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The following collection contains records relating to Aberystwyth harbour, to the Aberystwyth and Aberdovey Steam Packet Company one of the major steamship companies in this area, and to three ships owned by the company, the S.S. Countess of Lisburne, the S.S. Dora and the S.S. Grosvenor, which sailed regularly between Aberystwyth and Liverpool. The records cover the period c. 1900 to c. 1914. The precise relationship between the harbour records and those of the Aberystwyth and Aberdovey Steam Packet Company is not clear, nor is it known if they came together by design or by chance. Any original administrative order has been lost.

The records have been divided into eight main categories. These commence with the ships' manifests, which accompanied each sailing, and which give details of the cargo of the ship, the names and addresses of the consignees etc. These have been arranged in date order, beginning with the manifests of the S.S. Countess of Lisburne, continuing with those of the S.S. Dora, and ending with those of the S.S. Grosvenor. These form a natural sequence, with the mandate numbers following on from one ship to another. Some of the manifests have survived intact, and some are so fragmentary that neither the date nor the ship can be identified. The remainder of the collection has been arranged in the following categories: Harbour records [financial]; Harbour records [correspondence]; Aberystwyth and Aberdovey Steam Packet Company [legal and administrative papers]; Aberystwyth and Aberdovey Steam Packet Company [financial]; Aberystwyth and Aberdovey Steam Packet Company [correspondence]; Consignment notes [these notes accompanied individual loads or items of cargo; they were probably filed by date of arrival of the cargo in Aberystwyth, but the original order has not been preserved, and many notes are undated; the notes have been sorted into commodities, and within these broad categories, into major suppliers; Advice notes [this is a small group and represents a few of the advice notes issued by the shipping and railway companies. They have been listed in date order].

1. Ships' Manifests

Box 1 S.S. Countess of Lisburne

617.	4th April, 1903	660.	8th March, 1904
652.	1st Jan., 1904	661.	18th March, 1904
653.	12th Jan., 1904	663.	5th April, 1904
654.	22nd Jan., 1904	678.	30th July, 1904
655.	29th Jan., 1904	700.	30th Dec., 1904
656.	6th Feb., 1904	860.	3rd Jan., 1908
657.	19th Feb., 1904	862.	17th Jan., 1908
658.	26th Feb., 1904	863.	24th Jan., 1908
659.	2nd March 1904		

Box 2 S.S. Countess of Lisburne

864.	3rd Feb., 1908	865.	7th Feb., 1908
867	29th Feb., 1908	868.	6th March, 1908
869.	14th March, 1908	870.	20th March, 1908
882.	12th June, 1908	883.	19th June, 1908
884.	26th June, 1908	885.	3rd July 1908
886.	11th July 1908	888.	25th July, 1908

Box 3 S.S. Dora

889.	31st July 1908	890.	7th Aug., 1908
891.	14th Aug., 1908	892.	21st Aug., 1908
893.	31st Aug., 1908	894.	5th Sept., 1908
895.	12th Sept., 1908	896.	19th Sept., 1908
141.	4th Aug., 1911		

Box 4 S.S. Grosvenor

897.	26th Sept. 1908	2.	23rd Oct., 1908
3.	30th Oct. 1908	4.	6th Nov., 1908
6.	20th Nov. 1908	15.	5th Feb., 1909
16.	12th Feb., 1909	17.	19th Feb., 1909
18.	26th Feb., 1909	19.	5th March, 1909
20.	12th March, 1909	24.	10th April, 1909
25.	17th April, 1909	26.	23rd April, 1909
27.	3rd May, 1909		

Box 5 S. S. Grosvenor

28.	7th May,	1909	29.	14th May	1909
40.	7th Aug.,	1909	41.	13th Aug.,	1909
52.	5th Nov.,	1909	53.	13th Nov.,	1909
59.	31st Dec.,	1909	60.	8th Jan.,	1910
61.	15th Jan.,	1910			

Box 6 S.S. Grosvenor

62.	22nd Jan.,	1910	63.	29th Jan.,	1910
64.	4th Feb.,	1910	65.	12th Feb.,	1910
71.	4th April,	1910	72.	9th April,	1910
73.	15th April,	1910	84.	2nd July,	1910
115.	3rd Feb.,	1911	116.	10th Feb.,	1911
117.	17th Feb.,	1911			

Box 7 S.S. Grosvenor

124.	7th April,	1911	130.	19th May,	1911
133.	9th June,	1911	134.	16th June,	1911
136.	1st July,	1911	137.	7th July,	1911
138.	15th July,	1911	142.	11th Aug.,	1911
143.	26th Aug.,	1911	144.	2nd Sept.	1911
145.	11th Sept.,	1911	146.	16th Sept.,	1911
147.	22nd Sept.,	1911	148.	30th Sept.	1911
149.	6th Oct.,	1911	150.	13th Oct.,	1911

Box 8 S.S. Grosvenor

151.	20th Oct.,	1911	152.	27th Oct.,	1911
153.	3rd Nov.,	1911	154.	11th Nov.,	1911
155.	27th Nov.,	1911	156.	1st Dec.	1911
157.	11th Dec.,	1911	158.	19th Dec.	1911
159.	30th Dec.,	1911			

Box 8 [continued]

188.	9th Aug., 1912	189.	16th Aug., 1912
190.	24th Aug., 1912	191.	31st Aug., 1912
192.	9th Sept. 1912	194.	21st Sept., 1912
195.	27th Sept. 1912		

Box 9 S.S. Grosvenor

206.	20/21st Dec., 1912	207.	1st Jan., 1913
208.	10th Jan., 1913	209.	18th Jan., 1913
210.	27th Jan., 1913	211.	3rd Feb., 1913
212.	10th Feb., 1913	213.	14th Feb., 1913
215.	4th March 1913	216.	13th March 1913
217.	22nd March 1913	218.	2nd April 1913
219.	12th April 1913	220.	21st April 1913

Box 10 S.S. Grosvenor

221.	25th April 1913	222.	2nd May 1913
224.	16th May 1913	225.	23rd May 1913
226.	30th May 1913	227.	6th June 1913
228.	12th June 1913	243.	27th Sept. 1913
244.	3rd Oct., 1913	245.	10th Oct., 1913
246.	20th Oct., 1913	247.	27th Oct., 1913
248.	31st Oct., 1913		

Box 11 S.S. Grosvenor

249.	14th Nov., 1913	250.	24th Nov., 1913
252.	9th Dec., 1913	253.	12th Dec., 1913
254.	19th Dec., 1913	266.	3rd April 1914
267.	9th April 1914	268.	18th April 1914
270.	4th May 1914	271.	18th May 1914
272.	22nd May 1914	280.	20th July 1914

Box 12 S.S. Grosvenor

281.	24th July, 1914	282.	31st July 1914
283.	10th Aug., 1914	284.	14th Aug., 1914
285.	21st Aug., 1914	286.	28th Aug., 1914
287.	5th Sept. 1914	288.	18th Sept. 1914
289.	25th Sept. 1914	290.	3rd Oct., 1914
291.	9th Oct., 1914	292.	16th Oct., 1914
293.	23rd Oct., 1914	294.	30th Oct., 1914
295.	6th Nov., 1914	296.	16th Nov., 1914
297.	20th Nov., 1914		

Box 13 S.S. Grosvenor

298.	30th Nov., 1914	299.	11th Dec., 1914
300.	21st Dec., 1914		

Two boxes of unidentified fragments

2. Harbour Records: Financial

1. Cash Journals containing records of transactions, freight charges, labour costs etc. fragmentary, Feb. 1900 - June 1905
2. Labour Accounts: wages of the crew of the S.S. Grosvenor, Jan. - Dec. 1912
3. 'Labour Accounts': details of expenses on voyages of the S.S. Grosvenor, Jan. - Sept. 1912
4. Harbour dues and rents
 1. Revised copy of harbour dues, 1898
 2. Harbour dues list, 1900, with note [on reverse] of dues uncollected, March 1900; dues payable, March - Sept. 1900; dues collected, Sept. 1900
 3. Half-year rent due, Aug - Sept. 1900
 4. Rents due for offices and stores on Rofawr, Sept. 1906, Sept. 1912, Dec. 1913

4. Harbour dues and rents [continued]

5. Receipts for harbour dues: Caernarfon, Feb. - May 1912; Aberystwyth, Feb. 1902, April - July 1912; Mersey Docks and Harbour Board, March - June 1912
6. Payment of salary of harbour master by the Corporation of Aberystwyth, Sept. 1906

5. Stock

1. Coal storage space at Rofawr, 1895
2. Exports [rough notes], 1902
3. Exports [rough notes], 1903 - 4
4. List of stock [flour and grain] and consignees, April 1905 - Jan 1906
5. Goods in stock at Aberystwyth [flour and grain] Oct. 1906
6. Aberystwyth Stock Account: Portmadoc Flour Mills Co.; list of consignees, 1906
7. List of freight on S.S. Grosvenor, Oct. - Dec. 1910

6. Receipts

1. Bundle of receipts for cartage of goods; Gas Light Office, Liverpool; bill to Robert Owen, Trafalgar Dock, and receipt of same, March 1912
2. Two receipts relating to the maintenance of the boiler of the S.S. Grosvenor, 1912
3. Six receipts from the Liverpool and Menai Straits Steamship Co. Ltd. relating to the loading of slates, and pilotage, Jan. - May 1912
4. Two receipts from Ismay Imrie & Co. Dockers, for loading slates, Feb. - May 1912

6. Receipts [continued]

5. Four receipts for loading of slates at Caernarfon, Feb. - Sept. 1912; list of expenses at Caernarfon, Sept. 1912
6. Liverpool Corporation Waterworks: receipt for delivery of water to the S.S. Grosvenor, Feb. 1911
7. Belfast Steamship Co. Ltd.: Accounts for carriage of goods, April 1904 - March 1912
8. Miscellaneous: unidentified financial jottings; blank income tax forms

3. Harbour Records: Correspondence

1. Harbourmaster, 1899 - 1909
2. Relating to orders and deliveries, 1905 - 1913
3. Relating to payments and accounts, 1899 [2 items]
4. Relating to William Boundy Krieger and Co. Ltd., 80 Gracechurch St., London [in liquidation], 1909 - 1910
5. Miscellaneous, including chart of Liverpool Bay, 1893

4. Aberystwyth and Aberdovey Steam Packet Co. Ltd:
Legal and Administrative Papers

1. Articles of association, 10th March 1885
2. Reports of Directors, 1906, 1913, 1914; notice of Directors' meeting, March 1907
3. Blank form letters concerning dividends
4. Blank form letters concerning shares
5. Printed notices concerning raising freight charges, June 1907, Oct. 1911

4. Continued..

6. Printed notices re overdue accounts
7. Notice of cancellation of sailing, 14th Nov. 1911
8. Printed advertisement for the weekly sailing of the S.S. Countess of Lisburne, from Aberystwyth to Liverpool departing Fridays, n.d.
9. Advertisement, received by the company, for a 'buoyant cover for Ship' Boats' life-saving appliance, c. 1906
10. Form letter from Haddon and Beavis, Sail and Steamship Brokers, 83 High St., Southampton 1907; visiting card of same.
11. Cambrian News and Welsh Gazette: accounts for advertisements, June, Dec. 1911
12. Insurance
 1. The West of England Steamship Owners' Protection and Indemnity Association Ltd.: list of claims paid [class III], Feb. 1912; receipt for renewal fee for the S.S. Countess of Lisburne, April 1912
 2. Agreement made between W. and H.M. Goulding Ltd., North Wall, Dublin, and John Owens, agent for the owner of the S.S. Grosvenor, for the transport of a cargo of 170 tons of chemical manure from Dublin to Cardigan, 20th January 1913; and bill for loading
13. Memorandum of agreement between the Aberystwyth and Aberdovey Steam Packet Company, and Arthur Clifton of 83 Gracechurch St., London, concerning the sale, by the former to the latter, of the screw steamer 'Countess of Lisburne', Glasgow, 7th July 1908
14. Letter from H. Graham King and Co., Chartered Accountants, concerning the posting of the manifest books, n.d.

5. Aberystwyth and Aberdovey Steam Packet Co. Ltd.:
Financial Records

1. Accounts for freight, 1909 - 1913
2. Delivery dockets/advice of charges payable:
 1. Vale of Rheidol Light Railway Co.,
Nov. 1911 - May 1912
 2. Cambrian Railways Co., May 1912
3. Receipt books, containing details of delivery and receipt of goods, six volumes [damaged] and several undated fragments, 1906 - 1916
4. Notebook, containing list of debtors[?]
1904 [?]

6. Aberystwyth and Aberdovey Steam Packet Co. Ltd.:
Correspondence

1. Quotations and Estimates, 1905 - 1906
2. Payments and orders, 1906 - 1912
3. Claims, 1906 - 1912
4. Telegraphs, 1906 - 1919
5. Forwarding notes, 1907 - 1914
6. Management of the company, 1908 - 1911
7. S.S. Grosvenor, 1908 - 1912
8. Sale of the S.S. Countess of Lisburne, 1906 - 1908, and the proposed purchase of other ships, 1907 - 1908

7. Consignment Notes c. 1900 - c. 1914

Groceries and General Provisions

W. Williams and Co. Ltd., 5 Button Street,
Liverpool [2 boxes]

D. Jones and Co., 33 Redcross Street,
Liverpool [2 boxes]

7. Groceries and General Provisions [continued]

Morris and Jones, 13 Sir Thomas Street,
Liverpool [2 boxes]

Henry Tate and Sons Ltd, Liverpool [1 box]

R. Davies and Co. Ltd., 16 - 22 Grayson Street
Liverpool [1 box]

G. & J. Nickson and Co. Ltd. [1 box]

Fairrie and Co. Ltd. [1 box]

Crosfields Ltd. [1 file]

Griffiths and Crowshaw, Fruit Merchants,
54 Thomas Street, Liverpool [1 file]

MacFie and Sons [1 file]

Bryant and May, Diamond Match Works [1 file]

Co-operative Wholesale Society [1 file]

J. A. Irving and Co., 25 Victoria Street,
Liverpool [1 file]

Mandeno, Son and Hewitson, 27 - 29 Atherton
Street, Liverpool [1 file]

Grieg Brothers, 11 Preston Street, Liverpool
[1 file]

Wright, Crossley and Co. Ltd., Liverpool
[1 file]

S. H. Perry and Co. Ltd. [1 file]

Jonathan Edmondson and Co., Ltd. [1 file]

Eills & Co. Ltd., 12 Hanover Street,
Liverpool [1 file]

Roberts and Stephen, Fruit Merchants [1 file]

H. J. Heinz and Co. [1 file]

G. Wall and Co. [1 file]

Lever Bros. [1 file]

Miscellaneous [1 box]

7. continued..

Flour Mills

W. Vernon & Sons [1 box]
Buchanan's Flour Mills [1 box]
City Mills [1 file]
North Shore Mill Co. Ltd. [1 file]
Paul Bros. [Birkenhead] [1 file]
Robert Baxendell and Son [1 file]
Thomas Rigby & Son [1 file]
Miscellaneous [1 box]

Animal Feed

J. Bibby and Sons [1 box]
Miscellaneous [1 box]

Sawmills and Timber Supplies

1 box

Fuel

1 box

Hardware and Building Supplies

2 boxes

Beverages

2 boxes

Fancy Goods

1 box

7. continued..

Chemists' Supplies

1 box

1 box of unidentified and damaged notes

8. Advice Notes

1. Liverpool, Greenock and Glasgow Steamers,
Aug. 1900 - Aug. 1915

2. M. Langland and Sons, April 1904

3. Manchester Ship Canal Co., Aug. 1907

4. London and North-Western Railway,
Oct. 1907 - May 1914

5. Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Co.,
March 1909 - May 1912

6. The Isle of Man Steam Packet Co., Oct. 1913

7. Cheshire Lines Committee, May - June 1914

8. W. Vernon and Sons, Jan. 1916