

## GLAMORGAN RECORD OFFICE/ARCHIFYDY MORGANNWG

**Reference code:** GB 214 D177

**Title:** SECCOMBES DEPARTMENT STORE, CARDIFF

**Dates** c1896-1970

**Level of description:** Fonds (level 2)

**Extent:** 26 photographs with negatives; 1 mounted photograph

**Name of creators** Uncertain; the photographic copies and negatives were made in 1989 by the Glamorgan Record Office from original photographs.

### **Administrative/Biographical history**

Seccombes Ltd department store was established c1894 by George A Seccombe and appears in a directory 1895 as George A Seccombe & Co, fancy drapers, milliners and costumiers, at 45 Queen Street, Cardiff, but moved c1896 to Bon Marche 22 Queen Street (closed after 1924). By 1920 Seccombes Ltd had also acquired premises at 79, 81, 83 Queen Street. Brief descriptions and illustrations are given in *Images of Cardiff* (South Wales Echo 1995) and *The City and Port of Cardiff. The Official Handbook* (various dates c1955-1964).

### **Scope and content**

Photographic prints and negatives

### **Appraisal, destruction and scheduling information**

All records offered have been accepted and listed. The collection was initially given the reference DXGC but remained unlisted under this reference

### **Conditions governing access**

Open access

### **Conditions governing reproduction**

Normal Glamorgan Record Office conditions apply.

### **Language/Scripts of material**

English

### **Physical characteristics and technical requirements**

Good condition

### **Finding aids**

Detailed list available.

### **Related units of description**

**Date of description**

This description was prepared May 2003

**Photographic prints and negatives**

The location of the original photographs is not known. None of the prints or negatives are dated. Dates given here are approximate and are based largely on clothes fashions. All photographs and negatives are in good condition.

D177/1	Haberdashery department [1 print, 1 negative]	1950s
D177/2	Woman holding carpet speaking to ?shop manager [1 print, 1 negative]	1950s
D177/3	Ladies' accessories department and counter [1 print, 1 negative]	?1950s
D177/4	Exterior view of Seccombes and queues to enter store for January sale [1 print, 1 negative]	1950s
D177/5	Formal photograph of staff seated and standing [1 print, 1 negative]	c1960?
D177/6	Haberdashery counter [1 print, 1 negative]	1950s?
D177/7	Display of ladies' 'Bear Brand' nylon stockings [1 print, 1 negative]	1950s?
D177/8	'The Pyrex Shop': display of crockery on stands [1 print, 1 negative]	?c1960
D177/9	Exterior view of corner of Queen Street and Park Place showing queues extending in front of Halford Cycle Co Ltd shop and into Park Place for January sale [1 print, 1 negative]	1950s
D177/10	Queues in front of Seccombes and Halford Cycle Co Ltd shops for January sale [1 print, 1 negative]	1950s
D177/11	Queue extending up Park Place for January sale [1 print, 1 negative]	1950s
D177/12	Queue in front of Seccombes and Halford Cycle Co Ltd shops for January sale [1 print, 1 negative]	1950s

D177/13	Display of men's weather wear including 'Driway weathercoats for men' [1 print, 1 negative]	c1960
D177/14	Display of 'Double Two' shirts: 'The shirt with the famous free spare collar!' and neck ties [1 print, 1 negative]	c1960
D177/15	Window display of menswear incorporating posters of car races and a photograph of 'Mr Maurice Charles' in a car [1 print, 1 negative]	c1960
D177/16	Haberdashery department [1 print, 1 negative]	c1960
D177/17	Haberdashery department [1 print, 1 negative]	c1960
D177/18	Ladies' clothing department [1 print, 1 negative]	c1960
D177/19	Ladies' clothing department [1 print, 1 negative]	c1960
D177/20	Haberdashery department [1 print, 1 negative]	c1950
D177/21	Formal group photograph of staff, probably on steps of the National Museum of Wales, Cardiff [1 print, 1 negative]	?1950s
D177/22	Ladies' accessories department [1 print, 1 negative]	?1950s
D177/23	Exterior view of shop [1 print, 1 negative]	?1950s
D177/24	Window arcade [1 print, 1 negative]	?1950s
D177/25	Ladies' hats department [1 print, 1 negative]	c1950
D177/26	Novelties counter display, probably for Christmas [1 print, 1 negative]	?c1960

D177/27      Photograph of exterior of G.A. Seccombe & Co. shop, 45      c1896  
Queen Street, Cardiff  
The windows advertise sale of lease and closure of the  
shop. A group of children stand in the foreground  
Endorsed: 'The original shop of Seccombes next to  
present "Gaumont" ' and '1890'  
[1 mounted photograph]