

GLAMORGAN RECORD OFFICE/ARCHIFDY MORGANNWG

Reference code: GB 0214 D466

Title: LG Legal records

Dates : 1820-1989

Level of description: Fonds

Extent and medium: 0.08 cubic metres (4 boxes)

Name of creator(s):
LG Legal, London

Administrative/biographical history

The records relate to legal and related papers concerning David Morgan Ltd, department store, Cardiff, and the Cardiff Arcade Co. The store was established by David Morgan (1833-1919) originally from Battle, co Brecon, who opened his first draper's shops in Cwm Siôn Mathew Square at Rhymney (closed in 1871) and Pontlottyn, co Glamorgan, in 1858, and at Abertillery, co. Monmouth, 1870 (sold in 1922). His shop David Morgan & Co., in The Hayes, Cardiff opened in 1879, catering mainly for the drapery trade, and gradually expanded towards the Royal Arcade 1884. He opened a second shop in St Mary St 1898 accessible from The Hayes by way of the Morgan Arcade (initially called the New Central Arcade, begun in 1896, completed 1899), which ran parallel to the Royal Arcade. The business extended into the furniture trade under the direction of David Morgan's son John Llewellyn Morgan (1869-1941) from 1912 and into other merchandise under John's eldest son David Bernard Morgan (1899-1955) and his successors. John served as High Sheriff of Breconshire. The company was incorporated as David Morgan Ltd in 1916.

The Cardiff Arcade Co. was established in 1868 for the purpose of erecting an arcade – the Royal Arcade - to connect The Hayes and St Mary Street. David Morgan became a director of The Cardiff Arcade Co. in 1892, and other members of the Morgan family later became major shareholders of the company. David Morgan Ltd. obtained a controlling interest in 1960. Records of companies associated with the Cardiff Arcade Co. included the Avoca Estate Co. Ltd., Barry Island Cottage Co. Ltd., Barry Island Land Co. Ltd, Cardiff Exchange and Office Ltd., Cardiff High Street Arcade Co. Ltd, Glamorganshire Investments Ltd., Weston Hill Estate Co. Ltd, and Whitefield Building Estate Co. Ltd., are held in the Glamorgan Record Office (ref. DCAC).

Archival history**Immediate source of acquisition**

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Scope and content

Conveyances and related legal agreements

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

System of arrangement

Individual items have been kept in their original sequence which appears to relate to particular legal matters and transactions in chronological order but a number of items appear to have been misarranged.

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

Good to fair condition

Finding aids

Summary list available.

Related units of description

Records of David Morgan Ltd (ref DDM)

Publication note

David Morgan 1833-1919. The life and times of a master draper in South Wales, by Aubrey Niel Morgan (Risca, Newport, 1977) and *David Morgan. The first hundred years. Centenary year 1979* (David Morgan Ltd, Cardiff, 1979).

Note**Archivist's note**

Compiled by Richard Morgan 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

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