

GLAMORGAN RECORD OFFICE/ARCHIFDY MORGANNWG

Reference code : **GB 214 BUBY**

Title : **YSTRADYFODWGW BURIAL BOARD**

Dates of creation : **1871 - 1896**

Level of description: **Fonds**

Extent : **1 box and 1 outsize box; 0.05 cubic metres**

Names of creators

Ystradyfodwg Burial Board (c.1871 - 1896); Llantrisant District Burial Board (1879 - 1896); Llanwonno District Burial Board (1879 - 1896).

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 Ystradyfodwg Burial Board was established about 1871 by the Ystradyfodwg parish vestry, and covered the parish of Ystradyfodwg. In 1877, the Ystradyfodwg Local Board was set up, covering not only the parish of Ystradyfodwg but also parts of the parishes of Llantrisant and Llanwonno. Burial boards were therefore set up in December 1879 for the 'Llantrisant District' (that part of the parish of Llantrisant which lay within the Ystradyfodwg Local Board) and the 'Llanwonno District' (the part of Llanwonno parish which lay within the Local Board). These two

new Boards then joined with the existing Ystradyfodwg Board to form the Ystradyfodwg Joint Burial Board. Each of the three Boards nominally retained a separate existence: each had its own members, held separate meetings, and raised money from the poor rates of its own parish (or part of a parish) which they then contributed on an agreed basis to the capital costs and running expenses of the cemeteries maintained by the Joint Board. The meetings of the Llantrisant District and the Llanwonno District, however, were held merely to authorise the precept of money from the rates, and the contribution of the money collected to the Joint Board. The minutes of the Ystradyfodwg Burial Board have not survived among the records in the collection, but it appears that it was at these meetings that all decisions relating to the provision and running of the cemeteries were made.

Several cemeteries were provided by the Joint Board, among them Treorchy (opened 1871), Ferndale (between Mardy and Ferndale, opened c.1875), and Llethreddû Cemetery, Trealaw (between Porth and Trealaw, opened c.1879).

Ystradyfodwg Urban District Council took over all three Burial Boards in March 1896.

Dates of accumulation

1871 - 1896

Custodial history

The records appear to have been transferred to Ystradyfodwg Urban District Council.

Immediate source of acquisition

The records were deposited by Rhondda Urban District Council on 24 November 1949 (accession no. 207, file 11/0195/06).

Content of collection

Minutes, Llantrisant District and Llanwonno District, 1879 - 1880; registers of mortgages, Ystradyfodwg District, 1871 - 1881, Llantrisant and Llanwonno Districts, 1881; abstracts of accounts, all districts, 1880 - 1896; bank pass books, all districts, 1880 - 1896; precepts to overseers, all districts, 1880 - 1896; local taxation returns and correspondence, Llantrisant District, 1882 - 1896; notices of vestry meetings, Llantrisant District, 1885 - 1895. Note that there are no minutes for the Ystradyfodwg Burial Board.

Appraisal, destruction and scheduling information

All records offered have been accepted and listed.

Accruals

None.

System of arrangement

The records are arranged by district; note however that two bundles of records arranged under the Ystradyfodwg District contain material relating to all three districts.

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

P/62/60 - 63	Llantrisant parish, Burial Board rate books, 1880, 1882, 1886
UD/R C/1	Rhondda Urban District Council Minutes,
UD/R C 40/1-11	Rhondda Urban District Council, grants of rights of burial, 1933 - 1945
UD/R C 65/3,65/5, 65/6, 65/9	Rhondda Urban District Council, filing <i>re</i> cemeteries

Associated material held in other repositories

Burial registers for Treorchy, Trealaw and Ferndale Cemeteries are held by Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council, and are kept at the cemeteries; for details of contact addresses, see Glamorgan Record Office Information Sheet 3 *Municipal Cemeteries*.

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.