

**Reference code(s):** GB 0214 ESB70

**Title:** Merthyr Tydfil School Board records

**Creation date(s):** 1871-1907

**Level of description:** Fonds

**Extent:** 0.72 (77 volumes, 25 booklets, 15 papers, 34 files, 39 bundles, 1 card)

**Name of creator(s):** Merthyr Tydfil School Board; Merthyr Tydfil Education Committee

## 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, to frame bye-laws for the compulsory attendance of children aged between 5 and 13, and for setting the school leaving age. After the Education Act 1902, the School Boards passed their responsibility for elementary education on to the Local Education Authorities within county councils and county boroughs. The Merthyr Tydfil School Board opened new board schools around the rapidly growing mining areas, which catered for adults and young people who had left school inadequately prepared as well as children below the age of 13.

## CONTENT

**Scope and content/abstract:** Merthyr Tydfil School Board records comprising of minutes and reports, 1871-1904; correspondence, 1871-1906; accounts, 1871-1905; papers relating to transfer of schools to Merthyr Tydfil School Board, 1871-1875; teachers salaries, appointments and training, 1877-1907; papers relating to science and art classes, 1877-1904; attendance and truancy, 1871-1904; school board miscellanea, 1872-1902

## 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:** A handlist is available at the Glamorgan Record Office

## **ARCHIVAL INFORMATION**

**Accruals:** Accruals are possible

**Archival history:** Deposited by Merthyr Borough Education Department, November 1966

**Immediate source of acquisition:**

## **ALLIED MATERIALS**

**Related material:** ESBMT; EMT

**Publication note:** Merthyr Teachers Group, *Merthyr Tydfil, A Valley Community*, (Cowbridge, 1981)

## **DESCRIPTION NOTES**

**Archivist's note:** Compiled by Annabel Wickham for the ANW project; sources used: Merthyr Teachers Group, *Merthyr Tydfil, A Valley Community*, (Cowbridge, 1981)

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

**Date(s) of descriptions:** January 2006

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