

GLAMORGAN RECORD OFFICE/ARCHIFDY MORGANNWG

Reference code : **GB 214 BUBL**

Title : **LLANDAFF BURIAL BOARD**

Dates of creation : **1859 - 1922**

Level of description: **Fonds**

Extent : **5 vols.; 0.02 cubic metres**

Names of creators

Llandaff Burial Board (1859 - 1895); Llandaff Parish Council Burial Board Committee (1895 - 1922)

Administrative 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 Vict. 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 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 Vict. 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.

Llandaff Burial Board was set up in by the Llandaff parish vestry in 1859, and purchased three pieces of land adjacent to the existing cathedral graveyard for a new cemetery, which opened in 1860. The new cemetery was itself full by 1881, and an additional cemetery was opened. The Burial Board was reconstituted in June 1882, as the Llandaff District Burial Board; this new Board covered a smaller area than the original Board, excluding those parts of the ecclesiastical parish (Canton, Gabalfa and Ely) which had been absorbed into the Borough of Cardiff in 1875. In 1895, the

powers of the Burial Board were transferred to the Burial Board Committee of Llandaff Parish Council. Llandaff Parish Council came to an end in 1922, when Llandaff was absorbed into the County Borough of Cardiff, and the County Borough became responsible for Llandaff cemetery.

Dates of accumulation

1859 - 1922

Custodial history

Not known.

Immediate source of acquisition

Not known.

Content of collection

Minutes, 1859 - 1922; receipts and payments book, 1884 - 1897.

Appraisal, destruction and scheduling information

All records offered have been accepted and listed.

Accruals

None.

System of arrangement

Minutes in chronological order; receipts and payments book.

Legal status

Non-public records

Access conditions

No restriction on access.

Copyright/Conditions governing reproduction

Usual Glamorgan Record Office conditions apply.

Language of material

English.

Physical characteristics (condition)

Most items in good condition; no restrictions on production.

Finding aids

A detailed list is available.

Location of originals

The records are original.

Existence of copies

Not applicable.

Related material in the Glamorgan Record Office

BU/B C 1/4	Cathays Cemetery burial registers relating to Llandaff and non-parishioners, 1875 - 1922
BU/B C 1/5 Extension	Cathays Cemetery burial registers relating to the City
B/C	Minutes of Cardiff County Borough Council
D/D How 2-14	Material relating to memorial inscription survey carried out by Howell's School, Llandaff c.1984

Associated material held in other repositories

Burial registers for Llandaff Cemetery are held by Cardiff County Council Bereavement Services, Thornhill Road, Llanishen, Cardiff CF4 5UA.

Publication note

Victorian Graves. Llandaff Cathedral, published by Howell's School, 1984, (Record Office reference 53/25) used records in the collection, and provides a useful index to the memorial inscriptions of the section of the cemetery provided by the Burial Board between 1860 and 1923.

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 Record Office for consultation in the search room.

Description compiled in the Glamorgan Record Office in December 1999.