

GLAMORGAN RECORD OFFICE/ARCHIFDY MORGANNWG

Reference code: GB 0214 D413

Title: Valuation record of Ferndale Colliery

Dates : 1888

Level of description: Item

Extent and medium: 1 Volume

Name of creator(s): Mr. D Davis

Administrative/biographical history

Archival history

The first Ferndale Colliery was sunk in 1857 and was the first steam coal colliery in the Rhondda. David Davis (1797-1866) was a pioneer of the coal industry in this part of the Rhondda Valley. The isolated nature of Ferndale at this time meant that all the machinery and materials for the enterprise had to be conveyed from the Aberdare valley by horses, the mountain track being too narrow for carts. It was not until Lewis Davis, David's son recommended sinking the pit to a much greater depth that the 'Four Feet' seam was eventually struck at a depth of 278 yards in 1862. Meanwhile the Taff Vale Railway had extended its operations from Ynyshir to Blaenllechau, enabling in 1862 the first load of steam coal to be sent from Ferndale to Cardiff.

Scope and content

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

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System of arrangement

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.

Existence and location of originals**Existence and location of copies****Related units of description****Publication note****Note****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.

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