

POWELL DUFFRYN

List of Papers held by Edwards Geldard as successors to Llewelyn & Hann relating to the Aberfan Disaster Tribunal Hearings 1966/67 and all being Llewelyn & Hann File 0739

Llewelyn and Hann represented Powell Duffryn Ltd as Powell Duffryn Associated Collieries Ltd at these hearings. They instructed Philip Owen QC and Hugh Williams of Counsel to appear on the company's behalf before the tribunal.

The papers are as follows:-

BOX 1

15/21/C

DLH/ A/1-76.

Llewelyn and Hann's copies of the Treasury Reporters notes of evidence given to the Public Enquiry which opened at the College of Further Education, Merthyr Tydfil on Tuesday, 29 November 1966 and was later transferred to the College at Colchester Avenue, Cardiff and of the Preliminary hearing of 8 November 1966.

(76 booklets, printed)

BOX 2

15/21/C

DLH/ A/77-82

Duplicates and copies of some notes of evidence.

(6 booklets, printed)

DLH/ A/83-104

Hugh William's copies of the Notes of evidence 1-21.

(21 booklets, printed)

BOX 3

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DLH/ A/104-152

Hugh William's copies of the Notes of evidence 22-67 & 68,75 & 76.

(49 booklets, printed)

BOX 4
15/21/D

DLH/ A/153

Llewelyn & Hann's file of correspondence covering the period 1st December 1966 to 13 May 1969, together with copy of Counsel's Fee Note and other background papers and a copy of an editorial taken from the Daily Telegraph for Friday, 4 August 1967.

(Not yet received ?).

DLH/ A/154

File containing notes of evidence of witnesses, copies of correspondence from the Tribunal, various plans, notes relating to the tip slide at Abercynon in 1940 and appointments and retirements of directors of Powell Duffryn Ltd up to 1956

(1 file)

DLH/ A/155

Aberfan Inquiry Tribunal Bundle No. 4, being an indexed set of reports and correspondence with regard to previous slips.

(1 bundle)

DLH/ A/156

Copy letters from a variety of sources plus hand-written notes taken at the third day of the hearing.

(1 file)

DLH/ A/157
/1,2,4&5

Some numbered files as follows:-

1. Experts reports giving history of tipping at the site, various other reports and statements of evidence.

2. Other exhibits.

4. P.D. exhibits etc.

5. P.D. papers.

(4 files)

BOX 5
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DLH/
A/158/1-7

Numbered Bundles

Bundle 1 Correspondence and memoranda relating to complaints as to danger of tips, flooding and pollution.

Bundle 2 Documents relating to Town and Country Planning: comprising Planning Applications, Town Development Plan and Aerial Ropeway.

Bundle 3 Minutes of meetings of Merthyr Tydfil Borough Council, Minutes of Merthyr Vale Consultative Committee.

Bundle 4 Reports and correspondence with regards to previous slips.

Bundle 5 Proposed coal recovery schemes by Ryan Industrial Fuels Ltd.

Bundle 6 Documents relating to Merthyr Vale Major Product Annual Review etc.

Bundle 7 Minutes of various committee meetings including Education Committee, Public Works Committee etc. in the period 1943 to 1966 (plus one spare copy).

(7 bundles)

DLH/ A/159

Bundle of what would appear to be part of Llewelyn & Hann's file including copies of the Mines and Quarries Act 1954, The Coal Mine's Act 1911, The Coal Mining Subsidence Bill of 1950, Hansard for 23 May 1950.

(1 bundle)

DLH/ A/160

Huw Williams of Counsel's bundle of exhibits and statements including:-

Minutes of a Special General Meeting of the Institute (South Wales Institute of Engineers?) of 28 April 1927 dealing with landslides in South Wales Valleys and a copy of a book about landslides in south Wales; Statement of Roy John Piggott; Proceedings of the South Wales Institute of Engineers for 21 April and 6 October 1927 and various plans relating to the slip and notes on coal preparation etc.

(One File)

BOX 6
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- DLH/ A/161 Report of the committee on Mining Subsidence 1949.
(Not Found)
- DLH/ A/162 Other papers being various calculations, statements and copy correspondence and plans which may well duplicate those elsewhere and one bundle of statements of NCB witnesses who had formerly been employed by Powell Duffryn
(One Bundle)
- DLH/ A/163 Copy of The Times for 30 November 1966.
(One Copy)
- DLH/ A/164 Copies of various statements and reports.
(Folder)
- DLH/ A/165 Copy of Joint Reconnaissance Intelligence Centre UK. Photographic Report of the spoil tips at Aberfan in January 1967.
(Booklet)
- DLH/ A/166 Report March 1967 by K. Wardell.
(Booklet)
- DLH/ A/167 Report and papers of the Meteorological Office and Mr. Arthur Bleasdale of that office.
(One Folder)
- DLH/ A/168 Compilation of matter prepared by the National Union of Mineworkers South Wales Area relating to the Merthyr Vale Colliery tip slide.
(Booklet)

- DLH/ A/169 Report on the stability of Aberfan Tip No. 7 by J. K. T. L. Nash.
(Booklet)
- DLH/ A/170 Report on Mining Subsidence by Mr Wardell and R.J. Piggott.
(Booklet)
- DLH/ A/171 File “Geo-Technical investigation into the causes and circumstances of the disaster. Report”.
(One Folder)
- DLH/ A/172 File “Geo-Technical investigation into the causes and circumstances of the disaster. Appendix 1”.
(One Folder)
- DLH/ A/173 File “Geo-Technical investigation into the causes and circumstances of the disaster. Appendix 2-7”.
(One Folder)
- DLH/ A/174 Copy statement of Roy John Piggott.
- DLH/ A/175 Summary of Geological Report on a Tipping Site.
- DLH/ A/176 History of Mining Subsidence: J.K Wardell and R.J. Piggott.
- DLH/ A/178 Copy of DLH/ A/177 with some maps added.
- DLH/ A/179 Two further copies of DLH/ A/177 (unbound).
- DLH/ A/180 Copies of the various photographs taken from DLH/ A/177 and plan of the area showing position of the rain gauge at Hafod, the Urban District boundaries etc.

BOX 7
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- DLH/ A/181 Counsel's notebook with some notes added taken at the Tribunal hearings in January 1967.
- (One A4 Notebook)
- DLH/ A/182 File marked (3) for UBD and Abercynon and containing various papers relating to the enquiry, copies of other reports etc. and a number of plans and photographs of the area including geological survey and a 1921 map of Pontypridd.
- (One Bundle)
- DLH/ A/183 Map stamped "Donald McLean and Hann" of the Pontypridd area with various properties or areas coloured in. The latter probably showing the parishes of Llantrisant, Llantwit Fardre, Pontypridd, Eglwys Ilan, Llanfabon, Llanwonno and what appears to be the Rhondda Urban District Council area during the early twentieth century.
- (Small Folded Map)
- DLH/ A/184 Envelope containing photographs relating to the Abercynon slide of 1939 numbered : 2-14.
- (Envelope: Two Sets)
- DLH/ A/185 Box with photographs numbered : 1-45 relating to the Aberfan Enquiry.
- (One cardboard box)
- DLH/ A/187 Interpretation and analysis of photography covering the Aberfan area prepared by Fairey Surveys Ltd. on behalf of the National Coal Board.
- (One file)
- DLH/ A/188 Copy of the Royal Commission on Tribunals of Inquiry under Lord Justice Salmon 1966.
- (Printed Booklet)
- DLH/ A/189 Regional Survey Report South Wales Coalfield 1946.
- (Printed Booklet)
- DLH/ A/191 Geological report of the Aberfan Tip Disaster by A. W. Woodland.
- (One File)

DLH/ A/192 Plan of South Wales Coalfield with areas of Ocean Coal, Powell Duffryn, Insoles, Ferndale Deep Navigation and Windsor marked.

(One Small folded map)

DLH/ A/193 Copy Booklet “Landslides in South Wales” by Professor George Knox.

(One A3 Booklet)

DLH/ A/194 Copy Proceedings of South Wales Institute of Engineers 28 April 1927.

(One A3 Booklet)

BOX 8
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DLH/ A/177 Report prepared by Powell Duffryn Associated Collieries Ltd. into Rubbish Tipslide Cilfynydd Common, 5 December 1939. (Five Sets)

(Two volumes, three bundles)

DLH/ A/190 Twenty four maps and plans relating to the Aberfan Tribunal, together with twenty large scale photographs (mostly aerial).

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DLH/ A/186 Roll of plans and maps showing volumetric changes, nature and distribution of superficial deposits, water sampling and measuring points and plan depicting history of streams etc.

DLH/ A/195 Large cardboard folder of photographs of the Aberfan area D8, D9, D12 and D13 including photographs taken before and after the disaster and being enlargements about 18” x 24”.

DLH/ A/196 A tin tube of plans of the area including Ordnance Survey maps and geological maps, a photograph entitled “Uncontrolled Mosaic” constructed by Hunting Surveys Ltd. as well as aerial photograph of Aberfan and the tips taken in 1964.