

Reference code(s): GB 0214 DPE

Title: Homfray of Penllyn Estate papers

Creation date(s): 1777-1983

Level of description: Fonds

Extent: 0.14 cubic metres (c. 120 items)

Name of creator(s): Penllyn Estate

CONTEXT

Administrative/Biographical history: The Homfray family, long seated in Yorkshire, came to Glamorgan when Francis Homfray of Wollaston Hall, Worcestershire, married Hannah Popkin of Coytrahen (Coetre-hen), near Bridgend, Glamorgan. Francis, a successful iron-master in Staffordshire and Worcestershire, established an ironworks at Penydarren, Merthyr Tydfil. His third son, Jeremiah Homfray (1759-1833) gave up his share in the Penydarren works to his brother, Samuel in 1789. In 1813 Jeremiah was declared bankrupt. He fled to Boulogne to avoid paying his creditors. Jeremiah's son, John Homfray (1793-1877) purchased Penllyn Castle in the vale of Glamorgan in 1846. He married Maria, only daughter and heiress of John Richards of the Corner House, Cardiff. The estate then descended in the male line, the present descendant being Major Herbert Franklen Richards Homfray of Newbury, Berkshire.

CONTENT

Scope and content/abstract: Estate and family papers of the Homfray family of Penllyn, including papers of Jeremiah Homfray & Co's Penydarren ironworks, 1786-1833; family wills, settlements and estate accounts, 1809-1957; estate surveys, 1777-1785; estate and miscellaneous plans and papers, 1784-1845; and minute books of the Penarth Council of Churches, 1962-1983.

ACCESS AND USE

Language/scripts of material: English

System of arrangement: Arranged into the following: Homfray family; Penllyn Castle estate; Richards and Morgan estate.

Conditions governing access: No restrictions

Conditions governing reproduction: Normal Glamorgan Record Office conditions apply.

Finding aids: Hard copies of the catalogue are available at Glamorgan Record Office and the National Register of Archives.

ARCHIVAL INFORMATION

Appraisal, destruction and scheduling information: All records which meet the collection policy of the Glamorgan Record Office have been retained.

Accruals: Accruals are not expected.

Archival history:

Immediate source of acquisition:

ALLIED MATERIALS

DESCRIPTION NOTES

Note: Title supplied from contents of fonds.

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Rules or conventions: This description follows ANW guidelines based on ISAD(G) Second Edition; AACR2 and LCSH.

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