

## GLAMORGAN RECORD OFFICE/ARCHIFDY MORGANNWG

**Reference code:** GB 0214 D538

**Title:** David Maddox of Pontypridd Collection

**Dates :** 1874-1906, 1970-1971

**Level of description:** Fonds

**Extent and medium:** 0.02 cubic metres (6 volumes)

**Name of creator(s):** David Maddox

### **Administrative/biographical history**

The records were collected by the donor in the course of his historical research. The paybooks relate to the Cambrian Collieries, Rhondda, owned from 1896 by Cambrian Collieries Ltd. until nationalisation in 1947. The school admissions register bears no description but can be identified as Aberaman elementary school opened in 1866 and transferred to Aberdare School Board in 1870.

### **Archival history**

Unknown.

### **Immediate source of acquisition**

The records were donated in April 2008.

### **Scope and content**

Aberman School admissions register 1874-1879; Cambrian Collieries Ltd. pay-books 1904-6; and St Cyres Comprehensive School, Penarth, compendium 1970-1971.

### **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**

Arranged by schools and coal-pit, then chronological

### **Conditions governing access**

No restrictions.

### **Conditions governing reproduction**

Normal Glamorgan Record Office conditions apply.

### **Language/scripts of material**

English

**Physical characteristics and technical requirements**

Fair to poor condition

**Finding aids**

Detailed list available.

**Existence and location of originals**

Not applicable

**Existence and location of copies**

Not applicable

**Related units of description**

Aberaman school log-books 1866-1939 (ref. EA/1/1-10)

**Publication note**

Not applicable

**Note**

Further information on the Cambrian Collieries can be found in *The South Wales Coalfield*, ed. AP Barnett and D Willson-Lloyd (The Business Statistics Co. Ltd., Cardiff 1921) and <[www.welshcoalmines.co.uk](http://www.welshcoalmines.co.uk)>

**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**

8 April 2008

**Aberaman Elementary School**

Established in 1866 and taken over by Aberdare School Board in 1870. For other records, see EA/1.

D538/1 Admissions register. Boys and girls Aug 1874-Jan 1879  
(The vol. is unmarked but the register is identifiable by addresses in it)

[1 vol.; poor condition]

**St Cyres Comprehensive school, Penarth**

D538/2 Compendium. Record of school and staff organisation and notes on various aspects of the school arranged alphabetically 1970-1971

[1 vol.; fair condition]

**Cambrian Collieries Ltd. No. 2 Pit**

The company originated in 1872 as S. Thomas and J Riches & Co. Ltd. Work on No. 1 Pit in Clydach Vale / Glyn Glydach began in 1871, followed by No. 2 Pit in 1874. After the deaths of original partners Samuel Thomas and OH Riches, Thomas's sons John Howard Thomas and David Alfred Thomas became partners with JO Riches in 1885 or 1887 but the undertaking was transferred to Cambrian Collieries Ltd in 1896. By 1913, there were four pits; no.3 pit was sunk in 1885 but closed in 1936. The whole colliery closed in 1965. ££ miners were killed in a gas explosion 9 March 1905 but none seem to be among those recorded in the pay-books.

Pay-books containing numbers and names of colliers, occupation, daily entries and remarks. The books were erratically kept and remarks include references to work undertaken by individuals.

D538/3	Pay-book	Sep 1904-Nov 1904
D538/4	Pay-book (with added names, possibly of assistants)	Sep 1904-Nov 1904
D538/5	Pay-book. No 2 Pit east	Jun 1905-Sep 1905
D538/6	Pay-book. No 2 Pit east	Sep 1905-Dec 1905
D538/7	Pay-book	Oct 1905-Jan 1906

[5 vols.; badly soiled by coal dust]