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Reference code: GB 214 BUBC
Title: CARDIFF BURIAL BOARD
Date(s) 1859 - 1951
Level of description:
Extent: 54 vols.; 0.60 cubic metres

Name of creators Cardiff Burial Board

Administrative/Biographical 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 Cardiff Burial Board was set up about 1859 by Cardiff Borough Council, the Council constituting the Board and initially holding meetings at the close of the main Council meetings. The exact status of the Board in relation to the Council is unclear, but by 1879 it had effectively become a committee of Council, and minutes of its meetings can be found in the main series of Council minutes. The Burial Board purchased land for a cemetery at Roath, at that time outside the town boundaries, and the cemetery opened in 1859.

Scope and content

Burial registers, Cathays Cemetery, 1859 - 1951; registers of grants of deeds for grave space, 1924 - 1947; cash books, 1885 - 1935 (incomplete); ministers' fee book, 1903 - 1906; committee expenditure book, 1919 - 1925; wages books, 1887 - 1922; register of mortgages, 1859-1860. Note that there are no minutes in the collection.

Appraisal, destruction and scheduling information**Conditions governing access****Conditions governing reproduction****Language/Scripts of material****Physical characteristics and technical requirements**

Most items in good condition, a few in poor condition; no restrictions on production

Finding aids**Related units of description**

The burial registers are (contemporary) duplicates of original registers held by Cardiff County Council Bereavement Services. All other records are originals

Date(s) of descriptions

CARDIFF CEMETERY**CITY AND COUNTY OF CARDIFF**

Cardiff County Council is responsible for the following cemeteries:

Cathays Cemetery (1859)
Llandaff Cemetery (1922)
Llanishen Cemetery (1926)
Pantmawr Cemetery (1931)
Radyr Cemetery (former churchyard)
Thornhill Cemetery (1952)
Western Cemetery (1937)

For information on these cemeteries and to request searches of the registers, contact:

The Bereavement Services Manager
Cardiff Bereavement Services
Thornhill Road
Llanishen
CARDIFF CF4 5UA Tel. 029 2062 3294

The Bereavement Service will carry out a manual search of their registers for a fee of £14.50. Records requiring a manual search are burials between 1859 and 1913 and cremations between 1964 and 1990. All other records are now on a computer database and there is no charge for a search of these. Members of the public may search the registers in person, however, there is a charge of £14.50 per hour or part hour, **strictly by appointment only**. Once a burial entry has been found in the registers, the exact location of the grave can be supplied; for help in finding a grave in Cathays Cemetery, telephone 029 2062 3294, to find out when a member of the Bereavement Services staff will be available at the cemetery.

The Glamorgan Record Office holds a duplicate set of burial registers for Cathays Cemetery only, covering the years 1859-1951; these may be consulted in the Document searchroom.

Burials in Cardiff Cemetery

The dead who are recorded in the volumes listed below were buried in one cemetery, opened in 1859, following the Cemeteries Clauses Act of 1847 (10-11v c.65). This Act allowed land to be purchased for the purpose of making a cemetery, in order to reduce the number of burials in urban churchyards and burial grounds. The cemetery was administered by the town council who formed the Burial Board. The Cardiff cemetery was then situated about 1½ miles from the town centre in Cathays.

The names of the dead were entered in registers according to the parish where they died, although no one area of the cemetery was set aside for one parish. The appropriate clergyman, minister, priest or rabbi would conduct the service and sign the register and a note was made of the faith of the dead.

CARDIFF AND DISTRICT DUPLICATE BURIAL REGISTERS

[this duplicate series has now been discontinued]. They record in date order the plot number, name, age, address, faith and parish of deceased and the signature of the minister

Cardiff St. John

BUBC/1/1/1	Burial register [1 volume]	10 Jul 1859- 14 Jan 1886
BUBC/1/1/2	Burial register [1 volume]	14 Jan 1886- 17 May 1897
BUBC/1/1/3	Burial register [1 volume]	17 May 1897- 6 Nov 1912
BUBC/1/1/4	Burial register [1 volume]	19 Nov 1912- 7 Jun 1920
BUBC/1/1/5	Burial register [1 volume]	7 Jun 1920- 29 Jan 1929
BUBC/1/1/6	Burial register [1 volume]	29 Jan 1929- 7 Mar 1939

Cardiff St. Mary and St. Dyfrig

BUBC/1/2/1	Burial register [1 volume]	8 Nov 1859- 3 Jan 1873
BUBC/1/2/2	Burial register [1 volume]	4 Jan 1873- 30 Dec 1889
BUBC/1/2/3	Burial register [1 volume]	1 Jan 1890- 25 Sep 1901
BUBC/1/2/4	Burial register [1 volume]	25 Sep 1901- 12 Mar 1915
BUBC/1/2/5	Burial register [1 volume]	10 Mar 1915- 27 Jan 1922
BUBC/1/2/6	Burial register [1 volume]	27 Jan 1922- 2 May 1931
BUBC/1/2/7	Burial register [1 volume]	5 May 1931- 22 Aug 1944

Roath

BUBC/1/3/1	Burial register [1 volume]	7 Nov 1859- 31 Dec 1894
BUBC/1/3/2	Burial register [1 volume]	1 Jan 1895- 16 Feb 1904
BUBC/1/3/3	Burial register [1 volume]	17 Feb 1904- 14 Oct 1913
BUBC/1/3/4	Burial register [1 volume]	14 Oct 1913- 15 Nov 1922
BUBC/1/3/5	Burial register [1 volume]	15 Nov 1922- 17 Nov 1927
BUBC/1/3/6	Burial register [1 volume]	18 Aug 1927- 12 Mar 1932
BUBC/1/3/7	Burial register [1 volume]	12 Mar 1932- 16 Sep 1936
BUBC/1/3/8	Burial register [1 volume]	10 Sep 1936- 5 Feb 1941

CARDIFF BURIAL BOARD**BUBC**

BUBC/1/3/9	Burial register [1 volume]	5 Feb 1941- 10 Jan 1946
BUBC/1/3/10	Burial register [1 volume]	10 Jan 1946- 9 Apr 1951

Llandaff and Non-parishioners

In 1922 Cardiff extended the limits of its boundary to include Gabalfa, Ely, Llanishen and Llandaff North. Before 1922 these parishes had their dead buried in the Cardiff cemetery and the details were entered in the register labelled Llandaff and Non-parishioners. After 1922 a new register was begun labelled City Extension. A few names of the dead from these parishes were entered in the Llandaff and Non-parishioners register until November 1922 when the new register actually begins.

BUBC/1/4/1	Burial register [1 volume]	5 Aug 1875- 26 Jan 1922
BUBC/1/4/2	Burial register [1 volume]	26 Jan 1922- 12 Mar 1938

City Extension

BUBC/1/5	Burial register [1 volume]	11 Nov 1922- 31 Mar 1939
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Canton and Grangetown

BUBC/1/6/1	Burial register [1 volume]	20 Oct 1883- 7 Oct 1901
BUBC/1/6/2	Burial register [1 volume]	7 Oct 1901- 28 Apr 1913
BUBC/1/6/3	Burial register [1 volume]	29 Apr 1913- 7 Oct 1924
BUBC/1/6/4	Burial register [1 volume]	7 Oct 1924- 7 May 1930
BUBC/1/6/5	Burial register [1 volume]	7 May 1930- 16 Jan 1936

REGISTERS OF GRANTS OF DEEDS FOR GRAVE SPACES

[A list of names of the purchasers of grave spaces which went before the Burial Board Committee for signature every month. The deed was issued to the purchaser (usually the next of kin) and a receipt was made out. An example of a deed may be seen in DXD, and the receipt book, a Grant of Right in BU/B LLA/7]

BUBC/2/1	Register of grants of deeds for grave spaces [1 volume]	16 Jan 1924- 16 Dec 1931
BUBC/2/2	Register of grants of deeds for grave spaces [1 volume]	19 Jan 1932- 28 Nov 1939
BUBC/2/3	Register of grants of deeds for grave spaces [1 volume]	19 Dec 1939- 10 Jun 1947

FINANCIAL RECORDS**Cash Books**

BUBC/3/1	Three monthly cash book [1 volume]	1 Jan 1898- 30 Sep 1904
BUBC/3/2	Monthly cash book [1 volume]	Jan 1885- Jun 1905
BUBC/3/3	Monthly cash book [1 volume]	Nov 1895- Jun 1908
BUBC/3/4	Daily cash book [1 volume]	1 Jan 1930- 30 Dec 1932
BUBC/3/5	Daily cash book [1 volume]	2 Jan 1933- 26 Sep 1935

Ministers' fee book

BUBC/4	Ministers' fee book [1 volume]	1 Jun 1903- Nov 1906
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Expenditure book

BUBC/5	Burial Board Committee expenditure book [1 volume]	31 Mar 1919- 31 Mar 1925
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Wages books

BUBC/6/1	Wages book [1 volume]	7 Jan 1887- 30 Dec 1892
BUBC/6/2	Wages book [1 volume]	6 Jan 1893- 28 Dec 1894
BUBC/6/3	Wages book [1 volume]	8 Jan 1897- 30 Dec 1898
BUBC/6/4	Wages book [1 volume]	11 Jan 1901- 2 Jan 1903
BUBC/6/5	Wages book [1 volume]	9 Jan 1903- 30 Dec 1904
BUBC/6/6	Wages book [1 volume]	5 Jan 1906- 28 Dec 1906
BUBC/6/7	Wages book [1 volume]	8 Jan 1909- 31 Dec 1909
BUBC/6/8	Wages book [1 volume]	23 Feb 1912- 31 Dec 1914
BUBC/6/9	Wages book [1 volume]	7 Jan 1915- 26 Jul 1917
BUBC/6/10	Wages book [1 volume]	2 Aug 1917- 15 Apr 1920
BUBC/6/11	Wages book [1 volume]	22 Apr 1920- 29 Dec 1922