

GLAMORGAN RECORD OFFICE/ARCHIFYDY MORGANNWG

Reference code : **GB 214 DXNM**

Title : **Records of the Bruce family of Monkash**

Dates of creation : **1728-1972**

Level of description: **Fonds**

Extent : **11 boxes, 1vol., 6 plans; 0.36m³**

Administrative/Biographical history

John Bruce Knight of Dyffryn, Aberdare (afterwards John Bruce Pryce) inherited the Monkash estate in 1837 under the Will of his distant cousin Mrs. Booth Grey of Dyffryn, St. Nicholas. By the early twentieth century the estate consisted of over 1400 acres in the parishes of Monkash, Marcross and Llandow and also a Western or Neath estate in Cadoxton-juxta-Neath, Michaelston Higher, Pontrhydyfen and Rhos Pontardawe. The family house was at Blaen-y-cwm in the parish.

The papers relate particularly to George Lewis Bruce (1862-1955) who lived at Toynbee Hall, London, then at Woodberrie Knoll, Loughton, Essex, 1904-c.1937 then at Monkash. He was keenly interested in educational matters, and a member of the London School Board 1891-1894 and 1897-1902 and of London County Council 1902-1905. He and his wife were also patrons of the Wick District Nursing Association.

Custodial history

DXNM 4-44 were deposited in the National Library of Wales until transferred to the Glamorgan Record Office in 1967.

Immediate source of acquisition

DXNM 1-44 were deposited in the Record Office by the Bruce family in 1967, and the remainder of the records in 1982.

Content of collection

Title deeds estate accounts and plans; estate papers c.1910-1930s; personal papers; family photographs; London School Board and London County Council papers; Wick District Nursing Association papers; Monkash parish meeting minute book 1918-1972.

Appraisal, destruction and scheduling information

Duplicates and ephemeral material have been destroyed.

System of arrangement

The earlier deposit (DXNM 1-44) was listed at the time it was received. The second deposit is arranged in the following categories:

DXNM E estate papers
DXNM F family papers and photographs

DXNM 4-44 are also estate papers.

Legal status

Non-public, deposited.

Access conditions

Open access.

Language

English except for a few items in French and one in Hebrew.

Physical characteristics (condition)

The papers are mostly in good condition.

Finding aids

Detailed lists available.

Related material in the Glamorgan Record Office

DXGC 144 photographs of the marriage of Louisa Mary Bruce (dau. of Alan Cameron Bruce Pryce) and Alessandro Scaranpi di Mombercelli, 1884

DBR Bruce family of Duffryn, Aberdare

Note

Descriptions compiled in the Glamorgan Record Office, Jan. 2001.

DXNM F// - Pocket book and appointment diaries of G. L. Bruce, ?1888, 1893 – 1954 (with gaps)

For the years 1893 – 1904, the diaries are London School Board diaries, and for 1905 and 1910 – 25 they are London County Council diaries. These contain printed information on the Board and Council respectively, but appear to have been used by G.L. Bruce to record all his appointments and activities, not only those connected with these organisations. For the years 1906 – 1910, and 1926 – 1954, the diaries are small commercially-produced diaries. Entries throughout are very brief and contain a number of abbreviations.

DXNM F/ /1	Pocket book, ?1888 (containing descriptions of visit to Brittany)
DXNM F/ /2	London School Board diary, 1893
DXNM F/ /3	London School Board diary, 1894 MISSING
DXNM F/ /4	London School Board diary, 1896
DXNM F/ /5	London School Board diary, 1897
DXNM F/ /6	London School Board diary, 1898
DXNM F/ /7	London School Board diary, 1899 (part I only – omits printed information on the Board)
DXNM F/ /8	London School Board diary, 1900
DXNM F/ /9	London School Board diary, 1901 (part I only)
DXNM F/ /10	London School Board diary, 1901 (parts I and II)
DXNM F/ /11	London School Board diary, 1902 (part I only; also contains 3 small photographs)
DXNM F/ /12	London School Board diary, 1903 (part I only)
DXNM F/ /13	London School Board diary, 1904 (part I)
DXNM F/ /14	London School Board diary, 1904 (part II)
DXNM F/ /15	London County Council diary, 1905 – 1906
DXNM F/ /16	Diary, 1906
DXNM F/ /17	Diary, 1907
DXNM F/ /18	Diary, 1908
DXNM F/ /19	Diary, 1909
DXNM F/ /20	Diary, 1910
DXNM F/ /21	London County Council diary, 1910 - 1911
DXNM F/ /22	London County Council diary, 1911 - 1912
DXNM F/ /23	London County Council diary, 1912 - 1913
DXNM F/ /24	London County Council diary, 1913 - 1914
DXNM F/ /25	London County Council diary, 1914 - 1915
DXNM F/ /26	London County Council diary, 1915 - 1916
DXNM F/ /27	London County Council diary, 1916 - 1917
DXNM F/ /28	London County Council diary, 1917 - 1918
DXNM F/ /29	London County Council diary, 1918 - 1919
DXNM F/ /30	London County Council diary, 1919 - 1920
DXNM F/ /31	London County Council diary, 1920 - 1921
DXNM F/ /32	London County Council diary, 1921

DXNM F/ /33	London County Council diary, 1922
DXNM F/ /34	London County Council diary, 1923
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DXNM F/ /36	London County Council diary, 1925
DXNM F/ /37	Diary, 1926
DXNM F/ /38	Diary, 1927
DXNM F/ /39	Diary, 1928
DXNM F/ /40	Diary, 1929
DXNM F/ /41	Diary, 1930
DXNM F/ /42	Diary, 1931
DXNM F/ /43	Diary, 1932
DXNM F/ /44	Diary, 1933
	MISSING
DXNM F/ /45	Diary, 1935
DXNM F/ /46	Diary, 1936
DXNM F/ /47	Diary, 1937
DXNM F/ /48	Diary, 1938
DXNM F/ /49	Diary, 1939
DXNM F/ /50	Diary, 1940
DXNM F/ /51	Diary, 1941
DXNM F/ /52	Diary, 1942
DXNM F/ /53	Diary, 1943
DXNM F/ /54	Diary, 1944
	MISSING
DXNM F/ /55	Diary, 1946
DXNM F/ /56	Diary, 1947
DXNM F/ /57	Diary, 1948
DXNM F/ /58	Diary, 1949
DXNM F/ /59	Diary, 1950
DXNM F/ /60	Diary, 1951
DXNM F/ /61	Diary, 1952
DXNM F/ /62	Diary, 1953
DXNM F/ /63	Diary, 1954

[63 small volumes]

***DXNM F/ /
H.C. Bruce***

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DXNM F/ /10 - 11

DXNM F/ /12 - 14

Bank pass books of G.L. Bruce and Mrs.

Westminster Bank Ltd., West End Branch, in account with G.L. Bruce, 1881 – 1929

Westminster Bank Ltd. West End Branch, in account with G.L. Bruce and Mrs. H.C. Bruce, 1929 – 1935

London Joint Stock Bank Ltd. (later Midland Bank), Loughton Branch, in account with G.L. Bruce and Mrs. H.C. Bruce, 1910 – 1914 and 1918 – 1935

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London and Provincial Bank Ltd., Bridgend Branch, in account with G.L. Bruce and Mrs. H.C. Bruce, 1909 – 1936

[15 small volumes]

Papers reflecting the educational interests of G.L. Bruce

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Newscuttings and miscellaneous papers mainly relating to the educational interests of G.L. Bruce, 1896 – 1931 and undated

These items were found together in a concertina folder; they have been repackaged, but have been kept in bundles to reflect the separate sections of the folder. They consist mainly of newscuttings of articles and letters written by G.L. Bruce which appeared in the national press, mainly on educational matters; copy of circular no. 12 of *Musée Social*, August 1897, containing article on Toynbee Hall; notice of assessment for annual property tax, 1923; advertising leaflets and estimate for supply of gas cooker and coke boiler; letters *re* Will, 1916 - 17

[1 folder of 17 bdles.]

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Papers *re* visits of G.L. Bruce to France to observe French schools, 1896 – 1903

Including letters of permission to visit individual schools, 1896, 1900, 1903; timetables for French schools, 1896 and undated; visiting cards [of people met during visit]; offprint of article written by G. L. Bruce 'Impressions d'un membre du School Board de Londres sur les écoles primaires francaises' printed in *Manuel général de l'instruction primaire* no. 4, January 1901 (in French)

[1 bdle.]

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Papers relating to G.L. Bruce's membership of the London School Board, 1894 – 1900 and undated

Election addresses and related papers, 1894, 1897 and 1900(including address in Hebrew); reports to constituents on his work at the London School Board, 1893, 1894 and 1896;*The Cause of the Children*, pamphlet by Charles P. Trevelyan, member of the London School Board, Oct. 1897; manuscript of speech/article [by G.L. Bruce] on 'The London School

Board Superannuation Scheme. A Study in Moderate Finance.'

[2 bdles.]

DXNM F/

Papers relating to G.L. Bruce's membership of the London County Council, 1904 – 1916

Election addresses, leaflets and related papers (mainly relating to G.L. Bruce but also to other candidates), 1904, 1907, 1910, 1913; report on two years work on the LCC by G.L. Bruce to his constituents, 1912; pamphlet *The London County Council and Education*, n.d., c.1912; postcard addressed to G.L. Bruce with violently expressed criticism of his work on the LCC, 1916.

[1 bdle.]

DXNM F/

Paper relating to G.L. Bruce's membership of Loughton [Urban] District Council, 1908

Election address of G.L. Bruce, 1908

[1 paper]

DXNM F/

Government circulars, Acts of Parliament, and statistical returns relating to education, 1883 – 1921

[1 bdle.]

DXNM F/

Draft report [by G.L. Bruce] on Darenth Schools, n.d.

[8 papers]

DXNM F/

Statistical tables [?compiled by G.L. Bruce] concerning college entrants, 1879 - 1902