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Mae'r archif hon yn cynrychioli diddordebau personol, cyngor, a busnes Mr. Emyr Bennett-Williams.

Ganwyd yn Nhremadog yn 1913, a bwriodd ei brentisiaeth mewn peirianeg mecanyddol, hydrolic a trydanol efo Trydan Gorllewin Cymru. Gyda siopau yn Criccieth, Caernarfon, Bangor, Bermo a Porthmadog daeth yn arloeswr gosod a rhentu teledu yng Ngorllewin Cymru. Ef hefyd oedd yn gyfrifol am gynlluniau teledu peipiau yn Maentwrog, Llanfairfechan, Bethesda, a Chaernarfon.

Yn ogystal a bod yn ddyn busnes llwyddiannus, daeth yn gynghorydd ar Ward y Gorllewin yng Nghaernarfon gan ddilyn ei ddiddordebau mewn priffyrdd a tai. Ei gynnig mwyaf beiddgar oedd cynllun ffordd osgoi amgen wedi ei selio ar gynllun o'r Swisdir a olygai adeiladu y ffordd uwchben rheilffordd a oedd yn bodoli'n barod. Gwrthodwyd y cynllun ar dir ymarferol.

Arweniodd ei ddiddordebau busnes i'r syniad o Arddangosfa Gogledd Cymru, wedi ei selio ar arddangosfeydd cenedlaethol fel *Ideal Home* er mwyn ceisio hyrwyddo busnesau Gogledd Cymru.

Ar waethaf ymrwymadau busnes a chyngor 'roedd E. Bennett-Williams yn dal i gael amser i gario ymlaen hefo'i ddiddordebau mewn moduro a chrwydro, ac yn arbennig tynnu lluniau. Mae ei lwyddiant yn y maes hwn wedi ei adlewyrchu yn y casgliad archifol hwn.

Paratowyd y rhestr yn ol ag argymhellion y *Manual of Archival Description* [Ail olgyddiad].

The following archive represents the business, personal and council interests of Emyr Bennett-Williams.

Born in Tremadoc in 1913, he served his apprenticeship in mechanical, hydraulic and electrical engineering with West Wales Electric. With shops in Criccieth, Caernarfon, Bangor, Barmouth and Porthmadog he became the pioneer of television installation and rental in West Wales. He was also the creator of the piped television schemes in Maendwrog, Llanfairfechan, Bethesda and Caernarfon.

As well as being a successful business man, he became a councillor for Caernarfon West Ward, where he pursued his interests in highways and housing. His most innovative proposal was the alternative by-pass scheme, based on a Swiss model, of building the road above an existing railway line. This idea was rejected on practical grounds. His business interests also led to the concept of the North Wales Exhibition, based on national exhibitions such as the *Ideal Home*, which was intended to promote the businesses of North Wales. Despite such taxing business and council commitments, E. Bennett-Williams still found time to pursue his interests in motoring and travel, and particularly photography. His success in this field is reflected in the photographic papers of this archive.

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XD100/1	BUSINESS PAPERS OF EMYR BENNETT-WILLIAMS. THESE PAPERS REFLECT HIS DAILY BUSINESS ACTIVITIES, AND ALSO SHOW THE PATTERN OF EARLY TELEVISION RENTALS IN THE CAERNARFON AREA.	1930-1961
XD100/1/1	BUNDLE of business papers, including stationery receipts, newspaper cuttings, identity cards Family Allowance Books and other official documentation. Although the files in which these papers have been arranged are modern and obviously not those used by E. Bennett-Williams, the order and contents within the files have been preserved as they represent his day-to-day business papers and important documents. Only duplicate stationery and photographs have been removed.	1930-1961
XD100/1/2	BUNDLE of rental lists, giving names and addresses of customers and models of televisions installed.	1958
XD100/1/3	BUNDLE of papers separated from main body of business papers due to their particular relevance to the Bethesda piped television scheme. Includes customer orders, installation lists, newspaper articles, advertisements and maps of the Bethesda area with details of the scheme of installations.	1959-1960
XD100/1/4	DIPLOMA of membership of the Institution of Radio Engineers.	1937
XD100/1/5	BUNDLE of papers, including insurance policies for and by E. Bennett-Williams, rental schemes, loans, pension schemes, shares certificates, guarantees and conveyances.	1935-1960
XD100/1/6	BUNDLE of order or receipt books. Includes names and addresses of clients, descriptions of work done and cost. [3 items]	1952-1955
XD100/1/7	NOTEBOOK containing names and addresses of customers and amounts paid, presumably on television rental schemes. Also contains stock and sales lists.	1935-1937
XD100/1/8	NOTEBOOK containing list of names and addresses of customers.	c.1936
XD100/1/9	NOTEBOOK of rough notes regarding customers and appointments.	1941
XD100/1/10	BUNDLE of newspaper cuttings, advertisements, stationery and promotional literature concerning E. Bennett-Williams and West Wales Electric.	1953-1960

XD100/1/11	BUNDLE of papers regarding the general administration and day-to-day business of E. Bennett-Williams. Includes stocksheets, timesheets, job applications, job evaluations and reports.	1945-1961
XD100/1/12	BUNDLE of information leaflets, advertisements, flyers and magazine articles, other than those produced by E. Bennett-Williams. Includes leaflets produced by Bush, English Electric, Ultra 17 and Dishmaster.	c.1947-1969
XD100/1/13	BUNDLE of manuals and leaflets covering television installation, engineering examination regulations and retailing activities.	c.1955-1956
XD100/1/14	ROLL of Approved Electrical Installation Contractors, produced by the National Inspection Council for Electrical Installation Contracting.[Includes entry for West Wales Electric]	1958
XD100/1/15	ROLL of Approved Electrical Installation Contractors, as above.	1960
XD100/1/16	BUNDLE of papers including bills, invoices, receipts, cheques and orders.	1950-1960
XD100/1/17	BUNDLE of correspondence concerning day-to-day business, including customer inquiries about services and equipment.	1950-1961
XD100/1/18	BUNDLE of rough notes and diagrams in E. Bennett-Williams' hand. Includes rough drafts for advertisements and job vacancies.	c.1950
XD100/1/19-25	PAPERS OF THE NORTH WALES EXHIBITION, which was conceived by E. Bennett-Williams and based on national exhibitions.	1960-1961
XD100/1/19	FILE of correspondence and newspaper cuttings concerning preparations for the North Wales Exhibition.	1960
XD100/1/20	LETTER: E. Bennett-Williams to the Registrar of Business Names concerning the use of the name 'The North Wales Exhibition Company'. Attached: Certificate of Registration in the name of The North Wales Exhibition Co.	1960
XD100/1/21	BUNDLE of correspondence concerning the use of The Pavilion, Caernarfon, for the Exhibition.	1961

XD100/1/22	BUNDLE of correspondence in reply to invitations and complimentary tickets to the Exhibition.	1961
XD100/1/23	COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS for the North Wales Exhibition.	1960
XD100/1/24	POSTERS for the North Wales Exhibition	1960
XD100/1/25	BUNDLE of cheques paid on behalf of the North Wales Exhibition.	1960
XD100/1/26-30	PLANS found amongst the business papers of E. Bennett-Williams	c.1948-1960
XD100/1/26	PLAN of Brynrefail Grammar School Annexed: Letter from E. Bennett-Williams to the County Architect concerning quotation for electrical installations at Brynrefail Grammar School.	1948 1949
XD100/1/27	PLAN of proposed dwelling, Plot 70, Cae Gwyn Estate, Caernarfon.	c.1960
XD100/1/28	PLAN of proposed addition of store and lavatories at No.7, Palace Street, Caernarfon. [2 copies]	c.1950
XD100/1/29	PLAN of proposed reconstruction of No.7 Palace Street, Caernarfon.	c.1950
XD100/1/30	BUNDLE of papers concerning the conversion of No.7 Palace Street into a shop. Includes notice of passing of plans and granting of Planning Permission, building specifications and regulations, estimates and architect's plans.	1953

XD100/2	PERSONAL PAPERS OF E. BENNETT WILLIAMS, INCLUDING CORRESPONDENCE AND RECORDS OF HIS PHOTOGRAPHIC, MOTORING AND CHURCH INTERESTS.	1939-1974
XD100/2/1	BUNDLE of personal correspondence, including family news, charitable donations, the letting of property to tenants and holidaymakers, and church affairs.	1939-1967
XD100/2/2	BUNDLE of bills, receipts and invoices, mainly from local businesses.	1953-1975
XD100/2/3	BUNDLE of correspondence concerning the purchase, sale and insurance of photographic equipment.	1950-1960
XD100/2/4	CHRISTIE'S SALE CATALOGUE of Victorian Cameras, Photographs, and Photographica. Includes correspondence and documents regarding sale of equipment by D. Bennett Williams.	July 1974
XD100/2/5	BUNDLE of papers concerning photographic exhibitions and competitions. Includes judges' comments on photographs by E. Bennett-Williams.	1949-1959
XD100/2/6	LETTERS from Herbert Brown to E. Bennett Williams concerning stereo photography and the loan and return of Mr. Brown's slides. Enclosed: 2 stereo photographs of Caernarfon Castle, possibly taken in 1903.	1952
XD100/2/7	BUNDLE of Royal Photographic Society papers, including membership cards, programme, journals and letter of condolence to D. Bennett-Williams on his father's death.	1954-1961
XD100/2/8	DRIVING LICENCES of Mr. E. Bennett-Williams and Mrs. G. Bennett-Williams. [7 items]	1941-1966
XD100/2/9	ANNUAL ACCOUNTS and Council Report of the Relay Services Association of Great Britain.	1960
XD100/2/10	INTERNATIONAL Driving Permits [2 items]	1953-1957
XD100/2/11	RAC Foreign Touring Service Document.	1959
XD100/2/12	BUNDLE of papers concerning The Company of Veteran Motorists, including information leaflets and membership cards.	1957-1961
XD100/2/13	APPLICATIONS for petroleum allowance and related correspondence.	1944-1949

XD100/2/14	BUNDLE of papers including vehicle registration forms, garage repair bills, motor insurance and related correspondence.	1935-1976
XD100/2/15	PASSPORT of Emyr Bennett-Williams	1957
XD100/2/16	TRAVEL PERMIT of E. Bennett-Williams	1959
XD100/2/17	PAPERS concerning the Polytechnic Touring Association Ltd.	1948
XD100/2/18	PAPERS concerning purchase of Jubilee Caravan Model 'Gadfly Special'	1954
XD100/2/19	BUNDLE of papers concerning Friars School, Bangor, including programmes and copies of 'The Dominican' magazine. [19 items]	1955-1961
XD100/2/20	EISTEDDFOD PROGRAMMES, from Caernarfon, 1959; Bro Madog, 1987; Dyffryn Conwy, 1989. [3 items]	1959-1989
XD100/2/21	BUNDLE of Church papers, including annual reports, reports, newsletters, orders of service and 'Prayer and Praise Book' as issued to those on active service. Churches include Cathedral Church of St. Deiniol; Engedi Caernarfon; Capel Bethel, Penygroes; Bryn Menai, Y Felinheli; Capel Moriah, Caernarfon.	1957-1989
XD100/2/22	BUNDLE of miscellaneous items, including Ration Books, National Savings Stamp Book, Rates Demands, bills, programmes, booklets, childrens' note books and Investiture ticket.	1949-1969
XD100/2/23	LETTER from the 'Wireless for the Bedridden' Society to the Rotary Club of Caernarfon, regarding the free loan of a wireless set. Annexed: LETTER from the Rotary Club to E.B. Williams regarding the above case, which they were passing on to him.	1955

XD100/3	PAPERS OF THE CAERNARFON BRANCH OF THE ELECTRICAL ASSOCIATION FOR WOMEN, OF WHICH MRS. G. BENNETT-WILLIAMS WAS SECRETARY AND WHICH MET ON MR. E. BENNETT-WILLIAMS' SHOP PREMISES.	1950-1969
XD100/3/1	MINUTE BOOK of monthly meetings, including notes on guest speakers lectures and demonstrations. Attached: Greetings telegram from Caroline Haslett wishing the new Caernarfon Branch success.	1954-1961
XD100/3/2	MINUTE BOOK, as above, containing newspaper cuttings.	1961-1963
XD100/3/3	MINUTE BOOK of Executive Committee, including provisional programme of activities and lists of Executive Committee members.	1954-1965
XD100/3/4	BUNDLE of postcards for announcing Committee meetings [blank]	c.1950
XD100/3/5	TELEGRAM from the E.A.W. to The Secretary of Her Majesty the Queen to congratulate her and Prince Philip on the birth of their son.	1964
XD100/3/6	GREETINGS TELEGRAM from Mary George to the E.A.W. with best wishes on its tenth birthday. Annexed: Telegram from the Private Secretary to Her Majesty the Queen to the E.A.W. thanking them for their message of congratulations. Annexed: Telegram from the E.A.W. Bangor Branch to the Caernarfon Branch with best wishes on their tenth birthday.	1964
XD100/3/7	LETTER: Nora Barker, Branch Liaison Officer, to Mrs. Bennett-Williams, hoping that she recovers from her illness and is able to return home from hospital.	1965
XD100/3/8	LETTER: Anne Richardson to Mrs. Bennett Williams regarding the payment of her tea contribution and her inability to attend the A.G.M. due to illness.	1961
XD100/3/9	INVITATION from the Lord Lieutenant of Caernarfonshire (Sir Michael Duff) to Mrs. Bennett-Williams to a Garden Party at Vaynol. Annexed: Invitation and flyer advertising the 'Croeso 69 Exhibition' presented by the E.A.W.	1969
XD100/3/10	LETTER: M.M. Barker, secretary to MANWEB to Mrs. Bennett-Williams regarding the Annual Report and Accounts of MANWEB. Enclosed: Summary of Annual Report and Accounts	1967

XD100/4	CAERNARFONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL AND CAERNARFON BOROUGH COUNCIL PAPERS OF E. BENNETT WILLIAMS, INCLUDING MUNICIPAL ELECTION PAPERS, MINUTES AND CORRESPONDENCE.	1904-1960
XD100/4/1-5	MUNICIPAL ELECTION PAPERS of E. Bennett-Williams.	
XD100/4/1	NOTICE to E. Bennett-Williams of decision as to Validity of Nomination.	1951
XD100/4/2	NOTICE to E. Bennett-Williams of decision as to Validity of Nomination.	1957
XD100/4/3	BUNDLE of canvassing leaflets of E. Bennett-Williams, Independent Candidate, Borough of Caernarfon, West Ward.	1951
XD100/4/4	LETTER from the Town Clerk to Councillor Bennett-Williams about the voting arrangements for the Municipal Election. Enclosed: 1. Notice of Time and Place for the Opening of the Postal Voters' Ballot Box. 2. Notice of Appointment of Agents to attend at the opening of the Postal Voters' Ballot Box. 3. Notice of Time and Place for the Counting of Votes. 4. Notice of Appointment of Agents to attend at the Counting of the Votes. 5. Declarations of Secrecy.	1957
XD100/4/5	NOTICE to Emyr Bennett-Williams, Person elected as a Borough Councillor.	1951
XD100/4/6	BUNDLE of papers concerning the alternative Caernarfon by-pass scheme proposed by Cllr. Bennett-Williams. Includes rough draft and plan of his proposals and replies from County Surveyor and County Planning Officer.	1955
XD100/4/7	BILL to empower the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Caernarfon to discontinue the ferry between Caernarfon and Anglesey; to authorise the Corporation to widen and improve the Swing Bridge over River Seiont; to confer further powers on the Corporation in relation to the said bridge and to the charging of tolls; and for other purposes. Annexed: Typescript of bill and plan of proposed alterations to Swing Bridge.	1953

XD100/4/8	BUNDLE of Memoranda covering subjects such as Caernarfon street names, proposed Welsh representation on the Royal Arms, National Market Traders, Housing repairs and rents, and proposed playground between Maes Cadnant and Y Glyn.	c.1952-1955
XD100/4/9	BUNDLE of correspondence, including notification of dates of council meetings and church services, letter from Cllr. Bennett-Williams to the Town Clerk concerning damaged and missing paving slabs, and letter from the Lord Lieutenant regarding the raising of Militia forces.	1951-1956
XD100/4/10	INVITATION and instructions for the coronation visit of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. [2 copies] Enclosed: Tickets of Mr. and Mrs. Bennett-Williams.	1953
XD100/4/11	PROGRAMME for the Coronation visit of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II to Caernarfon Castle. [2 copies]	1953
XD100/4/12	TAFLEN CANFASSIO gan J.E. Jones, ymgeisydd Plaid Cymru gan Caernarfon.	1950
XD100/4/13	RATING ASSESSMENTS; 'A small booklet dealing with the assessment of properties, the appeals procedure and the general rate.'	1955
XD100/4/14	BOOKLET: 'Caernarfon Union and Gwyrfai and Dwyran Rural District Councils. Covers subjects such as Poor Law and Commissioners, list of guardians and councillors, rating assessments, roads and footpaths, urban powers of District Councils, list of Pay Stations and Accounts.	1904-1906
XD100/4/15	BOOKLET: Standing Orders of the Caernarfon Borough Council.	c.1950
XD100/4/16	REGISTER OF ELECTORS of Ogwen, Rachub and Gerlan.	1955-1956
XD100/4/17	BOOKLET 'North Wales and South Cheshire Joint Electricity Authority: Progress to 1937 with Description of the Hydro-Electric works at Dolgarrog.'	1937
XD100/4/18	GENERAL PLAN of Harlech Sewerage and Sewage Disposal System.	1945
XD100/4/19	TOWN PLAN of Caernarfon [copy]	c.1950

XD100/4/20	BUNDLE of Council Minutes	1951-1953
XD100/4/21	BUNDLE of Council Minutes	1953-1956
XD100/4/22	BUNDLE of miscellaneous council papers, including minutes, correspondence, register of electors, election congratulations, copies of job applications, maps of London SW, Tavistock and Oakhampton, and the booklet 'A critical study of electrical stunning and the Jewish method of slaughter (shechita).'	1950-1960

XS3736	PHOTOGRAPHS	
XS3736/1	Nelson staff outing with key to persons in the photograph. (The Nelson Emporium was the Caernarfon Department Store of which E. Bennett Williams' grandfather was manager)	c.1944
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 14. Maldwyn Williams 19. Miss Johns, Llanllyfni 20. Miss Mary Jones (Housekeeper) 28. Mr. Price 29. Mrs. Blodwen Jones and 30. Mr. Sidney Jones [both of Bryn Elwydd, East Twthill] 35. Mr. Idwal Williams, 5 Ashton Terraces 38. Mr. John Williams, Blodfa [General manager] 39. Mrs. R. Lloyd Jones 41. Rita Lloyd Jones ? 42. Mr. R. Lloyd Jones 43. Miss Edith Pierce, Perthi, Y Felinheli 45. Miss Betty Parry [later Hughes], Rose Mount, Gelert Street. 49. Miss Llinos 	
XS3736/2	Group photograph in front of bus to mark commencing of Aber Shore Service.	28 Aug 1951
XS3736/3	Mayor and councillors in front of Royal Hotel, Caernarfon.	c.1950
XS3736/4	Radio Cambridge Building	c.1950
XS3736/5	Dr. Ifan Huw Jones, awdur colofn ysgafn feddygol yn 'Y Cymro'.	c.1950
XS3736/6	Dr. Gwilym ap Vychan Jones, Y Felinheli	c.1950
XS3736/7	<p>Group of women in theatrical costumes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dora Jones Edna Clutton Doris Prince Margaret Williams Morfydd Phyllips 	1921 ?
XS3736/8-13	Photographs probably taken by E. Bennett-Williams	1950's-1960's
XS3736/8	Cerdyn post o felin ddwr gan E. Bennett-Williams.	c.1950
XS3736/9	Felin Faesog, Tan Lon	c.1950
XS3736/10	Mynydd Mawr [Mynydd Eleffant], Bettws Garmon	c.1950
XS3736/11	Children [of E. Bennett-Williams?] in snowy lane.	c.1960
XS3736/12	Arc de Triomphe, Paris	c.1950

XS3736/13	Bundle of negatives [including some stereo negatives] found in Mr. Bennett-Williams' International Driving Permit. [Local and holiday scenes]	c.1950
XS3736/14	Passport-type photograph of E. Bennett-Williams.	c.1955
XS3736/15	E. Bennett-Williams with televisions and radios at North Wales Exhibition.	1960
XS3736/16	E. Bennett-Williams with domestic appliances at North Wales Exhibition.	1960
XS3736/17	Domestic appliance display at North Wales Exhibition.	1960
XS3736/18	Group photograph of Deacons of Bryn Menai Chapel. Back row, left to right: Mr. Humphries Glyn Pierce-Jones Mr. Roberts Gwilym Vaughn Jones Front row, left to right Mr. Glyn Owen, Tafarn Grisiau Farm, Port Dinorwic Rev. W.J. Thomas, Minister Will Day?	1963/1964
XS3736/19	Violet Jones, Bryn y Mor [on right], with her mother and brother, J.W.Jones. Possibly taken at Rhosneigr or Amlwch Port.	c.1955