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HANDLIST

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DENBIGH BOROUGH RECORDS

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INTRODUCTION

On 1 April 1974, under the Local Government Act, 1972, the ancient borough of Denbigh was merged with a number of other authorities to form the Glyndŵr District Council. In the months prior to reorganisation, the Record Offices in both Denbighshire and Flintshire were active in approaching clerks of the authorities which were to be superseded, seeking permission to survey and list local government records which would not be required by the new councils taking office on 1 April, but which would be of considerable historic interest in years to come. The records of Denbigh Borough Council were surveyed, and in response to an invitation from the County Archivist, one of the last acts of the council in March 1974 was generously to agree to the deposit on loan of all its non-current records in the Record Office at Ruthin, where the archives of the authorities in the former county of Denbigh are preserved. Under the terms of the Local Government Act, the borough charters became the property of the new Denbigh Town Council, and they remain in its custody. However the town council has kindly allowed photographic copies to be made by the Record Office, and details of the charters are included in this handlist as an appendix.

During March and April 1974 the staff of the Record Office, with the co-operation of the borough officials, were engaged in collecting together, cleaning and roughly sorting the borough records, which were then taken in several loads to the Ruthin office. They came from a variety of places - cupboards in the County Hall, the attic and basement of the borough offices in Whitehall, and a safe-deposit in a local bank.

That so much has survived is due largely to the efforts of Mr. W.A. Evans, Honorary Archivist to the borough since 1939. Mr. Evans devoted considerable time and effort to scheduling and arranging the early records, and played an important part in ensuring that they were kept in safe custody. He also (in the absence, until recent years, of a county record office in Denbighshire) accepted documents relating to the borough from private custody, to be kept with the borough records proper.

In the nineteenth century, the use made of the records by the town's historian, John Williams, in his Ancient and Modern Denbigh (1856) and Records of Denbigh and its Lordship (1860), emphasised their importance, and must have helped to ensure their preservation. Perhaps as a result, the town's archives are older and more complete than those of neighbouring Ruthin (whose minutes date from 1642), which are also deposited in the Record Office.
The Denbigh tif chives are certainly the finest collection of borough records for the new county of Clwyd, and possibly for North Wales as a whole. It is fitting, therefore, that they should be described in the first of a series of Record Office handlists, the aim of which will be to make classes of records of particular importance easily available to the historian of North-East Wales.

There is a clear division in the records between those produced before and after the Municipal Corporations Act, 1835, although a few special classes - deeds, maps and election papers - continue after that date. Pre-1835 records include the first minute book of the court of convocation, 1597-1741, long extracts from which appear in John Williams's books on the town; correspondence of the town clerk, among it the letter from Robert Dudley, Earl of Leicester, urging the building of a town hall in Denbigh, 1572, and four letters from Sir Hugh Myddelton, 1614-20; papers, mostly of the seventeenth century, relating to guilds and charities; and minutes of the Board of Health set up to combat the cholera outbreak in Denbigh, 1831-2. The records of the borough court of quarter sessions include minute books, sessions rolls and papers from 1794 until its abolition in 1835. Records of the borough court, dealing with cases of debt under 40s, also survive from 1805 to 1827.

Of particular importance among the post-1835 records are the papers of the town clerk. For the period of office of Richard Williams (town clerk from 1835 to 1872), a series of 140 bundles of correspondence and papers survive, which are a mine of information on the town in the nineteenth century. For the present century, the town clerk's files include many relating to the Second World War, particularly air-raid precautions and the evacuation of Liverpool children. There are also a complete series of post-1835 council minute books, about 150 volumes of financial records amassed by successive borough treasurers, and borough surveyors' report books, 1873-1955.

The collection of maps and plans includes four fine plans of the borough and its boundaries, c. 1809-13, and among papers dealing with elections and electoral registration are poll books for the Denbigh Boroughs election of 1837.

There are a number of interesting items presented to the Borough Archivist for safe-keeping, including reports of the North Wales Lunatic Asylum, 1849-61, a programme for the cutting of the first sod the Vale of Clwyd Railway, 1857, and a list of subscribers to the Denbigh News Room and Library, 1849-52.

The records are now available for research in the Ruthin branch of the Record Office, details of which are given below. The public spiritedness of
the former Denbigh Borough Council in depositing their archives and
the co-operation of Mr. W.T. Williams, former Town Clerk (now Chief
Executive of Glyndŵr District Council), and Mr. E.P. Davies, is gratefully
acknowledged. It is hoped that the publication of this handlist will
stimulate research into the history of the town, and that useful comparisons
can be made when similar lists of local government records are issued by
other Record Offices. Selections from these records will be periodically
displayed when the Denbigh Town Museum is established.

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DENBIGH BOROUGH RECORDS

COURT OF CONVOCATION

Minutes

BD/A/1. Minutes of court of convocation (concerned mainly with admission of burgesses), 1597-17 February 1740/1 (fos. 2-242); also contains orders and constitutions, 1597 (fos. 7-11), accounts, 1640-88 (fos. 286-297), list of apprentices, 1668-84 (fo. 315v), inventory of town rents, 1608 (fos. 317v-318r), etc. (a few accounts prior to 1640 are among the minutes). Minutes of the court held on 9 September 1834 are entered on fos. 243-245 with a memorandum that this was done '... the modern council book ... having been taken possession of with other records by John Heaton Esquire calling himself Recorder of the said Borough who declined delivering up the same for the purpose of recording the proceedings of this day'. (1 vol.).

(See Ancient and Modern Denbigh, p. 105 ff, and Records of Denbigh and its Lordship, p. 125 ff).

2. Minutes of court of convocation. 1648-1738 (1 vol.).
[Note: these appear in many cases to be drafts of entries in the formal minutes. They were kept as loose sheets, probably on a roll; all have been damaged, and many cannot now be dated].

3. Minutes of court of convocation. 29 September 1803-5 November 1831 (1 vol.).
At the front: corporation bye-laws, 1741-1804.

4. Minutes of court of convocation, 23 November 1831-4 September 1835 (also contains minutes of court of convocation and borough council, 5 June 1848-16 November 1865, with index). (1 vol.).
At the back: note on a portrait of the Earl of Leicester presented to the town council.

5. Minutes of court of convocation and borough council, with index. 26 December 1835-10 June 1848 (1 vol.).

Burgess Rolls

These give the name of the burgess, residence, occupation, and date of swearing. The roll for 1701-11 also gives names of witnesses.

6. 1701-11 (1 roll).
7. 1766-97 (1 roll).
8. 1801-18 (1 roll).
9. 1820-5 (1 roll).
10. 1825-6 (1 roll).
11. 1832-4 (1 roll).
Orders and Papers

BD/A/12. Ordinances made at a common council or court of convocation for the government of the borough of Denbigh (relating to the collection of money, and its storage with the seal and documents in a chest, officers, the gaol, etc.). 22 May 1609.

13. Order of court of convocation (damaged) concerning the office of catchpole or tollgather, following the death of [?] Henry Walton. 9 January [?1625/6].


15. Order of the aldermen, bailiffs and council of Denbigh to the late aldermen and bailiffs to account in writing for money unaccounted for by them in office. 18 December 1682.

16. Schedule of burgesses of Denbigh made pursuant to an order of the court of convocation. 5 June 1699.

17. Order of court of convocation for erection of cast iron butchers' stalls at the Cross. 5 June 1820.

Agendas

18. Summons to attend court of convocation meetings, with agendas. 1812-35 (1 bdle).

RECORDS OF THE UNREFORMED CORPORATION

TOWN CLERK

Correspondence

19. Robert Dudley, Earl of Leicester, to the Bishop of St. Asaph, Sir John Salusbury, Ellis Price, esq., and the rest of the justices of the peace of the county of Denbigh: urges building of a new town hall in Denbigh; he has given a plot of ground for it. 16 March 1571/2. (See Ancient and Modern Denbigh, pp. 97-8).

20. Privy Council (with autograph signatures of the Earl of Essex, and others) to the aldermen and bailiffs of Denbigh: requires the town of Denbigh (which has had a commission under the great seal for mustering soldiers) to join with the county in mustering. 6 February 1598/9.

21. [Henry, 2nd] Earl of Pembroke to the deputy lieutenants of the county of Denbigh: encloses copy letter from the Privy Council (attached) concerning the joining of the town of Denbigh to the county for the mustering of soldiers. 15 February 1598/9.

22. Hugh Myddelton (London) to the aldermen, bailiffs and common council of Denbigh: the executor of John Roberts, his late servant, has promised to pay £10 this summer; thanks for their 'well wyshinge to my greate worke'. 3 February 1613/14. (See Records of Denbigh and its Lordship, p. 78).

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24. Aldermen, bailiffs and corporation of Denbigh to Thomas Needeham, esq., sheriff of Denbighshire: arrangements for the transfer of prisoners from the town gaol of Denbigh to the county gaol to await trial at the Great Sessions for the murder of Robert Salusburye, gent. (late alderman and justice of Denbigh) and David ap Edward (draft). 28 January 1616/17.
(See Ancient and Modern Denbigh, p.147, for a partial transcript).

25. William, 1st Earl of Northampton, to the deputy lieutenants of the county of Denbigh: encloses copy letter from the Privy Council (lost) concerning musters. 19 February 1618/19.

26. Sir Hugh Myddelton to the aldermen, bailiffs and capital burgesses of Denbigh: hearing of the death of his cousin [John] Panton the recorder, recommends his cousin Hugh Parry as recorder. 13 March 1618/19.
(See Records of Denbigh and its Lordship, pp. 66-7).

27. Hugh Parrye (London) to the aldermen and bailiffs of Denbigh: describes the presentation to the Lord President of a petition from the town concerning the provision of powder and match. 8 May 1619.

(See Records of Denbigh and its Lordship, pp. 67-8).

29. Sir Thomas Myddelton (Chirk Castle) to Colonel Twisleton (Denbigh Castle): recommends giving the bearer, Hugh Dryhurst, an old poor man, £4 as formerly paid to him out of money given by Robert Myddelton for charitable purposes. 12 July 1649.
(See Ancient and Modern Denbigh, p. 244).

31. John Salusbury (Bachegraig) to the aldermen and bailiffs of Denbigh: consents to his son becoming a capital burgess in his place. 19 October 1657.

32. William Lloyd (Penporchell) to the aldermen of Denbigh: sends 11s for the burgesses to drink the health of the King on his coronation. 23 April 1661.
(See Ancient and Modern Denbigh, p. 254).

33. Draft letter from Sir John Salusbury, recorder of Denbigh, with certificate that the Act for well governing and regulating of Corporations has been put into execution in the town. 15 June 1680.
(See Ancient and Modern Denbigh, p. 255).
BD/A/34. Order of the Privy Council (with autograph signatures) to the chief magistrates of the corporation of Denbigh concerning enforcement of Act of 13 Charles II for well governing and regulating of Corporations. 5 March 1680/1.

35. John Williams (Bristol) to John Williams, junior (Glancelwy, near Ruthin): news of family and friends. 12 February 1793.

36. Mr. [Robert Myddelton] Biddulph to Dr. Myddelton: his conduct in Parliament (extract). 1806.

37. John Hughes to the bailiffs of the borough of Denbigh: the impounding of his three cows. 31 December 1806.

38. John Jones (Ruthin) to the town clerk of Denbigh: water works and poor rate. 29 August 1808.

39. J. Ll. Salusbury (Calltfaynan) to Mr. Williams, alderman, Denbigh: a payment to Salusbury as a burgess of Denbigh. 18 April 1809.

40. Various burgesses to the aldermen of Denbigh: stating their opinion that the widow of Hugh Jones is entitled to half the year's dividend paid to the burgesses. January 1811.


42. George Maule (Assistant Solicitor, Treasury) to S. Edwards, esq., Denbigh: he has submitted to the Secretary at War that it is unnecessary to proceed further against a woman convicted by the [? Denbigh] magistrates as a rogue and vagabond. 4 July 1817.

43. Richard Howard (Denbigh) to Alderman Edwards: proposed meeting to consider the erection of a bridge over the River Conway. 13 March 1819.

44. S. Phillipps (Whitehall) to the town clerk, Denbigh: requests return of courts which have the power of committing to prison for debts of £5 and under. 10 October 1828.

45. John Madocks (Glanywern) to J.V. Home, esq. (Denbigh): a meeting to consider the disturbed state of the agricultural interest. 28 January 1830.

46. Thomas Evans (Denbigh) to the corporation: an action against the corporation for trespass by erecting a house near the Bridewell. 30 January 1830.

47. G.B. Lennard (Council Office) to J. Vaughan Home (Denbigh): a request for information on the number of houses in the borough. 17 and 27 February 1832 (2 items).

48. Lord Dinorben (Kinnel Park; South Audley St.) to [? the town clerk]: borough boundaries, a petition for abolition of slavery, and other matters. 1832-3 (4 items).
Circular letter from mayor of Norwich concerning opposition to the Municipal Corporations Act. 9 January 1834.

Guilds

50. Order of the aldermen, bailiffs and capital burgesses, incorporating the company of corvisors. 8 September 1598. (See Ancient and Modern Denbigh, pp. 131-4).

51. Order of the aldermen, bailiffs and capital burgesses for uniting the felt makers and dyers (being few in number 'by reason of forrners never beinge in armes for the State setting up and actinge in the sayd towne ...'), into one company. 3 March 1655/6.

52. Copy order of the company of glovers that no freeman shall offer any parcel of wool for sale in Ruthin unless it be first offered for sale for three market days in Denbigh. 14 November 1682.

Charities

53. Copy extract of will of John Middleton of Denbigh, tanner (including bequest of £20 to the poor of the town). 2 November 1625.

54. Extract from will of Robert Mydleton concerning bequest of £200 to the aldermen and bailiffs of Denbigh. n.d. [early 17th c.].

55. Inquisition taken at Denbigh before John, Lord Bishop of St. Asaph, David Lloyd, doctor of law, John Salusburie the elder, esq., Thomas Lloyd, clerk, and John Lloyd, gent., commissioners by virtue of a commission under the great seal dated 14 March 1638/9, concerning the employment of bequests for charitable uses in Denbigh. 28 January 1639/40.

56. Writ under the great seal (reciting that John Madeokes, Edward Cethyn, John Johnes, and Edward Jones, gent., commissioners authorized under the great seal, made certain orders and decrees returned into Chancery) concerning payment of money bequeathed by various persons for charitable purposes in Denbigh. 13 July 1655.

57. Draft questions concerning bequests of money for charitable purposes in Denbigh, with notes on replies of various persons. n.d. [17th c.].

58. Receipt for £7 12s 10d received from bailiff Ffoulkes for the poor of Denbigh. 1711.

59. Letters from John Heaton (London) to Thomas Lloyd, attorney (Denbigh), concerning payment of a legacy of £100 from John Thomas to the corporation, with accounts relating. 1726 (5 items).

60. Letter from Thomas Triggs (?Plymouth) to Alderman Griffith (Garn, near Denbigh) concerning bequest of £100 from John Thomas of London, glover, to the poor of Denbigh. 20 October 1734.

61. Account of interest money, rents, etc., due to the poor and officers of Denbigh. 1740.
BDA/62. Accounts of money distributed at Christmas by the aldermen and burgesses to the poor of Denbigh and Henllan. 1788-91, 1807-12 (1 bdle).

Local Board of Health

63. Minutes of the Denbigh Board of Health (with list of cholera patients and notes on their fate). 14 November 1831 - 4 September 1832 (1 vol.).

Militia

64. Draft petition of the aldermen, bailiffs and burgesses of Denbigh to the Privy Council for a new commission for mustering persons in the town, all but one of those named in a former commission dated 16 March 1579/80 being dead. n.d. [late 16th c.].

65. Order of aldermen and bailiffs of Denbigh (names given) to the constables of Denbigh, by virtue of letters patent under the great seal, requiring them to warn trained soldiers within the town to appear at the shire hall on 25 September to show their arms and be trained and mustered (with duplicate). 22 September 1626 (2 items).


Billeting

67. Papers concerning billeting of soldiers in public houses in Denbigh. 1809-14 (4 items).

Lists of Officers

68. Lists of public officers of the borough of Denbigh, with extracts from recent bye-laws (printed). 1810-17 (6 items).

Byelaws

69. Extracts (printed) from corporation bye-laws concerning muck, obstructions and pigs in streets. October 1816.

Addresses and Petitions

70. Copy address of the aldermen, bailiffs, capital and common burgesses of Denbigh to the King concerning the late proposed Catholic Bill. April 1807.

71. R. Myddelton Biddulph (London) to John Copner Williams, esq.: the presentation of an address to His Majesty by the borough of Denbigh. 26 April 1807.

72. R. Myddelton Biddulph (Chirk Castle) to J. Copner Williams, esq.: encloses Lord Liverpool's letter (27 October 1809) concerning the address of the borough of Denbigh. 2 November 1809 (2 items).
BD/A/73. Viscount Kirkwall (Bruton Street) to H. Edwards, esq.: acknowledges receipt of addresses from the corporation of Denbigh to the Prince Regent. 21 February and 30 November 1817 (2 items).

74. Notice (printed) of meeting of corporation to consider addressing the King with assurances of loyalty. 4 December 1820 (2 copies).

75. Viscount Sidmouth (Whitehall) to Richard Williams, esq.: he has presented the address (copies attached) of the Borough of Denbigh to His Majesty. 18 December 1820 (3 items).

76. Petition of the inhabitants of Denbigh to the House of Lords against concessions to Roman Catholics. 1825.


78. Petition of burgesses of Denbigh that the corporation furnish a statement of rents arising from lands in Denbigh Green, and of disbursements. 25 October 1831.

Bastardy

79. Bonds to save the inhabitants of Denbigh harmless from the maintenance of bastard children, etc. 1623-86 (5 items).

Tolls

80. Conditions for letting by ticket the tolls, dues and receipts (except toll of oatmeal) belonging to the borough. 1827.

Schools

81. Account of the property of Mrs. Oldfield's Charity School, Denbigh (printed). 1816.

82. Lists of subscribers to Denbigh National School (printed). 1817-18 (2 items).

Henllan Enclosure

83. Notice (printed) of meeting for the purpose of signing the Henllan enclosure award on 22-3 April 1814.

Denbigh Dispensary

84. Circular from committee for managing Denbigh Dispensary requesting subscription, with state of funds (printed). 1813.

Survey of Borough

85. Correspondence, tenders of surveyors and draft plans concerning proposed survey of the borough of Denbigh. 1809-11 (1 bd1s).
Lighting

BD/A/86. Copy of resolutions of corporation for providing lamps in the town (1815), with accounts of subscriptions, etc., relating (1827-31). 1815-31 (1 bdle).

Banquets

87. Notice of dinner to be held in the Bull, Denbigh, at the expense of the corporation and Mr. Biddulph. c. 1806.

88. Accounts for a dinner at the Swan Inn, Denbigh, to celebrate the peace (with printed Hymn of Thanksgiving). 7 July 1814 (5 items).

Weights and Measures

89. Inventory of weights, scales, etc., belonging to the corporation of Denbigh. 1751.

Legal Papers

90. Copy order of [? Great] Sessions that the town and lordship of Denbigh shall repair the shire hall in Denbigh. 1626.

91. Opinion of counsel on toll payable to the town of Denbigh on merchandise sold at fairs and markets. n.d. [17th c].

92. Schedule of court leet books and papers of the lordship of Hiraethog delivered by the assignees of John Hosier to Watkin Wynne, esq. 1761.

93. Opinion of counsel on escheat of estates of persons dying intestate and without heirs in Denbigh. 1781.

94. Case with opinion of counsel concerning disposal of land allotted to the corporation of Denbigh under the Henllan Enclosure Act, with copy resolution of court of convocation relating. 1806-7 (2 items).

95. Acknowledgement by Jane Simon, widow, that she is a tenant of the corporation of Denbigh in a house in Red Lane. n.d. [c. 1828].

Printed Books

96. A Collection of sundry statutes, frequent in use ... (London, 1636) (MS. note on flyleaf records that the volume was bestowed on the corporation of Denbigh by Sir John Salusbury of Lleweni, bart., on 15 March 1671/2).

Copies of Borough Charters

97. English translation of charter of borough of Denbigh dated 14 May 1662, with index. Signed by Richard Williams, June 1834; contains list of charters and examples of borough seals. (1 vol.).
Latin transcript of charter of borough of Denbigh dated 14 May 1662. c. 1835 (1 vol.).

FINANCIAL

99. Accounts of aldermen of Denbigh (income from rents, fines for affrays, etc.). 1599-1606.

100. Account of wages due to the curate of Whitchurch from the guilds and from rents. n.d. [late 16th c.].

101. Accounts of the cryer of the borough (income from rents and expenditure on repair of borough properties, rates and taxes, salaries of officers, etc.). 1765-91 (1 vol.).
Note: early pages (subsequently removed) were used as a day book of Robert Salusbury, glover, from 1757; on the covers are misc. notes relating to glove-making.

102. Accounts of distributions to the poor at Christmas by the aldermen and bailiffs, 1792-1819 (at the end accounts of rents, interest, etc., due to the corporation for the use of the poor, and bailiffs' accounts, 1793-1819) (1 vol.).

103. Accounts of rent, interest, etc., due to the corporation, 1820-36; accounts of distributions to the poor at Christmas, 1820-46; bailiffs' accounts, 1820-35; cast-iron butcher's shambles accounts, 1821-7 (1 vol.).

Bonds

104. Bonds for securing payment of sums of money to the aldermen, bailiffs and burgesses of Denbigh. 1623-1776 (1 bdle).

Vouchers

105-106. Vouchers for work done on corporation properties, salaries, printing expenses, etc.:
105. 1776-1817 (1 bdle). 106. 1820-4, 1832-4 (1 bdle).


BOROUGH PROPERTIES

DEEDS

108. Grant 29 September 1560
(i) Aldermen, bailiffs and common burgesses of Denbigh.
(ii) John ap Rees of the same town, smith.
Site of a smith's shop upon the lower part of the common 'myddyng' near the brook called Lentens Poole, 5 woollen yards in breadth and 8 in length (recites that i. have held the common 'myddyng' time out of mind at a rent of 2s to the Queen).
Term: for ever.
Rent: 2s.
109. Grant
15 November 1563

(i) Aldermen and churchwardens (names given) and common burgesses of Denbigh.
(ii) Rhys ap Howell ap Ieuan alias Rhys Barker the elder, burgess of the same town.
Tenement of bays sometime in the tenure of Ieuan Ove with garden belonging in Poole Street between the lands of Richard Eaton, the queen's highway, [and] the lands late in the tenure of Henry Salusbery and Thomas Postorne, and which are now in the occupation of Gruffith ap Llywelyn ap David, weaver.
Term: for ever.
Rent: 4s to be paid to the churchwardens towards the repair of the parish church of Denbigh.

110. Bill
11 March 1568

(i) Aldermen, bailiffs and common council of Denbigh.
(ii) Richard Clowghe, citizen and mercer of London, esq.
Promise by i. to pay ii. £100 or in default £200 at Michaelmas 1569.

111. Grant
12 October 1573

(i) Aldermen and bailiffs of Denbigh (names given).
(ii) John ap Rhys of Denbigh, blacksmith.
Parcel of void land 48 feet in length and 36 feet in breadth on the backside of the dwelling house of ii.; in breadth between the backside of the same dwelling house on the east, and the rest of the market place for cattle on the west; and in length from the highway which leads by the upper end of the said house towards the masons' well on the south, and another highway which leads between the lower end of the said house and the workhouse of ii. on the north.
Term: for ever.
Rent: 3s.

112. Grant
2 February 1574/5

(i) Aldermen, bailiffs, burgesses and council of Denbigh.
(ii) Robert ap Hugh of Denbigh, gent.
Messuage or burgage wherein William Butler now dwells and the garden belonging in Love Lane.
Term: life of ii.
Rent: 10s.

113. Grant
12 December 1579

(i) Aldermen, bailiffs and sixteen men or council of Denbigh (names given).
(ii) Harry Walton of the said town, barber and painter.
Parcel of void land adjoining the east end of the shire hall of Denbigh, 7 yards in length and 3 yards in breadth, of land in the High Street.
Term: for ever.
Rent: 12d.
114. Lease
12 August 1598
(i) Aldermen, bailiffs and capital burgesses (names given) of Denbigh.
Office of gaolership with tower called the Burgesse Tower, and 53s 4d yearly stipend appertaining; and office of toll gathering every fair day and market day of all manner of beasts and cattle.
Term: life of ii.
Consideration: unspecified.

115. Grant
25 July 1601
(i) Aldermen, bailiffs and 25 capital burgesses or common council of Denbigh (names given).
(ii) Robert Fletcher of Denbigh, cordwainer.
Burgage in which ii dwells in Denbigh in Love Lane, between the highway leading directly from the High Street to Love Lane of the north-west side, and the lands or garden now in the occupation of Robert Knowsley of the south-east side, and the lands of William Hamnett of the south-west end thereof, and the waste ground thereof the north-east side; and the waste ground adjoining the house, containing in length from the said highway southward 15 yards towards the highway leading from the Pentist under the castle walls by and beneath the stable and garden of John Oliver, and in breadth from the end of the said burgage eastwards 6 yards.
Term: for ever.
Rent: 10s for the burgage and 4d for the waste ground.
Consideration: £5.

116. Lease
18 February 1606/7
(i) Aldermen and bailiffs (names given) and capital burgesses of Denbigh.
(ii) William Eves of Denbigh, cordwainer.
Little shop newly erected under the upper stairs of the shire hall or town hall containing 4 yards.
Term: 30 years.
Rent: 2s 6d to be employed towards the reparation of the said hall.

117. Articles of agreement
16 September 1616
(ii) Aldermen, bailiffs and burgesses of Denbigh.
For payment of a bequest of £200 made by Robert Myddelton to poor young tradesmen and women of Denbigh.

118. Mortgage in £40
5 February 1619/20
(i) Oliver Lloyd of Denbigh, gent.
(ii) Charles Myddelton of Denbigh, gent.
Rents reserved in five deeds (recited) of lands in Denbigh.
BD/A/119. Bond in £80 5 February 1619/20

(i) Oliver Lloyd of Denbigh, gent., John Lloyd his son of Denbigh, merchant, and Reginald Rutter of the same, gent.
(ii) Charles Myddelton, gent.
For performance of covenants contained in indentures of even date.

120. Lease 18 February 1622/3

(i) Aldermen and bailiffs (names given) and burgesses of Denbigh.
(ii) Robert Fletcher of Denbigh, cordwainer.
Toll wool [and] weighing of wool in the wool market in Denbigh.
Term: life of ii.
Rent: 40s.

121. Feoffment to uses 4 January 1624/5

(i) Sir Thomas Myddelton the younger of Chirke Castle and Evan Lloid of Wickwer, co. Denbigh, gent. (executors of the will of Charles Myddelton, gent., deceased).
(ii) Aldermen, bailiffs and burgesses of Denbigh.
Rents amounting to £3 18s 8d out of buildings and lands in Denbigh purchased by Charles Myddelton for £40 (recites bequest under will of Charles Myddelton dated 14 February 1620/1 of £60 as a stock towards the relief of the poor of Denbigh; rents on premises above are in discharge of £40, parcel of the £60 bequeathed).

122. Letter of attorney 4 January 1624/5

(i) Aldermen, bailiffs and burgesses of Denbigh.
For sealing and delivery of 121. above.

123. Mortgage in £30 17 March 1624/5

(i) Toby Mathewe of Llewenye, co. Denbigh, gent.
(ii) Aldermen, bailiffs and burgesses of Denbigh.
Close in Lleweny called y Maes Mawr containing about 10 acres (bounds given). (Recites will of Edward Pritchard, citizen and merchant of London, bequeathing £30 as a stock towards the relief of the poor of Denbigh).

124. Letter of attorney 17 March 1624/5

(i) Aldermen, bailiffs and burgesses of Denbigh.
(ii) Hugh Lloyd and Richard Evans of Denbigh, gents.
For sealing and delivery of 123. above.

125. Mortgage in £60 22 December 1625

(i) Richard Price of Denbigh, mercer.
(ii) Aldermen, burgesses and bailiffs of Denbigh.
Orchard, garden and croft containing 1 acre in Poole flat in Henllan, in length from the lane leading towards Barkers well on the one end to the late lands of John Twiston, butcher, on
the other end, and between the lands of Hugh Lloid, gent., on the one side, and the late lands of Thomas Salusbury, esq. deceased, on the other side; and a messuage, barn, garden and orchard in Denbigh near the Masons well, between the late lands of Oliver Lloyd deceased on the one side and lands of Thomas Knowsley on the other side, and extending in length from the pool there on the one end to the late lands of said Oliver Lloyd on the other end; a barn in Poole Street in Denbigh lying upon the south-west part of the yard of the dwelling house of i. containing 3 bays and lying near the stone bridge upon the little brook running in Poole Street; a house, burgage and garden in Bakehousehill in Denbigh in the occupation of Piers ap Hugh, labourer, between the lane there called Neilders Lane on the one side and the lands of John Davyes, gent., on the other side; and an annual or chief rent of 6s out of a barn, kiln and garden in Neilders Lane in the occupation of Anne Owen, widow. (Recites will of John Myddelton, late burgess and tanner of Denbigh bequeathing £20 (and £40 formerly given to the aldermen, bailiffs and burgesses) as a stock towards the relief of the poor of Denbigh).

126. Bond in £120 22 December 1625
(ii) Aldermen, bailiffs and burgesses of Denbigh.
For performance of covenants contained in 125. above.

127. Bond in £20 23 December 1625
(ii) Aldermen, bailiffs and burgesses of Denbigh.
For performance of covenants contained in a lease of even date.

128. Feoffment to uses 4 February 1626/7
(i) John Eves of Denbigh, corvisor, and Jane his wife
   (one of the executors of the will of John Myddelton, late burgess and tanner of Denbigh).
(ii) Richard Evans, gent., and Richard Drihurst ...
   churchwardens of Denbigh.
Rent of 8s out of two messuages, shops, cellars, etc., in Denbigh in a place called the Bakehouse, to the use of i (recites bequest of 8s under will of John Myddelton dated 2 November 1625 for the repair of the parish church called White Church).

129. Lease 1 March 1641/2
(i) Aldermen, bailiffs and capital burgesses of Denbigh.
(ii) Meredith Lloid of Denbigh, gent.
Offices in 114 above.
Rent: pepper corn.
Consideration: surrender of lease 114 above.
BD/A/130. Lease 3 December 1648

(i) Aldermen, bailiffs and burgesses of Denbigh.
(ii) Evan Jones of the said town, gent., and John Parry of the same, mercer.
(iii) James Phivion, sergeant-at-mace of Denbigh.

Toft where a burgage lately stood containing 3 bays in Love Lane abutting on the barn late of William Davies, mercer deceased, on the east.

Term: for ever.
Rent: 6s 8d.

131. Bond in £200 14 September [? 1666]

(i) Thomas Shawe of Denbigh, glover, and William Knowles of Denbigh, glover.
(ii) Aldermen, bailiffs and burgesses of Denbigh.

For payment of £10 to ii on 11 August 1667 (interest on bequest of £200 by Robert Myddelton to be distributed among the poor of Denbigh).

132. Bond in £224 23 September 1668


For performance of covenants contained in a pair of indentures of equal date.

133. Bond in £40 20 December 1718

(i) Elizabeth Shaw of Denbigh, widow.
(ii) Aldermen, bailiffs and burgesses.

Payment of £20 bequeathed by the will of Catherine Clough alias Roberts of Denbigh, widow, to the poor.

134. Bargain and sale 24 December 1726

(i) Robert Lloyd of Henllan Street, Denbigh, tanner, Jane his wife (eldest daughter and heir of John Twyston late of Henllan Street, glover), and Anne Twyston, widow of said John.
(ii) Aldermen, bailiffs and burgesses of Denbigh.

Parcel of land called Cae Hir now divided into two closes in Bannister ucha, Henllan, with orchard adjoining (bounds given); the rents issues and profits to be applied towards a free grammar school or else to the poor of Denbigh.

135. Assignment 19 January 1735/6

(i) Aldermen, bailiffs and burgesses of Denbigh.
(ii) Rees Foulkes of Denbigh, gent.
Messuage in Denbigh between the late messuage of Robert Jones, corvisor deceased, on the west, Chapel Lane on the east, the High Street on the south and the lands of said Robert Jones on the north (recites mortgage of premises dated 27 August 1713). Consideration: £35 4s 4d.

BD/A/136. Bond in £400 (unexecuted) 2 November 1783

(i) John Roberts, flaxdresser, and John Pugh, weaver, both of Denbigh, and sureties (names given).
(ii) Bailiffs of Denbigh (names given).
Performance of offices of serjeants at mace and gaolers.

137. Lease 2 November 1814

(i) Aldermen, bailiffs and burgesses of Denbigh.
Parcel of common land in Denbigh (bounds given).
Term: 99 years.
Rent: 2s 6d.

138. Deed of exchange 2 November 1822

(i) John Heaton of Plas Heaton, pa. Henllan, co. Denbigh, esq.
(ii) Aldermen, bailiffs and burgesses of Denbigh.
Conveyance by i. to ii. of a stable and yard adjoining the old Bridewell (bounds given) in exchange for a parcel of land in Henllan (bounds given).

139. Lease 2 November 1826

(i) Rev. David Roberts, resident minister of the gospel at the Swan Lane Independent Chapel in Denbigh, Rev. David Jones of Holywell, Rev. Thomas Jones of Newmarket, Rev. Owen Owens of Rhesycae, and Rev. Isaac Harris of Mold, co. Flint, ministers of the gospel (trustees appointed for purposes hereinafter mentioned).
Triangular piece of land, part of a field on Denbigh Green, pa. Henllan (bounds given), for the purpose of erecting a Sunday School and meeting house for Protestant dissenters.
Term: 50 years.
Rent: 2s 6d.

140. Lease 29 September 1827

(i) Aldermen, bailiffs and burgesses of Denbigh.
(ii) William Roberts of Denbigh, smith.
Yard with stable and outbuildings adjoining the old Bridewell for erection of a dwelling house and smithy.
Term: 99 years.
Rent: £3 13s 6d.
Deed of exchange 29 September 1827

(ii) Aldermen, bailiffs and burgesses of Denbigh.
Conveyance by i. to ii. of a piece of land in Henllan in exchange for a piece of land on Denbigh Green, part of a field called Cae Eithin.

142. Draft lease and abstracts of title of the corporation to premises in Penbakehouse Hill, Denbigh. 1828-35 (3 items).

143. Draft lease and abstract of title of the corporation to a shop and dwelling house near the Bridewell. 1830 (3 items).

144. Lease 9 July 1835

(i) Aldermen, bailiffs and burgesses of Denbigh.
(ii) Thomas Hughes late of Denbigh but now of Bedford Place, London, esq.
Piece of land on Penbacks Hill adjoining Carters Pool.
Term: 99 years.
Rent: £1.

145. Lease 5 February 1836

(i) Mayor, aldermen and burgesses of Denbigh.
(ii) James Baker Marsden of Liverpool, esq.
(iii) Thomas Evans of Denbigh, gent.
Lease by i. to ii. of a field, part of a field called Cae Eithin (part of a farm called Green Bank).
Term: 7 years.
Rent: £3 3s.

146. Lease 5 February 1836

(i) Mayor, aldermen and burgesses of Denbigh.
(ii) Elizabeth Haworth of Tynenydd, Denbigh, widow.
(iii) Thomas Bickerton of Llewellyn, Denbigh, farmer.
Lease by i. to ii. of a field in Henllan adjoining Pont y Cambwl.
Term: 7 years.
Rent: £32 16s 3d.

147. Copy assignment 1 March 1836

(i) William Roberts of Denbigh, smith.
(ii) Mayor, aldermen and burgesses of Denbigh.
(iii) Thomas Evans of Denbigh, gent.
Assignment by i. to iii. of lease 140 above.
Consideration: £465 16s 3d.

148. Lease 4 February 1839

(i) Mayor, aldermen and burgesses of Denbigh.
(ii) Robert Lloyd of Denbigh, salt merchant, and Hugh Hughes of Denbigh, innkeeper.
Tolls arising from markets and fairs held in Denbigh.
Term: 5 years.
Rent: £50.
BD/A/149. Lease 7 February 1843
(i) Mayor, aldermen and burgesses of Denbigh.
(ii) William Williams of the Blue Hand, Henllan, co. Denbigh, innkeeper (lessee of premises hereinafter described).
(iii) John Roberts of Alafowlio, Henllan, butcher, and William Parry of Denbigh, innkeeper (sureties for ii.).
Lease by i. to ii. of a field in Henllan in occupation of ii.
Term: 14 years.
Rent: £34 8s.

150. Lease 7 February 1843
(i) Mayor, aldermen and burgesses of Denbigh.
(ii) John Williams of the Grove house, Denbigh, doctor of medicine.
Field in Henllan in occupation of ii.
Term: 14 years.
Rent: £9.

151. Conveyance 12 September 1843
(i) Mayor, aldermen and burgesses of Denbigh.
(ii) John Young, Henry Baring and James Milnes Gaskell, esqs., three of the Lords Commissioners of H.M. Treasury.
Conveyance by i. to iii. of a building near the western end of High Street, Denbigh, called the Bridewell (formerly called Ty Mawr), occupied by Morgan Salusbury and John Hughes (latterly in the holding of the churchwardens and overseers of the poor of Denbigh and occupied by several pauper families, but which is now untenanted, save one portion by Edward Hughes, blacking maker). (Recites that the county of Denbigh has maintained a common prison in Denbigh for a long period of time, notwithstanding the existence of a borough court of Quarter Sessions up to the passing of the Municipal Corporations Act; the said prison has been used for judicial and police purposes by both borough and county justices, but has latterly gone into great decay; it was agreed that the county be given the old Bridewell as a contribution towards the expense of erecting a new prison, and the Bridewell was sold for £120; the person who contracted to purchase was unable to pay, and it was agreed to convey the building to the county for the same price; a new prison has now been built on the north side of Love Lane).
Consideration: 5s.

152. Grant 13 June 1844
(i) Mayor, aldermen and burgesses of Denbigh.
Piece of land near Lenton Pool, Denbigh, as a site for a National school for poor persons of Denbigh and Henllan (details given of control and management of the school).
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Total Houses: 37, 61/38

Report on sanitary conditions in Denbigh, 1849 (BD/A/463).
The charter of 1662 (see BD/A/97 p. 62 ff) granted to the aldermen power to act as justices of the peace within the borough. The county justices were not to concern themselves with matters belonging to the office of justice of the borough 'excepting in plaints and actions of appeal, felonies or murders and such like ... which cannot be determined by the aldermen of the borough ...' The borough lost its court of quarter sessions under the Municipal Corporations Act, but continued to have its own commission of the peace (see BD/A/357-359).

**Minute Books**

**BD/A/153.** Minute book (draft):- contains orders, presentments, indictments, bastardy bonds, alehouse recognizances. 1806-13 (1 vol.).

**154.** Minute book (draft):- contains orders, presentments, indictments, trials, recognizances, alehouse recognizances. 1818-23 (1 vol.).

**155.** Minute book:-- contains orders, presentments, indictments, trials, recognizances. 1823-30 (1 vol.).

**156.** Minute book:-- contains orders, presentments, indictments, grand jury verdicts, recognizances. 1831-5 (1 vol.).

**Recognizance Books**

**157-160.** Recognizance books (giving names, abodes and occupations of persons bound over - to appear in court or to keep the peace - and of their sureties):

157. May 1812 (1 vol.).

158. 1822-5 (1 vol.).

159. 1826-8 (1 vol.).

160. 1828-35 (1 vol.).

**Sessions Papers**

**161.** Draft orders and recognizances. 1822-3 (1 bdle).

**162-166.** Writs of venire facias, nomina ministrorum and jury lists:

162. 1795-1804 (1 bdle).

163. 1805-10 (1 bdle).

164. 1811-19 (1 bdle).

165. 1820-6 (1 bdle).

166. 1827-35 (1 bdle).

**167.** Indictments, presentments, summonses, convictions, depositions relating to Game Laws, etc. 1818-35 (1 roll).

**168-170.** Presentments:

168. 1795-1809 (1 bdle).

169. 1810-19 (1 bdle).

170. 1820-35 (1 bdle).
Depositions:
171. 173. 1803-23 (1 bdle).
172. 1824-5 (1 bdle).
173. 1826-7 (1 bdle).

Recognizances:
174. 177. 1794-1803 (1 bdle).
175. 1804-10 (1 bdle).
176. 1811-13 (1 bdle).
177. 1814-27 (1 bdle).

Writs, summonses, etc.:
178. 179. Writs ordering the bailiffs to summons persons before the justices to answer concerning offences (specified). 1795-1829 (1 bdle).
179. Writs ordering the constables to apprehend persons and bring them before the justices to answer concerning offences (specified). 1809-29 (1 bdle).
180. Orders to the constables for conveying persons to the county gaol and house of correction at Ruthin. 1811-25 (1 bdle).
181. Orders to the constables (or churchwardens and overseers of the poor) to make distress on goods and chattels. 1818-27 (1 bdle).

Convictions before justices out of sessions. 1814-25 (7 items).

Deputations by aldermen and justices of persons to act as their deputies at the borough court of quarter sessions (with surrender of burgesship, 1790). 1790, 1799-1820 (1 bdle).

Ale-house recognizances:
184. 185. 1809, 1817-25 (1 bdle).
185. 1826-9 (1 bdle).

Bastardy bonds. 1800-26 (1 bdle).

Sacrament certificates. 1796-1827 (1 bdle).

Letters to the clerk of the peace of Denbigh requesting returns of information to central government. 1827-33 (1 bdle).

Drafts and miscellaneous papers, incl. removal order (1815), return of persons committed to the county gaol at Ruthin (1816), protest against holding of court leet by constable of Denbigh Castle (1824), return of persons liable to serve as overseers (1826), and papers relating to riot damage (1826). 1804-29 (1 bdle).

Table of rates of carriage. 1827.

Declaration of Thomas Gee that he has a printing press (in pursuance of Act of 39 Geo. III, c. 79). 1813.

Forms of oath of allegiance, and of oaths to be sworn by burgesses, aldermen, bailiffs, coroners, sergeants at mace,
leavelookers, cryers, recorders, town clerks, constables and beadles; declarations of aldermen and justices in lieu of sacramental tests (1828-33); form of oaths (Welsh and English) for special constables; at the end a list of capital burgesses, 1762-1835. (1 vol.).

BOROUGH COURT RECORDS

A court of record was granted to the borough by the charter of 1662 (see BD/A/97 pp. 56-62). It was held fortnightly before the bailiffs, and dealt mainly with cases of debt under 40s. (and occasionally larger sums). It was abolished by the Municipal Corporations Act.

Court Books

BD/A/193. 1807-17 (1 vol.).
194. 1817-26 (1 vol.).

Papers

195. Draft summons to appear before the aldermen for using false weights. 26 December 1805.
196. Affidavit that a bay horse distrained upon for a debt due from William Williams of Llanllyfni, co. Caernarvon, is the property of Henry Hughes of Llanllyfni. 11 August 1807.
197. Writ to the serjeants at mace for levying of debts of £76 4s on goods and chattels of William Parry of Denbigh, labourer. 20 December 1811.
198. List of debts sworn against Edward Evans, Bull Inn. 1813.
199. Affidavit that Richard Pritchard of Henllan Street, Denbigh, street hawker, whose goods have been seized, is indebted to Thomas Evans of Cotton Hall in £2 2s for half a year's rent. 11 November 1815.
200. Affidavit that the chest of drawers and corner cupboard in the house of John Morris of Denbigh, mason (whose property has been attached), belong to Robert Jones of Rhyd Grynin, Llansannan. 23 February 1816.
201. Writs to the serjeants at mace to summon John Anwyl of Denbigh, yeoman, to answer in a plea of debt of £20. 18 September and 2 October 1818 (2 items).
202. Summons to various persons to appear in court to answer in cases of debt of 39s 11d. 1826-7 (5 items).
Indentures of Election

These relate to the election of members of parliament for the Denbigh Boroughs constituency (boroughs of Denbigh, Ruthin and Holt, and (from 1832) the town (later borough) of Wrexham.

BD/A/203. Richard Myddelton of Chirk Castle, esq. 4 June 1796.
204. Robert Myddelton Biddulph, esq. 11 May 1807.
208. Frederick Richard West, esq., and Joseph Ablett, esq. 24 June 1826.
209. Robert Myddelton Biddulph of Chirk Castle, esq. 31 July 1830.
210. Robert Myddelton Biddulph of Chirk Castle, esq. 30 April 1831.
211. John Madocks of Glanywern, esq. 10 December 1832.
214. Frederick Richard West of Ruthin Castle, esq. 12 July 1852.
215. Townshend Mainwaring of Galltfaenan, esq. 31 March 1857.
216. Townshend Mainwaring of Galltfaenan, esq. 29 April 1859.
217. Townshend Mainwaring of Galltfaenan, esq. 11 July 1865.
218. Watkin Williams of Plas Draw, esq. 19 November 1868.

Registers of Electors

These cover the boroughs of Denbigh, Ruthin and Holt, and the town of Wrexham. They are printed unless otherwise indicated.

219. 1832. 223. 1838 (2 copies).
220. 1835 (2 copies). 224. 1839 (2 copies).
221. 1836 (manuscript). 225. 1840 (2 copies).
222. 1837.
BD/A/226. 1843 (2 copies).
227. 1844 (2 copies).
228. 1845 (2 copies).
229. 1846 (2 copies).
230. 1847 (2 copies).
231. 1848.
232. 1849 (2 copies).
233. 1850 (2 copies).
234. 1852 (2 copies).
235. 1853 (2 copies).
236. 1854 (2 copies).

**Poll Books**

237- Election of member of parliament for boroughs of Denbigh, Ruthin and Holt, and the town of Wrexham; candidates Wilson Jones, esq., and Thomas Myddelton Biddulph, esq., 28 July 1837:

237-238. Denbigh.
239-240. Ruthin.
241. Holt.
242. Wrexham.

**Election Expenses**

243. Vouchers of Townshend Mainwaring for expenses incurred as candidate in the Denbigh Boroughs election. 1865 (1 bdle).

**Case Papers**

244. Notes on evidence respecting the Denbigh Borough election petition. 1813.

**BOROUGH COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

**Poll Books : Borough Councillors**

245- 1835.
246. 1836-53.
247. 1853-69.
248. 1864-7 (Booth No. 2).
249. 1868.
Poll Books: Auditors and Assessors

255. Auditors and assessors. 1851-68.

Case Papers

256. Case with opinion of counsel concerning election of capital burgesses of Denbigh. 1832.

ELECTORAL REGISTRATION

These records, arranged in yearly bundles, include correspondence, voting papers, draft electoral registers and lists of Denbigh burgesses, claims and objections, notices of revising barristers' courts, etc.

257-1835 (2 bdles).
258. 1836 (2 bdles).
259-1837 (2 bdles).
260. 1838 (1 bdle).
261. 1839 (1 bdle).
262. 1840 (1 bdle).
263. 1841 (1 bdle).
264. 1842 (2 bdles).
265. 1843 (1 bdle).
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267. 1845 (1 bdle).
268. 1846 (1 bdle).
269. 1847 (1 bdle).
270. 1848 (1 bdle).
271. 1849 (1 bdle).
272. 1850 (1 bdle).
273. 1851 (1 bdle).
BD/A/278.  1852 (1 bdle).
279.  1853 (1 bdle).
280.  1854 (1 bdle).
281.  1855 (1 bdle).
282.  1856 (1 bdle).
283.  1857 (1 bdle).
284.  1858 (1 bdle).
285.  1859 (1 bdle).
286.  1860 (1 bdle).
287.  1861 (1 bdle).
288.  1862 (1 bdle).
289.  1863 (1 bdle).
290.  1864 (1 bdle).
291.  1865 (1 bdle).
292.  1866 (1 item).
293-294.  1867 (2 bdles).
295-296.  1868 (2 bdles).
297.  1869 (1 bdle).
298.  1870 (1 bdle).
299.  1871 (1 bdle).
300.  1872 (1 bdle).
301.  1873 (1 bdle).
302.  1874 (1 item).
303.  1875 (1 bdle).
304.  1876 (1 item).
305.  1879 (1 item).

MAPS AND PLANS

306. Land lying in the town of Denbigh adjoining the east side of the road leading from Swan Street to Pen-y-Bake House Hill. 22 October 1774.
Surveyor: Samuel Minshull.
Scale: 176 in. to one mile.
Size: 12 in. x 9 in.
Media: paper.

BD/A/307. Sketch plan of land near the town of Denbigh belonging to the borough, by S. Minshull. 4 October 1777.

308. Exact map of the liberty and borough of Denbigh. n.d. [c. 1809].
Surveyor: [? John Roberts, Ruthin].
Scale: 0.5 in. to one mile or 0.9 in. to one mile 'computed'.
Signed by John Roberts, Ruthin.
Size: 36 in. x 28 in.
Media: parchment.
Shows boundary under the charter [of Charles II].
Reference gives landowners, tenants, street names, etc.
See Records of Denbigh and its Lordship, p. 157, and BD/A/85 above.

309. MS. copy of 308 above. Scale 0.35 in. to one mile.

310. Printed copy of 308 above, 'engraved from the original of Mr. Roberts of Ruthin' by W. Bulmer and Co., Cleveland Row, London.
March 1813.
(For another copy, see C.R.O. Hawarden D/DM/162/12).

311. MS. version of 308 above (by same hand as 309). Scale 1 in.
to one mile. Reference gives distances of various places from the Market Cross.

312. Plan of county gaol, Denbigh, by J. Jebb, Capt., Royal Engineers.
(Signed by Wm. Crawford and Wm. Russell, inspectors of prisons.
n.d. [c. 1843 : see 151 above].

313. Sections and elevation of markets for the borough of Denbigh.
1845.

314. Sections for proposed drainage of the town of Denbigh (Vale Street, Railway Inn to Infirmary, the Vron, Red Lane to Henllan Street passing through Barkers Lane). n.d. [c. 1850].

315. Denbigh. n.d. [c. 1850].
Surveyor: not given.
Scale: 42 in. to one mile.
Size: 72 in. x 106 in.
Media: p.b.l.
Shows proposed drainage in borough of Denbigh. Principal buildings and streets named. Bore of drainage pipes, manholes, etc., distinguished.

316. Denbigh. n.d. [c. 1850].
Surveyor: not given.
Scale: 29.3 in. to one mile.
Size: 20 in. x 30 in.
Media: paper.
Plan and section of Red Lane and Beacon's Hill, and part of Graig Road. Names of some properties and owners given.
   Surveyor: not given.
   Size: 26 in. x 54 in.
   Media: p.b.l.
   Shows streets and some buildings, and marks sewers.
   Later amendments to 1912.
   Surveyor: not given.
   Size: 46 in. x 58 in.
   Media: p.b.l.
   Shows borough boundary (but excludes Denbigh town centre),
   field boundaries, houses, etc. Approved by mayor and
   council, 6 August 1866.
321. Denbigh. 1890 (2 items).
   Surveyor: J. Davies.
   Size: 10 in. x 13 in.; 8 in. x 18 in.
   Media: p.b.l.
   Shows area of about 96 square yards surrounding Waterloo
   Shop and Crown Square for purpose of street improvements.
   Some buildings named. Dimensions in central area given.
   Includes section.
322. Denbigh. 1893.
   Surveyor: John Davies, borough surveyor.
   Size: 30 in. x 37 in.
   Media: p.b.l.
   Plan of proposed cattle market, showing drainage and
   giving some dimensions.
323. Section of proposed drainage of the town of Denbigh (mainly
   Park Street). Gives street names, and some occupiers' names.
   n.d. [late 19th c.].
324. Henllan area. n.d. [late 19th c.]
   Surveyor: not given.
   Size: 36 in. x 125 in.
   Media: p.b.l.
   Shows Henllan and adjoining area including Carn, Llys
   Meirchion, Melin Hafod, etc.; field boundaries, block
   plan of Henllan village.
325. Improvement to road at Beacon's Hill. n.d. [late 19th c.]
   Surveyor: not given.
   Size: 26 in. x 21 in.
   Media: paper.
Shows improvement to corner of Beacon's Hill and Red Lane opposite Frongoch School; includes cross-sections.

BD/A/326. Denbigh. n.d. [c. 1900].
Scale: 42 in. to one mile approx.
Size: 11 in. x 18 in.
Media: p.b.l.

Shows west end of High Street and High Gate; proposed street widening marked, and widths given.

327. Plan of Meifod Quarry. n.d. [c. 1900].
328. Section of sewer in Denbigh. 1905.
329. Plans and sections of Mold and Denbigh Junction Railway (parish of Trefnant). 1914.
331. Plans, sections and elevations of workmen's dwellings. 1924.
332. Plans, sections and elevations relating to proposed alteration to Denbigh Royal Infirmary, incl. maternity ward, nurses' home, porters' house, and laundry. 1927-47 (1 bdle).
333. Plan and sections of refuse destructor. n.d. [early 20th c.].
335. Misc. Ordnance Survey 1-inch, 6-inch, 25-inch (and 25-inch enlarged to 1/1250) maps and plans of Denbigh area. 1899-1911 (9 items).

RECORDS OF THE REFORMED CORPORATION

MINUTES

Council Minutes

All these minute books have contemporary indexes. 336 contains at the front a table of borough tolls, 1870. For minutes from 1835 to 1865, see BD/A/4-5 above.

336. 9 November 1865 - 3 March 1879 (1 vol.).
337. 7 April 1879 - 21 August 1888 (1 vol.).
338. 18 September 1888 - 13 April 1896 (1 vol.).
339. 19 May 1896 - 18 August 1904 (1 vol.).
340. 15 September 1904 - 28 November 1912 (1 vol.).

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We the grand jury at the General Quarter Sessions of the
Borough held and kept on and for the said Borough on Saturday
the 13th day of July 1809

We present Mr. Martin of Llwynog for uttering and beginnning
in the wall and gate, near the inn called the Black Book

We also present Mr. Thomas for erecting or beginning to erect
a new house near the dwelling house of Thomas Morris, junior
at Llanfair, in Denbigh

And also we present John Morris for erecting a new fence
near the back of house, the same being leaving on the public
High Road

And also we present the Constable of the Borough, for not
discharging his duty on the said day, commonly called
Sunday


Presentments of the grand jury at Denbigh Borough Quarter
Sessions, 1809 (BD/A/168).
Committee Minutes

353. Watch Committee. 4 February 1836 - 10 June 1868 (incl. register of common lodging houses under Common Lodging Houses Act, 1851) (1 vol.).

354. Miscellaneous committees (Market, Finance, Sale of corporation lands, Health, Sanitary, etc.). 8 December 1851 - 7 June 1861 (1 vol.).

355. Rating and Valuation Committee. 27 July 1926 - 19 October 1964 (1 vol.).

Draft Minutes

356. Council and Committees. (At the front is a table of nos. of houses in each street, in connection with their numbering). 3 May 1869 - 23 June 1877 (1 vol.).

COMMISSIONS OF THE PEACE

357. Commission of the peace. 1837.

358. Commission of the peace. 1878.

359. Correspondence and papers. 1923-51 (1 bdle).

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Burgess Rolls

360. 1835 (1 vol.).
BD/A/361. 1835-44 (1 vol.).

362. 1845-57 (1 vol.).

363. 1837 (printed: 1 vol.).

364. 1838 (printed: 1 vol.).

Oaths and Declarations

365. Councillors' declarations (not to weaken or injure the Established Church). 1835-6 (1 vol.).

366-371. Declarations of acceptance of office:
366. 1837-42 (1 vol.).
367. 1843-61 (1 vol.).
368. 1861-1902 (1 vol.).
369. 1903-28 (1 vol.).
370. 1929-60 (1 vol.).
371. 1960-73 (1 vol.).

372. Oath of allegiance, etc. 1842 (1 vol.).

Byelaws


374. Byelaws. 1836 (3 copies).

375. Markets and fairs byelaws. 1847.

376. Byelaws. 1877.


Year Books


TOWN CLERK

Letter Books

384. 4 January 1836 - 10 August 1838.

385. 18 May 1923 - 14 June 1924.
BD/A/386. 17 June 1924 - 28 May 1925.

387. 29 May 1925 - 31 March 1926.

388. 31 March 1926 - 6 January 1927.

389. 6 January 1927 - 28 October 1927.

390. 2 November 1927 - 22 October 1928.

391. 22 October 1928 - 24 September 1929.

392. 24 September 1929 - 1 September 1930.

393. 1 September 1930 - 17 June 1931.


395. 1 February 1932 - 24 November 1932.


397. 25 October 1933 - 27 June 1934.

398. 28 June 1934 - 29 March 1935.

399. 28 March 1935 - 31 December 1936.

400. 1 January 1936 - 30 October 1936.

401. 30 October 1936 - 23 August 1937.

402. 25 August 1937 - 28 December 1937.

403. 29 December 1937 - 15 June 1938.

404. 16 June 1938 - 12 November 1938.

405. 15 November 1938 - 11 March 1939.


407. 6 July 1939 - 27 November 1939.

408. 28 November 1939 - 10 April 1940.

409. 11 April 1940 - 5 October 1940.

410. 7 October 1940 - 27 March 1941.

411. 27 March 1941 - 1 October 1941.

412. 4 October 1941 - 27 May 1942.

413. 27 May 1942 - 15 March 1943.

414. 17 March 1943 - 26 October 1943.

415. 26 October 1943 - 15 May 1944.
BD/A/416. 18 May - 30 December 1944.

417. 30 December 1944 - 31 July 1945.
418. 2 August 1945 - 12 January 1946.
419. 14 January 1946 - 27 June 1946.
420. 28 June 1946 - 25 November 1946.
422. 29 April 1947 - 22 September 1947.
423. 23 September 1947 - 6 March 1948.
424. 8 March 1948 - 11 September 1948.
426. 1 February 1949 - 29 June 1949.
427. 1 November 1949 - 8 March 1950.
429. 1 July 1950 - 20 November 1950.
430. 21 November 1950 - 30 March 1951.
431. 2 April 1951 - 21 September 1951.
432. 22 September 1951 - 7 February 1952.
433. 8 February 1952 - 27 June 1952.
434. 27 June 1952 - 9 January 1953.
437. 1 April 1954 - 1 December 1954.
440. 1 September 1956 - 30 June 1957.
441. 1 July 1957 - 22 May 1958.
442. 1 June 1958 - 31 March 1959.
443. 6 April 1959 - 17 December 1959.
446. 1 August 1961 - 31 May 1962.
Town Clerk's Papers

These are yearly bundles of correspondence and papers. They were accumulated in the course of their duties by Richard Williams (town clerk from 1835 to 1872) and his successor, the former deputy clerk, Francis W. Wynne (William's partner in his solicitor's practice in Vale Street). Common documents include: agenda papers, draft minutes, correspondence and papers concerning acceptance of office and attendance at meetings; abstracts of accounts, rentals and other financial papers; burgess rolls, lists of councillors, and voting papers; byelaws; drafts of deeds and papers relating to appointments of overseers, and applications for posts.

A selective list is given below of papers of particular interest for each year.

1835:— papers relating to repair of town hall clock (1 bdle).

1836:— draft address to the Duke of Sussex, congratulating him on the recovery of his sight; Watch Committee return to Home Secretary relating to Borough Constabulary; letter from Lord Dinorben relating to petition from Borough Council; draft memorial to Lords of Treasury for approval of order of Council to sell corporate property; notice that coal market is to be held at lower end of Vale Street; petition from electors about market tolls for agricultural produce; loyal address to the King (5 bdles).

1837:— Watch Committee return to Home Secretary relating to Borough Constabulary (5 bdles).

1838:— list of constables attending the May fair; letters from John Heaton on fines for non-attendance at Council meeting; draft of motion to change date of wool fair; letter from Mr. Chambres on official uniform for borough policemen; letter from General Post Office about time of despatch of post from St. Asaph to Corwen; letter from 'a Radical' of Denbigh about conduct of some publicans, in allowing late drinking on Saturday night; copy opinion concerning retiring aldermen voting; draft of address to the Queen on celebration of her coronation; notice on impounding of stray animals (swine and asses) (4 bdles).

1839:— report on right of way from cart road to Accar y Forwyn; draft address to Queen on Bedchamber Crisis of 1839 (also expressing gratitude at Queen's recent change of ministers); petition from secretaries of Total Abstinence Society, complaining about drunkenness in the town; papers relating to tolls of markets and fairs, and to title to old Bridewell; notice of offer of reward by Watch Committee for arrest of persons attempting to rescue a felon from custody; printed letter from Thomas Dudgion, New York, soliciting support for his water scheme; detailed statement of corporation income (3 bdles).
1840:- petitions recommending men as police officers; orders of Chief Constable; draft address to the Queen and Prince Albert on their marriage, with reply; reply to questions of committee on freemen in cities and boroughs; letters of application for post of town crier (3 bdles).

1841:- draft address to the Queen and Prince Albert; papers relating to petition to the Queen against union of dioceses of Bangor and St. Asaph; correspondence with agent of Miss Myddelton of Ruthin Castle about improvements in Denbigh through alterations to property; petition of John Dew, police officer, complaining about conditions of service; valuation of properties in borough (5 bdles).

1842:- conditions of service of police officers of the borough; memorial from John Heaton on Denbigh fairs; draft notice of meeting of Watch Committee to consider charge against John Dew, police officer; particulars of fields at Denbigh Green, Henllan, and conditions of letting; papers relating to address to the Queen expressing gratitude for her preservation from an attempt on her life; letter concerning commission of the peace for the borough (4 bdles).

1843:- examination of Catherine Jones of the Druid public house concerning a disturbance; order for appointment of treasurer (3 bdles).

1844:- papers relating to petition for repeal of the Act uniting dioceses of St. Asaph and Bangor; draft grant of land near Lenten Pool for erection of National School (2 bdles).

1845:- letter concerning dilapidated cottage in Love Lane, letter from Mrs. Catherine Jones of Llangollen on possibility of selling the Eagles for the use of the corporation; scheme for exhibition of pictures illustrating the history of the county of Denbigh; draft memorial to the Postmaster General on the late arrival of the London mail; plan of the Swan premises; letters from Denbighshire Constabulary about putting up of notices in churches and chapels; case concerning removal of meat market; plan of corporation lands to be sold by auction (6 bdles).

1846:- public notice warning inhabitants against allowing pigs to stray on Sundays; plans, reports, etc., concerning building of New Market Hall; letter from Edward Williams of Denbigh agreeing to leave his cowhouse peaceably if the corporation pay him £2 towards erecting a temporary one; letter from Ruthin Castle agent about the slender title of Denbigh corporation to the building attached to the White Horse (7 bdles).

1847:- rules and regulations of the news-room and library; bye-laws of markets and fairs; public notice concerning public fast; public notice concerning establishment of a Savings Bank; correspondence about Denbigh market; papers relating to lighting; time accounts for work done at the New Market Hall (6 bdles).

1848:- letter from Mr. Tilston of Liverpool to Thomas Gee on Denbigh Fair; public notice concerning the conveying of mail bags from Rhyl; draft letter from John Lloyd Wynne of Coed Coch about the market premises; report on sanitary conditions; draft petition concerning the Jewish Disabilities Bill; papers relating to cholera, and number of deaths in Denbigh and district; papers relating to the Cheese Fair (8 bdles).
To the Right Honorable The Postmaster General

We the undersigned inhabitants of the town and

borough of Denbigh having learned that it is the intention of your

Bishop to reduce the post office in this town to the condition of a

sub office to Rhyl we have thought fit to express our alarm and regret at

the intelligence which we have received and while we would —

respectfully protest against such a measure being carried into effect we

would distinctly protest upon your landlords to rescind the decision

which has been formed so seriously to your inhabitants believe

advantage to the public good and especially injurious to the common

and business of this town and district —

Amongst many other reasons with which it would be useful to

specify your landlords have come to our conclusions upon the following

considerations:

1st That this being the only town and centre of a large —

agricultural and industrial community and having in consequence daily

and important postal intercourse with the metropolis great risk and

incumbrance would derive by the loss of a local bag —

2nd That while at Rhyl there is no bank at all there are in

this town two, one through the medium of which the business of a great

section of the inhabitants is transacted together with the last

large remittances to and from London with special and important

correspondence —

3rd That while at Rhyl there are only two solicitors in

Denbigh there are no less than eight solicitors the business of

the Corporation town of Denbigh and one of that of Denbigh in

the necessary conduct of whose business and duties the Denbigh

by last of Bank notes and other valuable Movements is of daily

consequence and to whom the connections and services afforded by the

existing arrangement are of the greatest consequence —

Denbigh, 3d January 1856

Richard Owen, Esq.
Mr. J.P. J. M. Lloy, Denbigh
Mr. Williams, Mr. G. Gwynnen
Mr. Williams, Mr. Parry
Mr. Roberts, Mr. Parry
Mr. Edwards, Esq.
Mr. Isaac, Marshal, New Market
Jonas School
Mr. Morris, Messrs. Printers
Mr. Lewis, Bank, Denbigh
Mr. Jones, Bank, Denbigh
Mr. Poulter, Bank, Denbigh
Mr. Jones, Baptist
Hugh Morgan, Samuel Morgan

Petition against the proposed reduction of Denbigh post office to a sub-office to Rhyl, 1854 (BD/A/468).
BD/A/463. 1849:-- draft petition and letter from R. Myddelton Biddulph concerning the closure of public houses on Sunday; report on sanitary conditions (5 bdles).

464. 1850:-- sketch of cast iron pump; public notice concerning protest over Popish aggressions (4 bdles).

465. 1851:-- draft petition concerning falling-off of trade due to the repeal of the Corn Laws (4 bdles).

466. 1852:-- letter from solicitor to Trent Valley Continuation and Holyhead Junction Railway Company on proposed railway through Denbigh; public notice concerning railway; letter from F.R. West, Ruthin Castle, on meeting to discuss Vale of Clwyd Railway; public notice concerning holding of service at St. Hilary's to solemnize day of funeral of Duke of Wellington; list of subscribers to Denbigh Newsroom and Library (2 bdles).

467. 1853:-- handbill concerning sale of corporation property; memorial about site of school for orphan girls (Howell's School); regulations about public houses (5 bdles).

468. 1854:-- letter applying for lease of land near Ffynnon sharnei (includes plan of property); public notice concerning holding of day of national humiliation and prayer for the perils of war; memorial protesting about proposed reduction in status of Denbigh post office to that of a sub-post office to Rhyl (3 bdles).

469. 1855:-- petition concerning opening of public houses on Sundays; correspondence and other papers concerning Bishop of St. Asaph and the Blue Coat School (2 bdles).

470. 1856:-- public notice concerning commemoration of peace (1 bdle).

471. 1857:-- request to call meeting in aid of the Indian Distress Fund; agreement for consolidating police force of borough and county of Denbigh; instructions to mayor and deputies concerning Denbigh borough election (2 bdles).

472. 1858:-- papers concerning purchase of fire engine; report on state of the common lodging houses; public notice concerning sending of condolences to Sir Watkin Williams Wynn over the recent fire at Wynnstay (2 bdles).

473. 1859:-- papers and plans relating to water supply (6 bdles).

474. 1860 (2 bdles).

475. 1861:-- notice calling for a public meeting to discuss the preserving of the Castle; report by the Medical Officer to the St. Asaph Board of Guardians; letters from the master of the National School, proposing pupils for apprenticeship under the Eisteddfod fund; letter suggesting a notice concerning sale of gunpowder and fireworks (2 bdles).

476. 1862:-- papers concerning collection for the relief of distress in manufacturing districts (3 bdles).

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1863:- correspondence on alterations to a house in High Street; 
letter relating to the Working Men's Reading and Recreation Rooms 
(includes subscription list); handbill concerning laying of 
foundation stone of New Market Hall, Ruthin; notice concerning 
proposed Smithfield; papers concerning demonstration on marriage 
of Prince of Wales (3 bdles).

1864:- notice concerning dogs found at large; papers on town 
drainage; printed abstract of accounts; return of Lancashire 
distress subscriptions; acknowledgement of address of borough 
on birth of son to the Princess of Wales (3 bdles).

1865:- public notice concerning volunteer fire brigade; public 
notice concerning breaking of windows and obstructing of public 
thoroughfare; letter from mayor concerning the suspension of 
business to mark the funeral of Lord Palmerston; address of 
congratulation to Sir Watkin and Lady Williams Wynn on the birth 
of a daughter (3 bdles).

1866:- papers concerning prohibition of keeping pigs; correspondence 
on restoration of monthly court in Denbigh; poem on Townshend 
Mainwaring, M.P.; electoral address of Watkin Williams; letter 
from Mr. Bancroft (analyst, Well Street, Ruthin) on examination 
of Denbigh Water Company water at Barker's well; papers relating 
to cattle plague; suggestions as to a perambulation of the borough; 
papers relating to the Mold and Denbigh Junction Railway (includes 
plan) (4 bdles).

1867:- public notice on distress among shoe-makers; printed report 
on wells and pumps in Denbigh, and petition about wells; return 
relating to the mayoral chain and mace (3 bdles).

1868:- printed report on income, expenditure and tolls; proposed 
memorial to the Home Secretary for extension of fair facilities 
under the Fairs Act, 1866; papers concerning numbering of houses 
in Denbigh (4 bdles).

1869:- resolution of Gas Inspectors relating to public lamps; 
papers relating to public demonstration at Bodfari to celebrate 
the opening of the Mold and Denbigh Junction Railway; correspondence 
on the footpath from Park Lane to Vale Street; correspondence 
relating to loan to Denbighshire Infirmary (1 bdle).

1870:- papers relating to the National Committee for the reception 
of the King and Queen of the Belgians; plan of houses and gardens 
at Beacon's Hill; draft memorial against proposed removal of court 
of quarter sessions to Ruthin (for all four sessions); report on 
proposed boundary of borough; papers relating to the Elementary 
Education Act, 1870; undertakings to pay drainage charges (5 bdles).

1871 (5 bdles).

1872:- return of women electors in borough; petition relating to 
the Licensing Act, 1872; draft address to the Queen on the 
convalescence of the Prince of Wales; plan of central part of the 
town (7 bdles).

1872-3 (1 bdle).
1873:—letter from Education Department concerning the number of children attending school; letter from the rector of Denbigh complaining about Thomas Gee's attitude over religion and education; report of the Medical Officer of Health; public notice concerning the Ordnance Survey of West Denbighshire parishes (5 bdles).

489. 1874 (2 bdles).
490. 1875 (3 bdles).
491. 1876 (2 bdles).
492. 1877 and n.d. (1 bdle).

Correspondence Files: General

493. Papers (incl. leases and papers from 1893) concerning Henllan Water Supply Inquiry. 1920 (1 bdle).
494. Correspondence and papers concerning road widening and improvements. 1921-5 (1 bdle).
495. Draft statutory declaration and correspondence relating to mortgage to secure loan. 1925 (1 bdle).
496. Correspondence and papers concerning discontinuation of grants on scheduled roads, maintenance of main roads, etc. 1926-36 (1 bdle).
499. Petition, correspondence and other papers relating to proposed refuse tip at Meifod Quarry, Henllan. 1932 (1 bdle).
500. Rating and Valuation Committee correspondence. 1933-4 (1 file).
501. Papers relating to Gresford Colliery Disaster Fund Appeal. 1934 (1 file).
503. Correspondence concerning proposed removal of Assizes from Ruthin. 1936 (1 bdle).
504. Correspondence concerning ventilation shafts. 1936-7 (1 file).
505. Returns to Ministry of Health as to money borrowed by Denbigh Borough Council. 1937 (1 file).
506. Correspondence and other papers relating to Coronation Committee. 1937 (1 file).
BD/A/508. Correspondence relating to alteration of salary of Sanitary Inspector. 1947-8 (1 bdle).

Correspondence Files: Housing

509. Correspondence on erection of seven workmen's houses at Maes Hyfryd. 1924 (1 bdle).

510. Papers concerning erection of 22 workmen's dwellings on Smithfield Road site. 1926 (1 file).

511. Papers concerning erection of ten workmen's dwellings on Smithfield Road site. 1927 (2 files).

512. Correspondence and papers concerning erection of eighteen workmen's dwellings on Lower Park housing site. 1930-2 (1 file).

513. Plans and specifications for houses on various estates in Denbigh. c. 1932-47 (1 file).

514. Papers concerning erection of eight non-parlour type houses on Henllan Street site. 1933-4 (1 file).

515. Rent and Mortgage Interest Restrictions Act (1933): register of dwelling houses, correspondence and counterfoils. 1933-7 (1 bdle).

516. Papers concerning erection of fourteen workmen's dwellings at Glas Meadow Isaf site. 1934-5 (1 bdle).

517. Correspondence and papers relating to Housing Clearance Area No. 1. 1934-5 (1 file).

518. Correspondence and papers concerning Housing Clearance Area No. 2. 1934-5 (1 file).

519. Tenders for electrical installations on housing estates. 1939 (1 bdle).

Correspondence Files: Second World War:

Air Raid Precautions


522. General correspondence and papers relating to A.R.P. 1939 (1 file).

523. A.R.P. Committee draft minutes and papers. 1939 (1 file).


525. A.R.P.: lists of volunteers, enrolment forms, etc. 1939 (1 file).

528. A.R.P. accounts and vouchers. 1939-41 (1 file).
529. A.R.P. equipment. 1939-43 (1 file).
531. A.R.P.: correspondence and papers concerning wardens' posts; sandbagging; unexploded bombs; steel helmets; masks, etc. 1939-45 (1 file).
533. Civil Defence: comforts for Civil Defence services. 1940 (1 file).
535. A.R.P. shelters. 1940-6 (1 file).
537. Scheme for mutual assistance against air raids. 1942-3 (1 file).

Second World War: Evacuation

538. Government evacuation scheme: accommodation, administration, etc. 1939-45 (1 file).
539. Government evacuation scheme: register of bedding. 1939-43 (1 vol.).
542. Evacuation: applications for post of Resident Matron at Bryn Trevor. 1941 (1 file).

Second World War: Miscellaneous

545. Requisitioning of land in Denbigh. 1939 (1 file).
546. Repair of war damage to buildings. 1939 (1 file).
547. Women's Voluntary Services for Civil Defence. 1939 (1 file).
549. Deaths due to war operations. 1939-42 (1 file).
BD/A/550. Repair of war damage, salvage of property, etc. 1939-47 (1 file).

551. Deterrents against enemy landings. 1940 (1 file).

552. War Damage Act (1941). 1941 (1 file).

553. District Information Committee, Denbigh District. 1941 (1 file).

554. Denbigh and District War Weapons Week: minutes, accounts and papers. 1941 (1 bdle).

555. Care of persons made homeless by enemy action. 1941-6 (1 file).

556. Fire Guard. 1942-4 (1 file).

557. Board of Trade circulars, etc., relating to clothing coupons. 1942-9 (1 file).

558. Battle of Britain Sunday. 1943 (1 file).

559. Collection and storage of wood fuel. 1943-8 (1 file).

560. Welcome Home Fund. 1945 (1 file).

Municipal Corporations Act

561. Case papers, correspondence, etc., concerning election of burgesses, recordship, borough court of record, and other matters affected by the Municipal Corporations Act. 1834-7, 1843 (1 bdle).

562. Report on borough of Denbigh by G.H. Wilkinson, 3 February 1834; report on borough of Denbigh by H.B. Ker and C.B. Lennard, with map, 1832; report on proposed municipal boundary of Denbigh by J. Hammill and W. Denison, with map, 1837; and report of Boundary Commissioners on the Denbigh Boroughs, with map, 1868. (1 vol.).

Charities

563. Correspondence and papers on proposed inspection of Denbigh Blue Coat School charity accounts (incl. notes from Thomas Gee and Bishop of St. Asaph). 1855 (3 items).

564. Papers relating to Denbigh and Henllan Charities. 1891-1935 (1 bdle).
Notice of meeting to consider the distressed state of the shoe trade in Denbigh, 1867 (BD/A/481).

AMONG
[IMAGE...

By the request of the Town Council I hereby appoint a
PUBLIC MEETING
of the Inhabitants of the Town and neighbourhood of Denbigh, to be held at the
MAGISTRATES' ROOM, IN THE TOWN HALL,
at Half-past Seven in the evening of
WEDNESDAY NEXT

THE 10th OF APRIL INSTANT,
to take into consideration the DISTRESSED STATE OF THE TRADE AMONG THE SHOEMAKERS.

EVAN PIERCE, Mayor.

Denbigh, April 8, 1867.
Denbigh Grammar School

565. Correspondence and papers concerning scheme for regulation of Denbigh Grammar School, with particular reference to religious instruction. 1864-5 (1 bdle).

Nuisance Removal

566. Report of inspector of nuisances on the borough of Denbigh, with letter from the Clerk of St. Asaph Union urging 'the necessity of taking immediate measures to drain the town, the main drain not appearing sufficiently deep to carry off the water from the cellars in the market place and the High Street'. May 1854 (1 bdle).

567. Correspondence and papers (incl. printed posters and leaflets) concerning removal of nuisances and precautions to be taken against cholera. 1854 (1 bdle).

Lighting

568. Minutes of proceedings of town council as inspectors under Lighting Act (3&4 Wm. IV, c. 90) (with valuation of borough). 31 August 1847 - 6 January 1851 (1 vol.).


570. Case papers concerning adoption by the town council of powers under the Lighting and Watching Act. 1850 (3 items).


Apprenticeship

572. Apprenticeship indentures and papers (incl. copy order of court of convocation concerning application of funds from Denbigh Eisteddfod of 1828 towards apprenticeship of boys from the Denbigh Blue Coat School, 1830). 1837-70 (1 bdle).

Borough Properties

573. Correspondence and papers (incl. sale notice) relating to the sale of the Old Bridewell. 1834-54 (1 bdle).

574. Copy mortgages, schedules and abstracts of title to borough properties. 1845-6 (1 bdle).

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BD/A/575. Draft abstract of conveyance of old stable and coach house in Beacon's Hill. n.d. [mid 19th c.].

576. Draft deeds, insurance papers, etc., relating to borough properties. 1879-1922 (1 bdle).

577. Draft lease of County Hall (1924); extracts from Borough Council minutes concerning use of County Hall by County Council and others; County Hall accounts and minutes of committee meetings (1924). 1923-6 (1 bdle).

578. County Hall and Council Chamber scale of charges. n.d. [c. 1930].

579. Lease of land in parish of Henllan for sewage disposal. 1933.

580. Particulars of hire, heating and lighting at County Hall and Council Chamber. 1935-7 (1 vol.).

581. Draft leases of Meifod Land, Henllan, and of Denbigh Town Hall. 1937 (3 items).

Denbigh National Eisteddfod, 1939

582-583. Royal National Eisteddfod, Denbigh: correspondence, accounts and papers. 1939 (2 bdles).

584. Royal National Eisteddfod: photographs. 1939 (1 vol.).

Lists of Borough Records

585. Abstract of corporation deeds and papers by Evans and Williams, Denbigh. n.d. [c. 1846].


Miscellaneous

587. Misc. Acts and Bills concerning borough improvements, police, etc. 1837-42 (1 bdle).


589. Tenancy agreements, contracts, grants of easements, etc. 1896-1968 (1 bdle).


592. Letter from George V relating to visit to Denbigh and Llangwyfan Sanatorium. 1920.
Notices under Public Health Act. 1925-56 (1 bdle).

County of Denbigh Review Order. 1934 (2 items).

Standing orders adopted by the borough council with respect to contracts. 1934.

Minutes of Annual General Meeting of National Fire Brigades Association (North Wales District). 1935.

Notices concerning payment of rates. 1936-63 (1 bdle).

North Wales Mental Hospital visitors rota card. 1937-8.

Annual reports of Medical Officer and Sanitary Inspector. 1938.

Rules for letting of standing room in the Horse Market for travelling shows. 1938.


Copy of proclamation of Caerwys Eisteddfod of 1567. n.d. [c. 1968].

Impressions of the common seal of the borough of Denbigh. n.d.

Photographs

Denbighshire Yeomanry. n.d. [c. 1899].

Unidentified soldier. n.d.

Excavation of old tilery in Middle Lane, Denbigh. n.d. (2 items).

Interior of Whitchurch. n.d.

Salisbury Place, King's Mills and Howell's School. n.d.

Denbigh Castle. n.d.

King's Mills and road to Nantglyn. n.d.

King's Mills and general view of Denbigh. n.d.

King's Mills. n.d.

Denbigh cockpit. n.d.

Members of Capel Prion. n.d.

Entrance to Denbigh Borough Market. n.d.

Alterations at Galltfaenan. n.d.

Opening of County School, Denbigh. 1903.
Founders of Denbigh Literary and Social Society. 1904.

Interior of St. Hilary's Church, Denbigh. 1906.

'Salute the Soldier' Week in Denbigh. n.d. [c. 1940].

Denbigh Borough Council. 1950.

Proclamation of accession of Elizabeth II. 1952.

Shop at corner of Back Row and Town Square. 1953.

Meeting of Denbigh undertaking of Wales Gas Board. 1953 (2 items).

Street lighting in High Street. n.d. [c. 1960].

Civic opening of street redecoration scheme. 1961 (6 items).

Visit of Prince Charles to Denbigh. 1969 (1 bundle).


Christmas decorations in High Street. n.d.

Charter of Henri de Lacy.

Portrait of Robert Dudley, Earl of Leicester.

FINANCE

Abstracts of Accounts

Abstracts of accounts (printed). 1865 (1 item).

Statements of monies received and paid (printed). 1866-8, 1877, 1879-80 (1 bundle).

Ledgers

Ledger (also contains printed abstracts of accounts, 1870-4). 1833-75 (1 vol.).

Ledger. 1875-8 (1 vol.).

1922-3 (1 vol.).

1926-9 (1 vol.).

1928-9 (1 vol.).

1932-3 (1 vol.).

1933-8 (1 vol.).

1937-9 (1 vol.).
BD/A/644. Ledger. 1939-40 (1 vol.).
645. 1940-1 (1 vol.).
646. 1941-3 (1 vol.).
647. 1943-5 (1 vol.).
648. 1946-9 (1 vol.).
649. 1949-52 (1 vol.).
650. 1952-4 (1 vol.).
651. 1955-8 (1 vol.).
652. 1958-61 (1 vol.).
653. Loans ledger. 1932-64 (1 vol.).
654. 1942-6 (1 vol.).
655. Loans ledger (housing) 1920-37 (1 vol.).
656. 1930-56 (1 vol.).
657. Rate accounts ledger. 1927-31 (1 vol.).
658. 1938-47 (1 vol.).
659. 1947-55 (1 vol.).
660. 1954-63 (1 vol.).
661. Housing ledger. 1930-51 (1 vol.).

Cash Books
662. Treasurer's cash book. 1867-76 (1 vol.).
663. Treasurer's receipt and payment book. 1877-81 (1 vol.).
664. Cash book. 1923-7 (1 vol.).
665. Cash account. 1935-45 (1 vol.).
666. 1945-51 (1 vol.).
667. 1934-54 (1 vol.).
668. Cash receipts and payments. 1941-7 (1 vol.).
669. 1947-53 (1 vol.).
670. Assessment Committee cash book. 1927-32 (1 vol.).
671. Treasurer's cash book (capital account general). 1931-9 (1 vol.).
BD/A/672. Treasurer’s cash book (capital account housing). 1931-5 (1 vol.).

673. Treasurer’s cash book (housing account). 1934-5 (1 vol.).

674. Treasurer’s cash book (cemetery). 1931-6 (1 vol.).

675-676. Treasurer’s cash books (rating account):
675. 1931-4 (1 vol.).
676. 1943-9 (1 vol.).

Vouchers

These include paysheets, receipts for salaries, bills for goods and services (many from local tradesmen), etc.

677. 1836 (1 bdle).
678. 1838-9 (1 bdle).
679. 1839 (1 bdle).
680. 1840-2 (1 bdle).
681. 1843-5 (1 bdle).
682. 1845-6 (1 bdle).
683. 1847-9 (1 bdle).
684. 1849-52 (1 bdle).
685. 1871-2 (1 bdle).
686. 1875 (1 bdle).
687-689. 1875-8 (3 bdles).
690. 1875-80 (1 bdle).
691. 1876-80 (1 bdle).
692. 1876-9 (1 bdle).
693. 1879-80 (1 bdle).
694-696. 1880-1 (3 bdles).

697. New Market Hall time accounts. 1846-7 (1 vol.).

698-700. New Market Hall vouchers, time accounts, etc. 1846-8 (3 bdles).

Housing Accounts

BD/A/702. Tenancy register. 1922 (1 vol.).
703. 1924 (1 vol.).
704. Collecting and deposit book. 1928-49 (1 vol.).
705. 1928-49 (1 vol.).
706. Ledger. 1926-30 (1 vol.).
708. 1940-9 (1 vol.).
709. 1931-49 (1 vol.).
710-713. 1948-9 (4 vols.).
714. Rent account book (Denbigh). 1924-34 (1 vol.).
715. 1928-40 (1 vol.).
716. 1932-49 (1 vol.).
717. Rent account book (Henllan Street and Panton Hall). 1930-7 (1 vol.).
718. Rent account book (Alavoulia). 1937-54 (1 vol.).
719. Rent account book (Maesydre). 1939-49 (1 vol.).
720. Housing repairs accounts. 1935-53 (1 vol.).

Statutory Registers

722. Register of disclosures and general notices (Local Government Act, 1933). 1937-73 (1 vol.).
723. Register of houses provided by council. 1924 (1 vol.).
724. Register of houses in clearance areas. 1934-6 (1 vol.).
725. Register of individual unfit houses, not repairable. 1934-9 (1 vol.).
726. Register of displaced persons (Housing Act, 1935). 1935-6 (1 vol.).
727. Register of dwelling houses (Lower Class B) (Rent and Mortgage Restrictions Acts, 1920-38). 1938 (1 vol.).

Registers of Motor Omnibuses and Drivers

728. Register of motor omnibuses. 1929-30 (1 vol.).
729. Register of motor omnibus drivers and conductors. 1929-30 (1 vol.).
'Salute the Soldier' Week in Denbigh during the Second World War (BD/A/521).
Motor omnibus licences counterfoil books. 1929-30 (3 vols.).

Rating: Rate Books

731. Denbigh borough gas lighting rate. 1871 (1 vol.).
732. Denbigh Back Row drainage special assessment. 1872 (1 vol.).
733. Denbigh borough general district rate. 1889 (1 vol.).
734. Henllan parish poor rate. 1914 (1 vol.).
735. Denbigh parish poor rate. 1914 (1 vol.).
736. Denbigh borough general district rate. 1914 (1 vol.).
737. Denbigh parish poor rate. 1921 (1 vol.).
738. Henllan parish poor rate. 1926 (1 vol.).
739. Denbigh borough general district rate. 1925 (1 vol.).
740. Denbigh borough general district rate. 1926 (1 vol.).
741. Denbigh borough poor and general district rate. 1927 (1 vol.).

742-749. Denbigh borough general rate:
742. 1931 (1 vol.).
743. 1936 (1 vol.).
744. 1941 (1 vol.).
745. 1946 (1 vol.).
746. 1951 (1 vol.).
747. 1956 (1 vol.).
748. 1961 (1 vol.).
749. 1965 (1 vol.).

750. Henllan water rate. 1946-52 (1 vol.).

Rating: Miscellaneous

751. Rate arrears book. 1927-35 (1 vol.).
752. Rate arrears book. 1935-50 (1 vol.).
753. Record of total rateable values. 1929 (1 vol.).
754. Grand summary of rateable values in valuation list and special lists. 1929-31 (1 vol.).
755. Register of reductions and remissions of rates. 1956-63 (1 vol.).

Valuation Lists

756. Denbigh parish. 1922-5 (1 vol.).
757. Denbigh borough. 1934-45 (1 vol.).
758. Denbigh borough: amendments. 1934-50 (1 vol.).
Denbigh borough: office draft valuation list. 1938 (3 vols.).

Denbigh borough: amendments. 1950-7 (1 vol.).

Salaries and Wages

Register of monthly salaries. 1940-9 (1 vol.).

Wages allocation: Surveyor's Department. 1941-56 (1 vol.).

Estimates

1937-8 (1 vol.).
1942-7 (1 vol.).
1945-8 (1 vol.).

Miscellaneous

Bank book. 1862-73 (1 vol.).
Account of town manure supplied. 1876-8 (1 vol.).

Roads labour and material account book. 1936-48 (2 vols.).

Register of superannuation contributions. 1938-50 (1 vol.).

Refugees contribution account. 1941-5 (1 vol.).

Orders on Treasurer: allocation:
1943-7 (1 vol.).
1947-50 (1 vol.).

Receipts analysis books:
1944-50 (1 vol.).
1955-63 (1 vol.).

Orders on Treasurer: monthly analysis. 1950-5 (1 vol.).

Orders for payment of money. 1958-64 (1 vol.).

BOROUGH SURVEYOR

Report Books

These are reports on the construction and maintenance of roads, pavements, drains, street lights, council properties, etc. 780-782 have indexes at the front.

1873-95 (1 vol.).
1918-30 (1 vol.).
1931-45 (1 vol.).
1945-55 (1 vol.).
Deeds

BD/A/784. Deed to lead uses of a common recovery 7 August 1733

(i) John Davies of Denbigh, mercer, and Elizabeth his wife.
(ii) James Conway of Cotton Hall, co. Denbigh, gent.
(iii) John Chambres of Plase Chambres, co. Denbigh, esq.

Bargain and sale by i. to ii. of 4 messuages and a croft in Denbigh and Henllan.

785. Deed of covenants (John Townshend of Trevallyn Hall, co. Denbigh, esq., and Margaret Edgworth of Brynygrog, co. Denbigh, widow) concerning embankments protecting meadows at Trevallyn from flooding by the rivers Dee and Alyn. 28 October 1846.

Apprenticeship Indenture


Will

787. Original will of Grace Williams alias Edwards of Denbigh, widow. 30 January 1689/90.

Sale Particulars

788. Sale particulars and plan of land and building sites in Denbigh, Henllan, Llanrhaiadr yn Cynmerch and Llansannan. 1855.

Plans

789. Valuations and plans of Alavowlia Farm, Denbigh. 1874-1906 (6 items).

Prints and Engravings


Newspapers

791. Chester Courant, 16 May 1837, 5 December 1837 (2 items).
North Wales Lunatic Asylum

(Note: 792 and 793 were presented to Denbigh Borough Council by Roderic Swayne, Esq., 19 July 1971).

792. Annual reports of North Wales Lunatic Asylum (at the front is an illuminated address in memory of Dr. Lloyd Williams, late visiting physician of the asylum). 1849-61 (1 vol.).

793. De Sanguinis Circuitu by Henry Williams (Edinburgh 1827) (Dedicated to Richard Lloyd Williams).

Elections


Railways

795. Programme of proceedings for cutting the first sod of the Vale of Clwyd Railway. 7 August 1857.

Queen's Rents

796. Register of Queen's Rents payable at the audit of St. Asaph by the treasurer of the borough of Denbigh. 1845-8 (1 vol.). (Presented to the borough by Miss L.C. Evans, Trigfa, Beacons Hill).

Newsroom and Library

797. List of subscribers to Denbigh News Room and Library. 1849-52. (Presented by Tom Parry, Esq., 9 Chapel Street).

Transcripts

798. Typescript translation of confirmation by Edward VI (1551) of charter granted by Henry VII to inhabitants of lordship of Denbigh, 1506 (1 vol.).


APPENDIX

DENBIGH BOROUGH CHARTERS

Under the Local Government Act, 1972, the borough charters became the property of the Denbigh Town Council. Photographs are held in the Record Office in the collection of Notes and Transcripts (NTD/62).

Five original charters are held by the Town Council. Five others (including that of 1597) are inspected in the 1662 charter, often referred to as the 'governing charter'. Some of the charters, according to Williams (Ancient and Modern Denbigh, pp. 301-2), were 'accidentally found among some old documents at an attorney's office in Oswestry, and immediately restored to the corporation', although the de Lacy charter appears to have always been held in the borough archives.

It should be noted that some of the dates of the charters given in Ancient and Modern Denbigh, p. 118, are incorrect.


3. 26 March 1 Henry [VIII] [1510]. Inspects earlier charter of Henry VII and those inspected in 2 above.

4. 25 April 5 Edward VI [1551]. Inspects earlier charters of Henry VIII and Henry VII and those inspected in 2 above.

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