

GLAMORGAN RECORD OFFICE/ARCHIFDY MORGANNWG

Reference code: GB 0214 D593

Title: Societe Franco-Anglaise, later Societe Franco-Britannique de Cardiff

Dates : 1906-1994

Level of description: Fonds

Extent and medium: 0.08 cubic metres; 3 boxes, 5 vols., 1 plaque

Name of creator(s): Societe Franco-Anglaise, later Societe Franco-Britannique de Cardiff

Administrative/biographical history

The Societe was founded in 1906 by businessmen, many involved in the export of coal to France and the importation of French pit props. The aim of the Societe was to improve links of friendship between Britain and France. For a large part of the twentieth century the meetings of the Societe took place in 36 Park Place, a building owned by the organisation for a time.

During the Second World War the Societe members set up a hospitality centre for De Gualle's Free France forces and also formed the nucleus of the Friends of Free France, helping to raise funds and buy basic supplies for the servicemen who had fled their native country after its fall in 1940. Many of these servicemen were stationed at nearby St. Athans. Members also organised for a flag to be embroidered for General De Gaulle's army and it was presented to his Second Motorised Division by the Lord Mayor of Cardiff.

The Societe continues to meet at Cardiff University.

Archival history

Records donated are the administrative papers of the Societe, some held by the Secretary.

Immediate source of acquisition

Donated by Secretary of the Society, 25 November 2008

Scope and content

Administrative records, including some minutes, membership lists and accounts, the majority for late twentieth century period. Some historical notes on the Societe and also the brass name plaque which was on the building of the Societe's original meeting place in Park Place and French language books used by members.

Appraisal, destruction and scheduling information

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

Accruals

Accruals are expected

System of arrangement

Chronological

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

French and English

Physical characteristics and technical requirements

Good condition

Finding aids

Detailed list pending.

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 Heather Mountjoy for the Glamorgan Record Office with reference to newscuttings and historical notes in the collection.

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

December 2008