

**GLAMORGAN RECORD OFFICE/ARCHIFDY MORGANNWG**  
**TEMPORARY LIST**

**Reference code:** GB 0214 DBR/E/1-56

**Title:** BRUCE OF ABERDARE. ESTATE PAPERS

**Dates :** 1742-1986

**Level of description:** Fonds

**Extent and medium:** 0.12 cubic metres (2 boxes, 5 loose vols., 8 loose plans, 8 loose files)

**Name of creator(s):** Dyffryn, Aberdare, estate

**Administrative/biographical history**

**Archival history**

**Immediate source of acquisition**

**Scope and content**

Plans 1792-1844; valuations and accounts relating to management 1749-1873; correspondence relating to collieries 1866, 1880; papers relating to boundaries 1815-1940; tenancy agreements 1754, 1755, 1820; leases 1810; specifications for new church and school late 19cent; letter regarding site for hospital 1920; notes on acquisition of estate 1854; papers regarding plantations 1784-1786; day work on Dyffryn estate 1826-1827; correspondence regarding purchase of Dyffryn, Aberdare, 1749-1750; papers relating to minerals under Tir y Ffownder, Aberdare, 1839, 1840, and Deep Dyffryn pit 1888; letter regarding sanitary conditions at George Pit houses etc in Cefnpennar 1924; vesting deed of Dyffryn estate in Mountain Ash area and minerals at Aberaman; disbursements 1974-1982; rent receipts 1971-1986; Dyffryn estate garden rents 1978-1980

**Appraisal, destruction and scheduling information**

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

**Accruals**

Accruals are possible

**System of arrangement**

**Conditions governing access**

Open access

**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**

Detailed list in course of editing available.

**Existence and location of originals**

**Existence and location of copies**

**Related units of description**

**Publication note**

**Note**

Earlier reference numbers have been changed from D/D Br/80-132.  
DBR/E/48-56 are additions.

**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**

Revised June 2007 with addition of unlisted records

**Estate management**

DBR/E/1-3	<p>"A Survey of the late Rev<sup>d</sup>. Thomas Bruce's Estate in the Parish of Aberdare, Glamorganshire", by John Williams including Abercwmboi, Aberffrwd, Bedlwyn, Dyffryn, Gelliddu fach, Gwern Ivor, Pyllfaa [Pyllfa or Pwllfa], Ton-coch, Blaencwmboi, Penrhiwanga, and Tir y Founder [Tir y Ffownder]</p> <p>plan of Darran Las (surveyor not named)</p> <p>plan of Penrhiw Caradoc (?William Weston Young)</p> <p>plan of Tyr y Llaithy [Tir y Llaethdy]</p> <p>plan of Blaencwmboy, Penrhiwanga and Tir y Founder, by John Williams</p> <p>plan of Tyr Llwydd [Tir Llwyd], surveyed by Frederick Howell under the direction of J.T. Williams</p> <p>sketch of ?Dyffryn House</p> <p>[formerly D/D Br 80-82] [1 vol. with 2 loose plans]</p>	<p>1792</p> <p>1811</p> <p>1816</p> <p>1844</p> <p>1805</p> <p>n.d.</p> <p>n.d.</p>
<b><u>Valuations and general information relating to estate management</u></b>		
DBR/E/4	<p>Estimate by by Evan Edwards of yearly rent and value of wood of Duffryn [Dyffryn] estate when sold by James Jones to William Bruce [formerly D/D Br 83] [1 paper]</p>	1749
DBR/E/5	<p>Valuation and account, giving details of purchase money for Duffryn estate, etc. [formerly D/D Br 84] [1 paper]</p>	c. 1750
DBR/E/6	<p>Extract from lease of Gwern Ivor (Gwern Ifor) and Pen Rhiw Ver (Penrhiw-fer), in Llanwynno, from Thomas Lewis to Thomas Rees, 1 December 1766 Endorsed: "Extract of Tho<sup>s</sup> Dav. Rees's Lease - which I bought of Whyndham Lewis Esqr., 1786" [formerly D/D Br 85] [1 paper]</p>	after 1786

**DBR/E**

DBR/E/7, 8	Particulars of Mr Lewis's estate in Llanwonno [Llanwynno] and Aberdare, giving details of acreages, tenancies and rents [formerly D/D Br 86, 87] [2 papers]	c. 1785
DBR/E/9	Letter from Thomas David and Edward Evan to revd. Thomas Bruce at Bath, concerning general estate matters, including Graig Issa [Graig Isaf] cordwood [formerly D/D Br 88] [1 paper]	2 Jul 1790
DBR/E/10	Notice of intended prosecution for trespass by sheep in Craig Issa wood by John Knight of Duffryn, in Aberdare [formerly D/D Br 89] [1 paper]	29 Dec 1792
DBR/E/11	Description of Dyffryn farm, giving names of occupiers, field names, acreages, and state of cultivation [formerly D/D Br 90] [1 paper]	4 Feb 1859
DBR/E/12/1, 2	Letter from William Llewelin to John Bruce Pryce, concerning Forchaman [Fforchaman] farm [formerly D/D BR 91] [2 papers]	25 Jul 1859
DBR/E/13	List of properties and tenants in Forchaman and Cefnpennar hts., 1815-1870 (watermark 1871) [formerly D/D BR 92] [1 paper]	after 1871
DBR/E/14	Account of chief rents due to trustees of marquess of Bute from executors of John Bruce Pryce, decd., with notes on properties concerned [formerly D/D BR 93] [1 paper]	Jan 1873
DBR/E/15	Sale catalogue [1 page only] giving details of part of Aberaman demesne and of Tir y Llathty [Tir y Llaethdy] farm [formerly D/D BR 94] [1 paper; printed]	c. 1828

DBR/E/16	Letters relating to purchase of United Colliery's property, January and February 1866 (copies) [formerly D/D Br 95] [1 paper]	c. 1866
DBR/E/17	Letter relating to payment of royalties by Powell Duffryn Steam Coal Co. to lord Aberdare [formerly D/D Br 96] [1 paper]	8 Nov 1880
	<u>Papers relating mainly to boundaries</u> See also DBR/E/40	
DBR/E/18	Evidence concerning boundary on mountain land belonging to Gwern lfor and Darran Laes [Darren Las]. and Penrhiwcradoc, in Llanwonno [Llanwynno] [formerly D/D Br 97] [1 paper]	24 Apr 1815
DBR/E/19	Letter from William Jones, Newport, co. Mon., to John Bruce Pryce concerning plan of Tyr y Llaithty [Tir y Llaethdy], boundaries, etc [formerly D/D Br 98] [1 paper]	3 June 1847
DBR/E/20	Statement by J. Petherick and M. Morgan concerning boundary at Cilhaul, in Llanwonno [formerly D/D Br 99] [1 paper]	17 Mar 1848
DBR/E/21	Printed notice concerning settlement of boundary disputes in Aberdare (and Merthyr Tydfil) [formerly D/D Br 100] [1 paper; printed]	7 Sep 1857
DBR/E/22	Plan of Tir Howel Laithog [Tir ?Heol Laethog] copied from tithe plan [formerly D/D Br 101] [1 paper]	1859
DBR/E/23	Declaration by William Watkins of Aberdare, road worker, concerning boundaries of Forchaman [Fforchaman] farm [formerly D/D Br 102] [1 paper]	4 Oct 1859

**DBR/E**

DBR/E/24/1, 2	Memorandum(copy) concerning boundary of Blaenllechau farm 1883 with plan, traced 1884 [formerly D/D Br 103/1,2] [1 paper, 1 plan]	1883, 1884
DBR/E/25	Plan showing Pwllfa farm, with boundary running through Coedcae Pwllfa [formerly D/D Br 104] [1 plan on tracing paper]	late 19 cent
DBR/E/26/1-3	Miscellaneous notes concerning boundaries and tenancies [formerly D/D Br 105/1-3] [3 papers]	late 19 cent
DBR/E/27	Plan showing land adjoining Aberdare canal and r. Cynon [formerly D/D Br/106] [1 small plan]	late 19 cent
DBR/E/29	Statement (copy) by W.N. Morgan, Maesydderwen, Mountain Ash, concerning Penrhiwcaradoc and Tyr Gelli [Ty' Gelli] boundary [1 paper]	6 May 1940
	<u>Tenancy agreements</u>	
DBR/E/30	Agreement William Bruce of Llanblethian with William Richards of Aberdare, yeoman Richards to grub-up roots of wood in Penwain Codka Isha [Penwaun Coedcae Isaf] field at next cutting of wood for charcoal by Bruce. Bruce to enclose Codka Isha coppice [formerly D/D Br 109] [1 paper]	10 Sep 1754
DBR/E/31	Agreement William Bruce of Llanblethian with William Richards of Duffrin [Dyffryn], Aberdare Richards to clear wood on Codkae Newydd [Coedcae Newydd] field at Aberfrod [Aber-ffrwd] farm and to renounce grazing rights. Bruce to erect fences and Richards to maintain them [formerly D/D Br 110] [1 paper]	5 Nov 1755

Building development

DBR/E/32	Building lease, for 99 years John Bruce Bruce of Dyffryn, Aberdare, esq., to Morgan Morgan of Llanwonno [Llanwynno], tailor Part of Craig Issa, being part of Duffryn [Dyffryn], Aberdare (boundary details given) [formerly D/D Br 111] [1 file; draft]	1 Apr 1810
DBR/E/33	Plan showing Pwllfa and Bedlwyn, with details of land required for mining, building, and other purposes, by messrs. Kenway & Son [formerly D/D Br 112] [1 plan on tracing paper]	n.d.
DBR/E/34/1-7	Specifications, estimates, and plans for building new church and school [formerly D/D Br 113/1-7] [4 plans and 3 papers]	late 19 cent
DBR/E/35	Letter (copy) from [W.N. Morgan], Maesydderwen, Mountain Ash, to Hospital Committee, concerning application for site of proposed hospital [formerly D/D Br 114] [1 paper]	5 Mar 1920
DBR/E/36	Notes on dates of acquisition of various parts of the Dyffryn, Aberdare, estate, compiled by John Bruce Pryce for Henry Austin Bruce [formerly D/D Br 122/1-5] [5 papers including copies]	1854
DBR/E/37, 38	Description of plantations on the Dyffryn, Aberdare, estate, including details of numbers and varieties of trees planted [formerly D/D Br 123, 124] [1 file, 1 paper]	1784-1786
DBR/E/39	'Labour Book' giving details of day work on the Dyffryn, Aberdare, estate, and 'social' notes by John Bruce- Pryce [formerly D/D/ Br 125] [1 booklet]	1826-1827

**DBR/E**

DBR/E/40	Manor of Miskin. Presentment of Grand Jury to settle boundary dispute between William Bruce and Benjamin Shaw [formerly D/D BR 126] [1 PAPER]	3 Aug 1753
DBR/E/41	Agreement for tenancy of Aberffrwd farm [formerly D/D Br 127] [1 paper]	1820
DBR/E/42/1, 2	Extracts from Aberdare tithe apportionment 1847, with covering letter [formerly D/D Br 128/1, 2] [2 papers]	1850
DBR/E/43/1-21	Correspondence, mainly letters from Thomas Lewis of Newhouse, in Llanishen, to William Bruce, relating to purchase of Dyffryn, Aberdare, and other property 1749-1750 with account of legal expenses c. 1750 [formerly D/D Br 129/1-21] [1 bdle. of 21 papers]	1749-1750, c.1750
DBR/E/44/1-4	Correspondence between William Curre of Itton Court, co. Monmouth, John Bruce Pryce, and Henry Austin Bruce, concerning minerals under Tyr y Founder [Tir y Ffownder], Aberdare [formerly D/D Br 130/1-4] [3 papers, 1 wrapper]	1839, 1840
DBR/E/45/1-3	Letters from John Nixon and Arthur Lawrence to lord Aberdare concerning working of Deep Dyffryn pit [formerly D/D Br 131/1-3] [2 papers, 1 envelope]	Jul 1888
DBR/E/46	Letter from John H. Bruce to lord Wharton concerning sanitary conditions at 'George Pit' houses and elsewhere in Cefnpennar [formerly D/D Br 132] [1 paper]	1924



**DBR/E**

DBR/E/47	<p>Vesting deed</p> <p>1. Hon. William Napier Bruce, Hare Dene, Albury Park, co. Surrey, CB; Gerald Trevor Bruce of Pontypridd, co. Glamorgan, solicitor; hon. John Hamilto Bruce, Cefn Pennar, Mountain Ash- trustees</p> <p>2.Rt.hon. Henry Campbell, Baron Aberdare</p> <p>Description of property in Mountain Ash area including minerals at Abermana</p> <p>To accompany plan, specifying number of plan, description of property, number of lease, date, term, original lessee, present lessee, ground rent by lease, apportioned ground rent, and remarks</p> <p>[1 vol.]</p>	1 Dec 1926
DBR/E/48	<p>Duplicate of DBR/E/48</p> <p>Heavily amended and annotated down to c. 1973 with 11 folding plans</p> <p>[1 vol.]</p>	1926-c. 1973
DBR/E/49	<p>Disbursements</p> <p>[1 bdle]</p> <p>[Accn 1987/399]</p>	1974-1982
DBR/E/50	<p>Mountain Ash Council and Cynon Valley District Council: rent receipts</p> <p>Marked 'Rents, wayleaves etc.'</p> <p>[1 vol.]</p> <p>[Accn 1987/399]</p>	1971-1986
DBR/E/51	<p>Dyffryn estate garden rents</p> <p>[1 vol.]</p> <p>[Accn 1987/399]</p>	1978-1980
	<p>Plans of areas occupied by:</p>	after 1904
DBR/E/52	<p>Deep Duffryn and Navigation Colliery</p> <p>Marked '1'</p>	
DBR/E/53	<p>Lower Duffryn and Aberffrwd Colliery</p> <p>Marked '2'</p>	
DBR/E/54	<p>Middle Duffryn</p> <p>Marked '3'</p>	
DBR/E/55	<p>Tyr Ffounder etc</p> <p>Marked '44'</p>	
DBR/E/56	<p>Fforchaman and Cwmaman</p> <p>Files stamped 'Lawrence Davies &amp; Causton, mining engineers, 6 Park Place, Cardiff'</p> <p>Scale 1:2500</p> <p>[1 vol. containing 5 folding plans]</p>	

**Estate accounts****Cash-books (half-yearly)**

DBR/EA/1/1	Cash-bbok ('No.1')	Feb 1881-Jun 1887
DBR/EA/1/2	Cash-book ('No.2')	Jan 1887-Dec 1894
DBR/EA/1/3	Cash-book ('No.3')	Jul 1894-Jun 1900
DBR/EA/1/4	Cash-book ('No.4')	Jan 1900-Dec 1905
DBR/EA/1/5	Cash-book ('No.5')	Jul 1905-Jun 1910
DBR/EA/1/6	Cash-book ('No.6')	Oct 1909-Nov 1913
DBR/EA/1/7	Cash-book ('No.7')	Jan 1914-Dec 1917
DBR/EA/1/8	Cash-book ('No.8')	Aug 1917-Jun 1921
DBR/EA/1/9	Cash-book ('No.9') <b>missing</b>	
DBR/EA/1/10	Cash-book ('No.10')	Jul 1924-Dec 1927
DBR/EA/1/11	Cash-book ('No.11')	Dec 1927-Dec 1930
DBR/EA/1/12	Cash-book <b>missing</b>	
DBR/EA/1/13	Cash-book	Dec 1933-Jun 1936
DBR/EA/1/14	Cash-book [12 vols.; fair condition]	
DBR/EA/2/1	Cash day-book [1 vol.; good condition]	Mar 1917-Mar 1920
DBR/EA/2/2	Cash day-book [1 vol.; fair condition]	Jun 1925-Nov 1929
<b><u>Rent. Cash receipts</u></b>		
DBR/EA/3	Rents. Cash receipts book (half-yearly) [1 vol.; fair condition]	1888-1926
DBR/EA/4	Ground rents. Cash receipts book (half-yearly) Specifying number, lessee, residence, arrears, rents, etc. [1 vol.; poor condition, boards missing]	Jul 1891-Jul 1898

Receipts. Various

DBR/EA/5	Receipts day-book ledger Arranged by account including schools committee, tenants, and industrial accounts [1 vol.; fair condition]	1888-1906
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Estate accounts. Disbursements

DBR/EA/6/1	Day-book	Jan 1859-Dec 1886
DBR/EA/6/2	Day-book	Jan 1867-Aug 1884
DBR/EA/6/3	Day-book	Aug 1884-Apr 1895
DBR/EA/6/4	Day-book	Apr 1895-Dec 1903
DBR/EA/6/5	Day-book	Jan 1904-Jan 1909
DBR/EA/6/6	Day-book	Jan 1909-May 1912
DBR/EA/6/7	Day-book	Jun 1912-Feb 1916
DBR/EA/6/8	Day-book	Mar 1916-Aug 1919
DBR/EA/6/9	Day-book	Jul 1919-Oct 1923
DBR/EA/6/10	Day-book	Oct 1923-Feb 1930

[10 vols.; fair condition]

DBR/EA/7	Disbursements. Cash and cheques [1 vol.; fair condition]	Oct 1913-Mar 1917
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Rents receipts

DBR/EA/8	Rent receipts (half-yearly) [1 vol.; poor condition]	Jan 1851-Oct 1865
DBR/EA/9	Rent receipts (half-yearly) [1 vol.; fair condition]	Aug 1865-Feb 1888
DBR/EA/10/1	Ground rents receipts (half-yearly)	Jan 1866-Jan 1876
DBR/EA/10/2	Ground rents receipts (half-yearly)	Jul 1876-Jan 1891
DBR/EA/10/3	Ground rents receipts (half-yearly)  [3 vols.; fair condition]	Jan 1889-Jul 1904
DBR/EA/10/4	Ground rents 'cash-book' (half-yearly) [1 vol.; fair condition]	Jun 1910-Jun 1914
DBR/EA/11	Ground rents day-book Arranged by tenant and address, date and credit / debit [1 vol.; fair condition]	Jul 1870-Jul 1884

DBR/EA/27	J Bruce Pryce. Ground rents ledger from lessees Specifying lease nos. in lease book [1 vol.; fair condition]	1864-1886
DBR/EA/28	Rent receipts day-book [1 vol.; poor condition]	1881-1890
DBR/EA/29	Half-yearly rent accounts [1 vol.; fair condition]	Feb 1936-Dec 1950
DBR/EA/34	Annual rental of the Monknash estate, years to July 1939 and July 1940 [1 vol.; fair condition]	1939-1940
	<u>Miscellaneous accounts</u>	
DBR/EA/12	Estate accounts. Day-book of receipts from farm, produce, rents, etc [1 vol.; very poor condition, missing front board] <b>Consult duty archivist before requesting</b>	1780-1801
DBR/EA/13	Estate accounts arranged by individual account for rents, estate work, tithes, tenants, etc. [1 vol. with loose papers; very poor condition] <b>Consult duty archivist before requesting</b>	1812-1842
DBR/EA/14	Timber estate accounts specifying name of wood, valuation, record of purchaser of timber, date of sale, amount paid, etc. [1 vol.; fair condition]	1873-1879
DBR/EA/15	Annual garden rents accounts, specifying names and occupation, residence, names of fields, etc., to Aug 1876-Aug 1889 [1 vol.; fair condition]	1876-1889
DBR/EA/30	Annual garden rents accounts [1 vol.; poor condition]	1914-1948
DBR/EA/31	Robertstown ('Roberts Town') annual gardens rents accounts, years to Feb 1939 and Feb 1972 [1 vol.; poor condition]	1939-Feb 1972
DBR/EA/32	Robert T Crawshay,. Receipts and payments [1 vol.; poor condition]	1882-1948
DBR/EA/33	Greenfield. Receipt of half-yearly ground rents [1 vol.; poor condition]	1891-1907

**DBR/E**

DBR/EA/16	Individual accounts ledger of payments and costs [1 vol.; fair condition]	1886-1900
DBR/EA/17	Individual accounts ledger, including disbursements from societies, volunteers, hospital, individual persons, etc [1 vol.; fair condition]	1890-1916
DBR/EA/18	Individual accounts receipts ledger from industrial concerns, canal company, workmen's hall, local board, and individual persons [1 vol.; poor condition, split binding]	1897-1912
DBR/EA/19	Individual accounts ledger for ground rents, half- yearly [1 vol.; fair condition]	1894-1902
DBR/EA/20	Day-book or cash journal for costs [1 vol.; fair condition]	Jun 1883-Mar 1895
DBR/EA/21	Day-book or journal for costs including kennels [1 vol. and loose papers; poor condition]	Jul 1902-Apr 1905
DBR/EA/22	Receipts and payments ledger: accounts for John Bruce Pryce, Jan-Feb 1861; individual properties 1881-1885; Darran Las Quarry, 1865; recapitulation 1864-1865 [1 vol. and loose papers]	1861, 1864, 1865, 1881-1885
DBR/EA/23	Pay-journal for estate work [1 vol.; poor condition]	May 1905-Nov 1909
DBR/EA/24/1	Record of coal raised giving names of lessees, takings, collieries, and seams, days worked, and coal raised [1 vol.; fair condition]	Nov 1900-Jun 1905
DBR/EA/24/2	Record of coal raised giving names of lessees, takings, collieries, and seams, days worked, and coal raised [1 vol.; fair condition]	Jun 1905-Mar 1909
DBR/EA/25	Copy-book recording individual accounts, receipts and payments, and valuations [1 vol.; fair condition]	1895-1911

DBR/EA/26

Farm and memorandum book of David Morgan, estate agent, estimates and statements of work, receipt of rents, rating, valuations, timber sales, tenants' rent charges, costs for building and repairs, and copies of related correspondence concerning estate and schools  
[1 vol.; poor condition]

Nov 1860-Aug 1871

**Estate. Deeds and documents**

DBR/ED/1/1

Register of deeds

c.1857-1917

[1 vol.; poor condition]

**Estate correspondence**

**Access to these records is restricted and Glamorgan Record Office staff should be consulted before ordering**

Correspondence concerning financial matters

Records are marked 'Sealed' during lifetimes of Morys lord Aberdare and Major WN Morgan

DBR/EF/1/1-3	Estate correspondence of Major WN Morgan relating to accounts	
DBR/EF/1/1	Correspondence	1950-1959
DBR/EF/1/2	Correspondence	1960-1969
DBR/EF/1/3	Correspondence	1970-1974
	[3 files]	
DBR/EF/2/1-3	Correspondence relating to disbursement accounts	
DBR/EF/2/1	Correspondence	1941-1949
DBR/EF/2/2	Correspondence	1950-1959
DBR/EF/2/3	Correspondence, with summary accounts 1932-1939	1960-1973
	[3 files]	



**TEMPORARY LIST**

These records have not been individually numbered and restrictions on access may be placed on these until this task is completed.

**Estate. Minerals**

Particular items listed among these papers have been transferred to:

DBR/F: family papers:

Letter from C.K.K. Tynte, Halswell, 6 August 1815, to T.B. Bruce, Duffryn Aberdare; W.B. Knight, Margam, 20 July 1835, to J.B. Bruce, Duffryn; ?S.W. Bruce, 9 February 1835, to his father J.B. Bruce, Duffryn

DBR/X: miscellanea

*The Ichnography of the Stupendous & Amazing Building Caerfely Castle in Glamorganshire supposed to be Built 400 Years Before the Birth of Christ by one Beli Gawr then King of all Britain.*

South-east view of castle and explanation of details

Surveyor: William Morrice, 1782

Scale of plan: approx 1in = 150ft

Draft address by Lord Aberdare on opening of the College of South Wales, 1883

Records formerly held in a small, wooden, leather-bound box

DBR/EM/	Lease for 99 years, from John Bruce Pryce to David Jenkins, of piece of ground at Mountain Ash, for building Rough plan [1 paper]	2 Feb 1850
DBR/EM/	Opinion concerning land belonging to Overton on behalf of executors and trustees of late Sir Thomas B. Lethbridge regarding wayleave and the Varteg Co. [2 papers]	20 Feb 1855
DBR/EM/	Memorandum of agreement between Henry Austin Bruce for John Bruce Price (sic) and Samuel Dobson of Trefforest, agent for Aberdare Valley Railway Co., regarding purchase of land for railway under Bill. Parliamentary plan nos. 56, 62, 65, 80-82, 85, 86, 89	Jan 1856

Records formerly contained in a large iron box  
belonging to the estate.

DBR/EM/	Correspondence from William Llewelin to John Bruce Pryce, and letter from H.A. Bruce to his father J.B. Pryce, regarding wayleave, accounts, etc Contained in envelope marked 'Commissn. Acct. to June 10, 1860 & remittances from Nixon, & Shepherd. and new arrangement to commence July 1. 1861'	1856-1861
DBR/EM/	Letter from Thomas Powell, The Gaer, Newport, to J Bruce Pryce, Duffryn, Cardiff Congratulations on marriage. Encloses quarter's rent for Duffryn Colliery. Mr Gwyn, Holford's agent, unwilling to allow coal to be worked under Tyr-y-founder [Tir y Ffowndwr] land. Encloses letter from mr Griffiths on the subject, etc. Share of gulage for coal worked under Tyr-y-founder. Cannot understand what he is seeking, etc. [1 paper; fair condition]	6 Jan 1845
DBR/EM/	Copy of letter to W Llewelin regarding receipts from the Aberdare Collieries, itemised invoices of William Llewelin on John Bruce Pryce for commission on gross rental of the Duffryn Mineral Estate 1860; accounts and statements of royalty; land account; and summary of payments to John Bruce Pryce 1861 [1 file of papers]	n.d. (watermark 1860)

**DBR/E**

DBR/EM/	Statement of coal raised week ending 25 May 1867 from Powell Duffryn Steam Coal Co. (Lower, Middle and Upper Duffryn, Fforchaman), Llettyshenkin Coal Co. (Llettyshenkin), Nixon Taylor and Cory (Deep Duffryn, Navigation), Shepherd and Evans (Bedlwyn) Statement sent from David Morgan to J. Bruce Pryce, Bath [1 paper]	1867
DBR/EM/	Account of royalty due from Messrs Nixon, Talor & Cory to John Bruce Pryce, on coal and ironstone, and summary of payments [1 paper]	Mar 1868
DBR/EM/	Mineral reports on collieries with statements of annual coal raised and sold (arranged by colliery) With plans showing workings [1 file of papers]	1883-1887, 1889-1893

**Estate plans**

[accession 2002/56]

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| DBR/EP/1 | <p>'Map of sundry lands in the parishes of Aberdare and Lanwonno. County of Glamorgan the property of John Bruce Bruce [= Pryce] esqr.'</p> <p>Naming Bruce holdings and adjoining owners.<br/>Bruce holdings: Tir y Founder [Tir y Ffowndwr], Coch Farm, Gelli Ddu Fach Farm, Aberffrwyd [Aber-ffrwd] Farm, Penrhiwanga Farm, Abercwmboi Issa [Abercwmboi Isaf], Craig Isha [Craig Isaf] Farm, Tarran Las Farm, Gwern Ivor [Gwernifor] Farm, Pen Rhiw Caradoc Farm, Blaen Cwmifor, Bedlwyn Farm, and Pyllfa [Pwllfa] Farm<br/>Cartouche (approx. 12in x 12in, in watercolour) illustrating Dyffryn House, in Aberdare, with canal lock in foreground<br/>Scale: 8 chains = 1in<br/>No name of surveyor<br/>Approx. 50in wide x 38in high</p> <p>[Paper on linen; ink and watercolour; stained; poor condition]</p> | c.1870-1880 |
| DBR/EP/2 | <p>'Plan shewing Dufryn homestead farm and grounds' Showing outline of Dyffryn House and nearby buildings, Great Western Railway, Aberdare Canal, woods, etc.<br/>Reference table: numbers and names of fields, and acreage<br/>Cartouche of Bruce arms<br/>Scale: 2 chains = 1in<br/>Surveyor: JH Jenkins, Mountain Ash<br/>Approx 39in wide x 33in high</p> <p>[Paper on linen; ink and watercolour; soiled; poor condition]</p>  | 1 May 1879  |
| DBR/EP/3 | <p>Ordnance Survey plans (joined), showing area extending from Navigation Colliery and Mountain Ash to Dyffryn House, and to Cwm-bach and Aberaman<br/>1 edition<br/>Scale: 1 : 2500</p> <p>[joined paper plans; fair condition]</p>  | c.1880      |

DBR/EP/4	<p>“Section of the South Wales Coalfield showing the following districts” Sections of strata in Rhondda Valley, Aberdare Valley, and Merthyr Vale Colliery, stating type of rock and thickness Recorded at Ocean Co. Colliery (Rhondda), Nixon’s Navigation Colliery (Aberdare Valley) and Nixon’s Colliery (Merthyr Vale) Surveyor: JH Jenkins, C &amp; ME, Mountain Ash Scale: 40ft = 1in approx 24in wide x 56in high</p> <p>[tracing paper on linen; poor condition; fragile]</p>	1877
DBR/EP/5	<p>Ordnance Survey plans (joined), coloured to show holdings of Lord Aberdare, Forestry Commission, National Coal Board, WH Williams, Mrs G Pitt, and K Savage, in area extending from Penwaun Iago, Tyle Robert and Lletty Shenkin to Cwmpennar, defined on east side by parish boundary on Mynydd Merthyr</p> <p>[joined paper]</p>	after 1948

**Estate. Miscellaneous**

DBR/EX/1	Llwydcoed estate. Sale particulars 2nd edition 2 folding plans  [1 soft-bound vol.]	1912
DBR/EX/2	The Miers Mineral and Surface Estates. Sale particulars of freehold in ps. Cadoxton-juxta-Neath and Llanguicke [Llan-giwg], and minerals; farms, sheep walks, ground rents, and greater part of township of Onllwyn in manors of Caegurwen, Neath Ultra and Kilybebill Folding plans  [1 soft-bound vol.]	1914
DBR/EX/3	Sale particulars of freehold farms, accommodation lands, building sites and ground rents in ps. Rhigos and Blaengwrach Folding plans  [1 soft-bound vol.]	1914
DBR/EX/4	Marquis of Bute's Aberdare estate. Sale particulars of 150 leasehold cottages Folding plans With duplicate  [2 soft-bound vols.]	1916
DBR/EX/5	The Mills, leasehold in Darran Road, Mountain Ash. Sale particulars 1 folding plan With duplicate  [2 booklets]	1953

**Diaries and scrapbooks**

The diaries of CN Bruce third Lord Aberdare are subject to restrictions on reproduction of any information of a personal or private nature.

DBR/F/27/1-40	Diaries of Clarence Napier Bruce (1885-1957), third Lord Aberdare	
DBR/F/27/1	Diary	1904
DBR/F/27/2	Diary	1905
DBR/F/27/3	Diary	1909
DBR/F/27/4	Diary	1910
DBR/F/27/5	Diary	1913
DBR/F/27/6	Diary	1914
DBR/F/27/7	Diary	1915
DBR/F/27/8	Diary	1916
DBR/F/27/9	Diary	1917
DBR/F/27/10	Diary	1918
DBR/F/27/11	Diary	1919
DBR/F/27/12	Diary	1920
DBR/F/27/13	Diary	1921
DBR/F/27/14	Diary	1922
DBR/F/27/15	Diary	1923
DBR/F/27/16	Diary	1925
DBR/F/27/17	Diary	1926
DBR/F/27/18	Diary	1927
DBR/F/27/19	Diary	1928
DBR/F/27/20	Diary	1929
DBR/F/27/21	Diary	1930
DBR/F/27/22, 23	Diaries (2)	1931
DBR/F/27/24	Diary	1932
DBR/F/27/25	Diary	1933
DBR/F/27/26	Diary	1934
DBR/F/27/27	Diary	1936
DBR/F/27/28	Diary	1937
DBR/F/27/29	Diary	1938
DBR/F/27/30	Diary	1939
DBR/F/27/31	Diary	1940
DBR/F/27/32	Diary	1941
DBR/F/27/33	Engagement diary	1919
DBR/F/27/34	Engagement diary	1919
DBR/F/27/35	Engagement diary	1920
DBR/F/27/36	Engagement diary	1921
DBR/F/27/37	Engagement diary	1922
DBR/F/27/38	Engagement diary	1923
DBR/F/27/39	Engagement diary	1924

DBR/F/27/40	Visiting diary  [40 vols.]  Scrapbooks relating to the life and activities of Clarence Napier Bruce	1907-1912
DBR/F/27/41	Scrapbook	1905-1921
DBR/F/27/42	Scrapbook	1921-1927
DBR/F/27/43	Scrapbook	1927-1930
DBR/F/27/44	Scrapbook  [4 vols.]	1937-1938
DBR/F/27/45	Scrapbook compiled by Margaret Bethune Bruce, Lady Aberdare  [1 vol.]	1937-1938
DBR/F/28/1	Diary of Henry Austin Bruce, first Lord Aberdare  Marked 'My first Diary' and inscribed by HA Bruce on flyleaf. Entries not continuous  [1 vol.]	1838-1842
DBR/F/28/2	Travel diary of Henry Austin Bruce, first Lord Aberdare  The diary commences in Marseilles on 29 July 1844 and describes Bruce's travels through France and Italy ending on 25 April 1845 in Sicily. Most of the entries describe the art and architectural treasures if Italy visited by Bruce. Tours included in the itinerary were of Rouen, Paris and Lyons, Genoa, Lucca, Sienna, Pisa, Perugia, Orvieto, Florence, Rome and Naples, with excursions in Corsica and Sicily.  [1 vol.]	1844-1845
DBR/F/30/1	Newscuttings, photographs and personal memorabilia	1928-Oct 1957
DBR/F/30/2	Newscuttings, photographs and personal memorabilia	Feb 1957-May 1965
DBR/F/30/3	Newscuttings, photographs and personal memorabilia	May 1965-Aug 1969



**DBR/E**

DBR/F/30/4	Newscuttings, photographs and personal memorabilia	1969-1974
DBR/F/30/5	Newscuttings, photographs and personal memorabilia	Sep 1973-1979
DBR/F/30/6	Newscuttings, photographs and personal memorabilia	1979-1985
DBR/F/30/7	Newscuttings, photographs and personal memorabilia	1986-1991
	[7 vols. with loose photographs, and other papers]	
DBR/F/31	Personal, legal, and business correspondence	
	[1 file]	
DBR/F/32/1-3	Mounted photographs	
DBR/F/32/1	Party at porch of a large house, probably Dyffryn, Aberdare [photographic print; mounted]	before 1914
DBR/F/32/2	Party of boys and men on lawns with cricket ball and football(?) [photographic print and duplicate; mounted]	before 1914
DBR/F/32/3	Party of women and girls near gardens [photographic print and duplicate; mounted]	before 1914

**Estate management. Letterbooks**

The letterbooks are arranged in small groups in chronological sequence but the individual functions of each group is uncertain.

DBR/E/L/1	Letterbook	?Aug 1876- Oct 1893
DBR/E/L/2	Letterbook	Nov 1893- May 1897
DBR/E/L/3	Letterbook	May 1897- Jan 1903
DBR/E/L/4	Letterbook	Sep 1904- Sep 1909
DBR/E/L/5	Letterbook	Sep 1909- Nov 1911
DBR/E/L/6	Letterbook [6 vols.]	
DBR/E/L/7	Letterbook	Jan 1893- Aug 1898
DBR/E/L/8	Letterbook	Nov 1904- Oct 1913
DBR/E/L/9	Letterbook	Oct 1913- Nov 1918
DBR/E/L/10	Letterbook	Nov 1897- Feb 1903, Nov 1918-Jul 1922
DBR/E/L/11	Letterbook	Jul 1922-Oct 1926
DBR/E/L/12	Letterbook [6 vols.]	Oct 1926-Jul 1930
DBR/E/L/13	Letterbook	Sep 1922- May 1925
DBR/E/L/14	Letterbook	Jul 1925-Dec 1927
DBR/E/L/15	Letterbook [3 vols.]	Dec 1927- May 1930
DBR/E/L/16	Letterbook	Jan 1908- Jun 1917
DBR/E/L/17	Letterbook [2 vols.]	Jul 1917-Jun 1917
DBR/E/L/18	Letterbook	Jun 1923- Feb 1928

**DBR/E**

DBR/E/L/19

Letterbook  
[2 vols.]

Oct 1922-  
Sep 1931

**Miscellaneous records****St Margaret's church, Mountain Ash**

DBR/X/1/1	Vestry minutes book [1 vol.]	1866-1885
DBR/X/1/2	Churchwardens' accounts book	1898-1913
DBR/X/1/3	Churchwardens' accounts book [2 vols.]	1914-1925
DBR/X/1/4	Register of church services [1 vol.]	1903-1915

**Duffryn [Dyffryn] Schools, Mountain Ash**

DBR/X/2/1	Compendium of information relating to the Duffryn schools, including a list of teachers and salaries 1881, and copies of HMI reports 1885-1893 [1 notebook]	1881-1893
DBR/X/2/2	Accounts book, including receipts and payments 1866-1867; cost of schools 1856-1871; damage by fire 1868; children's school pence; copy of correspondence 1868-1869 [1 vol.; fair condition]	1856-1871

**Second Glamorgan Rifle Volunteers, Mountain Ash Detachment**

DBR/X/3/1	Receipts and payments book (two pages only completed) [1 vol.]	1886-1888
DBR/X/3/1, 2	Paybooks 'C' and 'D' Companies at camp at Lavernock and Aldershot [2 vols]	1886
DBR/X/3, 4	Roll and paybooks of C and D Companies [2 small vols.]	1887-1888

