

GLAMORGAN RECORD OFFICE/ARCHIFDY MORGANNWG

Reference code : **GB 214 BUBA**

Title : **ABERDARE BURIAL BOARD**

Dates of creation : **1857 - 1903**

Level of description: **Fonds**

Extent : **1 box; 0.02 cubic metres**

Name of creator

Aberdare Burial Board (1857 - 1903)

Administrative history

By the mid nineteenth century, many church and chapel graveyards were full, particularly in populous areas. In an attempt to solve this problem, the Burial Act of 1853 (16 & 17 Vict. c.134) enabled parish vestries to establish burial boards, if they so wished, to provide and manage new burial grounds. These burial boards, consisting of between three and nine parish ratepayers, could purchase land for a cemetery and provide chapels; money was to be raised through a precept on the poor rates. Borough councils were allowed to establish similar burial boards by an Act of 1854 (17 & 18 Vict. c.87) and local boards of health enabled to do the same by the Local Government Act of 1858; by the Sanitary Act of 1866, an existing burial board could transfer its powers to a local board. The Local Government Act of 1894 enabled all civil parishes in rural districts to exercise the powers of burial boards; under section 62, the 1894 Act also enabled the newly-created urban district councils to take over any burial boards in their area if they so wished.

In summary, between 1853 and 1894, burial boards could be set up by either parish vestries, borough councils, or local boards of health, and these burial boards could provide cemeteries. After 1894, burial boards already in existence could continue; alternatively, their powers could be taken over by parish councils (in rural districts) or by urban district councils; while parish councils or urban district councils where no burial board was in existence could themselves adopt the provisions of the Burial Acts, and provide cemeteries using money raised by the rates.

The Aberdare Burial Board was set up in 1857 by the Aberdare parish vestry. Land on Hirwaun Common was purchased for a cemetery, which opened in 1860 and was extended in 1906. The Burial Board was taken over in 1903 by Aberdare Urban District Council under section 62 of the 1894 Local Government Act.

Dates of accumulation

1857 - 1903

Custodial history

Not known.

Immediate source of acquisition

Not known.

Content of collection

Minutes of the Burial Board.

Appraisal, destruction and scheduling information

All records offered have been accepted and listed.

Accruals

None.

System of arrangement

Chronological.

Legal status

Non-public records.

Access conditions

No restriction on access.

Copyright/Conditions governing reproduction

Usual Glamorgan Record Office conditions apply.

Language of material

English.

Physical characteristics (condition)

Most items in good condition; no restrictions on production.

Finding aids

A detailed list is available.

Location of originals

The records are original.

Existence of copies

Not applicable.

Related material in the Glamorgan Record Office

UD/AB C/1-2 Minutes of Aberdare Urban District Council

Associated material held in other repositories

Burial registers for Aberdare Cemetery are held by the Burial Clerk, Cemeteries Section, Exchange Buildings, Monk Street, Aberdare, CF44 7PA.

Publication note

None known.

Note

These records are stored in an outside repository. They should be ordered at least a week in advance of an intended visit so that they can be brought into the Record Office for consultation in the search room.

Description compiled in the Glamorgan Record Office in December 1999.