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This collection contains some of the records of Davies Brothers Slate Merchants of Porthmadog. The firm came into being on 1 January 1879, when Jonathan Davies a slate merchant of Porthmadog transferred his business and property to Davies Brothers. Consequently the earliest records detail the business proceedings of Jonathan Davies.

Davies Brothers ordered slate from many quarries and this collection includes some of the records of Diphwys Slate Quarry Company and Wrysgan Slate Quarry.

The Davies Brothers records have been catalogued chronologically by type, beginning with the account records, followed by various order, contracts and correspondence books. The records of Diphwys and Wrysgan Quarries have been catalogued chronologically with each quarry being listed as a separate archive group.

There are more papers of Davies Brothers, Porthmadog in the National Library of Wales, Aberystwyth.

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1/1		Jan. 1877 - Dec. 1878
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1/3		Jan. 1879 - Dec. 1886 [including bad debts Dec. 1882 - Dec. 1886, and carriage accounts Jan. 1883 - Dec. 1884].
1/4-7	1877-1893	<u>DAY BOOK ACCOUNTS containing lists of clients, and sales and purchases.</u>
1/4		Feb. 1877-July 1877 [including abstract of sales Feb. 1877-Feb. 1880]
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1/11	March 1878-Dec. 1907	LEDGER, local sales and bad debts, including 3 letters re. cases.
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1/18	June 1899-Dec. 1908	ENQUIRY/ORDER BOOK
1/19-22	c.1903-c.1946	<u>CONTRACT BOOKS, for Precelly green slates, containing names of architects, building contractors and slating contractors.</u>
1/19		c.1903-c.1913 [including misc. docs.]
1/20		c.1910-c.1922 [including 'Porri's Contract Advices]
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1/23-24	1937-1960	<u>CHARACTER BOOKS containing character references of contractors and clients.</u>
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1/55		Sept. - Dec. 1957
1/56	Dec. 1958-Feb. 1966	RAILWAY CONSIGNMENT NOTES, from Minffordd and Portmadoc Stations. (1 bundle)
1/57	April 1959-May 1966	RAILWAY SPOT RATES SHEETS giving details of railway carrying charges (1 bundle)
1/58	n.d.	ADVERTISEMENT CARDS, of Davies Bros., inc. tables of covering capacity of slates. (2 docs.)
1/59	n.d.	QUOTATION FORMS [blank] (2 docs.)

DIPHWYS SLATE QUARRY COMPANY LTD.

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1920-1926

MAKE/DELIVERY BOOK
[inc. two loose sheets]

WRYSGAN SALTE QUARRY COMPANY LTD.

3/1	1884-1920	STOCK BOOK including purchases from the Dorothea and Penyrorsedd slate companies
3/2	Dec. 1900-Aug. 1912	ACCOUNT JOURNAL
3/3	1908-1910	MAKE BOOK, containing lists of new and old quarry stock with 1 loose make sheet.
3/4	1910	LIST of non-fatal accidents at the Quarry. See also XD 60 and XS 2708

Messrs. Davies, Brothers, Portmadoc.

Records relating to the following slate quarries, mainly in the counties of Merioneth and Caernarvon:

1. The Wrysgan Slate Quarry Co. Ltd. (parish of Ffestiniog, co. Merioneth).
Leases, 1859 and 1872, of portions of Tanygrisiau Farm, parish of Ffestiniog, whereon the Wrysgan Quarry was situated; two minute books, 1884-1902, 1902-18; a cash book, 1874-1918; a ledger containing separate individual accounts, 1892-1917; three registers of holdings and transfer of shares, 1892-12; Memorandum and Articles of Association of the above company, 1891; and particulars of sale, 1912.
2. The Diphwys Slate Quarry Co. Ltd. (parish of Ffestiniog, co. Merioneth).
Plans and sections of the Diphwys Casson Slate Quarry dated 1859, 1880, 1886 (all by Spooner & Co., Portmadoc); a cash book, 1909-25; a register of directors and shareholders, 1919-33; and an attendance book of directors' meetings and annual general meetings, 1919-32.
3. The Bugail Slate Co. Ltd. (parish of Penmachno, co. Caernarvon).
A minute book, 1875-92; a register containing balance-sheets, reports, and estimates, 1880-8; and a plan and section, 1887.
4. A register containing details of stocks and sales of the Alexandra Slate Co. Ltd., Caernarvon, the Goodman Slate Quarry, Llanberis, the Cefn-du Slate Quarry Co., Waenfawr, and the Caermeinciau Slate Co., Waenfawr (all in co. Caernarvon), including details of shipments of slates from Portmadoc, Caernarvon, and other ports, 1877-1915.
5. A record, 1896-1906, of the number and value of slates produced at the Whitland Abbey Slate Quarries on the borders of Carmarthenshire and Pembrokeshire, and a parcel of pay sheets of the Precelly Slate Co. for their quarry at Gilfach in the same district for the period 1934-9.

A large bundle of Portmadoc Trust Papers 1913-15.

Documents and plans relating to the Ffestiniog, Penrhyndeudraeth, and Tanygarth Railways, and to the Portmadoc, Beddgelert, and Rhyd-ddu light Railway, 1867-1905.

Miscellaneous papers. They include a file containing orders and invoices of slates delivered by Messrs. Davies Bros., of Slate Wharf, Portmadoc, under the direction of the Department of Building Materials Supply, the Ministry of Munitions, 1919-20; a file containing terms of contracts under the Ministry of Munitions of War, comments on the condition of the slate industry after the First World War, and a list of the quarries worked in North Wales during the thirty years ending 1919; rates for the conveyance of slates on the Cambrian Railways and on the Manchester Ship Canal; sale catalogues of the Croesor estate (1892), the Cwmorthin Slate Quarries at Tanygrisiau, Ffestiniog(1900), the Tremadoc and Portmadoc estates (1892), and the rights of the Llangollen Slab and Slate Quarries in various

freehold and leasehold properties in the parishes of Llantysilio and Llangollen.

A collection of annual reports of the Madoc Memorial Hospital and of chapels and religious organisations in the Porthmadoc district.