

Reference code(s): GB 0214 DUCAH

Title: Aberdare Hall, Cardiff University records

Creation date(s): 1883-1995

Level of description: Fonds

Extent: 0.4 cubic metres (13 boxes, 1 large flat box, 6 volumes)

Name of creator(s): Aberdare Hall, Cardiff

CONTEXT

Administrative/Biographical history: Aberdare Hall, Cardiff (Glamorgan), was established by the University College of South Wales and Monmouthshire (later the University of Wales College, Cardiff, now the University of Cardiff) in 1883, for female students. Its foundation, at a time when opportunities for women in higher education were few was testimony to the enlightened attitude of those behind its creation. The Hall owed most to the efforts of Lady Aberdare (1827-1897) and John Viriamu Jones, principal of the University College, 1883-1901. Jones and his wife took a keen interest in the establishment and management of Aberdare Hall. Lady Aberdare was an enthusiastic proponent of higher education for women, and took an active part in ecclesiastical, social and educational matters. She served as a member of the University College Council and Court of Governors. The first Aberdare Hall was located in Keswick House, Richmond Road, Cardiff, and opened in 1885, with nine students. The hall developed separately from the university, but personal and academic links remained strong. Aberdare Hall benefited from the talented service of its principals, notably Ethel Hurlbatt, 1892-1898, and her sister, Katherine Hurlbatt, 1898-1934. The present Aberdare Hall, in Corbett Road, was opened in 1895, designed by W. D. Caroe and paid for by public subscription; the Hall benefited from the donation of £2,000 by the trustees of the late Mrs Emily Pfeiffer which was used to pay for the Hall library.

CONTENT

Scope and content/abstract: Records of Aberdare Hall, Cardiff, 1883-1995, includes: records relating to governors, 1894-1935; records relating to the house committee and general purposes committee, 1894-1936; records relating to the council, 1884-1984; records relating to the combined college and Aberdare committee, 1892-1893; records of general meetings, 1923-1942; records relating to various sub-committees, 1902-1971; records relating to student entrants, 1885-1927; records relating to students, 1885-1953; records relating to the principal, warden, rules, and notices, 1888-1945; records relating to staff, warden, principal and salaries, 1928-1973; records of

the old students associations, 1932-1975; records relating to scholarships, 1934-1946; records relating to funding for building and fabric, 1893-1993; correspondence and other papers relating to building fabric and funding and repairs etc., 1892-1971; miscellaneous papers, 1893-1936; Aberdare Hall Library, 1904-1985; records relating to ceremonies and miscellaneous hall events, 1895-1986; miscellaneous printed Aberdare Hall and University College papers, 1892-1967; miscellaneous notes, cuttings and other papers regarding students, wardens and hall, 1887-[c. 1880s]; historical notes, cuttings and miscellanea, [c. 1885]-1995; miscellaneous papers, 1883-[mid 20th century]; photographs and postcards, [late 19th century]-[late 20th century]; and exhibition materials, Aberdare Hall centenary, 1985, [late 19th century]-1985.

ACCESS AND USE

Language/scripts of material: English

System of arrangement: Arranged by year and type.

Conditions governing access: No restrictions

Conditions governing reproduction: Normal Glamorgan Record Office conditions apply.

Physical characteristics: Good to fair condition

Finding aids: A hard copy of the catalogue 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 the Secretary of the Friends of Aberdare Hall on 23 December 1997.

ALLIED MATERIALS

DESCRIPTION NOTES

Note: Title supplied from contents of fonds.

Archivist's note: Compiled by Hayden Burns for the ANW project. The following sources were used in the compilation of this description: Glamorgan Record Office, Catalogue of records for Aberdare Hall, Cardiff; *The University of Wales: an Illustrated History*, ed. Geraint H. Jenkins (Cardiff, 1993); Evans, W. Gareth, *Education and Female Emancipation: the Welsh Experience, 1847-1914*, (Cardiff, 1990).

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

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