

Reference code(s): GB 0214 DXCV

Title: Insole and Biddle, brick and coal merchants records

Creation date(s): 1827-1959

Level of description: Fonds

Extent: 0.02 cubic metres (3 volumes; 1 file, 4 papers, 1 booklet, 10 metal plates, 1 card)

Name of creator(s): George Insole; Richard Biddle; George Insole & Son

CONTEXT

Administrative/Biographical history: In 1827, George Insole moved to Cardiff, Glamorgan, from Worcester, and went into partnership with Richard Biddle, a timber, coal and brick merchant from Merthyr Tydfil, Glamorgan; the partnership was dissolved in 1831. At first, Insole was concerned solely with the export of coal, but in 1832, he leased the mineral rights for land at Maes-mawr, near Pontypridd, Glamorgan, and became a coal producer in his own right. In 1844, Insole expanded his coal mining interests when he opened a new level at Cymer in the Rhondda valley, Glamorgan. In 1851 George Insole died, and his son, James Harvey Insole became the proprietor of George Insole and Son.

CONTENT

Scope and content/abstract: Timber, bricks and coal account book, 1827-1830; coal account book, 1833; Llantrisant Estate rents due, 1858-1882; accounts of machinery and castings received from Rhondda foundry, 1832-1850; circulars, regulations and rules 1850-1872; and sale catalogue of colliery horses and sets of gear, 1959.

ACCESS AND USE

Language/scripts of material: English

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 at the Glamorgan Record Office

ARCHIVAL INFORMATION

Accruals: Accruals are not expected

Archival history:

Immediate source of acquisition: Private individual, 1954 and 1955.

ALLIED MATERIALS

DESCRIPTION NOTES

Archivist's note: Compiled by David Morris for the ANW project. The following sources were used for compilation: Watson, Richard *Rhondda Coal, Cardiff Gold: the Insoles of Llandaff Coal Owners and Shippers* (Cardiff, 1997); Daunton, M. J. *Coal Metropolis Cardiff 1870-1914* (Leicester, 1977)

Rules or conventions: Descriptions follow ANW Guidelines based on ISAD(G) second edition, AACR2 and LCSH.

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