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Reference code: GB 0214 D23

Title: Papers relating to East Moors Steelworks, Cardiff

Dates : [?1940s]-1951

Level of description: Fonds

Extent and medium: 0.02 cubic metres (2 rolls)

Administrative/biographical history

The East Moors Steelworks was built for the Dowlais Iron Company of Merthyr Tydfil. The works was opened on 4 February 1891 by Lord Bute. The early twentieth century saw the formation of the industrial giant Guest Keen and Nettlefolds (GKN) from Dowlais and various other companies. Steel production rose to record levels during the First World War. During the depression years, East Moors flourished, with GKN investing £3 million in the works in 1935. This resulted in a plant capable of manufacturing half a million tons of steel a year. The prosperity of the works had a knock on effect on Cardiff Docks, from where its produce was exported. During the Second World War, Cardiff was targeted by German bombers, but East Moors managed to escape with only one direct hit in March 1944. Heavy industry in Wales declined during the mid-twentieth century, and the East Moors Steelworks closed in 1978.

Scope and content

The papers comprise an aerial photograph of the steelworks, [?1940s], and an annotated plan of the works, 1951.

Appraisal, destruction and scheduling information

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

Accruals

Accruals are possible

Conditions governing access

Open access

Conditions governing reproduction

Normal Glamorgan Record Office conditions apply.

Language/scripts of material

English

Physical characteristics and technical requirements

Good condition

Finding aids

Detailed list available.

Related units of description

Dowlais Iron Company Collection (DG)

Note

The plan of East Moors Steelworks was received in a frame, with later annotations made with pen onto the glass. The plan has been removed from the frame and the frame and glass disposed of. A copy of the annotations from the glass have been made onto a melanex sheet, and a photograph of the item in its original frame has been taken for reference.

Archivist's note

Compiled by Rhian Phillips for the Glamorgan Record Office, with reference to Dennis Morgan, *The Cardiff Story*, (Cowbridge: D. Brown and Sons, 1991).

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

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D23/1	Plan of East Moors Steelworks [1 roll]	1951
D23/2	Aerial photograph of East Moors Steelworks [1 roll]	[?1940s]