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Reference code: GB 0214 BUBB

Title: BARRY AND CADOXTON BURIAL BOARD

Dates : 1887-1899

Level of description: Fonds

Extent and medium: [] cubic metres ([] boxes, rolls, items, etc):
smallest volume recognised is 0.001 cubic metres
1 standard box 0.02 cubic metres
1 large box 0.04 cubic metres
1 standard shelf 0.12

Name of creator(s): Barry and Cadoxton Burial Board

Administrative/biographical history

By the mid nineteenth century, many church and chapel graveyards were full, particularly in populous areas. In an attempt to solve this problem, the Burial Act of 1853 (16 & 17 Victoria, c.134) enabled parish vestries to establish burial boards, if they so wished, to provide and manage new burial grounds. These burial boards, consisting of between three and nine parish ratepayers, could purchase and lay out land for a cemetery and provide chapels; money was to be raised through a precept on the poor rates. Borough councils were allowed to establish similar burial boards by an Act of 1854 (17 & 18 Victoria, c.87) and local boards of health enabled to do the same by the Local Government Act of 1858; by the Sanitary Act of 1866, an existing burial board could transfer its powers to a local board. The Local Government Act of 1894 enabled all civil parishes in rural districts to exercise the powers of burial boards; under section 62, the 1894 Act also enabled the newly-created urban district councils to take over any burial boards in their area if they so wished.

In summary, between 1853 and 1894, burial boards could be set up by either parish vestries, borough councils, or local boards of health, and these burial boards could provide cemeteries. After 1894, burial boards already in existence could continue; alternatively, their powers could be taken over by parish councils (in rural districts) or by urban district councils; while parish councils or urban district councils where no burial board was in existence could themselves adopt the provisions of the Burial Acts, and provide cemeteries using money raised by the rates.

Barry and Cadoxton Burial Board was set up in 1887 jointly by the parishes of Cadoxton-juxta-Barry, Merthyr Dyfan, and Barry. Land was purchased at Merthyr Dyfan for a cemetery, which was opened in November 1889. The Burial Board appears to have been taken over by Barry Urban District Council, but the date at which this happened is unclear. The last recorded meeting of the Board is 20 March 1895, but the minutes of this meeting contain no suggestion that this was the final meeting of the Board.

Immediate source of acquisition

[date, source and status (e.g. deposit, gift) of acquisition]

Scope and content

[provide sufficient information to enable the user to judge whether the archive being described contains material relevant to their research]

Appraisal, destruction and scheduling information

All records which meet the collection policy of the Glamorgan Record Office have been retained.

Accruals

Accruals are not expected.

System of arrangement

Arranged according to administrative purpose and date.

Conditions governing access

No restrictions.

Conditions governing reproduction

Normal Glamorgan Record Office conditions apply.

Language/scripts of material

English

Physical characteristics and technical requirements

Fair condition to poor condition

Finding aids

Detailed list available.

Existence and location of originals

Not applicable

Existence and location of copies

Not applicable

Related units of description

Minutes and papers of Barry Urban District Council as Burial Board, 1896-1906, and as Port Sanitary Authority and Burial Board, 1900 – 1939 (ref. BB/C) in the Glamorgan Record Office.

Burial registers for Merthyr Dyfan cemetery are held by The Cemeteries Officer, Barry Town Council, 7 Gladstone Road, Barry, CF62 8NA.

Publication note

Not applicable

Note

These records are stored in an outside repository. They should be ordered at least a week in advance of an intended visit so that they can be brought into the Glamorgan Record Office for consultation in the search room.

Archivist's note

Compiled by the Glamorgan Record Office

Rules or conventions

This description follows Glamorgan Record Office guidelines based on ISAD(G) compatible cataloguing guidelines for fonds level descriptions used by the Archives Network Wales.

Date of description

December 1999. Revised October 2008

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BUBB/1	Minutes book [1 vol.]	Aug 1887-Feb 1891
BUBB/2	Minutes book [1 vol.]	Mar 1891-Mar 1895
BUBB/3	Cash book [1 vol.]	Sep 1891-May 1899