

Reference code(s): GB 0214 DXAB

Title: Brown Lenox and Co. Ltd records

Creation date(s): 1883-1891

Level of description: Fonds

Extent: 0.02 cubic metres (2 volumes)

Name of creator(s): Brown Lenox and Co. Ltd

CONTEXT

Administrative/Biographical history: The chainmakers Brown Lenox re-located from Millwall (Middlesex) to Ynysangharad, Pontypridd (Glamorgan), in 1816. The firm was attracted to the site as it combined easy access to a ready supply of Merthyr pig iron obtained via the Glamorganshire Canal, and an abundant supply of locally-produced coal. During the course of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, Brown Lenox built up an international reputation as a leading chain and anchor manufacturer. The firm also produced cables for a number of pioneering bridge designs, including the Menai suspension bridge. In 2000 the site at Ynysangharad was closed.

CONTENT

Scope and content/abstract: Accounts book of no. 4 hammer, 1883-1888, and foreman's accounts book, 1887-1891; illustration of Pontypridd Bridge

ACCESS AND USE

Language/scripts of material: Eng

System of arrangement: Arranged chronologically.

Conditions governing access: No restrictions

Conditions governing reproduction: Normal Glamorgan Record Office conditions apply.

Finding aids: A handlist is available in 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 not expected

Archival history:

Immediate source of acquisition: Pontypridd Public Library, 1963.

ALLIED MATERIALS

Related material: The main records relating to the Ynysangharad works are Glamorgan Record Office, DBL, Brown, Lenox & Co. Chainworks. Research notes about Samuel Brown & Co. and Brown, Lenox & Co. are Carmarthenshire Record Office, DB/96.

DESCRIPTION NOTES

Archivist's note: Compiled by David Morris for the ANW project. The following sources were used for compilation of this description: Glamorgan Record Office finding aids; Baber, Colin 'The Subsidiary Industries, 1760-1914' in Williams, Glanmor, ed. *Glamorgan County History Vol V* (Cardiff, 1980), and Eckley, Simon, *The Archive Photographs Series: Pontypridd* (Pontypridd 1994).

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

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