

Reference code(s): GB 0214 DTC

Title: Thompson family of Cardiff papers

Creation date(s): [17th century]-1977

Level of description: Fonds

Extent: 1.7 cubic metres (11 boxes)

Name of creator(s): Thompson family of Cardiff

CONTEXT

Administrative/Biographical history: The Thompson family originated in the English West Country, where they were members of the Society of Friends. In 1854, Charles Thompson (1815-1889) joined the firm of Spillers Milling, based in Bridgewater, Somerset. In the same year, the firm established a mill in Cardiff, Glamorgan, and in 1860, its head office was moved there. Charles Thompson had come to the town in 1857, setting up his home at Preswylfa, Llandaff; from 1864, he was chairman of the company, which had come almost entirely under Thompson control. He had several children, including James Pyke Thompson (1846-1897), Henry Woolcott Thompson (1848-1919), Charles Thompson (1851-1938) of Penhill Close, and Herbert Metford Thompson (1856-1939). James Pyke Thompson built Turner House Gallery in Penarth to display his art collection, and bequeathed it, with its contents, to Penarth Town Council. Subsequently it passed to the National Museum of Wales. He also made benefactions directly to the Museum, which has a Pyke Thompson gallery named in his honour. Herbert Metford Thompson, among his many activities, served as a city councillor and alderman, and, with his brother Charles, was instrumental in enabling the city to buy Llandaff Fields as an open space. Charles Thompson presented to the city Sir David's Field and the Dell adjoining it. Charles Thompson of Penhill Close married Honora Elizabeth Thompson (1857-1947), and their children included Jennifer Thompson (1885-1890), Haselden Thompson (1888-1977), Bernard Woolcott Thompson (1891-1970) and Eleanor Metford Thompson (1895-1974).

CONTENT

Scope and content/abstract: Papers of the Thompson family of Cardiff, [17th century]-1977, including: records relating to James Pyke Thompson, 1888, 1939; records relating to Henry Woolcott Thompson, [c. 1910]; records relating to Charles Thompson (1851-1938) of Penhill Close, 1872-1972, and his wife Honora Elizabeth Thompson, 1871-1954; records relating to Jennifer Thompson, 1889; legal papers and correspondence relating to Haselden Thompson, 1882-1977; records relating to Bernard Woolcott Thompson, [c. 1896]-1970, including correspondence; records relating to Eleanor Metford

Thompson, 1916-1974; photographs of Charles Thompson and his family, 1860-[c. 1940]; records relating to Herbert Metford Thompson, of Whitley Batch, Llandaff, 1868-[c. 1940]; published and unpublished writings of H. M. Thompson, 1876-1937; records relating to Joseph Metford (1776-1863), [c. 1804]-[c. 1880]; records relating to the family of William Metford (1803-1832), [c. 1850], 1918; records relating to Samuel Metford (b. 1810), [early 19th century]; records relating to Eleanor Metford (1818-1890), 1818-[late 19th century]; records relating to the Browne family, 1753-1835; and pedigrees, [17th century]-[20th century].

ACCESS AND USE

Language/scripts of material: English

System of arrangement: Arranged according to date and type.

Conditions governing access: No restrictions

Conditions governing reproduction: Normal Glamorgan Record Office conditions apply.

Physical characteristics: Good to fair condition

Finding aids: A handlist is available at the Glamorgan Record Office.

ARCHIVAL INFORMATION

Appraisal, destruction and scheduling information: All records have been retained.

Accruals: Accruals are not expected.

Archival history:

Immediate source of acquisition: Deposited by a private individual at various dates.

ALLIED MATERIALS

DESCRIPTION NOTES

Note: Title supplied from contents of fonds.

Archivist's note: Compiled by Hayden Burns for the ANW project. The following source was used in the compilation of this description: Glamorgan Record Office, Catalogue of records for the Thompson Family of Cardiff.

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

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