

Reference code(s): GB 0214 DBJ

Title: Blandy-Jenkins of Llanharan, Estate collection

Creation date(s): 1343-1929

Level of description: Fonds

Extent: 1.84 cubic metres (c. 6700 items)

Name of creator(s): Llanharan estate

CONTEXT

Administrative/Biographical history: The Powells of Maesteg arrived in Llanharan, Glamorgan, in about 1700. By 1750, Rees Powell (d. 1758) had built a country mansion, now known as Llanharan House. The family also amassed a large agricultural estate around it. On the death of Gervase Powell in 1795, his three daughters and co-heiresses executed a deed of partition of the estates and Llanharan House was purchased by Richard Hoare Jenkins of Pantynawel, Llangeinior, for £11,000. Richard Hoare Jenkins died in 1856 and the estate eventually passed to Colonel John Blandy-Jenkins (1839-1915) of Kingston, Bagpuize, Oxfordshire. He lived at Tregroes House, Pencoed, Glamorgan, for a period while his mother was in residence at Llanharan. He was involved in local administration and foxhunting and served as chairman of the newly formed Glamorgan County Council from 1895 to 1915. His second wife, Elizabeth Nora, on the death of her husband kept the estate intact until her death in 1953. According to the 1873 return of owners of land, the estate measured 6,084 acres, all in Glamorgan, and carried an annual rental of £3,023.

CONTENT

Scope and content/abstract: Estate and family papers including deeds of the Llanharan estate, Glamorgan, 1557-1929; deeds relating to the purchase of the Llanharan estate by Richard Hoare Jenkins, 1806-1810; estate papers, 1625-1913, including rentals and accounts, [c. 1737]-1909; family papers, 1536-1911, including wills and related papers, 1536-1911, marriage settlements, 1601-1897, correspondence, 1758-1917, household papers, 1705-[c. 1900]; legal papers in Blandy Jenkins v Dunraven, 1343-1875; and official papers, 1677-1914, relating to Glamorgan Quarter sessions, local government and public utilities, and parish affairs. The archive also includes industrial papers, 1805-1909, including railway records, 1844-1896; and papers relating to minerals and collieries, 1805-1909, all in Glamorgan.

ACCESS AND USE

Language/scripts of material: English, Latin

System of arrangement: Arranged into the following: deeds; estate papers; industrial papers; law suits; family papers; household papers; correspondence; official papers; and miscellaneous documents.

Conditions governing access: Applications to consult specific documents should be made in advance and in writing, to the Glamorgan Archivist who will determine whether or not the items can be made available.

Conditions governing reproduction: Normal Glamorgan Record Office conditions apply.

Physical characteristics: Many of the documents in this collection are in an extremely fragile condition and cannot be made available to researchers.

Finding aids: Hard copies of the catalogue are available at Glamorgan Record Office and the National Register of Archives.

ARCHIVAL INFORMATION

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.

Archival history:

Immediate source of acquisition: Information to be supplied.

ALLIED MATERIALS

Related material: Further records are held at the Glamorgan Record Office: DSA/57-69 in the Stephenson and Alexander Blandy Jenkins Llanharan Estate Records, including rentals, 1915-1936; registers of leases, 20th century; mineral lease register, 1958, and leases, 1874-1948; and estate plans, 20th century [further accessions likely].

DESCRIPTION NOTES

Note: Title supplied from contents of fonds.

Archivist's note: Compiled by Mair James for the HMC/NLW Family and Estates project and amended by Richard Morgan for the Glamorgan Record Office. The following sources were used in the compilation of this description: Clark, George, T., *Limbus Patrum Morganiae et Glamorganiae*, (London, 1886); James, Brian, 'The Great Landowners of Wales in 1873', *National Library of Wales Journal*, XIV (1965-66); Witts, T.J., *The Forgotten Years: a*

History of Llanharan and District, vol. II, (Llanharan, 1988); Witts, T.J., *The Forgotten Years: a History of Llanharan and District - the final chapter*, vol. III, (Llanharan, 1993); *Burke's Landed Gentry*, (London, 1952).

Rules or conventions: This description follows ANW guidelines based on ISAD(G) second edition, AACR2, and LCSH

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