

Reference code(s): GB 0214 DDM

Title: David Morgan Ltd, Department Store, Cardiff records

Creation date(s): 1770-2005

Level of description: Fonds

Extent: 2.16 cubic metres

Name of creator(s): David Morgan Ltd

CONTEXT

Administrative/Biographical history: The firm was established by David Morgan (1833-1919). Morgan opened his first draper's shops in Cwm Siôn Mathew Square at Rhymney (closed in 1871) and Pontlottyn, Glamorgan, in 1858, and at Abertillery ('The Pontlottyn Shop'), co. Monmouth, 1870 (sold in 1922). His shop David Morgan & Co, in The Hayes, Cardiff opened in 1879, catering mainly for the drapery trade. He opened a second shop in St Mary St in 1898 accessible from The Hayes by way of the Morgan Arcade (initially called the New Central Arcade, begun in 1896, completed 1899), which ran parallel to the Royal Arcade. The business extended into the furniture trade under the direction of David Morgan's son John Llewellyn Morgan (1869-1941) from 1912 and into other merchandise under John's eldest son David Bernard Morgan (1899-1955) and his successors. The company was incorporated as David Morgan Ltd in 1916. The Cardiff Arcade Co was established in 1868 for the purpose of erecting an arcade - the Royal Arcade - to connect The Hayes and St Mary Street. David Morgan became a director of The Cardiff Arcade Co in 1892, and other members of the Morgan family later became major shareholders of the company. David Morgan Ltd. obtained a controlling interest in 1960. David Morgan Ltd closed in 2005.

CONTENT

Scope and content/abstract: Records relating to the Cardiff Arcade Co Ltd. including minutes, 1868-1960; accounts, 1880-1977, shares and other papers, 1885-1956; records relating to David Morgan Ltd. including minutes, 1928-1958; accounts, 1907-2004; salaries, 1895-1975; records relating to the Hayes Recreative Association, 1930-1978; records relating to the Estate of James Morgan, 1914-1951; records relating to David Morgan and trustees, 1919-1965; records relating to David Bernard Morgan and trustees, 1919-1939; records relating to Mr and Mrs J Llewellyn Morgan and trustees, 1919-1969; staff records, 1895-1995; miscellaneous papers including family bible with annotations, 1770-2005

ACCESS AND USE

Language/scripts of material: English, 2 items in Welsh

System of arrangement:

Conditions governing access: Some records are closed for 75 years under the Data Protection Act 1998 - contact the Duty Archivist

Conditions governing reproduction: Normal Glamorgan Record Office conditions apply

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

ARCHIVAL INFORMATION

Appraisal, destruction and scheduling information: All records that meet the collection policy of the Glamorgan Record Office have been retained

Accruals: Accruals are possible

Archival history:

Immediate source of acquisition:

ALLIED MATERIALS

Related material: Cardiff Arcade Co records, GB 0214 DCAC

Publication note: Morgan, Aubrey Neil, *David Morgan 1833-1919: The life and times of a master draper in South Wales* (Risca, Newport, 1977); *David Morgan: The first hundred years. Centenary year 1979* (David Morgan Ltd, Cardiff, 1979).

DESCRIPTION NOTES

Archivist's note: Compiled by David Morris for the ANW project. The following source was used for compilation: Glamorgan Record Office finding aids.

Rules or conventions: Description follows Archives Network Wales guidelines based on ISAD(G) second edition; AACR2 and LCSH.

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