

## GLAMORGAN RECORD OFFICE/ARCHIFDY MORGANNWG

**Reference code:** GB 214 DBAP14

**Title:** MOUNT CARMEL ENGLISH BAPTIST CHURCH,  
CAERPHILLY

**Dates :** 1924-1965

**Level of description:** Fonds

**Extent and medium:** 0.04 cubic metres

**Name of creator(s):** Mount Carmel English Baptist Church, Caerphilly

### **Administrative/biographical history**

The church was formed in 1874 largely under the guidance of the Tonyfelin Welsh Baptist Church minister, Dr Davies - Y Pregethwr Dall or the Blind Preacher - from Swansea, and the Revd Alfred Tilley of Tredegarville Baptist Church, Cardiff. The church depended initially on cottage prayer meetings and was formally established at one of these Tynyberllan (now demolished), in Castle Street. The church moved to a room at the old market place on the Twyn and built an iron church on the corner of Windsor Street in 1876. The first minister, the Revd Thomas Thomas of Ararat Baptist Church, Wauntreoda, Whitchurch, was appointed in 1875 but left in 1878. The initial history of the church was dogged by internal disputes until the appointments of experienced and talented ministers Revd William Morgan (1881-90), JG Hopkins (1891-95) and his brother AO Hopkins (1897-1901). The new church in Pontygwindy Road was opened in 1892. Alterations and extensions to the church had to be made in 1905-7 and 1913 to accommodate a growing congregation. See the Jubilee souvenir and centenary booklets (DBAP14/1, 2)

### **Archival history**

The minute books were kept in the church until deposit in the Record Office. Archival history of the published souvenir and centenary booklets is unknown.

### **Immediate source of acquisition**

The minute books were deposited at Glamorgan Record Office by the minister of the church on 3 June 2005. The published booklets were deposited by a private individual on 1 October 1974.

### **Scope and content**

Church meeting minutes (1926-1960); deacons' meeting minutes (1924-1965); jubilee souvenir booklet (1924); centenary booklet (1974).

### **Appraisal, destruction and scheduling information**

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

### **Accruals**

Accruals are possible. A number of earlier minute books which are known to

have existed could not be located by the depositor at the time of deposit. It is not known if these missing volumes have been lost or destroyed. One volume of the missing minutes 1939-1950 was found and deposited in August 2005.

**System of arrangement**

The records are arranged firstly in order of date of deposit in the Record Office, and then by type and date of record.

**Conditions governing access**

Items containing information on named individuals may be restricted in accordance with the Data Protection Act and Record Office policy

**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.

**Existence and location of originals**

**Existence and location of copies**

**Related units of description**

**Publication note**

**Note**

**Archivist's note**

Updated by Rosemary Boyns and Richard Morgan for 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**

Detailed list compiled before 1980. Revised and re-typed January 2003. Updated June 2005 and August 2005.

DBAP14/1	Souvenir of Jubilee celebrations [1 booklet, printed]	1924
DBAP14/2	Centenary booklet [1 booklet, printed]	1974
<b>Church Meeting Minutes</b>		
DBAP 14/3/1	Church Meeting minutes [1 vol.]	Feb. 1926–Feb. 1939
DBAP 14/3/2	Church Meeting minutes [1 vol.]	Jun. 1939–Feb. 1950
DBAP 14/3/3	Church Meeting minutes [1 vol.]	Mar. 1950–Mar. 1960
<b>Deacons' Meeting Minutes</b>		
DBAP 14/4/1	Deacons' Meeting Minutes [1 vol.]	July 1924–Nov. 1938
DBAP 14/4/2	Deacons' Meeting Minutes [1 vol.]	Jan. 1939–Apr. 1952
DBAP 14/4/3	Deacons' Meeting Minutes [1 vol.]	May 1952–Jan. 1965