



Black Lion Inn

The Hole in the Wall pub

Notes from the Deeds

The deeds do not indicate when the Black Lion Inn was constructed but they do go back as far as 1814, when the property (which was comprised of two houses and a garden with appurtenances) was owned by a tailor by the name of John Jones. He presumably carried on his business there.

In 1823 the property was sold to another tailor, William Thomas, who seems to have been in partnership originally with an Edward Williams.

At some stage William Thomas began brewing on the premises and when he died in 1849 the property, which included a brew house, passed to his wife and daughter. It was first described as the "Black Lion Inn" in 1854.

William Thomas' descendents retained the property until 1924, almost 100 years after he first acquired it. The Black Lion Inn was then bought by two brewers, Herbert & Graham Heasman and when they died it was purchased, in 1953, by Hydes Anvil Brewery Limited.

Further details from the deeds are as follows:-

19.03.1814

John Jones ("tailor") mortgaged "all that messuage or dwelling house together with the garden and appurtenances, in the township of Bersham, in the Parish of Wrexham in the County of Denbigh" - for £20.

15.02.1817

Will of John Jones of Bersham ("tailor") - he gives everything to his wife, Margaret Jones, including "my two dwelling houses and garden with all the appurtenances belonging thereto situate in a certain place called Dolgehelin in the said township of Bersham".

11.02.1825

John Jones has died and the premises at "Doleg Cae Helin in Bersham" are now in the holding or occupation of Margaret Jones and Joseph Griffiths. They convey the premises to Williams Thomas ("tailor") for £85 consideration.

10.11.1828

Williams Thomas mortgages the premises which are "in the holding or occupation of William Thomas & Edward Williams" for £70.

01.08.1833

The mortgage is assigned and increased to £80.

22.03.1847

The mortgage is redeemed.

11.01.1848

Will of William Thomas ("tailor and draper") which was administered on 3rd August 1849. He leaves everything to his wife, Anne Thomas, for her life. After her decease his property is divided as follows:-

"my daughter Charlotte, wife of William Lloyd" - "the messuage or dwelling house, with the brew house and all the buildings gardens and lands"; "all the remainder of my household goods and furniture with all my linens and brewing utensils"; and "the residue of all my property."

"my son Charles" - "my clock and little chest of drawers."

"my daughter Pamila, wife of Samuel Roden" - £30.

"my daughter Harriott, wife of Edward Williams" - £5.

"William Thomas" Charlotte Lloyd's son - "my watch".

Charlotte Lloyd was charged under the will with the apprenticing of her son, William Thomas.

29.11.1854

Anne Thomas and Williams ("labourer") and Charlotte Lloyd mortgage "all that messuage and dwelling house with the brew house, garden and appurtenances thereunto belonging and called or known by the name of the "Black Lion Inn" formerly in two dwelling houses situate lying and being at or near a certain place called Doleg Cae Helin".

05.12.1870

William ("publican") and Charlotte Lloyd transfer the mortgage and increase it to £130.

01.03.1884

Williams and Edward ("bricklayer") Lloyd, his eldest son, redeem the mortgage. Charlotte Lloyd is deceased.

03.03.1884

William and Edward Lloyd mortgage the premises again for £150.

03.09.1885

William and Edward Lloyd transfer the mortgage to Clara Lloyd ("spinster") of Sefton Park, Liverpool, who is Edward's sister.

12.10.1885

William Lloyd dies.

03.09.1886

Clara Lloyd loans a further £62.

03.09.1896

Clara Lloyd loans a further £200.

13.09.1901

Edward Lloyd dies and leaves £300 and his personal estate to his wife Emily, and the Black Lion Inn to his sister, Clara Lloyd.

23.01.1920

Clara Lloyd dies and the Black Lion Inn passes in accordance with her will, to her daughter, Clara Jones wife of Thomas Baker Jones, of Portslade Village, Sussex. She also inherited 8 dwelling houses numbered 8 to 15 inclusive and situated at Ddol, Bersham.

13.12.1924

Clara Jones (wife of Thomas Baker Jones) sells the Black Lion Inn to Herbert Gratwicke Heasman and Graham Claude Heasman, both brewers in Wrexham for £3,000 consideration.

15.12.1924

The premises are mortgaged to Ind Coope and Co Limited, for £2,000. Further advances, totaling to £1,750, are made up to 06.02.1939.

19.07.1945

Herbert Gratwicke Heasman dies.

21.06.1952

Graham Claude Heasman dies.

10.01.1953

The personal representatives of Graham Claude Heasman grant a yearly tenancy of the Black Lion Inn for £34 p.a. to Mrs Marjorie Moss, wife of John Erice Moss.

27.03.1953

The personal representatives of Graham Claude Heasman sell the Black Lion Inn to Hydes Anvil Brewery Limited.

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