

## GLAMORGAN RECORD OFFICE/ARCHIFDY MORGANNWG

**Reference code:** GB 0214 DHMP

**Title:** Cardiff Prison Records

**Dates :** 1880-1988

**Level of description:** Fonds

**Extent and medium:** 0.1 cubic metres  
(37 volumes, 3 photographs, 2 plans)

**Name of creator(s):** HMP Cardiff

### **Administrative/biographical history**

In the 17th century, a county gaol had been established in High Street, Cardiff, run and financed by the county Quarter Sessions. By 1814, the gaol was deemed insufficient and a new gaol was built on land given by Lord Bute in the Spital Field on Whitmore Lane (later called Custom House Street), a site it still occupies today. The new prison opened in 1832, with John Bateman Wood as governor. Henry Green took over as governor in 1868, and was followed by Major John Knox in 1872. In 1876 the prison was enlarged, with accommodation for females and a chapel added. After the Prisons Act 1877, responsibility for the prison was transferred to the Home Office from the county. The prison's capacity was greatly extended in 1996 by the commissioning of three new wings in addition to the three Victorian wings.

### **Archival history**

The records remained in the custody of the prison until deposit.

### **Immediate source of acquisition**

The records were deposited by the prison in 2001 and 2008.

### **Scope and content**

- Governors' letter book, 1911-1962;
- Governor's Journal, 1940-1954, 1981-1988 (latter volume includes list of staff serving in 1985);
- Medical Officer's journals, 1940-1968;
- hospital and medical reception registers, 1956-1970;
- register of deaths, 1880-1982;
- aerial photograph of Cardiff Prison, 1946;
- photograph of Major Knox, copy of original dating to [? 1870s];
- photograph of prisoners in prison yard, copy of original dating to [? late 19th century];
- Ordnance Survey plans depicting Swallowfield burial ground in Berkshire, 1899-1900;
- calendars of prisoners tried at the Assizes and Quarter Sessions, Mar 1900-Oct 1902, Jan 1907-Dec 1908, Jan 1952-Nov 1952;
- Rules & Standing Orders for the Government of Prisons", 1933;

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### **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**

Chronologically within record series.

### **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**

English

### **Physical characteristics and technical requirements**

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**

Related records in Glamorgan Record Office are:

Q/G: Glamorgan Quarter Sessions - gaol records, including working and administrative papers of the gaol and its officers, 1829-1878;

CL/MS 5.131, Gaol Calendars, Glamorgan Q.S., 1823-1872;

CL/MS 5.132, Accounts and other papers relating to Glamorgan prisons, 1856-1860;

CL/MS 4.808, Correspondence on the proposed appointment of non-Welsh speaking chaplains to Cardiff Gaol and Swansea house of correction, 1859, including statement of duties of surgeon at county gaol;

CL/MS 4.781, Plans for new gaol at Cardiff, 1859 [WILL NOT BE PRODUCED].

Related records in the National Library of Wales are:

Bute Estate Collection, G26/1-3: Resolution ordering the abandonment of the House of Correction at Cowbridge and erecting a new gaol at Cardiff, 1834;

G28, Queries relating to Cardiff County Gaol and Swansea House of Correction, 1837.

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### **Publication note**

Not applicable

### **Note**

Not applicable

### **Archivist's note**

Compiled by Geoff Edwards 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**

19 Jun 2008

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### Governor's Records

DHMP/2/1/1	Governors' Letter Book [1 volume]	1911-1962
DHMP/1/2/1	Governor's Journal [1 volume]	1981-1988

Daily log of prisoner numbers in main prison and remand centre, including the number of discharges and new arrivals, with remarks on any notable occurrences. Also includes list of staff serving in 1985.

### Medical Officer's Records

#### Journals

Record duties performed by the Medical Officer and notable occurrences.

DHMP/2/1/1	Medical Officer's Journal [1 volume]	Jan 1940-Dec 1954
DHMP/2/1/2	Medical Officer's Journal [1 volume]	Jan 1955-May 1964
DHMP/2/1/3	Medical Officer's Journal [1 volume]	May 1964-Feb 1968

#### Complaining Sick Registers (Main Prison)

Registers include the name and number of a prisoner, the complaint and treatment given.

DHMP/2/2/1	Complaining Sick Register (Main Prison) [1 volume]	Jan 1958-Apr 1958
DHMP/2/2/2	Complaining Sick Register (Main Prison) [1 volume]	Oct 1967-Dec 1967
DHMP/2/2/3	Complaining Sick Register (Main Prison) [1 volume]	Apr 1968-Sep 1969
DHMP/2/2/4	Complaining Sick Register (Main Prison) [1 volume]	Nov 1968-Jan 1969
DHMP/2/2/5	Complaining Sick Register (Main Prison) [1 volume]	Jan 1969-Mar 1969

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DHMP/2/2/6	Complaining Sick Register (Main Prison) [1 volume]	Mar 1969-Apr 1969
DHMP/2/2/7	Complaining Sick Register (Main Prison) [1 volume]	Apr 1969-Jun 1969
DHMP/2/2/8	Complaining Sick Register (Main Prison) [1 volume]	Jun 1969-Aug 1969
DHMP/2/2/9	Complaining Sick Register (Main Prison) [1 volume]	Aug 1969-Oct 1969
DHMP/2/2/10	Complaining Sick Register (Main Prison) [1 volume]	Sep 1969-Jul 1970
DHMP/2/2/11	Complaining Sick Register (Main Prison) [1 volume]	Oct 1969-Dec 1969
DHMP/2/2/12	Complaining Sick Register (Main Prison) [1 volume]	Dec 1969-Feb 1970
DHMP/2/2/13	Complaining Sick Register (Main Prison) [1 volume]	Feb 1970-May 1970
DHMP/2/2/14	Complaining Sick Register (Main Prison) [1 volume]	May 1970-Sep 1970
DHMP/2/2/15	Complaining Sick Register (Main Prison) [1 volume]	Sep 1970

### Complaining Sick Registers (Remand Centre)

DHMP/2/3/1	Complaining Sick Register (Remand Centre) [1 volume]	Aug 1964-Apr 1968
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### Medical Reception Registers (Main Prison)

Register records prisoner's name, date of conviction, age, weight, state of health, and other remarks at time of entry to prison.

DHMP/2/4/1	Medical Reception Register - Males [1 volume]	Jul 1956-Nov 1957
DHMP/2/4/2	Medical Reception Register - Males [1 volume]	Sep 1960-Aug 1961
DHMP/2/4/3	Medical Reception Register - Males [1 volume]	Aug 1961-Apr 1962
DHMP/2/4/4	Medical Reception Register - Males [1 volume]	Aug 1963-May 1964

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DHMP/2/4/5	Medical Reception Register - Males [1 volume]	Jun 1964-Apr 1965
DHMP/2/4/6	Medical Reception Register - Males [1 volume]	Apr 1966-Mar 1967
DHMP/2/4/7	Medical Reception Register - Males [1 volume]	Mar 1967-Jan 1968
DHMP/2/4/8	Medical Reception Register - Males [1 volume]	Jan 1968-Feb 1969
DHMP/2/4/9	Medical Reception Register - Males [1 volume]	Feb 1969-Feb 1970
DHMP/2/4/10	Medical Reception Register - Females [1 volume]	Aug 1961-Oct 1965

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Register records prisoner's name, date of conviction, age, weight, state of health, and other remarks at time of entry to prison.

DHMP/2/5/1	Medical Reception Register (Remand Centre) [1 volume]	Oct 1966-Oct 1968
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### Registers of Deaths

Gives prisoner's name, dates of committal, admission and death, age at death, occupation, details of illnesses suffered, previous admissions to hospital, health on arrival, cause of death, result of post mortem.

DHMP/2/6/1	Register of Deaths [1 volume]	1880-1982
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### Photographs

DHMP/3/1	Major John Knox [1 photograph]  Copy of original.	[? 1870s]
DHMP/3/2	Prisoners in prison yard [1 photograph]  Copy of original.	[? late 19th century]
DHMP/3/3	Aerial photograph of Cardiff Prison [1 photograph]	1946

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### Plans

DHMP/4/1i-ii Ordnance Survey plans depicting Swallowfield 1899-1900  
burial ground in Berkshire  
[2 plans]

### Printed Works

DHMP/5/2 "Rules & Standing Orders for the Government of 1933  
Prisons"  
[1 volume]

### **Calendars of Prisoners**

Printed summaries of prisoners tried at the Glamorgan Assizes and  
Quarter Sessions.

DHMP/5/1/1 Calendar of Prisoners Mar 1900-Oct  
[1 volume] 1902

DHMP/5/1/2 Calendar of Prisoners Jan 1907-Dec  
[1 volume] 1908

Includes governor's correspondence concerning  
case of John Pugh.

DHMP/5/1/3 Calendar of Prisoners Jan 1952-Nov  
[1 volume] 1952