

**GLAMORGAN RECORD OFFICE/ARCHIFYDY MORGANNWG**

**TRANSPORT - SHIPPING/BUSINESS**

**The Graig Shipping Co. Ltd./PLC, Cardiff**

With associated companies : Idwal Williams and Co., The Glynafon Shipping Co. Ltd., Garth Shipping Co. Ltd., and Lisvane Investment Co. Ltd.

The Graig Shipping Co. Ltd. was established in October 1919 by Idwal Williams (1884-1971) of Cardiff in conjunction with the directors of two colliery companies, a spark plug manufacturer, and a shipping butcher. The company was initially placed under the leadership of C.E.M. James (colliery director), G.E. Williams (director for shipping butchers) and Idwal Williams. Idwal Williams and Co. Ltd. later took over management.

Many of the companies' records were damaged or destroyed by fire at the Graig Co.'s offices in Merthyr House, Cardiff Docks, in 1945. The records listed below were deposited in the Glamorgan Record Office in 1995 (accession number 1995/59) and 1997 (1997/74). Accession references are placed in [ ].

For an illustrated history of the companies, see *Seventy Years in Shipping* by Desmond Williams (1989) [DGR/ 17 below].

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1/1-4. Directors' minutes, with enclosed correspondence, copies of resolutions, etc.

1/1.	1919-1946 [damaged by fire]
1/2.	1946-1960
1/3.	1961-1971
1/4.	1971-1979

[4 vols.] [1997/74]

2/1-13. Consolidated accounts, 1955, 1958-62, 1964-71

[13 files] [1995/59]

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- 2/14-25. Balance sheets, 1941-1952  
[12 files] [1995/59]
- 2/26-45. Statements of accounts, 1953-1972  
[20 files] [1995/59]
- 2/46-61. Annual reports and statements of accounts, 1973-77, 1979-82, 1984-86, and 1989  
[16 booklets] [1995/59]
- 3/1,2. Shareholders' minutes, with reports of directors and statements of accounts
- 3/1. 1920-1945 [damaged by fire]  
3/2. 1946-1969  
[2 vols.] [1997/74]
- 4/1. Register of directors or managers, 1921-29; transfers, 1920-22; and mortgage charges, 1930 and 1939  
[1 vol.; damaged by fire] [1997/74]
- 4/2. Particulars of directors or managers, 1945-1962  
[1 vol. and loose papers; damaged by fire] [1997/74]
- 5/1-8. Registers of transfers of ordinary shares :
- |      |                |                             |
|------|----------------|-----------------------------|
| 5/1. | nos. 667-500   | 1939-1946 [damaged by fire] |
| 5/2. | nos. 501-1696  | 1946-1947                   |
| 5/3. | nos. 1697-2923 | 1947-1952                   |
| 5/4. | nos. 2924-4215 | 1952                        |
| 5/5. | nos. 4216-5533 | 1952-1954                   |
| 5/6. | nos. 5534-6790 | 1954-1958                   |
| 5/7. | nos. 6791-8034 | 1958-1963                   |
| 5/8. | nos. 8035-9904 | 1964-1975                   |
- [8 vols.] [5/1 : 1997/74; 5/2-8 : 1995/59]

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6/1-3. Registers of probates, certificates of death, powers of attorney, etc.

6/1.	nos. 1-286	1945-1954
6/2.	nos. 287-484	1954-1959
6/3.	nos. 485-926	1959-1973

[3 vols.] [1995/59]

7/1-3. Receipt books for share certificates issued :

7/1.	nos. 5251-5500	Dec. 1972-Aug. 1975
7/2.	nos. 5501-5573	Aug. 1975-Aug. 1978
7/3.	nos. 3571-3907	Aug. 1978-Nov. 1979 (with unused certificates 3908-3999)

[3 vols.] [1995/59]

7/4, 5. Receipt books for 'A' non-voting ordinary shares :

7/4.	nos. 3251-3500	Nov. 1976-July 1980
7/5.	nos. 3501-3749	July 1980-Nov. 1983

[2 vols.] [1995/59]

7/6. Receipt book for shares (nos. 6101-6200), May 1982-May 1983

[1 vol.] [1995/59]

8/1-5. Registers of members (ordinary shareholders) :

8/1.	c.1937-1945 [very fragile; badly burnt]
8/2.	'No.1' : surnames A-K [damaged by fire]
8/3.	'No.2' : surnames L-Y [damaged by fire]
8/4.	5s. shares, c.1941-1956
8/5.	5s. shares, c.1946-1956

[5 vols.] [1995/59]

8/6-10. Registers of members (ordinary and non-voting shareholders)

8/6.	'No.1' : surnames A-F
8/7.	'No.1' : surnames G-N
8/8.	'No.1' : surnames O-Z

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8/6-10. Registers of members (ordinary and non-voting shareholders) cont.

8/9. Surnames A-I : c.1952-1957

8/10. Surnames J-Y : c.1952-1957

[5 vols.] [1995/59]

9/1. Input journal accounts, No.1 : 1974-1978

[1 vol.] [1997/74]

9/2. Output journal accounts, No.1 : 1975-1978

[1 vol.] [1997/74]

10/1-8. Ledgers :

10/1. No.6 : 1949-1952

10/2. No.7 : 1952-1955

10/3. No.10 : 1962-1966

10/4. No.11 : 1967-1971

10/5. No.12 : 1971-1974

10/6. No.13 : 1974-1975

10/7. No.14 : 1975-1978

10/8. No.15 : 1978-1983

[8 vols.] [10/1-7 : 1995/59; 10/8 : 1997/74]

11/1-9. Voyage summary accounts books (by ship and voyage)

11/1. 'Graiglas', 1948-1951, and 'Graigfelen', 1957-1962

11/2. 'Graigddu', 1948-1952, and 'Graigfelen', 1963-1971

11/3. 'Glynafon', 1964-1971

11/4. 'Graigwerdd', 1964-1970

11/5. 'Graigwerdd', 1970-1978

11/6. 'Graigffion', 1968-1977

11/7. 'Glyntawe', 1971-1976; 'Graigffion', 1977-1979; 'Caroline', 1979-1980; 'Cattleya', 1979-1980; 'Wed Tradition', 1979-1980;

'Continental Pioneer', 1980-1981; and 'Boujniba', 1980-1981

11/8. 'Uskbridge', 1963-1968, and 'Uskport', 1963-1967

11/9. 'Uskbridge', 1965-1968, and 'Uskport', 1965-1967

[9 vols.; 1995/59]

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12. The Graig Shipping Co. Ltd. and The Glynafon Shipping Co. Ltd.  
Register of advances and allotments paid : 'Glynafon', 1958-67;  
'Glyntaf', 1966-71; 'Graig', 1958-62; 'Graigfelen', 1958-66; 'Graig-  
werdd', 1964-70; 'Glyntawe', 1971-72; and 'Graigffion', 1969-70

[1 vol.] [1995/59]

**Idwal Williams and Co.**

- 13/1. Directors' and shareholders' muntres, with enclosed agreements,  
resolutions, etc., 1948-1956

[1 vol.] [1997/74]

- 13/2. 'Private Ledger', 1923-1946

[1 vol.] [1997/74]

- 13/3. Ledger 'No.3', 1946-1969

[1 vol.] [1995/59]

- 13/4. Idwal Williams and Co. Ledger 'No.2', 1978-1988

[1 vol.] [1995/59]

- 13/5. Accounts journal, 1971-1987

[1 vol.] [1997/74]

- 13/6. Output journal No.1, 1978-1988

[1 vol.] [1995/59]

- 13/7. Petty cash book, 1971-1986

[1 vol.] [1997/74]

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**Glynafon Shipping co. Ltd.**

Formerly the Basra Steam Shipping Co. to 1952.

- 14/1. Directors' minutes, 1945-1979  
[1 vo.] [1997/74]
- 14/2. Annual Gnereal Meetings of members and directors' reports, etc.  
1947-1979  
[1 vol.] [1997/74]
- 14/3. Applications and allotments, register of members and share ledger,  
directors' shareholdings, mortgages and charges, changes of directors  
or secretary, annual returns, 1945-1970  
[1 vol.] [1995/59]
- 14/4-7. Ledgers :
- 14/4. No.1 : 1952-1964  
14/5. No.2 : 1964-1970  
14/6. No.3 : 1971-1974  
14/7. No.4 : 1974-1979  
[4 vols.] [1995/59]

**Garth Shipping Co. Ltd.**

- 15/1,2. Ledgers :
- 15/1. 1968-1974 ('No.1') [1995/59]  
15/2. 1974-1983 [1997/74]  
[2 vols.]
- 15/3. Voyage summary accounts book of 'Cluden', 1972-73, and  
'Garthnewydd', 1974-1982  
[1 vol.] [1995/59]

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**Lisvane Investment Co. Ltd.**  
Formerly Viscaria Investment Co.

16/1. Minutes, 1975-1983

[1 vol.] [1995/59]

16/2. Register of members, etc., 1975-1976

[1 vol.] [1995/59]

**Graig Shipping PLC : general**

17. *Seventy Years in Shipping. Some reminiscences of the history of the Graig Shipping PLC*, by Desmond L. Williams (1989)

[1 printed vol.; illustrated] [1997/74]

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