

## GLAMORGAN RECORD OFFICE/ARCHIFDY MORGANNWG

**Reference code:** GB 0214 D327

**Title:** ABERTHAW AND BRISTOL CHANNEL PORTLAND CEMENT COMPANY

**Dates :** 1913-1965

**Level of description:** Fonds

**Extent and medium:** 0.24 cubic metres; 25 vols.

**Name of creator(s):** Aberthaw and Bristol Channel Portland Cement Company

### **Administrative/biographical history**

The Aberthaw and Bristol Channel Portland Cement Company was established in 1912 by the Beynon family. The site at Aberthaw was chosen as it was near the necessary raw material, limestone and coal from the south Wales coalfield which was needed to heat the kiln. In 1919 the company took over the nearby Aberthaw and Rhoose Point Portland and Lime Company. Blue Circle bought the two sites at Aberthaw and Rhoose in 1983. In 1987 Rhoose Works closed. Lafarge Cement UK bought Blue Circle industries PLC in 2001 creating the largest cement maker in the world.

### **Immediate source of acquisition**

Lafarge Cement UK

### **Scope and content**

Weekly pay records, test manufacture books, cash and store books and details of tenders and contracts.

Some of the records are marked as originating in either the Aberthaw or Rhoose works (this has been noted in the catalogue), but in the majority of cases it has not been possible to determine from which works the records originated.

### **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

### **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**

Fair condition

**Finding aids**

Detailed list available.

**Related units of description**

Glamorgan Record Office D116 and DX367/5/1-2

**Archivist's note**

Compiled by Heather Mountjoy for the Glamorgan Record Office, with reference to Kelly's Trade Directories and brochure on Aberthaw Works at [www.cement.bluecircle.co.uk](http://www.cement.bluecircle.co.uk)

**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**

15 September 2004

**Contract and tender records**

D327/1	Register of tenders, contracts and new works, including plans and correspondence [1 vol. with some loose papers inserted, 1 envelope of loose papers; fragile]	1920-1921
D327/2	Register of tenders, contracts and new works, including plans and correspondence [1 vol. with some loose papers inserted, 1 envelope of loose papers; fragile]	1921-1924

**Manufacturing records**

D327/3	Raw grinding mill register (gives details of checks made on slurry and the kiln feed during the manufacturing process) [1 vol.]	Jul. 1917- Apr. 1919
D327/4	Raw grinding mill register [1 vol.]	Aug. 1938- May 1940
D327/5	Raw grinding mill register [1 vol.]	Feb. 1944- Aug. 1947
D327/6	Raw grinding mill register [1 vol.]	May 1946- May 1948
D327/7	Raw grinding mill register [1 vol.]	May 1948- May 1950
D327/8	Raw grinding mill register [1 vol.]	June 1948- June 1950
D327/9	Raw grinding mill register [1 vol.]	June 1959- June 1960
D327/10	Raw grinding mill register [1 vol.]	June 1960- June 1961
D327/11	Cement manufactured test book [1 vol.]	1913-1923
D327/12	Physical test manufacture book (Rhoose works) [1 vol.]	1955-1965
D327/13	Physical test manufacture book (Aberthaw works) [1 vol.]	1959-1966

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D327/14	Cement despatched register (gives figures for surface area of cement despatched) [1 vol.]	1913-1923
D327/15	Cement despatched register [1 vol.]	1946-1963
<b>Financial records</b>		
D327/16	Cash book [1 vol.]	1914-1925
D327/17	Cash book [1 vol.]	1925-1936
D327/18	Cash book [1 vol.]	1936-1945
D327/19	Stores cost book (Aberthaw works) [1 vol.]	1937-1947
D327/20	Stores cost book (Rhoose works) [1 vol.]	1938-1943
D327/21	Stores ledger [1 vol.]	1934-1948
D327/22	Stores ledger (Aberthaw works) [1 vol.]	1938-1947
D327/23	Stores ledger (Rhoose works) [1 vol.]	1959-1962
<b>Staff records</b>		
D327/24	Weekly earnings register Gives name, address, grade and pay details of employees [1 vol.;fragile]	1927-1939
D327/25	Weekly earnings register Gives name, address, occupation and pay details of employees [1 vol.]	1945-1946