

## GLAMORGAN RECORD OFFICE/ARCHIFDY MORGANNWG

**Reference code:** GB 0214 D411

**Title:** Masters Family of Mountain Ash Papers

**Dates :** 1892-1987

**Level of description:** Fonds

**Extent and medium:** 0.005 cubic metres  
(24 postcards, 8 envelopes, 1 sketch plan)

**Name of creator(s):** Masters family

### **Administrative/biographical history**

The Masters family lived in Miskin, Mountain Ash. John Masters (d.1916) was landlord of the Baileys Arms. He and his wife Catherine Jane (nee Davies) had five children David (b.1892), Tom (b.1894), Hilda (b.1896), Alice (b.1900) and Gladys (b.1905). David was an apprentice mining surveyor when he volunteered for the Royal Engineers in 1915; Tom had trained as a teacher at the City of Leeds Training College and was teaching in the Rhondda valley when he volunteered for non-combatant duties with the Royal Army Medical Corps in the same year; in 1914 Hilda went to train as a teacher at St Mary's College, Bangor; the two younger girls were still in school. David died at the Battle of the Somme on the 11 July 1916. Tom died on the 23 March 1918 at Bapaume. Catherine died in 1926.

### **Archival history**

The records remained in the family until they were donated.

### **Immediate source of acquisition**

Donated by a private individual in 2006 and 2008.

### **Scope and content**

Papers relating to: the valuation of the Bailey's Arms public house, Mountain Ash, including inventories, 1892 & 1911; the sale of the Bailey's Arms to the Rhondda Valley & Ely Breweries Ltd., 1921; sketch plan of Bailey's Arms c.1911 by Gladys Armitage (nee Masters), 1987; solicitor's account for representing Bailey's Arms landlord following employee accident, 1910; the building, furnishing, installation of electricity and sale of "Glenbrook", Bailey Street, Mountain Ash, 1896-1958; the building of 37 & 39 Springfield Terrace, Penrhiwceibr, and work at Albert Street, Mountain Ash, 1899-1926; Masters family contributions to the Pengeulan Building Co. and the Miskin Cottage Co., 1902-1945; plus miscellaneous household bills and receipts, and subscribers' cards for Mountain Ash & Penrhiwceiber Hospital and Hospital Operation Fund, 1916-1926. Also, World War I postcard collection, 1915-1918.

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

All records which meet the collection policy of the Glamorgan Record Office have been retained.

## GLAMORGAN RECORD OFFICE/ARCHIFDY MORGANNWG

### **Accruals**

Accruals are possible.

### **System of arrangement**

Chronologically in thematic groups.

### **Conditions governing access**

No restrictions.

### **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.

### **Existence and location of originals**

Not applicable

### **Existence and location of copies**

Not applicable

### **Related units of description**

Not applicable

### **Publication note**

Not applicable

### **Note**

Not applicable

### **Archivist's note**

Compiled by David Morris and Geoff Edwards for the Glamorgan Record Office.

### **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**

24 Jul 2006; revised 19 Jun 2008

## GLAMORGAN RECORD OFFICE/ARCHIFDY MORGANNWG

### **World War I postcards** **1915-1918**

D411/1/1-19 World War I postcards 1915-1918  
[19 postcards]

D411/1/20-24 World War I postcards - unused c.1916  
[4 postcards]

### **Bailey's Arms, Moutain Ash, Records** **1892-1987**

The Bailey's Arms is situated in the district known as Miskin. David Davies, blacksmith and publican, died in 1899, leaving the tenancy of the Bailey's Arms to his (fourth) wife, Mary Davies. John Masters, his son-in-law (married to daughter Catherine Jane) took over as tennant in 1892, and remained at the pub until his retirement in 1911, when John Edwin Davies (Mary Davies' second son) took over. Valuations were carried out at the beginning and end of his tenancy. The pub was sold to the Rhondda Valley & Ely Breweries Ltd, in 1921.

D411/2/1 Valuation of Bailey's Arms, including full inventory 1892  
of contents  
[1 envelope]

D411/2/2 Solicitor's account for representing the landlord of 1910  
the Bailey's Arms  
[1 envelope]

In the late summer/autumn of 1910, an accident appears to have befallen an employee at the pub, causing his death and leading to an inquest.

D411/2/3 Valuation of Bailey's Arms, including full inventory 1911  
of contents  
[1 envelope]

D411/2/4 Papers concerning the sale of the Bailey's Arms 1921  
[1 envelope]

D411/2/5 Sketch plan of Bailey's Arms c. 1911 by Gladys 1987  
Winifred Armitage (nee Masters)  
[1 sketch plan]

### **Properties** **1896-1945**

D411/3/1 Papers concerning the building, furnishing, 1896-1958  
installation of electricty and sale of "Glenbrook",  
Mountain Ash  
[1 envelope]

In preparation for his retirement from the Bailey's Arms in 1911, John Masters, in partnership with

