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Avoca Estate Co. Ltd.	See DCAC/10	1896-1981
Barry Island Cottage Co. Ltd.	See DCAC/11	1896-1977
Barry Island Land Co. Ltd.	See DCAC/12	1897-1946
Cardiff Exchange and Office Co. Ltd.	See DCAC/13	1882-1970
Cardiff High Street Arcade Co. Ltd.	See DCAC/14	1884-1977
Glamorganshire Investments Ltd.	See DCAC/15	1880-1970
Weston Hill Estate Co. Ltd.	See DCAC/16	1897-1914
Whitefield Building Estate Co. Ltd.	See DCAC/17	1897-1934

This collection represents the business records of several property companies set up in Cardiff and the surrounding area towards the end of the nineteenth century. A prominent figure in the activities of each of these companies was Frederick de Courcy Hamilton, a solicitor who had opened a practice in Cardiff in the 1870s. By the end of the 1880s he had founded, and frequently acted as Secretary and Director of, the Cardiff Exchange and Office Co. Ltd. and the Glamorganshire Workmen's Cottage Co. Ltd., whilst holding substantial interests in the Cardiff High Street Arcade Co. Ltd, Avoca Estate Co. Ltd., Barry Island Cottage Co. Ltd., Whitefield Estate Co. Ltd., and Weston Hill Estate Co. Ltd.

He continued to play an active part in these and other companies until his death on 27 Mar 1940

Records relating to more than one Company

Directors' records

Administrative records of the directors Frederick de Courcy Hamilton, Miss B M Stephens and J H Mathews, covering property owned by several Companies

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DCAC/1	<u>Correspondence</u>	
DCAC/1/1	Letterbook [containing carbon copies of out-going letters of Frederick de Courcy Hamilton, with indexes] [1 volume]	1918-1920
DCAC/1/2	Letterbook [as DCAC/1/1] [1 volume]	1920-1922
DCAC/1/3	Letterbook [as DCAC/1/1] [1 volume]	1922
DCAC/2-4	<u>Finance</u>	
DCAC/2/1	General ledger [including details of ground rents, salaries, and commission, with private ledgers at back] [1 volume]	1895-1901
DCAC/2/2	General ledger [as DCAC/2/1] [1 volume]	1901-1905
DCAC/2/3	General ledger [as DCAC/2/1] [1 volume]	1905-1908
DCAC/2/4	General ledger [as DCAC/2/1] [1 volume]	1908-1912
DCAC/2/5	General ledger [as DCAC/2/1] [1 volume]	1912-1916
DCAC/2/6	General ledger [as DCAC/2/1] [1 volume]	1916-1920
DCAC/2/7	General ledger [as DCAC/2/1] [1 volume]	1920-1925

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DCAC/2/8	General ledger [as DCAC/2/1] [1 volume]	1925-1938
DCAC/2/9	General ledger [as DCAC/2/1] [1 volume]	1938-1969
DCAC/3/1	Journal [1 volume]	1916-1934
DCAC/3/2	Journal [1 volume]	1935-1959
DCAC/4	Cash book (indexed) [1 volume]	1948-1971
DCAC/5-8	<u>Property Records</u>	
DCAC/5	Deed register [listing parcels of deeds and their location within office] [1 volume; fragile]	Circa 1870- 1925
DCAC/6/1	Schedule of property deeds [1 volume]	1881-1886
DCAC/6/2	Schedule of property deeds [1 volume]	1886-1895
DCAC/6/3	Schedule of property deeds [1 volume]	1895-1905
DCAC/6/4	Schedule of property deeds [1 volume]	1905-1952
DCAC/7/1	Ground rent book [1 volume]	1917-1927
DCAC/7/2	Ground rent book [1 volume]	1927-1941
DCAC/7/3	Ground rent book [1 volume]	1941-1962
DCAC/8/1	Weekly rent book [1 volume]	1923-1936
DCAC/8/2	Weekly rent book [1 volume]	1936-1955

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DCAC/8/3	Weekly rent book [1 volume]	1955-1963
DCAC/8/4	Weekly rent book [including loose papers] [1 volume, 1 bundle]	1963-1976
DCAC/9	<u>Miscellaneous</u>	
DCAC/9/1/1,2	Notebook [containing draft letters, rough minutes and balances of account with loose papers relating to various Companies, including the Marine Estate Co. Ltd.] [1 volume, 1 bundle]	1901-1903
DCAC/10/1-7	Avoca Estate Company Ltd. Incorporated in 1896 with Frederick de Courcy Hamilton as one of the founding directors. By 1914 the Company owned eighty-five houses in Cardiff. In 1963 the Company was merged with the Cathays Cottage Co. Ltd. [formerly Cathays Workmen's Cottage Co. Ltd.], another property company which Frederick de Courcy Hamilton had founded in 1885.	1896-1981
DCAC/10/1	<u>Administrative</u>	
DCAC/10/1/1	Minute book of directors' meetings and general meetings [including statements of accounts] [with list of properties at back in this minute book only] [1 volume]	1896-1910
DCAC/10/1/2	Minute book [as DCAC/10/1/1] [1 volume]	1910-1942
DCAC/10/1/3	Minute book [as DCAC/10/1/1] [1 volume]	1942-1960
DCAC/10/2-6	<u>Finance</u>	
DCAC/10/2/1	General ledger (indexed) [1 volume]	1896-1917
DCAC/10/2/2	General ledger (indexed) [1 volume]	1917-1935

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DCAC/10/2/3	General ledger (indexed) [with revenue account at back] [1 volume]	1934-1972
DCAC/10/2/4	General ledger (indexed) [1 volume]	1972-1981
DCAC/10/3	Journal [1 volume]	1897-1933
DCAC/10/4	Share ledger [with account for Cathays-Avooca merger at back of volume] [1 volume]	1896-1963 Sep-Oct 1963
DCAC/10/5	Share certificate book recording shares sold [1 volume]	1951-1963
DCAC/10/6	Cash book [1 volume]	1937-1972
DCAC/10/7	<u>Property records</u>	
DCAC/10/7/1	Weekly rent book [1 volume]	1925-1945
DCAC/10/7/2	Weekly rent book [1 volume]	1945-1952
DCAC/10/7/3	Weekly rent book [1 volume]	1952-1957
DCAC/10/7/4	Weekly rent book [1 volume]	1957-1981
DCAC/11/1-7	Barry Island Cottage Co. Ltd. This Company was incorporated in 1896 with Frederick de Courcy Hamilton as one of the founding directors, to erect suitable dwellings for the labouring classes in the Barry area	1896-1977
DCAC/11/1	<u>Administrative</u>	
DCAC/11/1/1	Minute book of directors' meetings and annual general meetings [including directors' reports, printed] [1 volume]	1896-1910

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DCAC/11/1/2	Minute book [as DCAC/11/1/1] [1 volume]	1910-1930
DCAC/11/1/3	Minute book [as DCAC/11/1/1] [1 volume]	1930-1942
DCAC/11/1/4	Minute book [as DCAC/11/1/1] [1 volume]	1942-1960
DCAC/11/2-4	<u>Financial</u>	
DCAC/11/2/1	General ledger (indexed) [1 volume]	1896-1951
DCAC/11/2/2	General ledger (indexed) [1 volume]	1952-1968
DCAC/11/3	Journal [1 volume]	1899-1960
DCAC/11/4	Cash book [1 volume]	1952-1977
DCAC/11/5-7	<u>Property records</u>	
DCAC/11/5	Mortgage register [1 volume]	1897-1930
DCAC/11/6	Ground rent book [1 volume]	1897-1976
DCAC/11/7/1	Weekly rent book [1 volume]	1914-1939
DCAC/11/7/2	Weekly rent book [1 volume]	1940-1965
DCAC/11/7/3	Weekly rent book [1 volume]	1966-1976

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DCAC/12/1-4	Barry Island Land Co. Ltd. Incorporated in 1897, the Company was wound up voluntarily in 1946 and shares were transferred to the Barry Island Cottage Co. Ltd.	1897-1946
DCAC/12/1, 2	<u>Administrative</u>	
DCAC/12/1/1, 2	Articles of association [enclosed: related papers, including notice of voluntary winding-up of Company published in London Gazetteer, and liquidator's statement of account [1 booklet, 1 bundle]	1 Jul 1897 1945 1946
DCAC/12/2	Minute book of directors' meetings and annual general meetings [including revenue accounts] [1 volume]	1897-1946
DCAC/12/3, 4	<u>Financial</u>	
DCAC/12/3	Register of members and share ledger [1 volume]	1897-1945
DCAC/12/4	General ledger [1 volume]	1897-1946

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DCAC/13/1-10	Cardiff Exchange and Office Co. Ltd. <u>See also</u> DCAC/18-24 The Company was founded on 16 May 1883 by Frederick de Courcy Hamilton, to erect a hall to house a mercantile exchange on land in Mount Stuart Square, Cardiff, leased from the Marquess of Bute. The buildings, designed by the architects James, Seward and Thomas, were opened in 1886, and office blocks were subsequently added on each side of the square. The Cardiff Coal and Shipping Exchange met in the central hall and the Cardiff Incorporated Chamber of Commerce had offices on the north side. The building was sold in 1970, when the Company concentrated its interests upon property in Newport, Abergavenny, Leominster, Hereford and Worcester. Included amongst these records are those of the West Block Cardiff Exchange Ltd. This had been registered as a company on 22 Aug 1890 to take the lease of the West Block Cardiff Exchange, having already erected the block under the agreement of a lease from Cardiff Exchange and Office Co. Ltd. [The Junior Cardiff Exchange and Office Co. Ltd. had erected the South-West Block on the same terms]. The Company was wound up voluntarily on 7 May 1896.	1882-1970
DCAC/13/1	<u>Administrative</u>	
DCAC/13/1/1	Minute book of directors' meetings and annual general meetings [including printed directors' reports] [1 volume]	1882-1896
DCAC/13/1/2	Minute book [as DCAC/13/1/1] [containing minutes of general meetings and meetings of Directors' of West Block Cardiff Exchange Ltd.] [1 volume]	1896-1906 1890-1896
DCAC/13/1/3	Minute book [as DCAC/13/1/1] [1 volume]	1906-1920
DCAC/13/1/4	Minute book [as DCAC/13/1/1] [1 volume]	1921-1934

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DCAC/13/2	<u>Correspondence</u>	
DCAC/13/2	Letter book [Flimsy copies of out-going letters] [1 volume]	1916-1922
DCAC/13/3-7	<u>Financial</u>	
DCAC/13/3/1	General ledger (indexed) [1 volume]	1883-1899
DCAC/13/3/2	General ledger (indexed) [1 volume]	1899-1932
DCAC/13/3/3	General ledger (indexed) [1 volume]	1932-1965
DCAC/13/4	General ledger for the West Block Cardiff Exchange Ltd. [1 volume]	1889-1896
DCAC/13/5/1	Journal [1 volume]	1888-1921
DCAC/13/5/2	Journal [1 volume]	1921-1940
DCAC/13/5/3	Journal [1 volume]	1941-1966
DCAC/13/6	Journal [1 volume]	1894-1910
DCAC/13/7/1,2	Share ledger (indexed) [enclosed: article on the construction of the exchange contained in 'The Builder', and newscuttings concerning proposed new exchange in Bute Road [1 volume, 1 bundle]	1883-1963 13 Feb 1886 Feb 1910
DCAC/13/8-9	<u>Property records</u>	
DCAC/13/8/1	Rental ledger (indexed) [1 volume]	1910-1932
DCAC/13/8/2	Rental ledger (indexed) [1 volume]	1932-1961

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DCAC/13/9/1, 2	Monthly rent book [enclosed related papers concerning tenancies] [1 volume, 1 bundle]	1939-1970 1967
DCAC/13/10	<u>Miscellaneous</u>	
DCAC/13/10	Visitors' book [1 volume]	1917-1954
DCAC/14/1-7	Cardiff High Street Arcade Co. Ltd. Founded on 24 June 1885 by Frederick de Courcy Hamilton to continue a shopping arcade from the High Street to St John's Square, Cardiff. When built the shops were leased out, the tenants usually living above the shop.	1884-1977
DCAC/14/1-2	<u>Administrative</u>	
DCAC/14/1/1	Minute book of directors' meetings and annual general meetings [with printed directors' reports] [with list of tenants] [1 volume]	1884-1898
DCAC/14/1/2	Minute book of directors' meetings and annual general meetings [with printed directors' reports] [1 volume]	1898-1911
DCAC/14/1/3	Minute book [as DCAC/14/1/2] [1 volume]	1911-1939
DCAC/14/1/4	Minute book [as DCAC/14/1/2] [1 volume]	1939-1956
DCAC/14/1/5	Minute book [as DCAC/14/1/2] [1 volume]	1956-1961
DCAC/14/1/6	Minute book [as DCAC/14/1/2] [1 file]	1961-1969
DCAC/14/1/7	Minute book [as DCAC/14/1/2] [1 file]	1969-1976

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DCAC/14/2	Draft minutes for directors' meetings [1 booklet]	1885-1886
DCAC/14/3-6	<u>Financial</u>	
DCAC/14/3/1	General ledger (indexed) [1 volume]	1885-1926
DCAC/14/3/2	General ledger (indexed) [1 volume]	1926-1967
DCAC/14/4/1	Rental ledger (indexed) [1 volume]	1922-1953
DCAC/14/4/2	Rental ledger (indexed) [1 volume]	1954-1971
DCAC/14/5/1	Journal [1 volume]	1917-1936
DCAC/14/5/2	Journal [1 volume]	1936-1962
DCAC/14/6	Cash book [1 volume]	1958-1977
DCAC/14/7	<u>Property records</u>	
DCAC/14/7	Mortgage register [1 booklet]	1886-1929
DCAC/14/8	<u>Sale of the High Street and Duke Street Arcades</u>	
DCAC/14/8	Sale catalogue [draft] for the sale of freehold and leasehold interests of the Cardiff High Street Arcade Co. Ltd. In the High Street and Duke Street Arcades, Cardiff [with photographs of the entrances to the arcades, plans and schedule of tenants of the shops including details of terms of lease, rent and floor areas occupied] [1 booklet, printed]	c.1985

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DCAC/15/1-9	Glamorganshire Investments Ltd. [formerly Glamorganshire Workmen's Cottage Co.] Founded on 23 Feb 1881 by Frederick de Courcy Hamilton to supply suitable dwelling-house accommodation for labouring classes in Cardiff and other towns in South Wales. The cottages were mainly built in and around Cardiff. From the 1960s it was Company policy to sell off the property when leases expired and invest the proceeds in commercial property. In 1962 the name was changed to Glamorganshire Investments Ltd.	1880-1972
DCAC/15/1-3	<u>Administrative</u>	
DCAC/15/1/1	Minute book of directors' meetings and annual general meetings [with printed directors' reports] [1 volume]	1880-1885
DCAC/15/1/2	Minute book [as DCAC/15/1/1] [including register of directors, 1901-1905] [1 volume]	1885-1907
DCAC/15/1/3	Minute book [as DCAC/15/1/1] [1 volume]	1907-1935
DCAC/15/1/4	Minute book [as DCAC/15/1/1] [1 volume]	1935-1956
DCAC/15/1/5	Minute book [as DCAC/15/1/1] [1 volume]	1956-1961
DCAC/15/2	Agenda book [including details of cheques paid out monthly] [1 volume]	1961-1972
DCAC/15/3	Sealing book [1 volume]	1900-1957
DCAC/15/4-7	<u>Financial</u>	
DCAC/15/4/1	General ledger (indexed) [with index in separate booklet] [1 volume, 1 booklet]	1901-1969

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DCAC/15/4/2	General ledger (indexed) [1 volume]	1936-1960
DCAC/15/4/3	General ledger (indexed) [1 volume]	1960-1970
DCAC/15/5/1	Journal [1 volume]	1915-1936
DCAC/15/5/2	Journal [1 volume]	1937-1960
DCAC/15/6	Cash book [1 volume]	1942-1961
DCAC/15/7/1	Share ledger (indexed) [enclosed: related papers including list of shareholders and directors' report for Avoca Estate Co. Ltd.] [1 volume, 1 booklet, 1 bundle]	1881-1960 Not dated 18 Nov 1959
DCAC/15/8-9	<u>Property</u>	
DCAC/15/8	Mortgage register [1 volume]	1882-1935
DCAC/15/9/1	Weekly rent book [1 volume]	1930-1939
DCAC/15/9/2	Weekly rent book [1 volume]	1940-1951
DCAC/15/9/3	Weekly rent book [1 volume]	1951-1964
DCAC/16/1-3	Weston Hill Estate Co. Ltd. The Company was founded in 1897 to take up a lease on land on Weston Hill from the Wenvoe Building Estate for the term of 999 years. In 1914 the lease was taken over by the Whitefield Building Estate Co. [see DCAC/17]	1897-1914
DCAC/16/1	<u>Administrative</u>	
DCAC/16/1	Minutes of annual general meetings and directors' meetings [1 volume]	1897-1914

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DCAC/16/2-3	<u>Financial</u>	
DCAC/16/2	General ledger (indexed) [1 volume]	1897-1914
DCAC/16/3	Register of members and share ledger (indexed) [1 volume]	1897-1910
DCAC/17/1-8	Whitefield Building Estate Co. Ltd. The Company was founded in 1897 with Frederick de Courcy Hamilton amongst its founding members. In 1914 the Company took over the lease of land on Weston Hill from the Wenvoe Castle Estate for the unexpired term of 982 years. [see DCAC/16]. The Company was wound up in 1934.	1897-1934
DCAC/17/1-2	<u>Administrative</u>	
DCAC/17/1	Articles of association [with copy of special resolution winding-up the Company] [1 booklet]	8 Apr 1897 25 Oct 1934
DCAC/17/2/1,2	Minutes of meetings of directors and shareholders [enclosed: related papers including notes on financial transactions; copy agreement for purchase of Whitefield Estate; papers relating to liquidation] [1 volume, 1 bundle]	1897-1934 1897-1908 25 Mar 1897 1933-1934
DCAC/17/3-4	<u>Financial</u>	
DCAC/17/3/1,2	General ledger [with balance sheets signed by the auditor on the back] [enclosed: related papers including cancelled share certificates and deed of transfer of shares] [1 volume, 1 bundle]	1897-1934 18 Dec 1914
DCAC/17/4	Register of members and share ledger (indexed) [1 volume]	1897-1929
DCAC/17/5-7	<u>Property records</u>	
DCAC/17/5/1	Ground rent book [1 volume]	1897-1911
DCAC/17/5/2	Ground rent book [1 volume]	1911-1934

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DCAC/17/6/1-3	Register of leases [enclosed: related correspondence and particulars of deeds and ground rents for property of Weston Hill Estate Co. Ltd.] [1 volume, 2 bundles]	1894-1906 1912-1921 1903-1904
DCAC/17/7	Register of assignments of leases [1 volume]	1895-1907
DCAC/17/8	<u>Forrest Road</u> This property was taken out of the Whitefield Estate in order to reduce the Whitefield Estate Co.'s overdraft and put into the name of H C Roberts, esq., upon trust for all members. The declaration of trust was executed on 31 Dec 1900 Minutes and agenda [1 volume]	1902-1911
DCAC/18-25	<u>Photographs</u>	
DCAC/18	Cardiff Exchange and Office Co. Ltd., exterior view of buildings, by Alfred Freke [showing figures in entrance and street lamp, initialled F. de CH] [1 photograph]	Not dated, circa 1900
DCAC/19/1,2	Cardiff Exchange, interior view published by Barclay Bros., Mount Stuart Square, Cardiff and Newcastle-upon-Tyne [Showing group of members with view of offices of the Cardiff and Newport Pitwood Co. Ltd.; Port Talbot Railways and Docks Co.; and Rhymney Iron Co. Ltd.] [1 photograph. Also 1 duplicate]	1901-1902
DCAC/20/1-4	Members of the Cardiff Coal and Shipping Exchange, framed by H J B Wills, Cardiff [showing interior of Exchange with view of offices of: Cambrian Railways Co.; Tredegar Iron and Coal Co.; Barry Grand Dock and Engineering Co.; The Alexandra Newport and South Wales Docks and Railways Co.] [with label advertising the frames of H J B Wills of Morgan Arcade, Cardiff and Porth] [1 photograph. Also 2 duplicates, 1 paper]	Not dated, circa 1910

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DCAC/21	Members of the Cardiff and Bristol Channel Incorporated Shipowners Association, published by H J Whitlock and Sons Ltd., photographers [showing interior of the Exchange] [1 photograph]	Nov 1917
DCAC/22	Members of the Coal and Shipping Exchange, by H J Whitlock and Sons Ltd., Cardiff [showing interior of Exchange with view of balcony and clock with paintings on either side] [1 photograph]	Not dated, circa 1928
DCAC/23/1,2	Members of the Coal and Shipping Exchange, newspaper reproduction of DCAC/22 [certificate and incorporation of Llanon Valleys Anthracite Collieries (Llanelly) Ltd. used as backing to frame] [1 photograph, 1 card]	12 Mar 1928 20 Feb 1922
DCAC/24/1,2	Members of the Cardiff Coal and Shipping Exchange, by H J Whitlock and Sons Ltd. [showing interior of Exchange with views of balcony and clock with paintings on either side] [1 photograph. Also 1 duplicate]	Apr 1930
DCAC/25/1,2	Members of the North-East Coast Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders on a visit to Barry Graving Dock and Engineering Works [used as backing to frame of DCAC/24/2, with labels advertising Sutton and Co. Ltd. Of Cardiff, and John Walker and Co. Ltd., stationers, of London] [1 photograph, 1 paper]	1896