

GLAMORGAN RECORD OFFICE/ARCHIFDY MORGANNWG

Reference code: GB 0214 AMT

Title: MERTHYR TYDFIL COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Dates : 1870-1991

Level of description: Fonds

Extent and medium: 1.2 cubic metres (58 vols.; 9 boxes)

Name of creator(s): Merthyr Tydfil County Court

Administrative/biographical history

County Courts were established under an Act for the more easy recovery of Small Debts and Demands 1846 in Wales (and England). Each area was divided into court districts which did not necessarily coincide with county boundaries. These courts were also given jurisdiction over insolvency under the Bankruptcy Act 1846; jurisdiction over bankruptcy by the Bankruptcy Act 1869 was granted to those courts approved by the Lord Chancellor. Merthyr Tydfil County Court appears to have been established under this Act. A number of other functions were acquired by County Courts, including jurisdiction in certain property cases, leasehold actions, the winding-up of companies (under the Companies Act 1867), child adoption cases and, notably, workmen's compensation under the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1925. Most of this particular function was transferred by the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) Act 1946 to national insurance tribunals. Since 1973, county courts have co-operated in an informal arbitration scheme for small claims of money.

Archival history

Immediate source of acquisition

Merthyr Tydfil Magistrates Court

Scope and content

Summonses and judicial proceedings for recovery of debts 1871-1970, default in recovery actions 1957-1969; bankruptcy orders and notices for recovery of debts 1884-1894, 1905-1986; cause books 1940-1977; funds ledger 1945-1956; orders and petitions registers 1912-1992 under the Companies (Winding-Up) Act 1890; proceedings 1924-1974 under Tithe Act 1891; registers of proceedings 1949-1991 under Workmen's Compensation Act 1925 and cash books 1924-1934; suits and proceedings in equity 1929-1968; files relating to Pneumoconiosis and Byssinosis Benefit Scheme 1952-1964; petitions and complaints c.1926-1951 under Workmen's Compensation Act; files relating to particular actions 1871-1950.

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

System of arrangement**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

Poor condition

Finding aids

Detailed list available.

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

Records of Bridgend County Court (ref. ABR; formerly DCCB), 1878-1969.

Publication note**Note**

Records of County Courts are public records within the meaning of the Public Records Acts.

Archivist's note

Compiled by Richard Morgan for the Glamorgan Record Office, with reference to Patrick Polden, *A history of the County Court 1846-1971* (Cambridge University Press); Surrey History Centre collections catalogue; and Cheshire and Chester Archives and Local Studies Service: County Courts catalogue.

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 2007

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AMT/1	Minutes of judgments, orders and other proceedings, Number of order; plaintiff; defendant; particulars of claim; amount claimed; for whom judgment given; amount; costs, etc [1 vol.]	Nov 1871-Nov 1873
AMT/2	Plaints for summonses and minutes of interlocutory proceedings Date of plaint; number; plaintiff; residence; trade; defendant; residence; trade; particulars of debt or claim; amount; fees, etc [1 vol.]	Nov 1871-Feb 1874
AMT/3	Plaints, ordinary and default summonses. Minutes of judgments, order and other incidental proceedings Date of entry of plaint etc or counter claim; number of plaint; plaintiff; defendant; amount claimed; fees; number of plaint; date for hearing; amount of judgment, etc Original no. '10' [1 vol.]	Apr 1880-Feb 1881
AMT/4	Ordinary summonses 'B' Plaints; minutes of judgments, orders and other incidental proceedings Name of plaintiff's solicitor; date of entry of plaint, etc.; plaintiff; defendant, etc.	Mar 1890-Dec 1890
AMT/5	Ordinary summonses 'B' [1 vol.]	Nov 1890-Dec 1896
AMT/6	Ordinary summonses 'B' [1 vol.]	Sep 1897-May 1900
AMT/7	Ordinary summonses 'B' [1 vol.]	Jun 1900- Feb 1901
AMT/8	Ordinary summonses 'B' [1 vol.]	Jan 1910-Jun 1910
AMT/9	Ordinary actions 'B' [1 vol.]	Jun 1910-Oct 1910
AMT/10	Ordinary summonses 'B' [1 vol.]	Nov 1920-Aug 1922
AMT/11	Ordinary summonses 'B' [1 vol.]	Dec 1928-Mar 1930

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AMT/12	Ordinary summonses 'B' [1 vol.]	Feb 1930-Jun 1931
AMT/13	Ordinary summonses 'B' [1 vol.]	Feb 1939-Mar 1942
AMT/14	Ordinary summonses 'B' [1 vol.]	Mar 1942-Jan 1949
AMT/15	Ordinary summonses 'B' [1 vol.]	Jan 1949-Jan 1952
AMT/16	Ordinary summonses 'B' [1 vol.]	Dec 1951-Nov 1953
AMT/17	Ordinary summonses 'B' [1 vol.]	Nov 1953-1955
AMT/18	Ordinary summonses 'B' [1 vol.]	Dec 1955-May 1957
AMT/19	Ordinary summonses 'B' [1 vol.]	Jun 1958-May 1959
AMT/20	Ordinary summonses 'B' [1 vol.]	May 1959-Apr 1960
AMT/21	Ordinary actions [1 vol.]	Apr 1960-Mar 1961
AMT/22	Ordinary actions [1 vol.]	Mar 1961-Feb 1962
AMT/23	Ordinary actions [1 vol.]	Mar 1962-May 1963
AMT/24	Ordinary actions [1 vol.]	May 1963-Jul 1964
AMT/25	Ordinary actions [1 vol.]	Jul 1964-Nov 1965
AMT/26	Ordinary actions [1 vol.]	Nov 1965-Sep 1966
AMT/27	Ordinary actions [1 vol.]	Feb 1967-Mar 1968

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AMT/28	Ordinary actions [1 vol.]	Aug 1968-Aug 1970
AMT/29	Default actions [1 vol.]	Jan 1957-Feb 1959
AMT/30	Default actions [1 vol.]	Feb 1959-Aug 1960
AMT/31	Default actions [1 vol.]	Aug 1960-Sep 1961
AMT/32	Default actions [1 vol.]	Aug 1967-Apr 1969
AMT/33	Bankruptcy Act, 1883, s.122. Administration ledger containing record of orders for instalments with date, amount, name of creditor, amount of debt claimed or allowed, etc. [1 vol.]	Feb 1884-May 1894
AMT/34	Bankruptcy Act, 1883, s.122. Administration ledger, containing administration orders, specifying name of debtor, address, description; memoranda, date; folio in cash book, amounts received from debtor under order, date; name of creditor, amount of debt received and ordered, payment of dividend and order, name of recipient, creditors scheduled under Act, amount of debt proved Marked: '3' [1 vol.]	Apr 1905-Apr 1906
AMT/35	Same Marked: '4' [1 vol.]	Jun 1906-Dec 1907
AMT/36	Same Marked: '5' [1 vol.]	Jan 1908-Mar 1911
AMT/37	Same Marked '6' [1 vol.]	May 1911-Nov 1916
AMT/38	Bankruptcy register specifying name of debtor, residence, description, date of petition, name of creditor, solicitor, act of bankruptcy, dates, trustees, date of order [1 vol.]	Jan 1901-Jul 1960

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AMT/39	Bankruptcy notice book pages 1, 18-77 only [1 vol. with missing back board]	Mar 1911-Aug 1912, Jan 1930-Aug 1974
AMT/40	Bankruptcy notice book [1 vol.]	Jul 1976-Dec 1986
AMT/41	Cause book specifying names of solicitors, names of parties, appearances, pleadings and evidence, orders and judgements, date, report and certificate [1 vol.]	Sep 1940-Jan 1967
AMT/42	Cause book [1 vol.]	Mar 1967-Feb 1977
AMT/43	Funds ledger 'C.C. Book No. 34' Number or matter of plaint; plaintiff; defendant; and deposit account [1 vol.]	1945-1956
AMT/44	Funds ledger 'C.C. Book No. 34' [1 vol.]	1956-1967
AMT/45	Companies (Winding Up) Act, 1890. Orders [1 vol.]	1912
AMT/46	Companies (Winding Up) Act, 1890. Petitions [1 vol.]	1912-1992
AMT/47	Bankruptcy Act, 1883. Taxing officer's book Name of debtor, solicitor's bills, auctioneer's bills, high bailiff's bills, etc [1 vol.]	1912-1986
AMT/48	Index to unidentified register, arranged by folio Name, address, number, and year [1 vol.]	1885-1968
AMT/49	Index to bills of sale registered under the Bills of Sale Act, 1878, and Amendment Act, 1882 [1 vol.]	c.1924-c.1980
AMT/50	Proceedings under the Tithe Act, 1891 Date, number, date of service, applicant, respondent, amount, order, etc. [1 vol.]	Feb 1924-Mar 1974

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AMT/51	Workmen's Compensation Act, 1925. Register Number of matter, matter, ledger folio, applicant and respondent, and date of proceedings Marked '6' [1 vol.]	Oct 1949-Apr 1970
AMT/52	Workmen's Compensation Act, 1925. Register Number of matter, matter, ledger folio, applicant and respondent, and date of proceedings [1 vol.]	May 1970-Apr 1971
AMT/53	Cash book [1 vol.]	Nov 1924-Aug 1928
AMT/54	Cash book [1 vol.]	Oct 1933-Dec 1934
AMT/55	Workmen's Compensation Act. The Liabilities (War Time Adjustment) Act, 1941 Adjustment of affairs, continuing administration ledger under Bankruptcy Act, 1883, s.2 Name of debtor, address, description, memoranda, number of plaint, date, folio in cash book, name of creditor, amount of debt claimed, etc. [1 vol.]	1942-1943 Jul 1929-Aug 1935
AMT/56	Workmen's Compensation Act. Index to agreements and arbitrations, medical references, funds ledger, and bankruptcy petitions [1 vol.]	1938-1952
AMT/57	Suits and proceedings in equity Number of plaint or petition, parties, and nature of suit or proceeding [1 vol.]	Oct 1929-Nov 1968
AMT/58	Depositions and memoranda. Proceeding in equity: Lewis v. Price, no.37 [1 box]	1874-1876
AMT/59/1, 2	Files relating to Pneumoconiosis and Byssinosis Benefit Scheme and the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1925 Payments to widows and dependants [2 boxes of files, some unsorted]	1952-1964

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AMT/60/1, 2	Petitions, plaints and related papers, including adoptions, claims for compensation for injuries Many files transferred from High Court concerning petitions for legitimacy (Legitimacy Act, 1926), child maintenance, appeals against orders for demolition of buildings (Housing Act, 1930), and rents (Landlord and Tenant Act, 1927) [2 boxes bearing file refs. A-O and P-W]	c.1926-c.1951
AMT/61, 62	Unsorted court files [2 boxes]	1871-c.1938
AMT/63	Court files including plaints of The Bargoed and Gilfach Allotment Holders Association; and The Labour Pioneer Printing Publishing Co. Ltd., etc. [1 box]	1871-1935
AMT/64	Court files including: The Merthyr Tydfil and District Progressive Money Society. Companies (Consolidation) Act, 1908. Winding-up Shipman's Stores Ltd (The Companies Act, 1929) The Dowlais Labour Club and Institute Ltd. Winding-up The South Wales Window Cleaning Co. Ltd. [1 box]	1919 1932 1933 1950