

GLAMORGAN RECORD OFFICE/ARCHIFDY MORGANNWG

Reference code(s): GB 0214 DXNO

Title: Womens' Institutes, Glamorgan records

Creation date(s): 1915-1997

Level of description: Fonds

Extent: 0.36 cubic metres (56 volumes, 54 booklets, 5 papers, 2 files, 1 newspaper, 1 card)

Name of creator(s): Church Village; Colwinston; Cowbridge; Dinas Powys; East Mid; Garth; Kenfig; Lisvane; Llanblethian; Llandough; Llanharry; Pendoylan; Pentyrch; Porthcawl; Radyr and Morganstown; Rhoose; Southerndown; St Athan; St Fagans; St Nicholas; Taffs Well and Talbot Green Womens' Institutes

CONTEXT

Administrative/Biographical history: The Womens' Institute (W.I.) was founded in 1897 in Stoney Creek, Canada. The first attempt to establish the W.I. in the U.K. was in 1899, but it was not until the onset of the First World War that the movement gained a foothold when women were mobilised to support the war effort in agriculture and industry. It was against this backdrop that Madge Watt, succeeded in establishing a branch of the W.I. in the U.K. under the auspices of the Agricultural Organisation Society. Originally set up to provide training and education, the W.I. has since developed into a mutual support structure for women, as well as an important lobbying voice. Individual branches are self-governing and are grouped into County Federations which together make up the National Federation of Women's Institutes. The Glamorgan Federation was established in 1923. Today, the W.I. has links with over 8 million women in some 60 countries.

CONTENT

Scope and content/abstract: Womens' Institute Jubilee scrapbooks (various groups), 1965; Lisvane minutes, 1951-1955; Radyr and Morganstown minutes, registration certificate, attendance registers and miscellaneous material, 1957-1995; Llanharry churchyard survey, 1983; Pendoylan minutes, 1937-1965, account book, 1937-1950, minutes, 1937-1987; St Athan minute books, 1937-1978; St Fagans minute books, 1927-1962; Garth album of photographs and drawings, 1975; East Mid miscellaneous items, 1975; Glamorgan Federation of Womens' institutes year books, 1960-1968.

ACCESS AND USE

Language/scripts of material: English

System of arrangement: Arranged chronologically by branch

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: Glamorgan Womens' Institutes (various branches).

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; A Brief History of the Womens' Institute (<http://www.cinemas-online.co.uk>) viewed 20 September 2004; Glamorgan Federation web page (<http://www.womens-institute.org.uk>) viewed 20 September 2004

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

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