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**PAPERS OF R M GREAVES**

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## INTRODUCTION

The papers have been generated mainly by R M Greaves, after the purchase of the Bryncir Estate. Richard Methuen Greaves was one of the Greaves quarry-owning family, and the collection of papers covers a small part of this in the section on the Llechwedd Slate Quarries. However the majority of the collection is concerned with the estate of Bryncir, and that of Wern Home Farm. The purchase of the estate is documented in the section of sales catalogues, and plans clearly illustrate its extent.

R M Greaves had a fascination for all things mechanical and this is reflected in the detail of agricultural improvements in the Bryncir section and of domestic improvements at Wern. This abiding interest is first demonstrated in R M Greaves' letters from his World Trip, and his visits to mines in America.

There are a number of ledgers and receipts for stocks and shares which show the family interest in mines throughout the world, and letters in his personal correspondence show a desire to continue and expand their current interests.

There are further references to the Greaves family in the Gwynedd Archives.

At one point in time Wern Home Farm seems to have been converted into a Red Cross Home, but there is very little detail recording this period in the house's history. The final section of the collection is concerned with the time when it came under the ownership of Col. Williams - Ellis.

N.B. This collection had little original structure, and it has been necessary to impose an order to present the papers in anything which might resemble their original context.

**PERSONAL**

**Correspondence**

XD96/1/1 1873 - 1874

**LETTERS** written by R M Greaves from his world trip, to his family. He describes his journey which begins in Portugal through to Martinique, 'Niagra', San Francisco, Nevada, Yokohama, Alexandria, Delhi and Vienna. There are anthropological descriptions and also details of landscapes. He also describes sending plants home:

*" I am doing my best to get some lily bulbs ...to make a small collection of lilies and painted maples, the foliage of which latter is most exquisite..."*

There are also early indications of R M Greaves' fascination with machinery; and with commercial mining in the Nevada mountains.

56 pages, partially illustrated, photocopied and not in the author's own handwriting.

XD96/1/2 1881 Sept 17

**LETTER** to R M Greaves from Charles Kellog in sympathy at Greaves' father's death.

1 letter.

XD96/1/3 1882 Nov 23

**COPY CORRESPONDENCE** of legal action of Oakley v Greaves concerning royalties fixed in a lease.

XD96/1/4 1885 June 13 - 18

**LETTERS** regarding the accounts provided by Mr Williams, Road Surveyor; from R M Greaves as head of the parish, to Mr Lewis of Dolbenmaen Rectory.

3 Letters.

1 letter.

XD96/1/5 1885 June 16 -  
Aug 18

**LETTERS** to R M Greaves from Mr Campbell. One personal letter referring to land investment, and an invitation to visit; the other in Mr Campbell's professional capacity from Greenway and Campbell regarding an account.

2 letters.

XD96/1/6 1886 Nov 16

**LETTER** regarding the postal service from Tremadoc.

1 letter.

XD96/1/7	1889	Jan 21 - May 22	<b>BUNDLE OF DOCUMENTS</b> relating to the rental of a house named 'Poplars ' Hartshill, Nuneaton by R M Greaves.  10 pieces in original envelope. Includes receipts and a Bill of Costs.
XD96/1/8	1889	Mar 19	<b>LETTER</b> from the Newdegates Arms Hotel, Nuneaton regarding the cost of a man and a horse.  1 letter.
XD96/1/9	1890	Mar 31 - Dec 16	<b>LETTERS</b> to R M Greaves ("Dick") from Herbert F Steadman regarding a loan from R M Greaves to Steadman.  2 letters (1 letter is missing 1/2 a page).
XD 96/1/10	1889	June 24	<b>LETTER</b> to R M Greaves from L H Harper, declining an invitation to stay.  1 letter.
XD96/1/11	1890	July 5	<b>LETTER</b> to R M Greaves from W A Darbishire of Nantlle regarding a trusteeship.  1 letter.
XD96/1/12	(1890 - 91)	July 27	<b>LETTER</b> to R M Greaves from William Bostock, High Sheriff.  1 letter.
<b>Legal</b>			
XD96/1/13	1901	March 26	<b>ACCOUNT</b> of R M Greaves with Breese Jones and Casson, Solicitors relating to transactions from 1895 27 Nov - 1900 13 Feb. (Detailed)
XD96/1/14	1905	Feb 20	<b>ACCOUNT</b> of R M Greaves with Breese Jones and Casson, Solicitors relating to transactions from 1900 Oct 10 - 1903 May 1. (Detailed)
XD96/1/15	1919	March 26	<b>PROBATE OF THE WILL</b> of Joseph Edward Harrison of The Lodge, Heath Villas, Halifax.
<b>Investments</b>			
XD96/1/16	1888	April 12	<b>LETTERS</b> Correspondence between R M Greaves and C D Aston to the Perceydale Slate Co. Ltd., Melbourne, Australia.  The letter by R M Greaves is undated.  2 letters, 3pages and 1 envelope.

XD96/1/17	1886	June 5	<b>LETTER</b> from W M Naylor to R M Greaves, concerning negotiations into investment by Greaves in the San Marco de Piños Company.  1 letter.
XD96/1/18	1888 - 1890	Sept 8 April 17	<b>BUNDLE OF DOCUMENTS</b> concerning R M Greave' interest in the Melbourne Tramway and Omnibus Co. Ltd. Includes letters to R M Greaves to the company appointing Andrew Rowan as his agent and letters from Andrew Rowan. Plus an annual report.  3 letters, 1 report.
XD96/1/19	1888 - 1893	Dec 17 June 1	<b>RECEIPTS FOR STOCKS AND SHARES</b> 5 receipts of sale for R M Greaves' interest in railway companies in Great Britain and America. 1 receipt for an interest bought in the Great Indian Peninsular Railway for J E Greaves, E S Greaves, J B Dugdale and J Dugdale.  All transactions by Hope, Dogson and Newbery (Brokers) of London.  5 receipts.
XD96/1/20	1891	May 1	<b>LETTER</b> to R M Greaves from G P S Hope of Hope, Dodgson and Newbery (Brokers) of London, regarding sale and transfer of stocks.  1 letter.
XD96/1/21	1896 1899	June June	<b>LEDGER</b> 'Private Ledger' for R M Greaves illustrating his interest in various countries, mostly international.  1 ledger

## WERN

### Farm Accounts

XD96/2/1	1958 1965		<b>AGRICULTURAL RETURNS</b> for the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries. Occupiers Copies.
XD96/2/2	1953 1967	May 13 Dec 21	<b>PURCHASE ORDER BOOK.</b> Detailed stub shows the date of order, the supplier and suppliers address, and describes the item(s). No prices.
XD96/2/3	1949		<b>MOBILE MACHINERY REGISTER</b>

	1952		for Wern. Details machinery and provenance plus the price paid for the item, and dated.
XD96/2/4	1922		<b>BUNDLE OF TIME SHEETS</b> for the Wern Garden Labour Account. States the labourer's name, time spent, the task and monies due (in most cases).  27 pages.
XD96/2/5	1922 1927	Oct 11 Sept 30	<b>ACCOUNT BOOK</b> Farm Accounts of Wern Home Farm.
XD96/2/6	1922	Sept 30	<b>SCHEDULE OF EVALUATION</b> for Agricultural implements, tractor and mower; comparing the 1921 valuation with the 1922 valuation, and illustrating depreciation.
XD96/2/7	1919 1922	Sept 30 Feb 3	<b>LEDGER</b> details amounts due to the 'Estate' from the 'Farm' and the unemployed pay book. Includes a National Health Insurance Emergency Card - unmarked.
XD96/2/8	1916 1922	Oct 7 Sept 30	<b>LEDGER</b> concerning the farming account, sales account, stock purchased, show expenses, wages account, profit and loss account and summary accounts.
XD96/2/9	1909 1922	Oct 6 Oct 21	<b>ACCOUNT BOOK</b> Bailiff account cash book for R M Greaves, Wern Farm.
XD96/2/10	1892 1894	July 1 Oct 29	<b>NOTEBOOK</b> holding Building Account for Wern.
XD96/2/11	1883 1889	Dec 22 Sept 5	<b>LETTERS</b> Business/Personal letters to R M Greaves from W R Law[f?]na concerning the estate at Wern.  3 letters.
<b>Domestic Improvements</b> XD96/2/12	1893	Feb 1	<b>PLANS</b> bundle of architect's drawings for R M Greaves of the proposed alterations to Wern Portmadog.  7 photocopied pages.
XD96/2/13	ND		<b>PLANS</b> bundle of architect's drawings illustrating R M Greaves' house at Wern Tremadog, prior to alterations.  13 photocopied pages.

XD96/2/14	ND		<b>PHOTOGRAPHS OF PLANS.</b> 'Heating and Domestic Hot Water Supply', The Wern, Portmadoc' for R M Greaves by Wm Wilson and Co., Manchester.  Plan of the ground floor and of the attic and the boiler system.  3 plans.
XD96/2/15	1889	June/July	<b>BUNDLE OF LETTERS</b> referring to cold room installation. An attached file note states that it was 'in the cellars'.  2 letters.
XD96/2/16	ND		<b>PLAN</b> for proposed refuse incinerator by 'The New Destructor Company Ltd', Pershore.
XD96/2/17	1884 1887	Sept 9 Aug 3	<b>BUNDLE OF LETTERS</b> referring to telephone installation. Includes correspondence with the Cambrian Railways Co., J B Saunders and Co. Telegraph Engineers and Contractors and letters of advice.  12 letters.
XD96/2/18a	1890	Mar 21	<b>LETTER</b> Business letter to R M Greaves from 'Ball, Hayter and Lamb' concerning colour samples.  1 letter.
XD96/2/18	1925	Feb 23 - Mar 20	<b>BUNDLE OF LETTERS</b> to R M Greaves regarding quotations for Anthracite Cobbles from the 'The Gentlemen's Association Ltd', 'T Harry and Co.', 'Coal Exchange' and 'Goodman and Co.' detailing prices and delivery arrangements.  9 pages.
XD96/2/19	1925	Feb 26	<b>LETTERS</b> to R M Greaves from W T Mainwaring Hughes Ltd regarding an enquiry into 'Best Cannock House Coal'. Details of grades and prices.  2 letters.
XD96/2/20	1925	Apr 24	<b>BUNDLE OF DOCUMENTS</b> relating to

			Médé Lois Olive Oil. Letters to R M Greaves from George Clayton, proprietor, detailing his service, including prices, product descriptions and publicity sheets, showing recipes and health advice.
			11 pieces.
XD96/2/21	1885 -1890		<b>BUNDLE OF LETTERS AND PRODUCT LITERATURE</b> regarding engineering equipment and boilers. Includes details of a credit account at Owen Roberts, Merchants.
			13 letters, product literature, 1 credit account.
XD96/2/22	1925	Apr 24	<b>PRODUCT LITERATURE</b> for Médé Lois Olive Oil.
			13 pages.
<b>Red Cross</b> XD96/2/23	ND		<b>JOTTER.</b> Notes made about acreage, includes names and addresses and stamp impressions bearing 'Wern Red Cross Home'.
			1 jotter.
XD96/2/24	ND		<b>FIRE POLICY.</b> Issued in the name of the Secretary for the time being of the 'British Red Cross Society' for the premises of "Wern" 'Home for Aged Women', agency of Col M I Williams - Ellis.
<b>BRYNCIR</b>			
<b>Sales Catalogues</b> XD96/3/1	1899	Oct 16	<b>SALES CATALOGUE,</b> Bryncir, Carnarvonshire, by Messrs Sandilands and Co., Solicitors and Messrs Osborn and Mercer, Land Agents and Surveyors.
			Brief descriptions and schedule of lands for each farm on the estate.
			(Incomplete, overlaps with XD96/3/2)
XD96/3/2	1899	Oct 16	<b>SALES CATALOGUE,</b> Bryncir, Carnarvonshire, by Messrs Sandilands and

			Co., Solicitors, and Messrs Osborn and Mercer, Land Agents and Surveyors.
			Detailed descriptions of the house and its interior. Schedule of land for each grass farm. (Incomplete, see XD96/3/1)
XD96/3/3	1895	Dec	<b>SALES CATALOGUE</b> , 'Particulars, Plans and Conditions' of the Bryncir Estate. Under instructions by the Trustees of the will of the late George Augustus Huddart.
			Detailed descriptions and plans of the lots.
XD96/3/4	1901	Aug 16	<b>SALES CATALOGUE</b> . Freehold farms for sale in Dolbenmaen, Penmorfa, Llanfihangel-y-Pennant and Llandegunig, by Messrs W. Dew and Son.
			Schedule of lands and plans.
XD96/3/5	1903	Feb 16	<b>LETTER</b> to Messrs Breeses Jones and Casson from Sandilands & Co., regarding Bryncir 1895 sale lot 438 R M Greaves's purchase of Felin Ucha, stipulating that the sale be separate from that of Bryncir Hall.
			1 letter.
XD96/3/6	1911	Sept	<b>SALES CATALOGUE</b> , auction of the estate of Lord Harlech in Criccieth, Lanystumdwy, Clynnog, Dolbenmaen, Ynyschynchaiarn.
			Contains plans, some annotated, and lot descriptions, some annotated.
			NB duplicate of XSC 324 and XSC 720
XD96/3/7	1930	Apr 25	<b>POSTER</b> sale of Bryncir Estate at the Sportsman Hotel, Portmadoc.
			Description of lands.
XD96/3/8	1930	Apr 25	<b>SALES CATALOGUE</b> auction of Agricultural and Sporting Property on the Bryncir Estate.
			(2 copies 1 annotated, NB these are duplicates of XSC 316)
XD96/3/8/2	1930	Apr 25	<b>SALES CATALOGUE</b> , see XD96/3/8, but includes 9 pieces of extra material

			relating to rents, including plans.
			2 copies.
XD96/3/9	1943	Jan 29	<b>AUCTION CATALOGUE</b> for 7 lots of land on Bryncir Estate.
XD96/3/10	ND		<b>PLAN</b> of the Bryncir annotated.
XD96/3/11	ND		<b>POSTER</b> sale of the Bryncir Estate.  Brief description of the land.
<b>Rents, leases and Purchases.</b>			
XD96/3/12	1884 - 1889		<b>BUNDLE OF LETTERS</b> from the Estate Office, Criccieth; regarding the land at Wern. Includes details on rents.  8 letters, 1 plan, 1 schedule.
XD96/3/13	1885	July 30 - Aug 8	<b>LETTERS</b> business correspondence between Augustus Ranking and R M Greaves regarding the purchase of Messrs Huddart's land adjacent to Wern.  2 letters.
XD96/3/14	1885	Sept 23 - Oct 20	<b>BUNDLE OF DOCUMENTS</b> relating to the request by the North Wales Association of Welsh Calvinistic Methodists to purchase the freehold to a chapel held on R M Greaves estate.  1 Memorial, 2 letters.
XD96/3/15	1886	Oct 1	<b>COPY CORRESPONDENCE</b> concerning the sale of Wern lots.
XD96/3/16	1889	Apr 14	<b>LETTER</b> business letter to R M Greaves ("Dick"), from Randall Casson concerning negotiations over a field in the name of Morris Thomas.  1 letter.
XD96/3/17	1923 - 24		<b>Paper titled 'Standards'</b> , and listing monetary values against placenames and a column marked 'Doz'.  1 sheet.
XD96/3/18	ND		<b>SCHEDULE FOR RENTS.</b> Drafts with annotations, showing christian names and surnames of tenants and details of acreage

and rent, with brief description of the property in tenure.

**Tithes**

XD96/3/19	1920 1923	Aug 3 Aug 8	<b>BUNDLE OF DOCUMENTS.</b> Correspondence between the Secretary to the Commissioners of Church Temporalities in Wales and R M Greaves regarding demands for Tithe. (Relate to XD96/3/20)  8 letters, 3 plans, 1 receipt.
XD96/3/20	1920 1921	Sept 7 Jan 26	<b>BUNDLE OF RENT CHARGES.</b> states the 'Particulars of Property' and the 'Value for half year ending [date]', stamped as received, and annotated. Various hand-drawn plans relating to properties.  12 letters, 3 plans.
XD96/3/21	ND		<b>PLAN</b> of the Parish of Treflys.
<b>Bank Schedules, Account Books</b>			
XD96/3/22	1897 1905	July Sept	<b>ACCOUNT BOOK</b> concerning the Estate, Bryncir, Wern, Rates and Taxes, Garden, Stables, Motors, Game, House, Coals, Subscriptions and Cash.  1 account book.
XD96/3/23	1915 1929	Oct 2 Sept 30	<b>ACCOUNT BOOK</b> concerning the Estate, Bryncor, Wern, Rates and Taxes, Gardens, Stables, Motors, Game, House, Coals, Subscriptions and Cash.  1 account book.
XD96/3/24	1922 1927	Sept 30	<b>SCHEDULE</b> showing expenditure and receipts and the amounts due to the bank at Sept. 30 1927.
<b>Inland Revenue</b>			
XD96/3/25	1922	Aug 25	<b>LETTER</b> to W Davies, Wern Estate Office from W E Moody, H M Inspector of Taxes concerning the Estate of R M Greaves and forms of return for the Income Tax and Inhabited House Duty, request for a copy of the rent roll.  1 letter.
XD96/3/26	1922	Aug 25	<b>INCOME TAX SCHEDULE FOR PROPERTY TAX.</b> Details of properties on the Bryncor Estate in the parish of

			Dolbenmaen, showing christian names and surnames of the occupiers and details the rents.
XD96/3/27	1928	Feb 17	<b>LETTER</b> from Inland Revenue, H M Inspector of Taxes regarding Wern Home Farm Accounts for the year 1927 Sept 30, and questions details in the accounts.  2 pages.
XD96/3/28	ND		<b>LAND VALUATION REGISTER.</b> Bryncir and Wern Estates. States the name of the occupier, the nature of the tenure, location and description. Rents are detailed.
XD96/3/29	ND		<b>LETTER</b> from the Office of H M Inspector of Taxes, regarding the from required to prepare a claim for additional allowance of maintenace under the Income Tax, 1918; and the Finance Act, 1919.  1 letter, 1 schedule.
<b>Public works</b> XD96/3/30	1886	Nov 8	<b>LETTER</b> to R M Greaves from John H Roberts, Clerk of the Peace's Office; concerning the repair of the Criccieth and Portmadoc road.  1 letter.
XD96/3/31	1921 1922	Feb 25 July 3	<b>BUNDLE OF DOCUMENTS</b> , including letters and reports relating to improvements to the Ystumllyn Drainage Scheme.
XD96/3/32	1921	Nov 15	<b>LETTER</b> regarding the Ystumllyn Drainage Scheme from J Jones Morris, Clerk of the Agricultural Dept., Carnarvonshire County Council to R M Greaves Esq., Wern, Tremadoc.
XD96/3/33	1921	Nov 30	<b>LETTER</b> regarding Ystumllyn Drainage Scheme, from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries to J Jones Morris Esq., Agricultural Dept., Carnarvonshire County Council.  1 letter.
<b>Miscellaneous</b> XD96/3/34	ND		<b>EXTRACT FROM A TREATY</b> , between

Robert Dudley, Earl of Leicester and Robert ap Howel ap Owen of Cefn Eifionydd; of the existence of 'Red Deere' in the mountains of North Wales.

1 Photocopy.

**Agricultural Improvements**

XD96/3/35 1943 - 1965

**BOOK - FORESTRY EXPENDITURE;** details Forestry Expenses, Areas planted, Planting Grants received from the Forestry Commission. Also loose receipts from the Forestry Commission and Nurseries for plants.

1 book, @ 70 loose sheets.

XD96/3/36 1881 Nov 25

**LETTER.** Business letter acknowledging an order for pheasant eggs from "The Wood Pheasantries", Hemel Hempstead, Herts.

1 letter.

XD96/3/37 1884 Sept 7  
1889 Aug 29

**BUNDLE OF LETTERS** regarding requests for shooting rights by R M Greaves.

4 letters relating to Carregvelling and Bronygadair.

1 letter relating to the Cambrian Railways Co.

5 letters.

**Llechwedd slate Quarries**

XD96/4/1 1918

**REGISTER OF RAINFALL** for Messrs J W Greaves' & Sons Slate Quarries in Meirioneth, by M H Dauncey.

1 sheet.

XD96/4/2 1919

**REGISTER OF RAINFALL** at Llechwedd Slate Quarries by M H Dauncey.

1 sheet.

XD96/4/3 1919

**RAINFALL DATA SHEET** for Llechwedd Quarry

1 sheet.

XD96/4/4	1920		<b>PAMPHLET: 'RULES FOR RAINFALL OBSERVERS'</b> published by the Air Ministry, Meteorological Office, British Rainfall Organization.
XD96/4/5	1919		<b>REGISTER OF RAINFALL</b> for Llechwedd Quarries.  1 sheet.
XD96/4/6	1921		<b>REGISTER OF RAINFALL</b> , Air Ministry Meteorological Office - British Rainfall Organization at Messrs' Greaves Slate Quarries in Meirioneth by M H Dauncey.  1 sheet.
XD96/4/7	1922		<b>BOOKLET</b> 'General Table of Total Rainfall in 1922 in Great Britain and Ireland with the names of the Observers', produced by the Meteorological Office, Air Ministry.  1 booklet.
XD96/4/8	1890	June 10	<b>LETTER.</b> Business letter to R M Greaves from William Tillow of the Park Slate Quarry, Penrhyndeudraeth, concerning the use of a [railway?] line.  1 letter.
<b>Account Books</b>			
XD96/4/9	1913 1930		<b>ACCOUNT BOOK.</b> General Account of Slate Bargains by Month, and Miner's earnings. Includes miner's names, the area worked and the earnings made, summaries of annual accounts with analyses of slates made, average days earnings and monthly pay return sheet.  2, 4 week statements for the months ending 1923 Apr 14 and for 1923 June 9 for Llechwedd Slate Quarries showing analyses of rock removed and slates made, analyses of wages and analyses of monthly pay return.  1 Account Book, 2, 4 week statements.
<b>Col. Williams - Ellis</b>			
XD96/5/1	1952 1959	Sept 27 Jan 25	<b>BUNDLE OF DOCUMENTS.</b> Includes letters to Col. Williams - Ellis, empty envelopes with mathematical annotation.  6 letters, 2 envelopes.