

Reference code(s): GB 0214 DER

Title: Evans and Reid Coal Company Ltd, Cardiff records

Creation date(s): 1890-1960

Level of description: Fonds

Extent: 1 cubic metres (37 vols, 14 bdls, 35 files & 2 photographs)

Name of creator(s): Evans and Reid Coal Company Ltd

CONTEXT

Administrative/Biographical history: Evans and Reid Coal Company Ltd was established by Charles Edward Evans (1858-1944) who came to Cardiff (Glamorgan) in 1879, to work for Messrs T. Beynon and Co. Ltd, a local ship-broking and coal-exporting firm. In 1890, Evans started his own firm, Charles E. Evans Co., which was reconstituted in 1901 as Evans and Reid Ltd. The Company's main business was the export of coal and the import of pit props, later diversifying into general cargoes with the decline of the coal industry after the Second World War. The Company developed a network of foreign agents and maintained branch offices at Hull, London, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Southampton, and at one time, Paris. The head office was at 51 Mount Stuart Square, Cardiff, during the period around 1900-1920, and subsequently at Empire House, Mount Stuart Square. Charles Edward Evans built up widespread business interests, through the holding company at Evan and Reid Investment Co. Ltd and its subsidiary companies, including Evan and Reid Coal Company Ltd, Evan and Reid Pit Props Ltd, Evans Estate Ltd and Strath Steamships Co. Ltd. He was also a major shareholder in the colliery company Partridge, Jones and John Paton Ltd. The company is still active.

CONTENT

Scope and content/abstract: Records of Evans and Reid Coal Co. Ltd, Evans and Reid Investment Co. Ltd, and its subsidiary companies, and the papers of Charles Edwards Evans for the period [c. 1900]-1944: records of Evan and Reid Coal Co. Ltd, including memorandum and articles of association, 1901; financial records (mainly account books, ledgers and journals of various kinds relating to coal sales, pit props imports and shipping arrangements), 1922-1951; general files covering debts of Seixas Brothers & Co. (a failed Brazilian trading company), reports on the general trading situation, and other subjects; records of Evan and Reid Investment Co. Ltd. and those of its subsidiary companies such as Evan and Reid (Pitprops) Ltd. and the Strath Steamship Co., are mainly account books and ledgers of various kinds.

ACCESS AND USE

Language/scripts of material: English

System of arrangement: Arranged into the following: memorandum and articles of association; financial records; sales records, includes colliery companies' accounts; maritime and shipping records; pitwood records; Evans and Reid Management Ltd; Evans and Reid (Pitprops) Ltd; general files; Strath Steamship Co. Ltd; and personal papers of Lieut-Commander Charles Edwards Evans. Due to the incomplete survival of many of the record series and the possible loss of others, especially financial records, it is not always clear how the various record series relate to each other or to the holding company, Evan and Reid Investment Co. Ltd.

Conditions governing access: No restrictions. These records are stored in an outside repository. They should be ordered at least a week in advance of an intended visit so that they can be brought into the Record Office for consultation in the search room.

Conditions governing reproduction: Normal Glamorgan Record Office conditions apply.

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

ARCHIVAL INFORMATION

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

Accruals: Accruals are possible.

Archival history:

Immediate source of acquisition: Deposited by Evan and Reid Coal Company Ltd, 1989.

ALLIED MATERIALS

DESCRIPTION NOTES

Note: Title supplied from the contents of the 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 of records for the Evans and Reid Coal Company Ltd; Companies House website, viewed 15 January 2005.

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

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