

## **.1 IDENTITY STATEMENT AREA**

**3.1.1 Reference code(s):** GB 0210 ABEONW

**3.1.2 Title:** Aberdihonw Deeds

**3.1.3 Previous Title:**

**3.1.4 Creation Date(s):** 1521-1690

**3.1.5 Date accumulated:**

**3.1.6 Level of description:** Fonds

**3.1.7 Extent and medium of the unit of description (quantity, bulk or size):** 0.005 cubic metres (23 items)

## **3.2 CONTEXT AREA**

**3.2.1 Name of creator(s):** Aberdihonw estate.

**3.2.2 Administrative/Biographical history:** The Aberdihonw estate was owned by the Parry and Vaughan families from the early sixteenth century; it was formerly owned by the abbey of Strata Florida, and included the grange of Aberdihonw. The Gregory Parry family owned the whole of Llandevailog Tre'r Graig and the surrounding area until the death of Rev. Gregory Parry, the last male heir. The Vaughans of Trebarried were a branch of the Tretŵr family, known as Vaughans after "Roger Vaughan of Talgarth", the second son of Sir Roger of Tretŵr. In 1624, Watkin Vaughan of Merthyr Cynog, son of Roger, married Katherine, the daughter of William Parry of Trebarried. They had seven sons and two daughters.

**3.2.3 Archival history:**

**3.2.4 Immediate source of acquisition or transfer:** Donated by Nigel Higson, Yorkshire, 1970.

## **3.3 CONTENT AND STRUCTURE AREA**

**3.3.1 Scope and content:** Deeds, 1521-1690, relating to the estates of the Parry and Vaughan family of Aberdihonw and Trebarried, Breconshire. The deeds relate mostly to the Aberdihonw estate, in the parishes of Llanddewi'r-cym, Llanfair-ym-Muallt (Builth Wells) and Maesmynsys, including the grange of Aberdihonw.

**3.3.2 Appraisal, destruction and scheduling information:** All records donated to the National Library of Wales have been retained.

**3.3.3 Accruals:** Accruals are not expected.

**3.3.4 System of arrangement:** Arranged chronologically.

## **3.4 CONDITIONS OF ACCESS AND USE AREA**

**3.4.1 Conditions governing access:** No restrictions

**3.4.2 Conditions governing reproduction:** Usual copyright laws apply.

**3.4.3 Language/scripts of material:** English, Latin

**3.4.4 Physical characteristics and technical requirements:**

**3.4.5 Finding aids:** A hard copy of the catalogue is available at the National Library of Wales. The catalogue can be accessed on-line from <http://www.llgc.org.uk:81/index.htm> *Detailed catalogue*

## **3.5 ALLIED MATERIALS AREA**

**3.5.1 Existence and location of originals:**

**3.5.2 Existence and location of copies:**

**3.5.3 Related units of description:**

**3.5.4 Language codes:** englat

**3.5.5 Publication note:**

### 3.6 NOTE AREA

**3.6.1 Note:** Title supplied from contents of fonds.

### 3.7 DESCRIPTION CONTROL AREA

**3.7.1 Archivist's note:** Compiled by Seri Crawley for the ANW project. The following sources were used in the compilation of this description : Jones, Theophilus, A History of Brecknock ( Brecknock, 4 vols., 1930), Vol. 4; Nicholas, Thomas, Annals and Antiquity of the Counties and County Family of Wales (London, 2 vols., 1975), Vol. 1.

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

**3.7.3 Location:** National Library of Wales

**3.7.4 Date(s) of descriptions:** January 2003

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## INDEX ENTRIES

### Subjects

#### Personal names

[Parry family | of Aberdihonw](#)

[Parry | William | d. 1630 | the Elder of Aberdihonw](#)

[Vaughan family | of Trebarried](#)

[Vaughan | Watkin | of Merthyr Cynog](#)

#### Corporate names

[Aberdihonw estate | Brecknockshire](#)

[Strata Florida Abbey | Cardiganshire](#)

[Trebarried estate | Brecknockshire](#)

#### Places

[Aberdihonw Grange | Brecknockshire](#)

[Brecknockshire | Wales](#)

[Builth Wells | Brecknockshire](#)

[Llanddewi'r-cym | Brecknockshire](#)

[Maesmynis | Brecknockshire](#)

### **3.1 IDENTITY STATEMENT AREA**

**3.1.1 Reference code(s):** GB 0210 BENIES

**3.1.2 Title:** Ben Davies papers

**3.1.3 Previous Title:**

**3.1.4 Creation Date(s):** 1882-1952

**3.1.5 Date accumulated:**

**3.1.6 Level of description:** Fonds

**3.1.7 Extent and medium of the unit of description (quantity, bulk or size):** 0.837 cubic metres (28 boxes, 1 box file, 2 volumes, 1 roll)

### **3.2 CONTEXT AREA**

**3.2.1 Name of creator(s):** Benjamin (Ben) Davies (1863-1957), scientist

**3.2.2 Administrative/Biographical history:** Benjamin (Ben) Davies (1863-1957), scientist, was born in Llangynllo, Cardiganshire, the eldest of three children of David and Hannah Davies. He was educated at Llangynllo, Aberbanc and Horeb schools. In 1876 he started work in his uncle Ben's shop at Llandysul. In 1893, through his mother's cousin, Dr D. Rhys Jones, he was employed by Oliver Lodge (becoming Sir Oliver Lodge in 1902) (1851-1940), Professor of Physics at University College, Liverpool, as a laboratory assistant. Davies combined this post with further education at the Liverpool Institute, the Liverpool College of Chemistry and the University of Liverpool. In 1891, he married Megan Jones of Machynlleth, Montgomeryshire. They had a daughter, Gwenhwyfar ('Gwen'). Davies assisted Lodge with his 'ether wave' experiment and research into electrical waves, exploring the possibilities of wireless radio. In 1900, Sir Oliver was appointed the first principal of the University of Birmingham and Davies followed as his private research assistant. In 1908, Davies moved to the Eastern Telegraph Company, examining ways to improve telegraphy and relay, eventually becoming head of the research department. After retiring in 1922, he continued to conduct experiments on a part-time basis, the company taking out patents on his inventions, which were manufactured by Messrs Muirhead & Co. He published scientific papers, and was a Fellow of the Institute of Physics, and an Associate Member of the Institute of Electrical Engineers. Ben Davies also had a profound interest in politics and religion, describing himself as a 'Non Party Christian Socialist'. His private correspondence, letters to the press, publications, and involvement with the Union of Democratic Control and the Fellowship of Reconciliation Committee and other bodies, reveal his deep attachment to socialism and pacifism. He admired Soviet Communism, believing that Russia practised what Christ preached, believing that a combination of Christian, Communist and scientific principles would produce a more equal society and a peaceful world. These preoccupations became dominant in his later life. Davies and his wife were influenced by Christian Science, and were firm believers in spiritualism, perhaps influenced by Sir Oliver Lodge, a founder member of the Society for Psychic Research. Both attended numerous seances, and Davies kept notes of the proceedings on several occasions.

**3.2.3 Archival history:** Miss Davies deposited the main group of papers at NLW in 1982. Some years earlier, she lent a large group of laboratory notebooks and some of her father's diaries to the Physics Department, UCW, and these were transferred to the Library in 1982 to rejoin the main group of papers. Some items of equipment designed by Ben Davies remain in the Physics Department, where they are on display.

**3.2.4 Immediate source of acquisition or transfer:** Acquired from Miss Gwen Davies, some by purchase, others by donation, in 1981 and 1982.

### **3.3 CONTENT AND STRUCTURE AREA**

**3.3.1 Scope and content:** Family correspondence, 1882-1950; general correspondence, 1891-1952, including letters from Evan Pan Jones and George M. Ll. Davies; important correspondence with Sir Oliver Lodge, 1885-1941, concerning experiments in telegraphy, etc. ; correspondence, laboratory notebooks, files, etc., relating to Ben Davies's work for Sir Oliver Lodge and the Eastern Telegraph Company, 1892-1946; correspondence with Messrs Bibby & Sons, Ltd., 1928-51, about agricultural experiments; papers about spiritualism, 1894-1943, including notes of communications by mediums; files of correspondence, circulars, etc., concerning movements such as the Union of Democratic Control, 1914-49, and the Fellowship of Reconciliation Committee, 1915-22; diaries, 1884-1950; pocket diaries and notebooks, 1894-1908; bound volumes and files of press cuttings including articles by Ben Davies; manuscript and typescript drafts of his publications, lectures and articles, with offprints, pamphlets and booklets.

**3.3.2 Appraisal, destruction and scheduling information:** All records have been retained.

**3.3.3 Accruals:** Accruals are not expected.

**3.3.4 System of arrangement:** Arranged chronologically in boxes.

### **3.4 CONDITIONS OF ACCESS AND USE AREA**

**3.4.1 Conditions governing access:** No restrictions

**3.4.2 Conditions governing reproduction:** Usual copyright laws apply.

**3.4.3 Language/scripts of material:** English

**3.4.4 Physical characteristics and technical requirements:**

**3.4.5 Finding aids:** A hard copy of the catalogue is available at the National Library of Wales. The catalogue can be accessed on-line from: <http://www.llgc.org.uk:81/index.htm> [Detailed catalogue](#)

### **3.5 ALLIED MATERIALS AREA**

**3.5.1 Existence and location of originals:**

**3.5.2 Existence and location of copies:**

**3.5.3 Related units of description:**

**3.5.4 Language codes:** eng

**3.5.5 Publication note:**

### **3.6 NOTE AREA**

**3.6.1 Note:** Title supplied from content of fonds.

### **3.7 DESCRIPTION CONTROL AREA**

**3.7.1 Archivist's note:** Compiled by Seri Crawley for the ANW Project. The following sources were used in the compilation of this description: NLW Schedule of Benjamin Davies Papers; Marconi Calling website (<http://www.marconicalling.com/museum/html/people/people-i=21.html>) viewed 15 August 2003.

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

**3.7.3 Location:** NLW

**3.7.4 Date(s) of descriptions:** January 2003

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## INDEX ENTRIES

### Subjects

#### Personal names

[Davies family | of Llangynllo](#)

[Davies | Benjamin | 1863-1957 | scientist](#)

[Davies | George Maitland Lloyd | 1880-1949 | Calvinistic Methodist minister and apostle of peace](#)

[Jones | Evan Pan | 1834-1922 | Independent minister](#)

[Lodge | Sir | Oliver Joseph | 1851-1940 | Knight | scientist](#)

#### Corporate names

[Eastern Telegraph Company](#)

[Fellowship of Reconciliation](#)

[J. Bibby & Sons](#)

[Union of Democratic Control](#)

#### Places

[Llangynllo | Cardiganshire](#)

### **3.1 IDENTITY STATEMENT AREA**

**3.1.1 Reference code(s):** GB 0210 ABEDAN

**3.1.2 Title:** Aberclydan Brewery Records

**3.1.3 Previous Title:**

**3.1.4 Creation Date(s):** 1850-1879

**3.1.5 Date accumulated:**

**3.1.6 Level of description:** Fonds

**3.1.7 Extent and medium of the unit of description (quantity, bulk or size):** 0.114 cubic metres (4 boxes)

### **3.2 CONTEXT AREA**

**3.2.1 Name of creator(s):** Aberclydan Brewery

**3.2.2 Administrative/Biographical history:** The Aberclydan brewery, formerly the Felinfor brewery, Llan-non, Cardiganshire, was taken over, c. 1837, by David Morgan (1814-1882) of Alltlwyd Farm and Glanledan, Llannon, a brewer and lime kiln operator of Craiglas, Llan-non.

**3.2.3 Archival history:** Most of the records were formerly held at the Ceredigion Record Office.

**3.2.4 Immediate source of acquisition or transfer:** Deposited by Rev. G. Ivor Thomas, New Quay, Dyfed, 1995.

### **3.3 CONTENT AND STRUCTURE AREA**

**3.3.1 Scope and content:** Order books giving details of customers, quantities ordered and sums payable, 1865-1879; account books listing revenue and expenditure as well as rentals and lime sales, 1850-1878; handprinted material relating to brewing, 1867-1873.

**3.3.2 Appraisal, destruction and scheduling information:** All records deposited at the National Library of Wales have been retained.

**3.3.3 Accruals:** Accruals are not expected.

**3.3.4 System of arrangement:** Arranged into order books; account books; miscellanea.

### **3.4 CONDITIONS OF ACCESS AND USE AREA**

**3.4.1 Conditions governing access:** No restrictions

**3.4.2 Conditions governing reproduction:** Usual copyright laws apply

**3.4.3 Language/scripts of material:** English

**3.4.4 Physical characteristics and technical requirements:**

**3.4.5 Finding aids:** A hard copy of the catalogue in NLW Minor Lists and Summaries 1995 is available at the National Library of Wales.

The catalogue can be accessed on-line from:

<http://www.llgc.org.uk:81/index.htm>. [Detailed catalogue](#)

### **3.5 ALLIED MATERIALS AREA**

**3.5.1 Existence and location of originals:**

**3.5.2 Existence and location of copies:**

**3.5.3 Related units of description:**

**3.5.4 Language codes:** eng

**3.5.5 Publication note:**

### **3.6 NOTE AREA**

**3.6.1 Note:** Title supplied from contents of fonds.

### **3.7 DESCRIPTION CONTROL AREA**

**3.7.1 Archivist's note:** Compiled by Rhys Jones for the ANW project. The following source was used to compile this description: NLW Schedule of Minor Lists and Summaries 1995.

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

**3.7.3 Location:** National Library of Wales

**3.7.4 Date(s) of descriptions:** August 2003

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## INDEX ENTRIES

### Subjects

#### Personal names

[Morgan | David | 1814-1842 | brewer and lime kiln operator of Craiglas, Llannon](#)

#### Corporate names

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[Felinfof brewery | Llannon, Cardiganshire](#)

#### Places

[Llannon | Cardiganshire](#)