

Reference code(s): GB 0214 DDB

Title: South Wales Ports plans

Creation date(s): 1829-1981

Level of description: Fonds

Extent: (25 items)

Name of creator(s): British Transport Docks Board; Associated British Ports

CONTEXT

Administrative/Biographical history: Under the *Transport Act 1947*, British ports and most other major transport operations became part of the state-owned British Transport Commission (BTC). However, due to financial difficulties, the BTC was abolished under the *Transport Act 1962*, and five new public authorities were established, one of which was the British Transport Docks Board (BTDB). The ports of Barry, Cardiff, Swansea, Port Talbot and Penarth, in Glamorgan, fell under the jurisdiction of the BTDB, which accumulated a group of maps and plans relating to Cardiff and Penarth. BTDB was heavily dependent on government subsidies, and capital investment was limited, resulting in very poor productivity. In the 1980s, the government decided to create a new company, Associated British Ports (ABP), which took over the assets of the British Transport Docks Board, including the ports of Cardiff and Port Talbot. ABP was privatised in April 1983.

CONTENT

Scope and content/abstract: Records of the South Wales Ports, 1829-1981, including: 'Docks' (the employee magazine of the British Transport Docks Board), 1980-1981; Plan of Cardiff Harbour with projected improvements, 1829; tithe plan of the parish of St John, Cardiff, [c. 1840]; plan of Cardiff Moors [c. 1824]; proposed bridge over river Taff and Cardiff Castle Park, [19th century]; plan of the port and town of Cardiff and suburbs, including Penarth dock and harbour [c. 1860]; Bute docks, tracing of proposed new works, Parliamentary session, 1886; and Ordnance Survey plans, second edition, 1901.

ACCESS AND USE

Language/scripts of material: English

System of arrangement: Arranged according to type.

Conditions governing access: No restrictions

Conditions governing reproduction: Normal Glamorgan Record Office conditions apply.

Physical characteristics: Good to fair condition

Finding aids: A handlist is available at the Glamorgan Record Office.

ARCHIVAL INFORMATION

Accruals: Accruals are not expected.

Archival history:

Immediate source of acquisition: Deposited by a private individual at various dates.

ALLIED MATERIALS

Related material: Related units of description held at the Glamorgan Record Office: DX 128/1-3, Great Western Railway Company bye-laws 1878, 1924, 1929; and Barry Railway Company, 1903. Related units of description held at the West Glamorgan Record Office (GB 0216): DDB2, Swansea Harbour Trust, Pilotage Committee minutes books, 1878-1922.

DESCRIPTION NOTES

Note: Title supplied from contents of fonds.

Archivist's note: Compiled by Hayden Burns for the ANW project. The following source was used in the compilation of this description: Glamorgan Record Office, Catalogue for the records of the Docks Board.

Rules or conventions: This description follows ANW guidelines based on ISAD(G) second edition, AACR2, and LCSH.

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