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Reference code: GB 0214 DWAW/31

Title: Agnes Irene James (nee MacDonald) Papers

Dates : 1913-1992

Level of description: Fonds

Extent and medium: 0.06 cubic metres (3 boxes)

Name of creator(s): Agnes Irene James (nee MacDonald)

Administrative/biographical history

Agnes Irene MacDonald (1898-1992), known as Rene, was the daughter of Scottish migrants to Merthyr Tydfil. She was an early student at Cardiff University she studied for a BSc in Biology and Botany. She then undertook an MSc at Swansea University, before achieving a PhD in Geology at Imperial College of Science. After lecturing at Bedford College for Women in London, she returned to Merthyr to become a senior mistress in biology and botany at Merthyr County Grammar School, where she worked until her retirement in the 1950s. Relatively late in life she married Mr T. L. James, the former Head Postmaster of Llandrindod Wells, in 1966, and later went to live in an artists' colony in Gloucestershire.

Archival history

The records remained in the custody of the family until deposited.

Immediate source of acquisition

Deposited by the wife of Mrs James' stepson, April 2008.

Scope and content

The collection consists primarily of the papers of Agnes James, including: diaries, 1960-1992; education certificates, 1913-1925; PhD thesis, c. 1925; copy of application for employment to Bedford College for Women, London, 1926; copy of Aberdare Hall entrance form, c. 1920; Aberdare Hall centenary tea-towel, 1985; academic notes, [20th century]; material relating to Royal Commission for the Exhibition of 1851, 1961; photographs, 1917-1970s; watercolour paintings and sketches, [20th century]; correspondence, c. 1960; papers & correspondence from the Botanical Society of the British Isles concerning a survey of plant species, 1954-1955, 1962; obituary, 1 Oct 1992. Also included are needlework samples of Cora A MacDonald, [1920s] and details of the estate distribution and income for Evelyn Alice MacDonald, 1959.

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.

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System of arrangement

Order at time of deposit retained.

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

Good condition

Finding aids

A detailed catalogue is not currently available.

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 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

30 Jul 2008