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Reference code: GB 0214 D359
Title: Aberfan Photographs
Dates : Oct 1966
Level of description: Fonds
Extent and medium: 0.01 cubic metres (1 vol, disbound)
Name of creator(s): Unknown

Administrative/biographical history

The volume appears to have been compiled by a land surveyor or engineer, possibly for the National Coal Board or official enquiry, immediately after the coal slip which destroyed part of the village of Aberfan, near Merthyr Tydfil, 21 October 1966.

Archival history

Immediate source of acquisition

Deposited at Glamorgan Record Office by Llanelli Library, 23 April 1999.

Scope and content

Volume of 99 photographs depicting engineering work on the remainder of the coal tips

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

Chronological

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

Finding aids

Detailed list available.

Related units of description

Tribunal papers (DLH/A); National Coal Board papers (DNCB/58); and Aberfan Disaster Fund management committee minutes (DX295/12/1-3)

Publication note**Note****Archivist's note**

Compiled by Richard Morgan for the Glamorgan Record Office, with reference to Iain McLean and Martin Johnes, *Aberfan. Government and Disasters* (Cardiff 2000)

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

3 March 2005

Aberfan Photographs

The Aberfan Disaster disaster took place on the morning of 21 Oct 1966 when coal tips above the village slipped down onto the village destroying Pantglas Junior School and adjoining houses and killing 116 children and 28 adults. A tribunal to investigate the disaster and the circumstances surrounding it. was set up soon afterwards and reported in Aug 1967 placing blame on the National Coal Board which had failed to prevent the tipping of coal waste over watercourses on the hillside above the village.

The source of the photographs is uncertain but they are mounted on loose card-pages and were formerly bound into a plastic clip binder titled 'ABERFAN PHOTOGRAPHS' and appear to have been part of a report to an official body, possibly the Tribunal which reported in Aug 1967. All photographs have captions stating time, date, and description

D359/1-9	Photographs showing the physical appearance of the tips after the disaster [9 photographs]	22 Oct 1966
D359/10-53	Photographs of initial survey, preparation and construction of emergency diversion channels to drain the tips, and views of tips and village from the ground and air [44 photographs]	23 Oct 1966
D359/54-64	Photographs showing crane tips and construction of diversion channels [11 photographs]	24 Oct 1966
D359/65-83	Photographs of construction of channels and piped watercourses [19 photographs]	25 Oct 1966
D359/84-99	Photographs of channels, pipes, galvanised column, boring machine rig, and arched tunnel [15 photographs]	26 Oct 1966