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Schedule of documents from Rogers and Jackson Ltd., Cambrian Works, Wrexham, deposited on indefinite loan by Miss A. Williams, Curator, Bersham Industrial Centre on 19 July 1983. (A.N. 1052).

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Note: Evan Powell from Llangammarch, Powys came to Wrexham in 1845 to manage the ironmongery business of John Jones, who became a Calvinistic Methodist minister. Powell later married John Jones' sister, and became a deacon at Capel Seion in 1867. After he died in 1874 his two sons, John Evan and Robert John Powell expanded the business into a foundry later known as the Cambrian Iron Works. John Whitaker was a pioneer in making agricultural implements from Leigh and joined Powell Brothers in 1879, but in 1914 the business dropped the W-itaker name. It was acquired by Rogers and Jackson in 1927 with R.J. Glyn Powell as one of the directors. John Evan Powell of Irvon, Wrexham was also deacon at Capel Seion and was involved in administering the Loan Fund and Minister's Fund (Crofa Fenthycol) of the North Wales Calvinist Methodist Association (Gymdeithasfa y Gogledd).


Accounts

1. Receipt and expenditure book of Evan Powell, ironmonger of Town Hill, Wrexham. 1850-7 (1 vol.).

2. Balance sheets, trade accounts and financial reports. 1894-1913 (1 bdle.).


4. Record cards of prices of standard parts, and daily sale analyses. 1919-21 (1 bdle.).

5. Bank accounts of Messrs Powell Brothers Ltd. 1919-22 (1 vol.).

6. Petty cash accounts. 1921-2 (1 vol.).

7. Cash accounts for supplies. 1921-3 (1 vol.).

8. Monthly accounts of money received from customers. 1927 (1 item).

Legal

10. **Agreement** 3 February 1893

(i) Mrs. Mary Powell of Wrexham, co. Denbigh.
(ii) Messrs Davies Brothers, builders and contractors of Wrexham.

Building of new premises, and repairing of old premises recently destroyed by fire.
Consideration: £650 8s.0d.

11. Memorandum and articles of association of Powell Brothers Ltd. 15 April 1914 (1 item).

12. List of employees at Cambrian Iron Works, who had crossed G.W.R. and G.C.R. lines on way to work. 1915-23 (3 items).

13. Agreements (including drafts) between Messrs Powell Brothers Ltd. and agents in S.E. England, Germany, Italy, Rumania, India, East Africa, Morocco, Japan, South America, Australia and New Zealand for sale of petrol engines, potato diggers and motor cycles. 1919-25 (1 bdle.).

14. Statement of Powell Brothers Ltd. in voluntary liquidation. 1925 (1 item).


Plans and Specifications


17. Specifications of materials required for completion of foundry, and for fitting shop recently destroyed by fire. January 1892 (1 file).

18. Blueprints and drawings of various parts for motor machines and lawnmowers. 1925-6 (1 bdle.).


Correspondence

20. Correspondence, including miscellaneous receipts and apprentices' merit certificate. 1893, 1918-27 and n.d. (1 bdle.).

Advertising


23. Powell Bros. advertising blotters. n.d. c.1925 (3 items).

24. Price list of mowers and reapers. 1929 (1 item).
Photographs

26. Photographs of interior of Powell Bros. munitions factory. c.1915 (2 items)
27. Photograph of Powell Brothers display window in National Bicycle week (includes award of merit). 28 May - 2 June 1923 (1 item).
28. Photograph of Powell motorcycle (includes operating instructions). n.d. c.1925 (2 items).

Powell Family

30. Unidentified portrait photographs (including one each from B. J. Edwards, Hope Street, and Stanley Hurst, High Street, Wrexham, photographers). n.d. c.1880- c.1915 (5 items).
31. Schedule of deeds and documents (1808-1906) relating to 7-8 Town Hill, Wrexham, belonging to J. E. Powell (includes accounts and correspondence). 1906-8 (1 file).
32. Estate accounts of John Evan Powell (includes personal, business and chapel accounts (loose pages from cash book). 1905-14 (1 bdle.).
33. Prospectus of George E. Powell, New York for correspondence system in advertising instruction. n.d. c.1915 (1 item).
34. Lists of qualifications and testimonials of Martha Powell of Irvon, Wrexham. 1917-19 (2 items).
35. Letter from the Tithe Owners Union, Westminster, to J. E. Powell relating to tithe rent charge in Stansty. 1917 (1 item).
36. Schedule of musical competitions (in aid of the War Memorial) to be held in Parciau, Wrexham. 1920 (1 item).

Capel M. C. Seion, Wrexham

37. Letter from Davies Brothers, Wrexham to the trustees relating to the furnishing of the chapel. 1884 (1 item).
38. Account from Davies Brothers to the chapel committee for building new Sunday schools in Egerton Street. 1884-5 (1 item).
39. Miscellaneous chapel receipts and accounts. 1890-3 (1 bdle.).
40. Collection cards for foreign missions (Brook Street, Trevor Street, Wecarage Hill and Talbot Street districts etc.). n.d. c.1900 (1 bdle.).
41. Petty cash accounts (English Causes Fund, Wrexham). n.d. c.1900 (1 item).
42. Miscellaneous cash accounts of the British Women's Temperance Association. 1913-19 (1 vol.).
43. Cofrestr undeb cynghrair y cenhedloedd (Cyngor Cymreig). Cangen Seion (registers) 1922-3 (1 cyf.).

44. Cheque counterfoil receipts relating to Ministers' Fund of the North Wales Calvinist Methodist Association. 1884-91 (2 vols.). (except 1887-5).

45. Ceisiadau am gymorth gan gweiddon gweinidogion (neu gweinidogion mewn afiechyd) yn cynnwys derbynnebau, 1885-94 (1 b bundles).

46. Letters relating to the English Fund. 1888-9 (2 items).

47. Correspondence relating to the Loan Fund and meetings. 1890-5 (1 bandle).

48. Receipts and accounts. 1890-3 (5 items).

49. Letters relating to the Ministers' Fund. 1900-1 (5 items).

50. Adroddiad cronfa fenthycol (financial reports). 1922 (1 eitem).

51. Letters relating to the Loan Fund. 1923 (3 items).

52. Nodiadau ar pregethau gan wahanol bregethwyr (pregethau yng nghapel y M.C. Fentrefelin neu Abbot Street, Wrecsam). 1822-3 (1 cyf.).


54. Y Drysorfa. Gorffennaf 1899 (1 cyf.).

55. Y Methodist Iesu ac Holwyddor aeth i hanes Cyfundeb y M.C. gan Edward Thomas, Llanrhaiadr, ger Dinbych. 1907 (1 cyf.).

56. Cylchgrawn cymdeithas hanes y M.C. Tachwedd 1917 (1 cyf.).
Schedule of additional documents deposited by Miss A. Williams, Curator, Bersham Industrial Museum, 14 September 1983 (A.N.1056).

(Items 57-77 not be made available until repaired)

Powell Brothers (and Whitaker) Ltd.

57-60. Receipts (and accounts) 1891-1927:
   57. 1891 (3 items).
   58. 1904-21 (1 bdle.).
   59. 1921-3 (1 bdle.).
   60. 1923-7 (1 bdle.).

57. 1891 (3 items).
60. 1923-7 (1 bdle.).

61. Cash book. 1922-3 (1 vol.).

62-66. Correspondence. 1906-28:
   62. 1906-23 (1 bdle.).
   63. 1924-6 (1 bdle.).
   64. 1926-7 (1 bdle.).
   65. Miscellaneous receipts and correspondence. 1925-7 (1 bdle.).
   66. Correspondence relating to Powell Brothers in liquidation. 1927-8 (1 bdle.).

Miscellaneous


68. Annual accounts 1903-4 (1 item).


70. Agreements with Powell Brothers for the hiring of cycles. 1912-24 (1 bdle.).

71. Income tax forms. 1916-27 (1 bdle.).

72. Counterfoil book. 1917 (1 item).

73. Summaries of shareholdings in Powell Brothers Ltd. 1917, 1924 (2 items).

74. Standard part record cards for machinery. 1919-20 (1 bdle.).

75. Printer's block of Powell implements (for catalogues). c.1920 (1 item).
Design drawings of crankcases and other machine parts. 1923-7 (1 bdle.).

Draft weekly expenses sheets. 1923-6 (1 bdle.).

Motor cycling magazine (includes references pp.284-5 to Powell motorcycles). 2 July 1924 (1 vol.).

Legal notices relating to court cases in Ireland. 1926-7 (3 items). [Bankruptcy cases of Powell Brothers debtors].

Plan of enlargement of frontage to warehouses near the Beast Market, Wrexham. n.d. (1 item).

Reprint of lecture on 'the recovery of lubricating oil' n.d. (1 item).

Rogers and Jackson Ltd., Wrexham

Invoices. 1961-2 (1 bdle.).

Powell family papers

Certificate of honourable mention to John Powell as pupil of Liverpool High School. 1863 (1 item).

Senior certificate of Dafydd Emrys Powell (at Grove Park Boys' School) from the Central Welsh Board. 1913 (1 item).

School reports of Martha Powell, Grove Park Girls' School. 1915. n.d. (2 items).

Clement Edwards, M.P. for Denbigh Boroughs to J.E.Powell: local Parliamentary elections. 22 October 1918 (1 item).

Income tax form of J.E.Powell. 1921 (1 item).

Letter from Secretary to Wrexham War Memorial Infirmary football competition to J.E.Powell relating to receipt for money. c.1920 (1 item).

Richard Owens, architect, Liverpool to J.E.Powell: money due to Davies Brothers for work done at new schools in Egerton Street, Wrexham. 25 October 1884 (1 item).

Minutes of meeting of the scholarship committee of Denbighshire County Governing body. 15 June 1895 (1 file).

Llewelyn Adams to J.E.Powell: County education scheme. 18 November 1895 (1 item).

Letters to J.E.Powell, member of the executive committee of the Central Welsh Board asking him to support R.A.Lewis of Pontypridd as Treasurer. 1896 (2 items).
Flintshire Presbytery, Calvinistic Methodists

93. Llythyrau i J.E.Powell ynglyn â darbynneb a thaliad arian: (Cronfa Gweinidogion y M.C.Cymreig). 1884-94 (2 bwndel).

94. Receipts of the Welsh Calvinistic Methodist ministers' fund. 1884-1900 (1 bdle.).

95. Bank book, Flintshire C.M.widow and orphans. fund. 1887-93 (1 vol.).

96. Ceisiadau am gymorth i weddwon gweinidogion 1884-9, dym dyddiad. (1 bwndel).

97. Applications for help for ministers' widows. 1888-96 (1 bdle.).

98. Applications for help to ministers in ill-health. 1892-94 (1 bdle.).


100. Notifications of giving up help on recovering from ill-health. 1888-94 (also 1900) (1 bdle.).


102. Counterfoil book and receipt for money from the Ministers' Fund. 1887-8, 1896 (2 items).


104. Collectors' lists of foreign missionary collections (for Welsh Calvinistic Methodists). n.d. c.1900 (1 bdle.).


106. Receipts and letters relating to the North Wales C.M. Loan Fund. 1920-4, n.d. (1 bdle.).

107. Adroddiad cronfa fenthyciol, cymdeithasfa y Gogledd. 1923 (1 eitem).


Capel Seion, Wrecsam

110. Cyfraniadau wythnosol at y Weinidogaeth. 1889-93 (1 bwbdel).

111. Derbyniadau. 1889-96 (1 bwbdel).
### Schedule of additional documents deposited by Miss A. Williams, Curator Bershaa Industrial Museum, 18 May 1984 (A.N.1145)

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