Reference code(s): GB 0214 ESB2

Title: Aberdare School Board records

Creation date(s): 1870-1944

Level of description: Fonds

Extent: 0.36 cubic metres (33 volumes, 4 boxes, 35 bundles, 10 files, 3 portfolios, 19 papers, 6 booklets)

Name of creator(s): Aberdare School Board; Dyffryn Joint Colliery Schools (Comprising Dyffryn, Miskin, Newtown and Cwmpennar infants schools); Aberdare and Llanwonno School Boards (Dyffryn Joint Schools)

CONTEXT

Administrative/Biographical history: Following the Education Act 1870, School Boards were established to provide education in areas where no such provision existed. The School Boards were elected bodies, empowered to levy rates and to set up and maintain schools in areas where voluntary provision was inadequate. After the Education Act 1902, the School Boards passed their responsibility for elementary education to the Local Education Authorities within Glamorgan County Council.

CONTENT

Scope and content/abstract: Aberdare School Board records comprising of minute books, 1872-1886; school returns, 1879-1923; report and letter books, 1878-1903; ledgers and accounts, 1872-1903; cash books, 1881-1901; Duffryn Joint Schools records comprising of accounts receipts and statistics, 1872-1886; correspondence relating to teaching posts and appointments, 1872-1885; reports, 1867-1883; correspondence relating to school matters arranged chronologically, 1868-1882; education department forms, notices and circulars 1868-1882; science and art department of Committee of Council on Education papers, 1869-1880; notices of Duffryn Joint Schools management Committee, 1882; notes and account books of Correspondent for Duffryn Schools, 1864-1867; education department and school board schedules and circulars, c 1878; miscellaneous schedules, circulars and accounts, 1871-1879; Llanwonno Schools record comprising of agreements to combine for administration, 1881-1890; regulations for conducting joint committee business, 1882; treasurers bonds, 1879-1885; papers relating to restoration of Duffryn schools after fire damage, 1893; grants, 1884-1899; returns, 1893-1895; arbitration award Aberdare versus Llanwonno school boards, 1898; list of books and documents transferred to Llanwonno school board, 1899; accounts and statements of loans, 1893-1898; contracts, 18741903; mortgages, 1874-1903; byelaws 1872-1902; deeds and leases, 1857-1899.

ACCESS AND USE

Language/scripts of material: English

System of arrangement: Arranged chronologically by record series

Conditions governing access: No restrictions

Conditions governing reproduction: Normal Glamorgan Record Office conditions apply

Finding aids: Handlist available at the Glamorgan Record Office

ARCHIVAL INFORMATION

Accruals: Accruals are possible

Archival history:

Immediate source of acquisition: Aberdare School Board records deposited by Aberdare and Mountain Ash Divisional Executive Officer, 1947 Dyffryn Joint Schools records deposited by private individual, 1967 Duffryn and Llanwonno School Boards records deposited by Director of Education for Glamorgan County Council, 1971

ALLIED MATERIALS

Related material: EA 1-26

Publication note: Wynne Evans, Leslie, *Education in Industrial Wales 1700-1900* (Cardiff 1971)

DESCRIPTION NOTES

Archivist's note: Annabel Wickham for the ANW project; Sources used: Wynne Evans, Leslie, *Education in Industrial Wales 1700-1900* (Cardiff:1971); Evans, Thomas, *The Story of Miskin Higher or the Parishes of Aberdare and Llanwynno* (Thomas Evans, 1965).

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

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