

Reference code(s): GB 0214 DHAN

Title: W.H. Hancock and Co Ltd, of south Wales records

Creation date(s): 1872-1968

Level of description: Fonds

Extent:

Name of creator(s): W.H. Hancock Co. Ltd

CONTEXT

Administrative/Biographical history: The history of the W.H. Hancock Co Ltd. brewery operations in south Wales can be traced back to 1807 when William Hancock, snr built a brewery in Wiveliscombe, Somerset. By the 1870s, Hancocks were the largest brewers in the west of England. By this period Hancocks were also beginning to enter the south Wales market using an agent to distribute casked beer, brewed in Wiveliscombe, out of warehouses in West Bute Dock, Cardiff. In 1883, Hancocks began brewing beer in Cardiff when the firm acquired the North and Low's Bute Dock Brewery. Over the next decade Hancocks bought up a total of eight breweries across south Wales. The rapid growth of the south Wales brewing operation, prompted William Hancock, jnr to set up a separate company called the William Hancock and Co. Ltd, registered in 1887, by which time it had acquired 46 public houses in Cardiff and 31 in Newport. In 1968 the company was acquired by the Bass Charington Group and became part of Welsh Brewers Ltd.

CONTENT

Scope and content/abstract: Records relating to W.H. Hancock Co. Ltd including company documents, 1887-1926; share registration documents, 1872-1965; accounting records, 1887-1968; employee records, 1890-1962

ACCESS AND USE

Language/scripts of material: English

System of arrangement: Arranged according to record series and date

Conditions governing access: No restrictions

Conditions governing reproduction: Normal Glamorgan Record Office conditions apply

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

ARCHIVAL INFORMATION

Accruals: Accruals are possible

Archival history:

Immediate source of acquisition: Deposited at the Glamorgan Record Office by a private individual, 1971

ALLIED MATERIALS

DESCRIPTION NOTES

Archivist's note: Compiled by David Morris for the ANW project. The following sources were used for compilation: Glamorgan Record Office finding aids; Glover, Brian *Prince of Ales: The History of Brewing in Wales* (Stroud 1993)

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

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