



Fact Sheet 7

The Named Terraces of Clive Street

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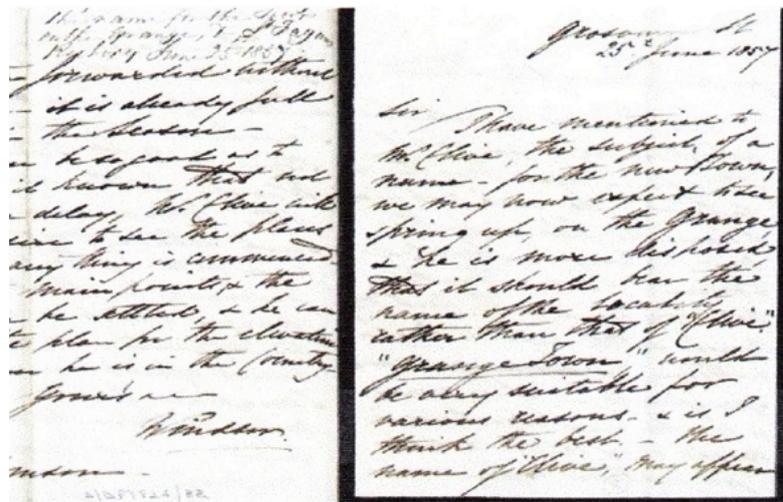
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Clive Street

Clive street was named by Baroness Windsor as the most appropriate one for what was initially planned as the main thoroughfare of the soon to be built Grangetown. However, it was named thus due to a difference of opinion between her and her advisors for the name of the town.

They had suggested that a grand undertaking such as building a new town be named after the family that built it, so that it be named 'Clivetown'; but the baroness disagreed. She felt that the town should be named after its locality - the Grange.

The letter she wrote in 1857 prescribing the town's name (the letter edged in black to show she was still in mourning for her husband) is shown here, together with its transcription.



"The subject of a name for the new town we expect to see spring up on the Grange has arisen. Robert (Windsor-Clive) is more disposed that it should bear the name of the locality rather than that of 'Clive'.

'Grangetown' would be very suitable for various reasons and is I think the best. The name of 'Clive' may appear for the principal street."

Clive Street's named terraces

Anyone researching the old street directories for Clive street will notice that some of the blocks, or groups of houses, had names - the names of people. It is worth examining who may have been the inspiration for these names as most of the other street names in lower Grangetown were associated with the names of the Windsor-Clive family and investors.

The following names were given to various blocks of houses:

- Gladstone Terrace - located between Pentrebane St and Llanmaes St
- Sir Edward Terrace - located between Llanmaes St and St Fagans St.
- Mildon Terrace - located between Bromsgrove St and Worcester St
- Matthews Terrace - located between Worcester St and the Plymouth Hotel

These named terraces show up in old street directories as shown on the following page.

Occupier Index for Clive Street.

12 Wilson R. J. A., pro. of music	Mildon Terrace	132
10 Williams Samuel, paper mkr.	117 Lewis William, labourer	130
8 Dodd Mrs. J. A.	119 Honeyburn Mrs. Jane	128
6 Lock W., labourer	121 Simonds Mrs.	124
4 Kingdom Richard, labourer	123 Sheldrake Benj., shoemaker	122
2 Slade J., labourer	125 Compton Barnard, hobbler	120
	127 Thompson John, labourer	118
	129 Goode William, labourer	116
	131 Scone George, labourer	114
	133 Polglaise R.	112
	— Worcester Street intersects	110
Clive Street, Grangetown	Baptist Chapel	108
<i>From Penarth Road</i>	Matthew's Terrace	106
Clive Buildings	137 Mitchell Charles	104
Badman —, corn merchant	139 Heath Henry, labourer	102
Baker, fish dealer	143 Garrett Eneas, labourer	100
Brown A. J., confectioner	145 Grey Mrs. Agnes	98
Burford Sam., Grange farm	147 Clapp Jarvis	96
— Stockland St. intersects	149 Freeman George, boilermaker	94
27 Sturrock William, engineer	151 Limerick James	92
29 White Moses, pilot	153 Richards William, mariner	90
31 Maskell George, manager	155 Robins Stephen	88
33 Morgan Evan, pilot	157 Rumney John, fireman	86
35 Carpenter Peter, pilot	159 Smith Gideon	84
37 Caple Edward	161 Union Mrs.	80
39 Edwards Edward C., pilot	163 Colin James	78
41 Elliott W. G., pilot	167 Brace Joseph	76
43 Alexander Lewis, pilot	169 Odey George, tram driver	74
— Penhevad St. intersects	Jones D. J., Plymouth Hotel	72
45 Jesseman M. H., photographer		70
47 Murphy Edwin, shopkeeper	<i>here cross over</i>	68
49 Ley Joseph, master mariner	Grange Tramways Terminus	66
51 Jesseman Douglas	Purchase Geo., York house	64
53 Banfill Richard F., C. H. O.	224 Fry Mrs. M. A., greengrocer	62
55 Williams William, B. T. Office	222 Rimney Elizabeth	60
57 Greggans P. J.	220 Marshall John	58
59 Reid Richard, pilot	218 Fry Alfred	56
— Pentrebane St. intersects	216 McDonald Robert	54
Gladstone Terrace	210 Richards J.	52
61 Ayres N., Clive house	208 Buck Charles, haulier	50
63 Hillman Obadiah, mariner	206 Gunn William	48
65 Porter Thomas, boilermaker	204 Smallbridge William	46
67 Thomas George, labourer	202 Cederwell E., ship chandler	44
69 Hooper Wm., labourer	200 Young Mrs. S.	42
71 Parrett G., labourer	198 Kitchin F. W., ironmonger	40
73 Cosgrove John	196 Phillips Wm., trimmer	38
75 Sims Franklin, fireman	194 Macey E. W.	36
77 Rose John, mason	190 Cory John, haulier	34
79a Edwards William, labourer	188 Vincent Richard, haulier	32
79 Adams John, stoker	186 Cornelius Henry	30
81a Spinks J. T., engineer	184 Richards James	28
81 Banister Jane	182 Clapp W. J., shipwright	26
— Llanmaes St. intersects	180 Carter John	24
Sir Edward Terrace	178 Parsons John, labourer	22
83 Chamberlain T.	176 Ballinger Alfred, grocer and baker	20
85 Yates James, deal carrier	174 Evans David, coal dealer	18
87 Gatscieas Daniel, labourer	172 Marks Wm., coal dealer	16
95 Frost Mrs.	170 Davis John, engine driver	14
97 Alexander William	168 Llewellyn William, painter	12
Cornelius Richard John, Rose Cottage	166 Williams H. C., goods porter	10
— St. Fagan's Street intersects	164 Gillard T.	8
99 Jenkins R., tailor	162 Dayborn John, carpenter	6
101 Reid Thomas	160 Lott John	4
103 English Thomas	158 Smith Wm., engineer	2
105 Evans Albert, butcher	156 Hall James, engineer	1
107 Johnson W.	154 Marshall Charles, carpenter	0
109 Deans Robert	152 Turner J. E., C.E.	
111 Olsen Andrew, coal trimmer	150 Rowlands Edward, trimmer	
115 Brown Henry, greengrocer	148 Parker George	
— Bromsgrove St. intersects	146 Lewis E. M.	
Police Station—M. Jenkins, inspector	144 McIntyre Alexander, gas stkr	
Grangetown National Schools	142 Spevin John, fitter	
Master, William Davies	140 Mabbs Mrs. Martha	
Mistress, Mrs. H. Hyatt	138 Gibbs George, shipwright	
	136 Espeland Ole	
	134 Welsher William	



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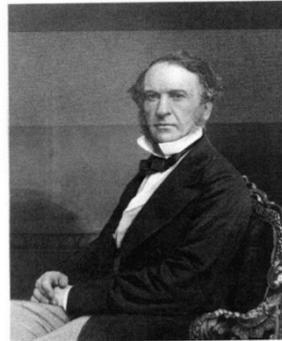
Gladstone Terrace (William Gladstone)

William Ewart Gladstone was born in 1809 and died in 1898, and was the son of a slave-owning merchant; his ancestry was pure Scottish. He went to Eton and was president of the Oxford Union Debating Society.

He was a Liberal Politician and served as Prime Minister on four separate occasions. He was Britain's oldest Prime Minister when he resigned for the final time aged 84. He was famous for his oratory and poor relations with Queen Victoria, who complained: "He always addresses me as if I were a public meeting."

In the House of Commons he opposed the abolition of slavery, but in 1834 when slavery was abolished he helped his father obtain the modern equivalent of £83M in Government reimbursement for 2,508 slaves his father owned on 9 plantations in the Carribean.

He was made a Freeman of the Borough of Cardiff on 6th July, 1889. This was presented to him at the residence in London of Sir Edward J. Reed.



Wm. Ewart GLADSTONE, 1809-1898 LIBERAL

Was Prime Minister four times:

1868-74; 1880-85; 1886; 1892-94

These are the people who lived in Gladstone Terrace in 1887:

1. David Evans
 2. Charles Lisk, Blacksmith
 3. Edward Goodman, Gas Stoker
 4. Wm. Hooper
 5. Lewis Harding, Haulier
 6. John Dowden, Stoker
 7. Wm. Popplewell
 8. Charles Cook
 9. John Rose, Mason
- Edwin Scourse, Blacksmith.

Some interesting information:

Whilst collecting material for a Grangetown Memories Book someone who was born on this block of houses circa 1945, contacted the Society stating that a lady called Nancy Poole who lived at No. 75 (the terrace names had been dropped by then and all the houses re-numbered) had a boyfriend who called on her on a horse and the horse was trained to walk up the steps of No. 75 and flip the letter box with its head to call her.

Sir Edward Terrace (Sir Edward James Reed)

These are the names of the people who lived in Sir Edward Terrace in 1887:

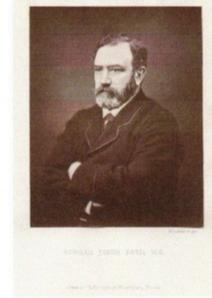
- Myrtle Cottage - Henry Curtis
- Thomas Tudor, Fitter
- George Carey
- Thomas Rees
- Daniel Davies
- Samuel Cornelius, Engineer.
- Robert Eyles,
- George Trotman.
- Wm. Parker Dester, Surgeon
- Rose Cottage - William Cox

This is what is known about Sir Edward:

It is reported that on 21 November 1883 Sir E.J. Reed made a contribution of £10 towards the Grangetown and Docks Inundation Fund. He stated in his letter he was very sorry to learn that so much suffering and loss has been occasioned and heartily sympathised with the people.

In the same year he consented to assist at the opening of the Grangetown Board School on the 17th December.

Sir Edward James Reed K.C.B., M.P., donated an Oil Painting to Cardiff City Council by Viat Cole R.A. "Noon on the Surrey Hill" (extract from Council Minutes).



Sir Edward James REED, K.C.B., F.R.S., born 1830 LIBERAL

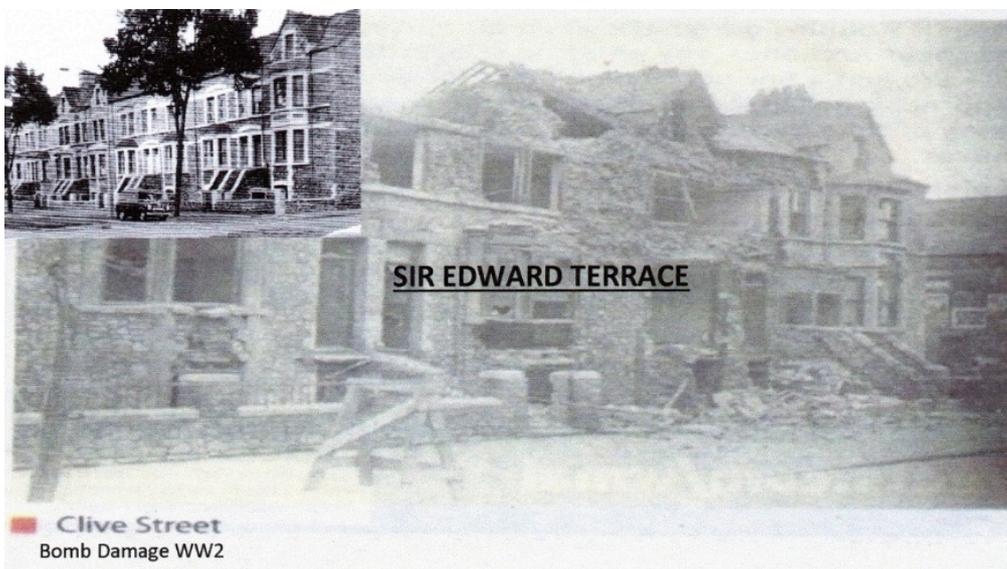
M.P. for Cardiff 1880 – 1895 and 1900-1906

In 1886 he was Lord of the Treasury in Gladstone's Government.

This plaque, above left, to his memory is located on the staircase in Cardiff City Hall.

He was a British Naval Architect, author, an investor in Railroads in Florida, a Fruit Grower in Kent and Chief Constructor of the Navy.

He lived in The Strand, London.



Wilfred Brooke House on site of demolished Gladstone and Sir Edward Terraces



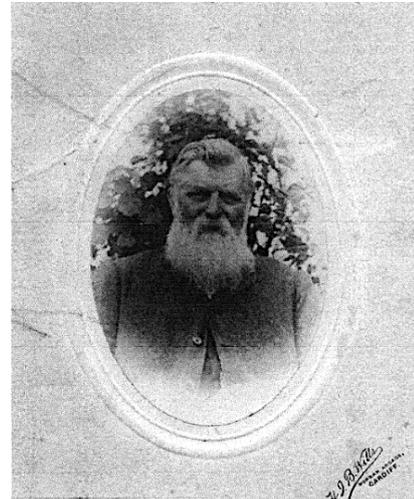
Mildon Terrace (Samuel Mildon)

Samuel Mildon, J.P., was a builder and a Cardiff City Councillor (a Liberal) and Alderman. He lived in both Clive Street and Paget Street.

In his will in 1909, he left seven properties in Paget Street and two in Clive Street to members of his family. His personal estate was valued at £6,445 - 10/10d, circa £2 million today.

Plans held at the Glamorgan Archives (ref: BC/S1/2752) show plans for 9 houses in south-east Clive Street known as Mildon Terrace (1881).

He is mentioned in *Old Grangetown Memories*, Book 1, by the Grangetown Local History Society. Steve Vile donated material on his ancestor for which we are grateful.



Although Samuel Mildon was an Alderman and Councillor he never became Mayor of Cardiff because of illness. Glamorgan Archives have plans of 9 houses dated 1884 (Nos 190 to 206 in Clive Street ref: BC/S14270) where he is shown as the developer.

In his Will Samuel left Nos. 194 and 196 Clive Street to his daughter Priscilla, and Nos. 208 and 210 to his daughter Elizabeth Jane. The house numbers for Mildon Terrace in 1937 were 117-129.

Formerly Mildon Terrace



Matthews Terrace (Benjamin Matthews)

He was born in 1821/22 in Broughton-on-the-Hill, Gloucester. He was an attorney and solicitor and lived in Llandaff.

He was a councillor for the North Ward of Cardiff (1855) and a member of the committee of the Glamorgan and Monmouth Infirmary. He was solicitor to the Taff Vale Railway Company, the Under-Sheriff of the County of Glamorgan, a benefactor of the School for the Deaf and Dumb, Llandaff, and town clerk.

He had an indirect connection with the Windsor-Clive family via his daughter, Flora, who married a Mr Robert Forrest of St Fagans. Mr Forrest was the land agent and a J.P. who handled the legal side of the construction of Grangetown for the Windsor-Clives. He had a street named after him, which is (was) between Bromsgrove Street and Holmesdale Street.

On his death in 1901 Matthews left his substantial fortune to his son-in-law, Robert Forrest. It amounted to £29,713 - 15/1d (£28.7 million). It is perhaps due to Robert Forrest's influence that the row of houses at the south-east of Clive Street was named after his father-in-law.

Formerly Matthews Terrace



Final Comment

It is hoped you have enjoyed reading and analysing the reasons why these terraces in Clive Street were thus named when they were built. Certainly it is worth highlighting the immense wealth they all possessed unlike the people who occupied the properties named after them.

We trust that this will inspire other people to conduct more Grangetown Research as there is still a lot to be uncovered!
