

**Reference code:** GB 0214 D534

**Title:** Bush Family of Canton Papers

**Dates :** 1881-1969, 2008

**Level of description:** Fonds

**Extent and medium:** 0.03 cubic metres (1 box, 1 bundle)

**Name of creator(s):** Bush Family

#### **Administrative/biographical history**

James Bush (1844-1923) and his wife Fanny (nee Rogers) (1848-1923) were the first occupants of "Bryn Asaph", 15 Romilly Road, Canton, currently (2008) a nursing home. James was born and schooled in Camarthen. After taking the art master's certificate he started the first science and art classes in Newport in 1865. He was then asked by the Cardiff Free Library committee to begin classes there, which developed into the School of Science and Art, with James as headmaster of the art school. Ultimately this would eventually become the University of Wales Institute of Science and Technology, and James was an influential figure in the development of technical teaching in Cardiff. His wife, Fanny, was from Cheltenham originally and was a trained artist. She married James in 1866 in Cheltenham, and she would later become Secretary of the Glamorgan branch of the Welsh Industries Association.

The couple had five children: Reginald, Frederick, Archibald George, Percy Frank (1879-1955) and Ethel Maud. Reginald was an artist and became headmaster of the Bristol Municipal School of Art. Frederick was also an artist, tutoring at University College School, London before becoming organising art master for the secondary schools of the West Riding of Yorkshire. Archibald was the chief engineer of Mobasa for the Public Works Department of the British East Africa Protectorate, as well as a celebrated lion-hunter. Ethel was a graduate of the University of London and taught English and religious studies at Howell's School, Llandaff.

Percy (later known as Frank Percy-Bush) was educated at University College Cardiff and later a well-known rugby player, captaining Cardiff in 1905-1906. He emigrated to Nantes in 1910, eventually becoming Deputy Consul at the British Consulate before returning to Cardiff in 1939. Percy and his wife Adeline Jane (nee Wood) had two children: Coralie and Louis. Coralie was honoured by the French government for her work, particularly with the Cardiff French Society, and remained living in Romilly Road until her death.

#### **Archival history**

The family collection was passed to Dr Douglas A Bassett following the death of Coralie Percy-Bush in 1996 and subsequently donated to the GRO.

#### **Scope and content**

The personal, professional and academic records of the Bush family (1881-1969), including magazines of the Monkton House School, Cardiff (1946, 1949) and Howell's School, Llandaff (1925-1940); additional biographical details provided by Dr Douglas Bassett (2008).

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

All records which meet the collection policy of the Glamorgan Record Office have been retained; the collection requires appraisal and more detailed listing.

#### **Accruals**

Accruals are not expected.

#### **System of arrangement**

**Conditions governing access****Conditions governing reproduction**

Normal Glamorgan Record Office conditions apply.

**Language/scripts of material**

English; some French

**Physical characteristics and technical requirements**

Good condition

**Finding aids**

Detailed list not available.

**Existence and location of originals**

Not applicable.

**Existence and location of copies**

Not applicable.

**Related units of description**

DHOW, D131, DX739/1, D513: Howell's School records

**Publication note**

Not applicable.

**Note**

A rough box-list is available.

**Archivist's note**

Compiled by Geoff Edwards for the Glamorgan Record Office, with reference to "Canton" by Bryan Jones (Chalford Publishing, 1995).

**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**

28 Mar 2008