

Reference code(s): GB 0214 DXEL

Title: The Rest convalescent home, Porthcawl records

Creation date(s): 1862-1974

Level of description: Fonds

Extent: 0.06 cubic metres (2 boxes, 5 volumes)

Name of creator(s): The Rest convalescent home, Porthcawl

CONTEXT

Administrative/Biographical history: The Rest was established as a seaside convalescent hospital for the working classes, particularly miners, in 1862, in Porthcawl, Glamorgan, at the initiative of Dr James Lewis, of Maesteg, Glamorgan. Lewis was supported by Florence Nightingale, the reformer of hospital nursing. The institution was maintained and supported by private contributors which included prominent landowners, industrialists, the trade union movement, friendly societies and a host of private individuals; it was rebuilt in the 1870s-1880s. It remains active as Rest Bay Convalescent Home.

CONTENT

Scope and content/abstract: Annual reports, 1863-1974; minutes 1871-1934; letter from Florence Nightingale, 1871; trust deed (copy), 1899; constitution and rules, 1927; centenary fayre programme and admission ticket, 1962; and brochures, c1949 and 1971.

ACCESS AND USE

Language/scripts of material: English

System of arrangement:

Conditions governing access: No restrictions

Conditions governing reproduction: Normal Glamorgan Record Office conditions apply

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

ARCHIVAL INFORMATION

Accruals: Accruals are possible

Archival history: The Rest convalescent home records were transferred by the Secretary of the home, to the Glamorgan Record Office, in several deposits between 1956 and 1988.

Immediate source of acquisition: Secretary of The Rest convalescent home, Portcawl

ALLIED MATERIALS

Related material: Glamorgan Record Office, DST, Stockwood of Bridgend, solicitors: correspondence, reports and other papers regarding The Rest, 1863-1884

DESCRIPTION NOTES

Archivist's note: David Morris for ANW project. The following sources were used for compilation: *The "Rest" (Sea-Side) Convalescent Homes: An illustrated survey of this well-known Institution; its beneficial work and aims (1949)*; The Rest Bay Convalescent Hotel website (<http://www.therest.org.uk>), viewed 16 August 2004.

Rules or conventions: Description follows Archives Network Wales guidelines based on ISAD(G) second edition; AACR2 and LCSH.

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