES and Premises, situate in Cross-lane aforesaid, and in the holding of Thomas Jenkins and Robert Roberts.

Part of the purchase money may remain on mortgage if required.

Mr. Charles Williams, of the vaults will shew the lots, and for further information apply to Messrs. T. and C. Minshall, solicitors, Oswestry and Llangollen, or to the Auctioneer, Llangollen.

3rd September 1886

LLANGOLLEN, DENBIGHSHIRE.

SALE OF VALUABLE FREEHOLD MESSUAGES OR DWELLING HOUSES.

MR. E. EDWARDS is instructed to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION (by order of the Mortgagee), at the

GRAPES HOTEL, LLANGOLLEN,

On MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th, 1886,

At 4 o'clock in the Afternoon, Subject to conditions to be then and there produced, all those FOUR FREEHOLD RESIDENCES,

SMITHY,

COACH-HOUSE, & PIECE OF LAND,

Situated and being No. 1, 3, 5, and 6,

CROSS LANE, IN THE CENTRE OF THE TOWN OF LLANGOLLEN,

Severally occupied by Miss Elizabeth Roberts and others.

THE PROPERTY IS IN GOOD REPAIR.

The special attention of Capitalists and others is invited to this unusual opportunity of acquiring Cottages in so convenient a spot.

For further particulars, apply to the Auctioneer, 1, Chapel Street, Llangollen, or to Messrs. Minshalls & Parry-Jones, Solicitors, Llangollen & Oswestry.

UNATTRIBUTED CENSUS DATA

1851

Smithy Lane 83

Robert Williams	Head	m	24(1827)	horsekeeper	Llangollen
Emily Williams	Wife	m	22(1829)	Horsekeeper's wife	Llangollen
John Williams	Son	s	1(1850)		Llangollen

Smithy Lane 84

Francis Roberts	Head	m	59(1792)	smith	Llanfrothen
Mary Roberts	Wife	m	51(1800)	smith's wife	Llangollen
Elizabeth Roberts	Dau	s	21(1830)	smith's daughter	Llangollen
Lewis Roberts	Son	s	19(1832)	blacksmith	Llangollen
William Parry	Serv	s	25(1826)	blacksmith	Mold

Smithy Lane 85

Margaret Edwards	Head	w	64(1787)	pauper	Llangollen
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Alice Roberts	Dau	m	29(1822)	washerwoman	Llangollen
William Rogers	Visi	s	29(1822)	labourer	Llangollen

2 houses unoccupied

Smithy Lane 86

Harriot Thomas	Head	s	Nk		
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London Road 87

Robert Watkin	Head	m	33(1818)	organmaker	Llangollen
Mary Watkin	Wife	m	32(1819)		Llangollen
William Watkin	Son	s	8(1843)		Llangollen
Cyrus Watkin	Son	s	6(1845)		Llangollen
Joseph Watkin	Son	s	4(1847)		Llangollen
David Watkin	Son	s	4(1847)		Llangollen
Thomas Flood	Vis	s	14(1837)		Chelsea
Mary Ellis	Serv	s	12(1839)		Glynd Y

Smithy Lane 88

David Watkin	Head	m	34(1817)	cabinet maker	Llangollen
Jane Watkin	Wife	m	38(1813)		Llangollen

Smithy Lane 89

Catherine Edwards	Serv	s	40(1811)	housekeeper	Corwen
Elizabeth Edwards	Dau	s	1m(1851)		Llangollen
Richard Thomas	Vis	s	40(1811)		Llangollen

1871

91 Cross Lane

Thomas Jones	Head	m	49(1822)	platelayer	Llanidloes
Sarah Jones	Wife	m	36(1835)		Llanfair, Mont
John Jones	Son	s	6(1865)		Shrewsbury
Thomas Jones	Son	s	4(1867)		Shrewsbury
Margaret Jones	dau	s	1(1870)		Llangollen
Henry Hughes	Board	s	41(1830)	bricklayer	Ellesmere
Patrick O'Grady	Board	s	29(1842)	bricklayer	Ireland

92 Cross Lane

David Watkin	Head	m	55(1816)	joiner	Llangollen
Jane Watkin	Wife	m	58(1813)		Cynwyd

93 Cross Lane

Jane Thomas	Head	s	59(1812)		Llangollen
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94 Cross Lane

Robert Baker Jim	Head	s	25(1846)	brewer	Kinnerley
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96 Cross Lane

Elizabeth Roberts	Head	s	39(1832)		Llangollen
Mary Williams	Serv	s	9(1862)	servant	Llangollen

97 Cross Lane

Hugh Williams	Head	m	42(1829)	tailor	Llangollen
Mary Williams	Wife	m	32(1839)		Llangollen
Edward Williams	Son	s	6(1865)	scholar	Llangollen
Alice Williams	dau	s	2(1869)		Llangollen
Mary Elizabeth Williams	Sons		9(1862)		Llangollen

98 Cross Lane

Evan Williams	Head	m	77(1794)	labourer	Bwlch Kar
Mary Williams	Wife	m	73(1798)		Bryneglwys

No 1 Cross Lane



In 1881 Edward Edwards, an agricultural labourer was living here with his wife, son and two daughters, he had been here since at least 1875 having moved from Rehoboth Place. The family later moved to Queen Street.

1881 Census

80 1 Cross Lane

Edward Edwards	Head	m	34(1847)	Labourer	Llangollen
Elizabeth Edwards	Wife	m	30(1851)	Labourer's Wife	Llangollen
Carry Edwards	dau	s	9(1872)	Scholar	Llangollen
Edward Thomas Edwards	Son	s	4(1877)	Scholar	Llangollen
Jane Edwards	dau	s	(1881)	Infant	Llangollen

By 1885 Ellis Williams, a brewer's labourer had moved in. The family was here into the 1900's, but by 1911 they had moved to Church Street. In 1911 the house was unoccupied, and in 1939 there was no recorded occupant.

1891 Census

155 1 Cross Lane

Ellis Williams	Head	m	32(1859)	Brewer's Lab	Llangollen
Elizabeth Williams	Wife	m	31(1860)		Llanrhaiadr
Sarah E Williams	dau	s	8(1883)	scholar	Llangollen
Phebe A Williams	dau	s	2(1889)		Llangollen

1901 Census

1 Cross Lane

Ellis Williams	Head	m	42(1859)	Brewer	Llangollen
Elizabeth Williams	Wife	m	41(1860)		Glynceiriog
Sarah E Williams	dau	s	18(1883)	dressmaker	Llangollen
Phoebe A Williams	dau	s	12(1889)		Llangollen

1911 Census

1, Cross Lane, Unoccupied, Private House

No 2 Cross Lane



1881 Edward Roberts, a blacksmith, was living here. It is possible that he worked at the Cross Lane Smithy. The family were only here a few years before moving to Cwm Alis.

1881 Census

81 2 Cross Lane

Edward Roberts	Head	m	30(1851)	Blacksmith	Llangollen
Hannah Roberts	Wife	m	22(1859)	Blacksmith's Wife	Ruabon
John Isaac Roberts	Son	s	2(1879)	Infant	Glyn Ceiriog
James Roberts	Son	s	0	Infant	Llangollen

In 1891 Margaret Hughes a widow from Llanellidan was here with her two nieces, Margaret and Laura. In 1899 Laura married George William Thomas of 5 Church Street in Gwyddelwern.

1891 Census

156 2 Cross Lane

Margaret Hughes	Head	w	80(1811)	no occupation	Llanellidan
Margaret J Hughes	Niece	s	19(1872)	dressmaker	Ffestiniog
Laura Hughes	Niece	s	16(1875)	nurse	Ffestiniog

By 1898 the occupants were Thomas and Maggie Lloyd. In August 1898 their three month old son died. In 1902 Thomas had had to stop work because of ill health. A fund raising event raised £28 for him, but unfortunately he died in February 1903. In the April his wife gave birth to a still born child, having moved to the Geraint.

13th May 1898

May 2nd, the wife of Mr. Thomas Lloyd, Cross- lane, Llangollen, of a son.

12th August 1898

Aug. 10th, the infant son of Mr. Thomas Lloyd, Cross-lane, Llangollen. Funeral on Saturday at 4.30p.m.

1901 Census

2 Cross Lane

Thomas Lloyd	Head	m	25(1876)	Gen Lab	Llangollen
Maggie Lloyd	Wife	m	29(1872)		Llangollen

26th December 1902

All interested will be pleased to know that the draw on behalf of Thomas Lloyd, Cross-lane, Llangollen, who, owing to ill-health, has not been able to work for months, has been a

successful one. Local tradesmen and friends gave prizes to the value of £7 3s. 6d., donations (Messrs. Roberts and Sons, Market-street, 10s. 6d., Mr. M. H. Roberts, 5s. and Sympathiser, 3d.), 15s. 9d. Expenditure, £2. A clear balance is thus left in aid of the sufferer of- £28 13s. 6d. It should be added that a number of prize-winners very considerably presented their prizes, value nearly £1 10s. to Lloyd.

27th February 1903

Feb. 22nd, aged 27, Mr Thomas Lloyd, Cross-lane Llangollen

3rd April 1903

March 28th, at Valley View, Geraint, the wife of the late Mr. Thomas Lloyd, Cross-lane, Llangollen of a son (still-born)

In the early 1900's Richard Thomas Jones, an architect moved here from West Street. Amongst other buildings, he was responsible for the design of Welsh Wesleyan Chapel at Glyndyfrdwy, and in 1905 he became town surveyor. Although he had an office he continued to live at Cross Street until his death in 1932.

1911 Census

261 Cross Lane, 2 rm, 2, Mr. R. Jones, Private House

Richard Thomas Jones	Head	m 55(1856)	Architect & Surveyor	Llangollen
Emily Jones	Wife	m 45(1866)	24y 2 none 2 d	Oswestry

In the 1930's Leonard and Winifred Price were here. Leonard worked at the tannery. Winifred died in Ellesmere in 1970 and Leonard in Oak Street in 1992.

1939 Register

230 2 Cross Lane, Llangollen

1 Leonard Price	06 August 1908	M	Pressing Light Leather Tannery
2 Winifred Price	03 December 1907	M	Unpaid Domestic Duties

In the 1980's Harold Fazakerley lived here before his death in 1988.



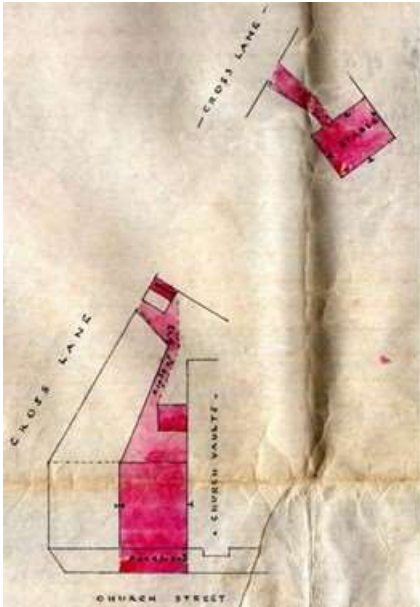
Fron Cemetery Records C10

Harold Fazakerley, d
03/07/1988, bu 10/09/1988,
age 68, 2 Cross Lane, d
MGH, Wrexham

Workshops



The Stables



In the Tithe of 1839 the owner 6 Church Street was Hon. Frederick West (of the Middleton Estate) and the occupant was John Jones (agent). In the 1841 Census there are 7 John Jones's in Church Street, so it is difficult to be sure which one lived there

In 1850 Frederick West sold the property to Robert Roberts, who had to mortgage the property, to help pay for it. It subsequently passed through several hands before being purchased by Griffith Lewis in 1871.

Griffith Lewis was a nailer and fisherman was living in High Street in 1851, but Slater's Directory for 1850 has Griffith Lewis, fishing tackle manufacturer living in Church Street. When he bought the property Griffith sold off the stables (see plan) to George Gault of the Prince of Wales. The stables remained the property of the Prince of Wales, it was put up for sale in 1888, when it was in the occupation of Mr R Elles

27th January 1888

LLANGOLLEN, DENBIGHSHIRE.

IMPORTANT SALE OF DESIRABLE FREEHOLD PROPERTY.

Comprising- VALUABLE BUILDING LAND, VILLA RESIDENCE, DWELLING HOUSE, COTTAGES, MALKILN, AND FIELD.

*MR. ED. EDWARDS has received instructions to offer for
SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION*

AT THE

ROYAL HOTEL, LLANGOLLEN,

*ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7th, 1888, At 2 o'clock in the Afternoon, subject to conditions.
LOT 12.-All that FREEHOLD PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND now held by Mrs. Baker, of the Prince of Wales Brewery, as a Kitchen Garden, and also that Building Site, and also those 3 Stables, now in the occupation of Mr. R. Ellis, all of which premises are situated in Cross Lane. For further particulars apply to the Auctioneer, Llangollen, or to – Messrs. MINSHALL & PARRY-JONES, Solicitors, (2422) Oswestry and Llangollen.*

There were often complaints, regarding the condition of the stables, with regard to the nuisance they caused.

9th March 1877

THE CONDITION OF CROSS-LANE.

To the Editor of the "Llangollen Advertiser."

Dear sir,-Will you or one of your correspondents kindly inform me, through the-medium of your valuable paper, the reason why the members of our Local Board so utterly ignore the existence of Cross-lane ? The number of animals kept in this place close to human habitations, and the stench arising from the mixen, especially during the summer months, is something shocking, and ought to be looked to. Cross-lane is a short and convenient cut from Regent-street to Church-street, and, therefore, much used by pedestrians, and would probably be much more used if it were kept in anything like decent order. If some of the gentlemen connected with the Board would take a walk in the morning through the lane, they would most likely return home minus their appetite for breakfast.

Hoping this matter will be attended to,

I remain, yours, &c., ENQUIRER.
Llangollen, March 6th, 1877.

12th September 1879

The Surveyor also reported that loud and frequent complaints were being made to him respecting the manure heaps and the filthy state of the outbuildings at the bottom of Cross-lane. Capt. Best said he had specially reported this case years ago, but no action was taken thereon. Lodging-house keepers in the immediate neighbourhood complained that the nuisance was a great annoyance and loss to them. The Board unanimously agreed that notice should at once be served upon the owners to have the nuisance abated.

10th October 1879

The Clerk reported that some correspondence was in progress with regard to the nuisance caused by some stabling property at the bottom of Cross-lane about which so many complaints had from time to time been made to the Board. It was hoped that some satisfactory arrangements would be made with the owner of the property as to the abatement of the nuisance before the next meeting of the board

21st November 1879

The Cross-lane Nuisance.—Nothing having yet been done for the abatement of the long-existing nuisance at the bottom of Cross-lane, the Surveyor was ordered to issue the usual notice also in this case.

14th May 1886

The Cross Lane Stables.—The chairman, referring to the minutes of last meeting, called the attention of the surveyor to the fact that these buildings although condemned, were, however, that day used to keep animals in. The surveyor produced a copy of the notice which he had served upon the owners. This notice had expired since some days. The medical officer had promised to write out a special report of these buildings by that day. That, however, had not yet been received. The surveyor was instructed to see that the order of the Board was carried out in this case.

In 1908 the stables were probably owned by John William Roberts, a confectioner from Church Street. They were later acquired by Davies Brothers.

31st January 1908

TWO STABLES To Let, and also a SHED situated in Cross Lane. Apply—J. WILLIAM ROBERTS, Confectioner, Church Street. (17952)
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The Smithy?



It is possible that this may have been the site of Francis Roberts' Smithy, although he would probably have lived nearby. The 1841 census puts him in Church Street, but in 1851 his address was given as Cross Lane. Francis' wife Mary died in 1862 and he died in 1871. His son Lewis was also a blacksmith, but moved away in 1854.

1851 Census

Smithy Lane 84

Francis Roberts	Head	m	59(1792)	smith	Llanfrothen
Mary Roberts	Wife	m	51(1800)	smith's wife	Llangollen
Elizabeth Roberts	Dau	s	21(1830)	smith's daughter	Llangollen
Lewis Roberts	Son	s	19(1832)	blacksmith	Llangollen
William Parry	Serv	s	25(1826)	blacksmith	Mold

It is possible that Edward Robert, who was in No 2 in 1881, could have used the same Smithy.



No 3 Cross Lane/Vere House



Ruth Poole was the daughter of William Poole, a labourer/gardener on Abbey Road. When he died in 1877 she moved to No 3, by which time she was working as a washerwoman. There appear to be no further references to her.

1881 Census

82 3 Cross Lane

Ruth Poole	Head	s 49(1832)	Washerwoman	Llangollen
Edward Roberts	Lodg	w 86(1795)	Relieved By Parish (No Occ)	Llangollen

The next occupants were Samuel and Sarah Ann Davies. They had moved to Vere House from Regent Street between 1881 and 1888. Samuel worked as a plumber, but had at one time also been a glazier. In 1870 he had established a business, and in 1882, when one son John William Davies started work as a painter another son Thomas became a plumber, it became Samuel Davies & Son. In December 1888 Sarah died at Vere House. On the 1891 census Samuel Davies was shown as living in No 3, whereas the rest of his family were shown as living in Vere House. There are no further references to No 3, so presumably it was subsumed into No 3.

7th December 1888

December 5th, aged 43, Sarah, the wife of Mr. Samuel Davies, plumber, Vere House, Cross-lane, Llangollen.

1891 Census

157 3 Cross Lane

Samuel Davies	Head	w 47(1844)	plumber	Llangollen
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1891 Census

Vere House

John W Davies	Son	m 24(1867)	painter	Llangollen
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Thomas Davies	Son	s 22(1869)	plumber	Llangollen
Georgina Davies	d-in-l	m 26(1865)		Birkenhead
Ethel May Davies	Gdau	s 2(1889)		Llangollen
Gwendoline Davies	Gdau	s 4m(1891)		Llangollen
Annie Steen	Sister	s 17(1874)	domestic servant	Birkenhead

Samuel died in February 1895, but it was not until November 1900 that the firm changed the name to Davies Brothers.

1st February 1895

S. DAVIES & SONS,
PLUMBERS, GASFITTERS,
GLAZIERS, PAINTERS & HOUSE
DECORATORS,
VERÈ HOUSE, CROSS LANE,
LLANGOLLEN.

ELECTRIC AND WIRE BELLS FIXED AND
REPAIRED.

PUMPS, BATHS, WATER CLOSETS,
HOT & COLD WATER APPARATUS
FIXED AND REPAIRED.

A Good Selection of Paperhangings
in Stock.

2nd November 1900

DAVIES BROS.,
(Late S. DAVIES & SONS)
PLUMBERS, GASFITTERS,
GLAZIERS, PAINTERS and
HOUSE DECORATORS,
VERÈ HOUSE, CROSS LANE,
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Company History

In 1919 John's son, John Charles Davies joined Davies Bros. and he was later partnered by his cousin Philip Davies. In 1952 John's son Michael Davies joined the Company and went to the Liverpool College of Building, where he studied estimating, building and surveying. Michael took over the Company in 1972. In 1984 Michael's youngest son Chris joined the Company after completing a HND in Construction. In 1994, Michael's eldest son Nick joined the Company after completing a Bsc (Hons) in Quantity Surveying and then gained experience in the industry. Davies Bros. named changed to Davies Brothers in 1986. As well as Building, the company were also Painting and Plumbing/Heating Contractors, based at the current Cross Lane site in Llangollen, as well as a plumbers showroom in Chirk and Regent Street, Llangollen.

1901 Census

Vere House

John W Davies	Head	m 34(1867)	House Painter	Llangollen
Georgina Davies	Wife	m 36(1865)		Birkenhead
Ethel M Davies	dau	s 12(1889)		Llangollen
Gwendoline Davies	dau	s 10(1891)		Llangollen
Sarah Davies	dau	s 7(1894)		Llangollen
Elsie Davies	dau	s 6(1895)		Llangollen
Georgina Davies	dau	s 4(1897)		Llangollen
John C Davies	Son	s 3(1898)		Llangollen
Trevor S Davies	Son	s 11m(1900)		Llangollen

1911 Census

263 Vere House Cross Lane, Private House, 9rm, Mr. J. W. Davies

John William Davies	Head	m 44(1867)	Master House Decorator	Llangollen
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Georgina Davies	Wife	m	46(1865)	23y, 13,9,4	Birkenhead
Ethel May Davies	dau	s	22(1889)		Llangollen
Gwendolen Davies	dau	s	20(1891)	Bookkeeper	Llangollen
Ellyn Davies	dau	s	16(1895)		Llangollen
Georgina Davies	dau	s	14(1897)		Llangollen
John Charles Davies	Son	s	13(1898)		Llangollen
Albert Edward Davies	Son	s	8(1903)		Llangollen
Margaret Steen Davies	dau	s	7(1904)		Llangollen
Arthur Dennis Davies	Son	s	5(1906)		Llangollen

Simon Davies died in 1903 and John William Davies in 1915. John's widow later moved to West Street. John Charles Davies, the son, continued to live in Vere House until shortly after his marriage to Bertha Matthias in 1930, when they moved to Gwylfa, then Avondale. John William's brother, Thomas, married Martha Steen, his wife's sister.

11th May 1965



OBITUARY

THE LATE MRS MARTHA DAVIES

Mrs Martha Davies, whose death on April 29th was recorded in our last issue was in her 97th year, had lived most of her long life in Llangollen, having first come here to visit her elder sister (née Steen) who had married Mr John William Davies, Vere House. Here it was that she met her future husband Mr Tom Davies, so that the two brothers married two sisters. Mr and Mrs Tom Davies resided at 20 Regent Street and had in all seven children of whom three survive. Mr Charles Davies, the Rev Sam Davies and Mrs Rosamund Carter. Their eldest son, Steen lost his life in the First World War. Mr Tom Davies died suddenly in 1934. In her widowhood Mrs Davies suffered further sorrows through the death of her son Harold in the North African Campaign of the Second World War, and her youngest son, Philip in 1957, who was unmarried and lived with his mother at

Penymaes while engaged in the family business of Davies Bros., Cross Lane. In 1960 she was bereaved of her daughter, Mrs Norrie Fiennes. Mrs Davies showed wonderful fortitude in all these experiences, sustained by religious faith. She had a remarkable memory, an alert mind and the art of retaining unusual loyalty in her friends who visited her with unfailing regularity. She had only been confined to bed for a fortnight before her death, during which time she had the care and companionship of her daughter Mrs Carter.

The funeral took place on Monday May 3rd. After a Requiem celebration of Holy Communion at 8 am at the Parish Church which was conducted by the Rev Sam Davies, a service was conducted at St John's Church at 10 am by the Rev A R Davies, followed by interment in St John's New Cemetery.

The Family mourners were: Mr Charles Davies, Liverpool; Rev Sam Davies, St Giles, Dorset (sons); Mr and Mrs David Carter, Farnham, Surrey (son-in-law and daughter); Mr Gerard Fiennes (son-in-law); Mr Michael Fiennes, Miss Bronwen Fiennes, Mr Roger Carter (grandchildren); Mrs Barbara Bowcott, Mrs Ena Lloyd Jones, Mr J C Davies (nieces and nephew); Mr R A Avery representing also Mrs Avery. Amongst friends present were Mrs Edith

Jones, Dee Mill Place, Miss Jenny Evans, BrynyCoed, Miss Margaret Davies Maesfryn, Miss Edith Jones, Glanafon, and Mrs Chrls Ellis Cadcotte.

There were no flowers except one wreath from the immediate family.

23rd May 1972

THE LATE MR JOHN CHARLES DAVIES

It was with deep regret that we heard of the death a week ago today, of Mr John Davies. Mr. Davies, who was 74 years of age, had up to the Saturday previous been carrying on his usual activities as principal of the firm of Davies Bros, Cross Lane; for he had courageously fought recurring illness since his operation four years ago in a manner which earned the admiration of all. In the early.1930's Mr Davies had the assistance of his late nephew Mr Phil Davies in the many undertakings of this firm established a hundred years ago, and in recent years the splendid co-operation of his son, Mr Michael Davies. His very happy marriage to Miss Bertha Matthias took place 45 years ago, and, apart from a few early years, their home has been at Avondale where their family of four was brought up in the happiest of atmospheres. Mr Davies had a host of friends in the Plas Newydd Bowling Club, in International Eisteddfod Committees, in the Royal British Legion - he had served as dispatch rider with the Engineers in the 1914-18 War; and he was a friend to all who had anything to do with him in his business. At the funeral the Fire Service provided a guard of honour in recognition of his services to it during the Second World War. One of his favourite recreations was singing and both he and Mrs. Davies had been for years, active members of the Operatic Society, of which Mr. Davies had been leading tenor.

The funeral took place on Thursday May 18th when the service in the Parish Church was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev J I Rees; Mr Lloyd Rowlands, at the organ, played variations of the "Captain Fairfax" song from "Yeoman of the Guard" which Mr. Davies had so often sung.

There was a large congregation representing all sections of the townspeople and many business associates and friends, some of whom had come a long distance to pay their last respects.

The family mourners were: Mrs. B Davies (widow); Mr & Mrs, Michael Davies (son & daughter-in-law); Mrs .Gillian Klushim, Edmonton, Alberta (daughter); Mr.& Mrs. T Claphaw, Buckley (son-in-law & daughter); Air Controller & Mrs. Charles Davies, Preston (son & daughter-in-law); Mrs Ena Lloyd Jones, Mrs Robert Avery, Mrs. Gwen .Addey, Liverpool (sisters); Mr & Mrs. David Carter, Penymaes (cousin), Mr & Mrs. James Matthias (brother-in-law & sister-in-law); Mr. & Mrs Paul, Morris, Cheadle Hulme (nephew) who also represented Mrs M Morris of Colwyn Bay (sister-in-law). Mrs. Ethel Phillips, Oswestry (sister) was unable to be present.

The bearers were: Tom Owen, Hugh Rowlands Hughes, Emyr Jones, J Underwood, T. Clutton and T Edwards.

The Vicar conducted the service at Pentrebychan Crematorium where at the request of the family, the music included 'Eventide' and the Last Post.

There were no flowers, by request, but donations were received for Cancer Research and any further sums may be paid into the National, Westminster Bank.

The next recorded occupant of Vere House was Henry Griffith, who was foreman at the tannery. He had previously lived at 43 Church Street. Henry and Louisa were here from the mid 1930's. Louisa died here in 1951, and Henry in 1954. In 1935 their daughter, Mary Elizabeth married Henry Arthur Cholmondeley in Llandudno. In 1939 Henry and Mary were living in part of the house, and Henry was the general manager of a furniture shop. In WWII Henry served in the RASC Henry died in 1943, but Mary stayed here until her death in 1992.

1939 Register

228 Vera House Cross Lane, Llangollen

1 Henry Griffiths 02 Jun 1882 M Foreman in Tannery
 2 Louisa Griffiths 24 Dec 1884 M Domestic Duties Unpaid
 3 John Peter Griffiths 01 November 1903 S Hand Scudder in Tannery
 4 The record for this person is officially closed.

357 Vere House Cross Lane, Llangollen

1 Henry A Cholmondeley 23 February 1910 M General Manager Furnishing
 House Drapery Bu
 2 Mary E Cholmondeley 01 November 1911 M Domestic Duties Unpaid
 3 The record for this person is officially closed.
 4 The record for this person is officially closed.

25th June 1943

OBITUARY

CPL. H.A. CHOLMONDELEY.

The news of the death on active service of Corporal Henry Arthur Cholmondeley, R.A.S.C., which occurred on June 15, gave Llangollen and district a great shock. Deceased was in his 33rd year, and is survived by his wife, and young daughter aged seven. In civil life, before joining the Forces three years ago, Cpl. Cholmondeley was a member of the staff of Messrs Aston's furnishing department, Wrexham, where he had been employed since he was 15 years of age. Deceased was a native of Chester, but after losing his parents in early life he removed to live with his grandmother Mrs Evans, 55, Benjamin Road, Wrexham. Two years



ago his brother who worked with the firm of Messrs Rogers & Jackson, Ltd., lost his life through a motor-cycle accident. Two sisters survive him, one living at Chester, and the other at Newcastle-on-Tyne.

The funeral, which was largely attended, took place at Abbey Road new churchyard last Saturday. The Rev. Canon W. Alcuin Jones, M.A., conducted the services at the house, church and graveside. Members of the Forces acted as bearers.

The principal mourners were: Mrs M.E. Cholmondeley (widow); Pamela (daughter); Mrs P Williams, Chester (sister); Mr and Mrs H. Griffiths, Vere House (father-in-law and mother-in-law; Mr John Peter Griffiths, Mr and Mrs Harold Griffiths (brothers-in-law and sister-in-law); Miss Lilian Griffiths (sister-in-law); Miss Evans, Wrexham (aunt). Two representatives of Messrs Aston and Sons, Wrexham (workmates of deceased) attended the funeral, and two of his friends in the forces were

present, representing the R.A.S.C.

The floral tributes received were as follows:- To my darling, from his sorrowing wife and child; In ever loving memory of my dear brother, Vi and Perce; in loving memory of dear Harry, from Grannie and Auntie Nellie; in ever loving memory of Harry, from Mam and Dad, Pete and Lilian; with kind remembrance, from Harold, Lily and Hazel; with deepest sympathy and loving thoughts, from Grace and Arthur; With deepest sympathies, from the Directors and Secretary of Messrs Aston and Sons, Ltd., Wrexham; In ever loving memory of our dear friend and colleague, as a last token of respect and esteem, from the Employees of Messrs Aston and

Sons Wrexham; With deepest sympathy from friends in his Platoon, Arm. Div. Trps. Co.; From Uncle and Aunt, Percy, Nellie and Harry (R.A.F., North Africa); From all at King's Place, Llandudno; With deepest sympathy, from Miss Dare, Glanaber; From Neighbours in Church Street, Cross Lane, and Regent Street; From May, John and Hugh, Coedafon; From Marie, Harry, Beryl and Gordon (overseas); from Mrs Evans and Addie, Church Street; From Manie, Tom and Peter, Green Lane; From Mr and Mrs and Miss Parry, Benjamin Road, Wrexham; From Gwen, Green Lane; from Mrs Brown, Mrs Thomas and Mrs Ellis Jones, Church Street.

THANKS

The family of the late Corporal H.A. Cholmondeley, R.A.S.C., wish to express their thanks for the sympathy and kindness extended to them in their recent sad bereavement, and also for the beautiful floral tributes and letters of condolence received. They would also like to express their gratitude to the local Police for their kind assistance.

*Vere House, Cross Lane,
Llangollen.*

Nowadays Vere House is the office for Davies Brothers Ltd.

No 4 Cross Lane

Reference Number	1176	Building Number	4
Grade	II	Status	Designated
Date of Designation	22/12/1989	Date of Amendment	22/12/1989
Name of Property	NO.4 CROSS LANE		
Address	4 Cross Lane		
Unitary Authority	Denbighshire	Community	Llangollen
Easting	321689	Northing	341924

Location

On the E side of this lane. Stepped down in the slope from the Prince of Wales PH.

Description

Broad Class Domestic

History Earlier C19, (shown on Tithe Map)

Exterior

2-storey group with painted roughcast fronts, plinths, slate roofs and red brick chimney stacks. 1+2-window front to No 4 following the curve in the road; rusticated quoins and 1st floor cill band. Mostly small pane sash windows with architraves; those on the ground floor are ornamented with depressed ogees. Pedimented doorcases to right of central window; half glazed door. Nos 5 and 6 have 1-window fronts with small pane sashes over 2-light casements; half glazed doors.

Reason for designation

Included for group value with the Prince of Wales PH, No 21 and Nos 26-34 (Regent Street).

Between at least 1871 and 1886 Elizabeth Roberts lived here. In 1881 she was shown as keeping a lodging house. There is no reference to her after 1886.

1871 Census

96 Cross Lane

Elizabeth Roberts Head s 39(1832) Llangollen

Mary Williams Serv s 9(1862) servant Llangollen

1881 Census

83 4 Cross Lane

Elizabeth Roberts Head s 46(1835) Lodging House Keeper Llangollen

In 1891 Mary Davies, widow of Thomas Davies was here. She died in December 1893.

1891 Census

158 4 Cross Lane

Mary Davies Head w 78(1813) no occupation Llansanffraid

8th December 1893

Dec. 5th, at Cross-lane, Llangollen, aged 80, Mrs. Mary Davies.

Fron CemeteryRecords

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Thomas Davies, Geufon, d 7/9/1864, bu 9/9/1864, age 49

Mary Davies, Cross Lane, d 5/12/1893, bu 12/1893, age 80

Elizabeth Williams, widow of David Williams, a stone Mason, had moved here by 1901. She had maintained herself by working as a laundress after her husband died, but in 1901 she was taking in lodgers. In 1911 she was describing herself as a pensioner, within a few years she had moved to Willow Hill where she died in 1918.

1901 Census

265 4 Cross Lane

Elizabeth Williams Head w 74(1827) Lodger Llangollen

12th September 1902

Sept. 10th, at Castle-street, Baptist Chapel, Llangollen, by the Rev. D. Williams and Mr. Jas. Clarke, registrar, Mr. Alfred Bryan, Christleton, Chester, to Emily, daughter of Mrs. Williams, 4, Cross-lane, Llangollen.

1911 Census

262 4 Cross Lane, Private House, 2 rm, Mrs. Williams

Elizabeth Williams Head w 84(1827) Pensioner (7 3 4) Llangollen



Robert Edward Jones

The next occupants were the family of Robert Edward Jones. He was born in Llangollen 31st May 1882, son of Robert Jones, a tailor at Brookside, and Margaret Jones. By 1901 the family's address was Beech Grove, Brook Street, and Robert was a general Labourer, he later became a collier. On June 28th 1909 he married Minnie Pope, from Cornwall, and they lived in Elm Cottage, Brook Street. They had had two children by 1911, but had already lost one. Robert was still employed as a labourer. The family later moved to Cross Lane. By September 1914 Robert had already enlisted as private 13176 in the 10th Battalion the Lancashire Fusiliers. He was later transferred to (400229) 904th Company Labour Corps. He died 8th November 1918 and was buried in grave

VII D 32, Terlincthun British Cemetery, Wimille, Pas de Calais

14th November 1919

IN REMEMBRANCE.

JONES.-In loving memory of my dear husband, Pte. Robert Edward Jones, who died in France, Nov. 11th, 1918.—Never forgotten by wife and child, Minnie and Dilys Jones, 4, Cross Lane, Llangollen. Thy will be done

In 1916 Mary Jane (Polly) Roberts, daughter of John Roberts, had married William Parsonage. In 1939 Mary was living at No 4, and working as a cleaner at the Post Office on Berwyn Street. She died herein 1951.

1939 Register

229 4 Cross Lane, Llangollen

1 Mary J Parsonage 08 Aug 1881 M Officer Cleaner General Post Office

Fron Cemetery Records

C 8 144

Polly (Mary Jane)Parsonage, widow of William, d John & Mary Ann Roberts, Cross Lane,d Jun-1951, bu 12/06/1951, age 69

No 5 Cross Lane



Cadw Data

Reference Number	1177	Building Number	5
Grade	II	Status	Designated
Date of Designation	22/12/1989	Date of Amendment	22/12/1989
Name of Property	NO.5 CROSS LANE		
Address	5 Cross Lane		
Unitary Authority	Denbighshire	Community	Llangollen
Easting	321691	Northing	341920

Location

On the E side of this lane. Stepped down in the slope from the Prince of Wales PH.

Description

Broad Class Domestic

History Earlier C19, (shown on Tithe Map)

Exterior

2-storey group with painted roughcast fronts, plinths, slate roofs and red brick chimney stacks. 1+2-window front to No 4 following the curve in the road; rusticated quoins and 1st floor cill band. Mostly small pane sash windows with architraves; those on the ground floor are ornamented with depressed ogees. Pedimented doorcases to right of central window; half glazed door. Nos 5 and 6 have 1-window fronts with small pane sashes over 2-light casements; half glazed doors.

Reason for designation

Included for group value with the Prince of Wales PH, No 21 and Nos 26-34 (Regent Street).

In 1876 Richard Lloyd was living in Cross Lane when his son John Edward was born. At that time he was described as a labourer, but in 1881 he was working as a railway porter, and living in No 5. The family was here until about 1895 when they moved to Greenfield Cottage, about the time that Richard got a job as an insurance agent. Richard died in 1909, but most of his family predeceased him. Samuel died as the result of a violent blow to the head, striking his head on the floor outside the "Bull" in 1907.

1881 Census

84 5 Cross Lane

Richard Lloyd	Head	m 40(1841)	Railway Porter	Rhuddlan
Eleanor Lloyd	Wife	m 36(1845)	Railway Porter's Wife	Llanrwst

Elizabeth Ellen Lloyd	dau	s	6(1875)	Scholar	Llangollen
John Edward Lloyd	Son	s	4(1877)	Scholar	Llangollen
Samuel Lloyd	Son	s	2(1879)	Infant	Llangollen

1891 Census

159 5 Cross Lane

Richard Lloyd	Head	m	49(1842)	railway goods porter	Rhuddlan
Ellen Lloyd	Wife	m	46(1845)		Llanrwst
Elizabeth E Lloyd	dau	s	16(1875)	gen servant	Llangollen
John E Lloyd	Son	s	14(1877)	scholar	Llangollen
Samuel Lloyd	Son	s	12(1879)	scholar	Llangollen
Mary J Lloyd	dau	s	9(1882)	scholar	Llangollen
Catherine L Lloyd	dau	s	7(1884)	scholar	Llangollen

In 1901 Thomas Jones, a gardener from Llanfechell, and his wife Hannah, were living here. They later moved to Glan'rafon Chapel House in Princess Street, where Hannah died in 1908.

1901 Census

5 Cross Lane

Thomas Jones	Head	m	82(1819)	Gardener	Llanfechell
Hannah Jones	Wife	m	73(1828)		Bala

7th February 1908

Jan. 30th, aged 79, at Corwen, Hannah, widow of Mr. Thomas Jones, Glan'rafon Chapel House, Llangollen.

In 1928 Arthur Trevor Roberts, a timber sawyer at Cowards Timber yard married Gwladys Emily Jones. At the time they were both living in Church Street, but they later moved to No 7. After the death of their daughter Molly in 1933 they moved to No 5 by 1939. They subsequently moved to Ashfield Terrace.

1939 Register

227 5 Cross Lane, Llangollen

1 Arthur Trevor Roberts	08 May 1903	M	Band Mill Sawyer And Heavy Worker
2 Gwladys E Roberts	09 October 1902	M	Unpaid Domestic Duties

No 6 Cross Lane



Cadw Data

Reference Number	1178	Building Number	6
Grade	II	Status	Designated
Date of Designation	22/12/1989	Date of Amendment	22/12/1989
Name of Property	NO.6 CROSS LANE		
Address	6 Cross Lane		
Unitary Authority	Denbighshire	Community	Llangollen
Easting	321693	Northing	341916

Location

On the E side of this lane. Stepped down in the slope from the Prince of Wales PH.

Description

Broad Class Domestic

History Earlier C19, (shown on Tithe Map)

Exterior

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Reason for designation

Included for group value with the Prince of Wales PH, No 21 and Nos 26-34 (Regent Street).

In 1881 John W Roberts, a currier from Wrexham, was living here with his wife Miriam, but by 1891 John William Roberts was rural postman, living with his wife Miriam Maria in Aberadda. They had also had a son Charles, born 1887 when they were living at 11 John Street.

1881 Census

85 6 Cross Lane

John W. Roberts	Head	m 23(1858)	Currier	Wrexham
Miriam M. Roberts	Wife	m 22(1859)	Currier's Wife	Newtown

Abraham (Abram) Jones, otherwise known as Ab Collen, was a wool-spinner/Flannel Weaver. He had previously lived in Chapel Street Square, but in 1891 he and his family were

living in No 6, unfortunately he died here on 19th May 1891, and the family moved to Hall Street.

1891 Census

160 6 Cross Lane

Abram Jones	Head	m	58(1833)	woolspinner	Llangollen
Ann Jones	Wife	m	48(1843)		Llangollen
John A Jones	Son	s	24(1867)	gen lab	Llangollen
Edward Jones	Son	s	17(1874)	factory operative	Llangollen
James E Jones	Son	s	7(1884)	scholar	Llangollen
Annie Jones	Adau	s	1(1890)		Llangollen
Daniel Jones	B-in-l	w	42(1849)	quarry labourer	Llangollen
John C Jones	Neph	s	13(1878)	factory operative	Ruabon
Joseph Jones	Neph	s	8(1883)	scholar	Llangollen

Fron Cemetery

C 15 299

Abraham Jones, father of John Abram, wool spinner, 6 Cross Lane, d 19/5/1891, bu 5/1891, age 58

Ann Jones, mother of John Abram, Hall Street, d 16/05/1915, 20/05/1915, age 72

By 1900 the new occupants were Robert and Winifred Williams. Robert was a slater and plasterer. He was originally from Llangollen, but they had been living in Rhug Kennels following their marriage in 1889. The family were here until about 1920, when they moved to Park Avenue. In 1914 Winifred was involved in the advertising of Doan's Backache Kidney Pills. During WWI Robert, the younger son, ran away from home. He went to Wrexham and tried to join up, but his mother told the authorities that he was only 16. He ran away a second time he went to Liverpool and joined The South Lancashire Regiment. He also took part in WWII. He had joined The Royal Corps of Military Police in 1939 and went to France with The British Expeditionary Force in September 1939. He was not able to get to Dunkirk before it fell to the Germans. He was captured in 1940 and spent five years as a P.O.W.

May 1900

Christening April 8. Sybil, daughter of Robert and Winifred Williams, 6, Cross-lane.

1901 Census

6 Cross Lane

Robert Williams	Head	m	38(1863)	Slater & Plasterer	Llangollen
Winifred Williams	Wife	m	38(1863)		Corwen
Mary W Williams	dau	s	9(1892)		Corwen
David Williams	Son	s	7(1894)		Llangollen
Robert W Williams	Son	s	2(1899)		Llangollen
Sybil Williams	dau	s	1(1900)		Llangollen

November 1901

Marriage Oct. 21.-Reginald Farrington Twist, 73, Poulton Road, Southport, to Harriet Ann Jones, 6, Cross Lane, Llangollen.

1911 Census

264 Cross Lane, 4rm, 6 Private House, Mr. R. Williams

Robert Williams	Head	m	47(1864)	Plasterer	Llangollen
Winifred Williams	Wife	m	47(1864)	22, 5, 4, 1	Corwen
Robert Wynn Williams	Son	s	12(1899)	Scholar	Llangollen
Sybil Williams	dau	s	11(1900)	Scholar	Llangollen

20th February 1914

LLANGOLLEN PROOF.

And not only Llangollen proof, but, proof which has stood the test of time. More convincing testimony would be impossible to find. On July 25th, 1912, Mrs. W. Williams, of 6, Cross-lane, near the Parish Church, Llangollen, said –“Sometimes I could not lift my hands to my shoulders for rheumatic pains. Every change in the weather seemed to affect me, and I had aching pains across the kidneys. I was also subject to giddiness and headaches, and the water was disordered.”

“I am pleased to say that since taking Doan's backache kidney pills I have been a great deal better. I think Doan's pills a splendid kidney medicine, and if I get a return of the complaint, I shall certainly use them again I recommend Doan's pills heartily. (Signed) (Mrs.) W. WILLIAMS.”

On January 7th, 1914—over twelve months' later—Mrs. Williams said :—“I am in good health, and I always praise Doan's pills.”

If every cold or chill affects the back and the water, if the least exertion tires you, if you feel dull and unnaturally drowsy, or-suffer from gravel, stone, rheumatism, dropsy or lumbago, Doan's backache kidney pills will help you as they have helped Mrs. Williams.

Price 2/9 a box, 6 boxes 13/9; of all dealers, or from Foster-McClellan- Co., 8, Wells-street, Oxford-street, London, W. Don't ask for back- ache or kidney pills, ask distinctly for Doan's backache kidney pills, the same as Mrs. Williams had.

P O W Record

Name: R W Williams

Rank: Lance Corporal

Army Number: 7684124

Regiment: Corps of Military Police

POW Number: 18106

Camp Type: Stalag

Camp Number: 357

Camp Location: Oerbke, Lower Saxony

Record Office: Royal Artillery (Coast Defence Units), Corps of Military Police and Military Provost Staff Corps Record Office, Gordon Hotel, Southbourne, Bournemouth

Record Office Number: 26

In 1934 William Norman Read, a silica brick worker from Cefn married Juliet Gwendoline Ellis of Church House. In 1939 they were living on the opposite side of Cross Lane. William died here in 1952. In August 1960 his widow, Juliet remarried to David Roberts, a retired Insurance Officer from Hill Street. Juliet died here in December 1965, and her second husband, David died the following month.

1939 Register

226 6 Cross Lane, Llangollen

1 William N Read 29 Oct 1889 M Brick Setter Heavy Worker

2 Juliet G Read (Roberts) 28 July 1900 M Household Duties Unpaid

7th December 1965

We regret to record the death of Mrs. Juliet Roberts, wife of Mr. David Roberts, which occurred at her home, 6, Cross Lane, on Wednesday morning last. Deep sympathy is felt for Mr. Roberts in his sad bereavement. The funeral took place on Saturday, and a full notice will appear in our next issue.

14th December 1965

THE LATE MRS DAVID ROBERTS

Mrs Gwen Juliet Roberts, whose death on December 1st was recorded in our last issue, was the second daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Ellis of Church House, Llangollen. She was 65 years of age.

Mrs Roberts, formerly Mrs Reid, had been a widow for many years before her marriage to Mr David Roberts five years ago, and our sympathy is extended to him in his loss of so devoted a wife.

The funeral was on Saturday, December 4th. The Vicar and the Rev Meurig Roberts held a service at the house, and the Vicar conducted a service at 2 pm in the Parish Church, where Mrs Roberts had been a lie-long and active member.

Interment was in St John's cemetery.

The family mourners were:- Mr David Roberts (widower) who, however, was not well enough to attend at the Church: Mrs Elsie Thomas, Birkenhead and her daughters, Margaret and Joan (sister and nieces); Mr and Mrs J Fergusson (brother-in-law and sister); Messrs Robert and William Fergusson (nephews); Mr Harry Ellis, Cardigan (brother); Mr J Jones, The Dell (brother-in-law); Mrs Jones, Nantwich (niece); Mr and Mrs J D Williams, (sister in law); Mrs Rosana Williams (niece); Mrs Marian Williams, Penycae (niece); Mr Bob Ellis (cousin);. Several other relatives were present.

Floral tributes were as follows:- In loving memory of a dear wife, David; In loving memory of my dear sister, Elsie, Harold and Joan, Birkenhead; In loving memory of my dear Aunty Gwen, Margaret, John Susan and David, Birkenhead; Fiona and Jamie; Harry, Marion, Gordon and Alan; Olly, Jim, Robert and Billy; Jack; Mr and Mrs E Davies; J R Humphreys and Gwilym; J D, Susan and family, (Penycae); Lucy and Kate; Florrie; Marjorie and family; Mr and Mrs T Davies Roberts and Mr G Jones, Ashfield Terrace; Mrs Cholmondley, Cross Lane; Lal; Mary Rogers; Tom and Blodwen; Tom and Edwina Owen; Mrs Mabel Williams, Erw Deg; Bob, Annie, Edward and Mary; Alice and Jack; Fred and Josie; The Women's Fellowship.

Fron Cemetery Records

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Winifred Roberts, Gwynfryn, Hill Street Llangollen, bu 24/08/1957, age 65

*David Roberts, retired coal wharf worker, 6 Cross Lane, bu 13/01/1966, age 69
(1939 Hill Street)*

No 7 Cross Lane

The earliest confirmed occupant of number 7 was Moses Humphreys, a joiner, who had moved here from John Street sometime in the 1870's. His first wife, Sarah, died here in June 1878 in the middle of a heat wave. With seven small children there is little wonder that before the end of 1880 he had a new wife. By 1883 the family had moved to the Forrester's Inn on Regent Street, Unfortunately, Moses himself died in 1885.

5th July 1878

SUNDAY FUNERAL.—In consequence of the extreme heat, it was deemed expedient to bury the wife of Mr. Moses Humphreys, joiner, this town, on Sunday morning last, which we believe was the first deposit on a Sunday at the Fron Cemetery. There was an immense concourse of people, which proved that there was great sympathy with the bereaved husband and his seven little children. The Rev. William Griffiths, of Llansantffraid, officiated.

1881 Census

86 7 Cross Lane

Moses Humphreys	Head	m	42(1839)	Joiner	Corwen
Mary Humphreys	Wife	m	43(1838)	Joiner's Wife	Llangollen
Thomas William Humphreys	Son	s	16(1865)	Joiner	Corwen
Elizabeth Ann Humphreys	dau	s	12(1869)	Scholar	Corwen
Peter Humphreys	Son	s	9(1872)	Scholar	Llangollen
Mary Humphreys	dau	s	7(1874)	Scholar	Llangollen
Martha Humphreys	dau	s	5(1876)	Scholar	Llangollen

By 1883 John Watkin, a factory operative, had moved in with his wife Ann (nee Jasper) who had been a maid at the Prince of Wales when they married in 1881. In 1900 John was a bricklayer's labourer, but had taken the licence of the Crow Castle on Castle Street. In 1905 whilst working on the King's Bridge he died, but his wife carried on there.

1891 Census

161 7 Cross Lane

John Watkin	Head	m	37(1854)	factory operative	Llangollen
Ann Watkin	Wife	m	38(1853)		Froncysyllte
Elizabeth A Watkin	dau	s	8(1883)	scholar	Llangollen
Catherine J Watkin	dau	s	6(1885)	scholar	Llangollen
Thomas A Watkin	Board		24(1867)	bricklayer	Llangollen

In 1900 John Hughes, a general labourer married Esther Jenkins and they had moved into No 7. By 1911 they had moved to 15 Queen Street.

1901 Census

260 7 Cross Lane

John Hughes	Head	m	26(1875)	Gen Lab	Llangollen
Esther Hughes	Wife	m	21(1880)		Meifod
Mary Jenkins	Si-in-l	s	14(1887)	dressmaker	Llansantffraid

In 1911 the occupants were David and Sarah Lizzie Jones (nee Wynn). David and Sarah had married in Wrexham in 1909. They had been living in Cilmedw Cottage in 1910, and David gave his occupation as Chauffeur. They subsequently moved back to Wrexham.

1911 Census

265 Cross Lane, 3rm, 7, Mr. D. Jones, Private House

David Jones	Head	m	25(1886)	Domestic Chauffeur	Llangollen
Sarah Lizzie Jones	Wife	m	22(1889)	2y 2,2,0	Wrexham
Elsie Jones	dau	s	1(1909)		Llangollen
Edward William Jones	Son	s	9m(1910)		Llangollen

In 1915 Charles Robert Baker, the landlord of the Prince of Wales signed on for the Denbighshire Yeomanry, but it was not until May 1916 he actually enlisted. In March 1916 his

brewing plant, utensils and casks were sold under distraint by the brewery, and by then his address was 7 Cross Lane. He was discharged in April 1917. In June 1917 his son Cecil Perry Baker was christened when this was the address given, but shortly afterwards the family moved to Cheshire.

September 1917

Christening June 18th -Cecil Perry, son of Charles Robert and Maria Baker, 7, Cross Lane.

In 1928 Arthur Trevor Davies-Roberts a timber sawyer of 36 Church Street married Gwladys Emily Jones of 16 Church Street. Their daughter Margaret (Molly) was born at No 7 in April 1930, but sadly died here in 1933. By 1939 Trevor and Gwladys had moved to No 5, to be replaced by Harold and Phyllis Davies.

October 1930

Christening July 20th-Margaret, daughter of Trevor and Gwladys Davies-Roberts, 7, Cross Lane.

December 1933

Burial November 12th. - ,Margaret (Molly) Davies-Roberts, 7, Cross Lane, Llangollen aged 3 years,

1939 Register

225 7 Cross Lane, Llangollen

1 Harold Davies	04 August 1906	M	Builders Labourer General
2 Phyllis Davies	17 April 1911	M	Unpaid Domestic Duties

3 The record for this person is officially closed.

Phyllis Jones m Harold Davies JQ 1932 Wrexham

No 8 Cross Lane

Francis Lewis was a quarryman. He had been living in Oak Street in the 1870's before moving to Cross Lane around 1880. A few later he had moved to Glyndyfrdwy, then Tyn y Pistyll Villa, next to the Britannia Inn.

1881 Census

8 Cross Lane

Francis Lewis	Head	m	31(1850)	Quarryman (Stone)	Llangollen
Emily Lewis	Wife	m	33(1848)	Quarryman's Wife	Kingsland
Cadwaladr Clark Lewis Son	s	2(1879)	Infant		Llangollen
Emily Lewis	Dau	s	1(1880)	Infant	Llangollen

8th July 1881

July 4th, the wife of Mr. Francis Lewis, Cross-lane, Llangollen, of a son.

By 1891 Thomas Davies, a brewer at the Prince of Wales, was living here until his death in July that year.

1891 Census

162 8 Cross Lane

Thomas Davies	Head	m	40(1851)	brewer	Middlewich
Mary J Davies	Wife	m	32(1859)		Middlewich
Emily B Davies	dau	s	8(1883)	scholar	Middlewich

31st July 1891

July 30th, aged 40, at the Prince of Wales Inn. Regent-street, Llangollen, Mr. Thomas Davies, brewer Will be interred at Baschurch.

In 1886 Evan Evans, a gardener died at 1 Rehoboth Place. His widow, Mary, moved to 12 Queen Street, and later supported herself as a charwoman, she also lived for a time in No 8, before moving back to Hall Street to become caretaker of Rehoboth

28rd July 1893

No 8 Mrs Mary Evans

1901 Census

258 8 Cross Lane

Mary Evans	Head	w	63(1838)	Charwoman	Llanynys
Mary C Evans	dau	s	34(1867)	dressmaker	Tregeriog
Elizabeth A Evans	dau	s	26(1875)	dressmaker	Llangollen

Ann Evans was the widow of David Evans, an agricultural labourer, had been living in Princess Street, working as a laundress. She had moved into No 8 by 1911, together with her son Ellis Henry Evans and granddaughter Annie Gwendoline Roberts. Annie's mother Elizabeth had married Linus Roberts, a tailor. Elizabeth and Linus were living in Chapel Street.

1911 Census

266 Cross Lane, 8, Mr. E. Evans, Private House

Ann Evans	Head	w	77(1834)		Merionethshire
Ellis Henry Evans	Son	s	43(1868)	Labourer	Denbighshire
Annie Gwendoline Roberts	Gdau	s	16(1895)	Domestic	Denbighshire

In 1915 it seems that a Richard Jones was living here.

10th September 1915

RIDING TO THE DANGER OF THE PUBLIC. Arthur Davies, The Vicarage, Wrexham, son of Canon Davies, was charged under the Motor-cycle Act with having, on August 21st, at Llangollen, recklessly driven a motor-cycle on the highway and also with having failed to produce his licence when called upon to do so –P.C. J. H. Williams said that, at 11.30 on the date named, he was on duty at the Bridge End and saw defendant coming from Ruabon on a motor-cycle. As he was turning the corner witness shouted to him to slow up as the Bridge was crowded with pedestrians at the time. He took no heed of this, however, and ran against a

young lady, catching her by the overcoat and dragging her. At the same time witness asked him for his licence and he said that he had not got it.- Richard Jones, 8, Cross-lane, said that, on Aug. 21st, he was at the end of Llangollen Bridge and saw a cyclist coming along at a reckless speed. He should say he was travelling at twenty miles an hour. At the time the Bridge was crowded with a party from the Pavilion, including "The Girl on the Film" Company, and they had a narrow escape.—Corroborative evidence as to the speed at which defendant was riding was given by David Jones, 19, Church-street; John Thomas Griffiths, Church-street, and Robert Griffiths.- A letter was read from defendant stating that he was unable to appear as he had been summoned by the War Office to Woolwich to do his training there. He had taken out a licence but; inadvertently, had omitted to carry it. He denied, in toto, that he had driven recklessly. He had frequently driven over the Bridge before and was well aware of the awkward corner. The fact that a lady's dress had become entangled in the handle-bar of his machine was in no way due to his riding. Although he was only 17 years old, and had ridden thousands of miles, he had never been charged before.—He was ordered to pay £2 10s.

In 1939 Albert Edward Davies, son of John William Davies was here with his wife Clara.

1939 Register

224 8 Cross Lane, Llangollen

1 Albert Edward Davies	09 August 1904	M	Machinist & Driver
2 Clara Davies	11 Dec 1892	M	Home Duty Domestic Duties

St John's Cemetery Records

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8 Cross Lane