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Reference code: GB 0214 D163

Title: Papers of Dennis G. Sellwood

Dates : 1768, 1870, 1891-2008

Level of description: Fonds

Extent and medium: 0.08 cubic metres (4 boxes)

Name of creator(s): Dennis G. Sellwood

Administrative/biographical history

The papers were gathered together during the course of Dennis Sellwood's research into the history of Llanbradach, near Caerphilly, and relate in particular to local families, society, buildings and industrial matters, the American troops stationed in Caerphilly, and the Lindsay and Coppage families.

Archival history

Immediate source of acquisition

Donor

Scope and content

History research notes, copies of historical documents, photographs, negatives, and printed material.

Appraisal, destruction and scheduling information

All records which meet the collection policy of the Glamorgan Record Office have been retained.

Accruals

Accruals are possible

System of arrangement

According to the sequence on donation.

Conditions governing access

Items containing information on named individuals may be restricted in accordance with the Data Protection Act and Record Office policy

Conditions governing reproduction

Normal Glamorgan Record Office conditions apply.

Language/scripts of material

English

Physical characteristics and technical requirements

Good to fair condition

Finding aids

Detailed list available.

Existence and location of originals**Existence and location of copies****Related units of description****Publication note**

Some of the papers relate to the publications by Dennis Sellwood *Llanbradach, 1900-1950* (Dennis Sellwood 1998); *Llanbradach Colliery* (2003); *Ancestors and All Saints: Llanbradach Squires, Parish, Priests* (Dennis Sellwood. Caerphilly 2006); *Energlyn and Pwllypant. Chapters in the history of a hamlet* (Dennis Sellwood. Caerphilly 2001) and *The Friendly Invasion. The American soldiers who passed through Caerphilly in 1943-44* (Caerphilly Local History Society 2002) by Dennis Sellwood, and the article 'The Thomas Family of Llanbradach and Ystrad Mynach', by Hilary M. Thomas, Glamorgan Historian X.

Note

D163/1-4 (2003/42, 2004/213), D163/5 (2003/35), D163/6 (2006/45), D163/7-17 (2006/77)

Archivist's note

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Rules or conventions

This description follows Glamorgan Record Office guidelines based on ISAD(G) compatible cataloguing guidelines for fonds level descriptions used by the Archives Network Wales.

Date of description

September 2006. Updated January 2009.

The Friendly Invasion

D163/1	Correspondence, photographs and related papers concerning the 634 th Quarter Master Laundry Corps (also known as the Bubble Boys). [1 folder]	2002
D163/2	Correspondence, photographs and related papers concerning the 756 Railway Shop Battalion; 757 Railway Shop Battalion; Medical Unit; 15 th Special Service Corps; Transportation Corps, and Caerphilly informants. [1 folder]	
D163/3	Photographs and ephemera from reunions of the 634 th Quarter Master Laundry Corps reunions [1 envelope]	1996-2004
D163/4	Letter from Bill Ford to Dennis Sellwood with his boyhood memories of American servicemen in Caerphilly [2 papers]	2004
D163/5	Thomas family of Llanbradach. Pedigree compiled by Dennis Sellwood [3 papers]	c.2005
D163/6	Caerphilly castle. Engraving from <i>The Antiquities of England and Wales</i> by H Boswell [1 engraving]	1768
D163/7	V.C. Hardacre's notes and photocopies on history of Llanbradach [1 bdle.]	1953-1967
D163/8	Members' roll of Llanbradach branch of ToCH [1 printed paper]	1952
D163/9/1, 2	All Saints' parish church, Llanbradach. Church diaries [2 bkts.]	1962, 1982
D163/10/1, 2	Llanbradach coronation celebrations, May-June 1953. 2 programmes [2 bkts.]	1953

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|---|--|-------------|
| D163/11 | All Saints' church, Llanbradach. Service for dedication of memorials to late Rev. Edwin Edwards, first vicar, his wife Margaret, and Miss Clara Thomas, patron and benefactress, 22 May 1930; with newspaper cutting relating to death of Edwards, 22 August 1928
[1 bkt., 1 paper] | 1928, 1930 |
| D163/12 | Papers relating to the re-laying of the foundation stone of Moriah Calvinistic Methodist chapel, with photocopies of newspaper cutting and notes on the 'Thomas Stone'
[1 bdle.] | 2000 |
| D163/13 | Letters received by Dennis Sellwood relating to his publications and other matters
[1 bdle.] | 1989-2000 |
| D163/14 | 'What Mam Said: a study of women in mining families in South Wales during the Second World War and their access to power in the home'. Thesis by Alis Parker, Caerphilly and Swansea
[1 typescript bdle.] | 1996 |
| <u>Coppage family and business papers</u> | | |
| D163/15/1 | Apprenticeship indenture of Frederick James Owen Coppage, son of Fred Coppage of Garth Owen, as apprentice to Hopson Wessendorff and Co., Guildford St, Cardiff, as motor vehicle repair and electric light equipment engineer
[1 parchment] | 21 Apr 1913 |
| D163/15/2 | Insurance papers of J.F.O. Coppage, and invitation from the British Legion to F. Coppage to banquet for sailors and soldiers who served in the Great War 1914-1919
[4 cards and papers] | 1919 |
| D163/15/3 | Receipts issued to J.F.O. Coppage
[1 bdle] | 1933-1959 |
| D163/15/4 | Guarantee from the Technological Institute of Great Britain to train James Frederick O. Coppage in electric lighting, wiring and power installations
[1 paper] | 11 Mar 1931 |

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D163/15/5, 6	2 letters from bank to F. Coppage, Glyn Rumney farm, and J.F.O. Coppage, 22 De Winton Terrace, Llanbradach, as guarantors for Pietro Speroni, debtor [2 papers]	1931, 1932
D163/15/7	Sale particulars of Glyn-Rhymney [Glynrhymni] farm, Bedwas. With plan [1 bkt.; poor condition]	1 Jun 1927
D163/15/8	Partnership agreement of Fred Coppage with James Frederick Owen Coppage and Leslie George Coppage, as butchers and farmers [1 paper]	31 May 1921
D163/15/9	Draft of agreement between J.F.O. Coppage and L.G. Coppage (as above) as butchers at 5 De Winton Terrace, Llanbradach [2 papers]	1 Apr 1925
D163/15/10	Agreement between J.F.O. Coppage and L.G. Coppage dissolving partnership [1 paper]	17 May 1929
D163/15/11	Letter from Caerphilly UDC to Fred George, butcher, Llanbradach, regarding provisional order and suggesting negotiation [1 paper]	13 Dec 1901
D163/15/12	Papers relating to trading accounts of Fred Coppage and Sons, butchers, Llanbradach [1 bdle.]	1914-1930
D163/15/13	Photocopy of assignment from trustees of the Garden Street Llanbradach Building Club to William Francis Richards of no.64 Garden St, Llanbradach [4 papers]	12 Apr 1912
D163/15/14	Photocopy of assignment from William Francis Richards to John Williams of leasehold of no.74 Garden St, Llanbradach [2 papers]	16 Oct 1916
D163/15/15	Photocopy of assignment from John Williams to Reginald Fisher of leasehold of no.74 (formerly no.64) Garden St, Llanbradach [2 papers]	2 Jul 1920
D163/15/16	Receipts from Caerphilly UDC of John Darketta, Llanbradach, for cost of interment 1918, purchase of	1918, 1919, 1925

- grave space 1919 and grant of burial space 1925, in Penyrheol cemetery
[3 papers]
- D163/15/17 Apprenticeship indenture of Reginald Osmond Wilson as baker to James P. Charles, baker and grocer, The County Stores, Llanbradach
[1 paper] 25 May 1900
- D163/16 Photographic negatives of V.C. Hardacre, Llanishen, Cardiff, including parade of American troops and Home Guard 1946; 'fun in the park'; coronation 1937; floods; winter; views around Llanbradach including Llanbradach Fawr 1939 and 1954 and family groups at same; ToCH groups; Tŷ Twmpyn; Pwll-y-pant House and photograph dated 1870; Pwll-y-pant Cottage
[1 box] 1870, c.1937-
c.1954
- D163/ 17, 18 2 wallets of Coppage family containing photographic negatives, including scenes around Llandaff, Barry Island, Glynrhymni farm, demolition of house and shop in De Winton Terrace in Llanbradach; Llanbradach; Dyffryn Isaf, etc.; and in England: Hook Norton old GWR viaduct, Bloxham church, Little Rollright, Chipping Norton, and other places in co.Oxford; All Saints church in Llanbradach; Caerphilly; Robert Coppage; views of Dunstable airfield, Banbury Cross; Coppage family members; Llanbradach Colliery; North Leach, co. Glos.; Shipston-on-Stour, co. Worcs.; Long Compton, co.Warwick; Pwll-y-pant House and toll gate; railway booking office; Bourton-on-the-Water, Bladon, co. Oxford; old viaduct; Pwll-y-pant; Holy Trinity at Ystrad Mynach; J.O. Coppage and wife's grave, at Ystrad Mynach
[2 small wallets] 1961-1964,
1964-1968
- D163/19 Newspaper cuttings and photocopies formerly held in album relating to Rhymney Valley by-passes 1985-1991; village hall, All Saints church, quarry, park-and-ride, and 'De Winton' hotel, 1985-1989
[1 file] 1985-1991
- D163/20 Notes on Thomas Joseph (1819-90, Pontypridd, by Dennis Selwood, with copies taken from newspapers, etc
[8 papers] 1988
- D163/21 Photocopies and prints mainly relating to the Lindsay family: party outside All Saints church, Llanbradach, at its dedication 2 June 1897; exterior of Llanbradach 1858, c.1900-
1994

Fawr 20cent; exterior of All Saints Rooms early 20cent; Llanbradach Church Boys Brigade outside All Saints church with Rev. E. Edwards c.1902; exterior of Pencerrig early 20cent; silhouette of Rev. George Thomas early/mid 19cent; exterior of Holy Trinity church 20cent; old and new bridges at Pontypridd showing procession of coaches and carriages 1857; exterior of All Saints church before 1924; interior of All Saints church, Llanbradach, 20cent; copy of painting of wedding of Katherine Thomas and Henry Martyn Kennard 1858; bellringers of All Saints 1917; Thames Bank house, co. Oxford, with Mrs Ellen Thomas, early 20cent; Glanmor house, at Southerndown, early 20cent; Mrs Ellen Lindsay in grounds of Ystrad Mansion with children 1898; 'Nellie, archie and Nest' at unidentified house 1902; 'George, Claud and Nellie' c.1902-8; Mrs Ellen Lindsay and family same date; All Saints church in snow 1963; Col. Morgan Lindsay and fellow officer on return from South Africa c.1903-4?; no.8 Company, Monmouthshire Royal Engineers, preparing to leave for South Africa c.1899-1900; demolition of All Saints 1994; soldiers on active service in Orange River Colony c.1899-1900; scene from Boer War at Kroenstadt 1900; Mrs Ellen Lindsay with three others on bench waiting for the SS Victoria to berth at Southampton 1901; All Saints rooms decorated for ToCH dance in early 1940s; Col. Lindsay at Ruperra Castle c.1910?; Col. Morgan Lindsay, George Walter Thomas, Claud Frederick Thomas Lindsay and Archibald Thurston Thomas Lindsay in military uniform c.1914-18?; David Edzell Thomas Lindsay in kilt early 20cent; Nesta Lindsay early 20 cent; Ellen Blanche Lindsay 1920s; Morgan Lindsay (old man) at races? 1920s?; Ystrad Mynach cricket team including Col. Lindsay 1920s-1930s?; Ellen K Lindsay early 20cent [1 bdle]

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Photographs and postcards: entrance to Llanbradach early 20cent; terrace of houses near All Saints church 1930s?; All Saints church c.1923; church early 20cent; Tabernacl chapel, Llanbradach, early 20cent; Cwarrau Mawr farmhouse above Energlyn 1970; the Old Schoolroom, Ystrad Mynach, 20cent; All Saints hall decorated for ToCH c.1940-50?; Energlyn farm, 1956; view through doorway to exterior and interior side of large arched window at unidentified house 20cent; Pencerrig Hotel at Builth Wells 1970s?; house under repair 1970s-1990s; views of nave and chancel in All Saints church 1990s? [15 photographs and cards]

c.1920-c.2000

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| D163/23 | Copies of photographic prints of Lindsay family. Some duplicate those among copies D163/21, including scenes of haymaking, Ystrad Mynach cricket team; wedding of 'Dick & Nell' c.1900-1925; wedding of 'Jerry & Nest' c.1920-1930; group seated at a Carnival c.1900-1915; 'David & Nell' - woman and child; Claud Lindsay on horse Bush Belle at Rye Court early 20cent; 'Vicar and Mrs Wills' c.1910-1930; three woman and girl next to ?rabbit hutch c.1900-1915? [21 copies] | c.1900-c.1935 |
| D163/24 | Correspondence from Boulton & Paul, building manufacturers of Norwich, to Sellwood 1996 and photocopies taken from their catalogue 1895 of illustrations of prefabricated buildings; portrait after 1890 of Thomas Matthew employed by Boulton & Paul 1887 Plaford; and copies from plans of Llanbradach Workman's Social Club 1891 [1 bdle] | 1891, c.1895, 1996 |
| D163/25 | Papers relating to religious matters including order of jubilee services at All Saints church at Llanbradach 1948; vicar and churchwardens' accounts for same 1937; order of service for induction of Rev. Cyril John Edwards at St Edmund's church, Shipston on Stour, 1956; copies of Llanbradach parish magazines 1909; inspection report of All Saints 1986; and notes on nonconformist chapels by Sellwood [1 file] | c.1909-c.2000 |
| D163/26 | Photocopies of legal opinion regarding Llanbradach Colliery 1908 and letter of Dennis Selwood 2000 to Mrs Thomas at University of Wales Swansea library [copyright with university library ref. NUM/PP/26/18] [9 papers] | 1908, 2000 |
| D163/27 | 'The Early Christian Church in Wales' by Joyce Laws [1 booklet] | 1965 |
| D163/28 | 'A Concise History of Groeswen Independent Church' by Frances W. Williams, Caerphilly Girls' Grammar School. Local history essay competition [1 booklet] | c.1960 |
| D163/29 | Offprint of article 'The Thomas Family of Llanbradach and Ystrad Mynach', by Hilary M. Thomas, Glamorgan Historian X, presented to Dennis Sellwood [1 booklet] | 1974 |

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D163/30-32	Copies of articles by V.C. Hardacre from 'Country Quest' on historic postal service; the Van (Fan) pigeon house; and Llwyndaddu, near Pentyrch [4 papers]	1970
D163/33	Copy of Michael De Winton's account of the De Winton family in 1988, with covering letter from Parry de Winton to Dennis Sellwood, 1989 [1 file]	1988, 1989
D163/34	Short synopsis of lecture on Hensol castle after 1948 by Rev. Gower Williams, late vicar of Pendoylan, on visit of the British Medical Association to Hensol, with notes on Plas Tirtwyn farm and Tarren-y-morthwyl farm by Dennis Sellwood [1 file]	after 1948 and c.2000
D163/35	Historical notes, photocopies and papers of Dennis Sellwood relating to the Thomas Family of Llabradach; hotels; early houses; streets and buildings; park; water and electricity; and swimming baths [1 bdle]	compiled c.1979-2002
D163/36	Historical notes, photocopies and papers of Dennis Sellwood relating to biographies; collieries; cokeworks; pit deaths; and railways [1 bdle]	compiled c.1979-2002
D163/37	Sketch plan of area around Pen-yr-heol Las, Cwarre Bach, Coed-y-brain farm, Pentwyn farm, and Pwll-y-pant farm, and adjoining area taken from tithe plan 1841 [2 papers]	1841
D163/38	Coloured photocopy of plan of Coed-y-brain Board Schools babies and infants rooms J.H. Phillips, architect, Windsor Place, Cardiff The school opened in 1900 [1 paper]	c.1900
D163/39	Surface plan of Llanbradach Colliery, taken from Glamorgan Record Office DCC/91 1in = 66ft [1paper]	
D163/40/1	'Impressions of My Life' Part I by Dennis Sellwood. The life of Dennis Sellwood recalled from memory and supplemented by extracts from diaries	2007
D163/40/2	'Impressions of My Life' Part II	2007
D163/40/3	'Impressions of My Life' Part III	2007

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D163/40/4	'Impressions of My Life' Part IV 1957-1959'	2008
D163/40/5	'Impressions of My Life' Part V	2008