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BIBLIOGRAPHY OF SWANSEA

Ally Sloper's Half-Holiday. The Mumbles, you will be glad to hear, is a place where people don't really mumble more than elsewhere, the natives, as a rule, speaking much more plainly than our Billy, and lisping considerably less than Lardi Longsox, late of the Follies-Bergere. At Mumbles, bathing fatalities are as rare as diamonds in an oyster, and I myself can vouch from personal experience that there are sands for paddling purposes between the Mumbles Mead and the Worm, not to be equalled elsewhere. Yes, I like Mumbles muchly, and even if the promenade railings have cost more than was expected, they are very nice to lean against. I approve too of the "Pav.", and the Angel Café and Restaurant merits the good word. Try the Mumbles, dears, before the end of the Season.

(WGAS D134 Scrapbook of press cuttings, 28th September 1889)

Many people resort here in the season for the benefit of sea bathing in consequence of which it has all the concomitants of such places, as Theatre, Library, and Public rooms. We had heard so much of the beauty of the Town that we were disappointed, it consists principally of a straggling unequal street upwards of a mile in length. The castle, which is used as a jail, is of an ugly colour, but the open and arched parapet arrests the attention. We were recommended by the Gentleman we have before mentioned to the Mackworth Arms Inn as the best in the place and expected therefore some style as well as comfort but were much deceived the house was dirty and gloomy and the people barely civil however they proved their claim to distinction as the great Inn by the extent of their charges.

(Walk through South Wales', an account of a tour made in October 1819 by William and Sampson Sandys)

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A description of Swansea; comprehending every thing worthy of notice, for the information of the stranger, (Author is Jones N.P., according to GGF in RISW GGF 23/135; published by F. Fagg, printed by D Jenkins, Swansea, 1826) Handwritten note inside reads " Said to be by W. Jones. A New Edition". Contains historical and general description of Swansea, with appendixes of corporation information, transport, harbour, traders and professionals, lodging houses, military, fares of bathing machines, library terms, etc. 61 pages, excluding appendices. Dedicated to the portreeve, aldermen and burgesses of Swansea. [NLW XDA 1353.A3.S9; WGAS open shelves, Xerox copy; UCW Swansea W/DA 1364 Rare Books]

Baker, James, *A Picturesque Guide to the Local Beauties of Wales; interspersed with*

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Black's Picturesque Tourist of England and Wales, with a general travelling map; charts of roads, railroads, and interesting localities; engraved views of picturesque scenery; and a comprehensive general index, embracing a list of hotels and inns. 2nd ed. (Edinburgh, Adam and Charles Black, 1851). Includes prefaces to 1st and 2nd editions, information of travelling expenses, hints to railway travellers, contents page, and list of illustrations. Tours to and through Wales on pp. 127-174, with short descriptions of Swansea, pp. 131-132. With fold out maps of North and South Wales. 538 pages, including index. General advertisement section at the back. Filed loosely inside is a handwritten, anonymous item entitled 'Tour in Wales July 1853', which looks like an account of a tour taken of North and Mid Wales, with a description of journey, places stayed, attractions seen etc, including Aberystwyth. [NLW 96MA3038]

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Black's Picturesque Guide to Wales, illustrated with charts, maps and views, 19th ed. (Edinburgh, Charles and Black, 1888). Includes contents page, list of maps and charts, skeleton tours, itineraries, glossary of Welsh words, Welsh vocabulary for tourists, table of distances. With general description of Wales, and description of Swansea, 308-315. 433 pages, including index. [NLW XDA 1223 B62]

Chamber of Commerce Borough Pocket Guide (William Walford Moore, c. 1908/9). Alternative title: *The "Borough" pocket guide to Swansea, no. 274*. Issued under the auspices of the Swansea Chamber of Commerce and the Swansea Harbour Trust, (Cheltenham, 1909). Dedicated to the portreeve, corporation, burgesses and inhabitants of Swansea. Contains historical and general description of Swansea, street plan, map, illustrations, 48 pages. [NLW XDA 1353 A5.S9]

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Gamwell, S. C., *The Official Guide and Handbook to Swansea and its District*, (Swansea, 1880). Published by the BAAS for its annual meeting at Swansea in 1880. Contains list of local BAAS officers, map of Glamorgan, topographical description, municipal and local information, amenities, facilities, travel, eminent persons, natural history, places of interest, advertisements. 193 pages, excluding adverts. [NLW Dyb 2003 A803; also WGAS open shelves; UCW Swansea W/DA 1364 BRI Rare Books]

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Leigh's Guide to Wales & Monmouthshire: containing observations on the mode of travelling, plans of various tours, sketches of the manners and customs, notices of historical events, and description of every remarkable place, and a minute account of the Wye, with a map of Wales. . . (London, Samuel Leigh, 1831). First edition, with several subsequent editions up to 1844. Contains author's advertisement, contents page, list of tours included, topographical description and index. With description of Swansea, pp. 303-313. [NLW DYB 2005 A 95].

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son, the Rev. Emilius Nicholson. Contains fold out map of Wales, preface by the editor and author, notes on modes of travelling, Welsh pronunciation and glossary. Historical, topographical and general description of Swansea, pp. 590-601, includes information on travel, commerce, docks, bay, amenities, various societies, etc., and also details of geological research and the coal reserves and related industries. Includes index of places, plants, eminent persons, and the route of tourists where they have been given, with places of beginning and end. 1366 pages, excluding index. [NLW XDA 1222 N62].

Onwhyn's Welsh Tourist; or new guide to North and South Wales, (1840, 1853). c. 22 pages, with map. [Not located]

The British Tourist's, or Traveller's Pocket Companion, through England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland, comprehending the most celebrated modern tours in the British Islands, and several originals, in six volumes. Vol. I. (London, 1809). Contains 'Tour through Monmouthshire and Wales by Henry Penruddocke Wyndham, Esq.', with very brief description of Swansea, p340. 356 pages. [NLW 92 MA 17411]

The British Tourist's, or Traveller's Pocket Companion, through England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland, comprehending the most celebrated modern tours in the British Islands, and several originals, in six volumes. Vol. IV (W. Mavor, ed., London, 1809). A compendium of various tours, including 'Tour through South Wales and some of the Adjacent English Counties by Henry Skrine, Esq.', made in c. late 18th c., with very brief description of Swansea, pp. 179-180. 356 pages, plus contents page. [NLW 92 MA 17414]

The British Tourist's, or Traveller's Pocket Companion, through England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland, comprehending the most celebrated modern tours in the British Islands, and several originals, in six volumes. Vol. VI (W. Mavor, ed., London, 1809). A compendium of various tours of the metropolis, the two university and bathing and watering places, including 'Tour to the Principal Sea-Bathing Places, and Mineral Waters in England and Wales. In a letter to the Editor', anonymous but probably John Feltham, with descriptions of Swansea, pp. 268-270, and 'A list of the Cities, Borough, Market Towns, and Remarkable Villages in England and Wales; the Days on which their Markets are held, how far distant from London in measured miles'. Plus editor's advertisement, contents page and indexes. 334 pages. [NLW 92 MA 17415]

The Cambrian Directory, or, Cursory Sketches of the Welsh Territories, with a Chart, comprehending at one view the advisable route – best inns – distances – and objects most worthy of attention, (by 'Cliff of Worcester', Salisbury, 1800). Dedicated to 'the friendly and truly hospitable inhabitants of the Principality of Wales', with preface by the author, and sonnets penned by his friends. No illustrations. Description of Swansea, p. 28-31. 210 pages, including sonnets. [NLW COL 2802]

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The Cambrian tourist: or, post-chaise companion through Wales : containing cursory sketches of the Welsh territories, and a description of the manners, customs, and games of the natives; with charts, comprehending, at one view, the advisable route, best inns, distances, and objects most worthy of attention. Previously published as the Cambrian Directory, 1800, as above, (London, 1834). Contains account of the Welsh

language, maps, index, sonnets and short description of Swansea, pp. 53-56. 340 pages including index. [NLW Dyb 2002 A 1096]

The New Swansea Guide: containing a particular description of the town & its vicinity, together with a short history of the county . . . and such information as may be deemed useful to the traveller through the counties of Glamorgan and Carmarthen (W. Griffiths, Swansea, 1823). New edition of 1802 guide. Handwritten inside, and dated 1891, is: "This guide has become exceedingly scarce. I know of but one other copy". Contains historical and general description of Swansea, borough, population, trade, industry, manufacture, public buildings, places of worship, places of amusement and recreation, baths, libraries, reading rooms, inns. Includes a survey of the town and surrounding area, and a glossary of natural history, appendix of lodging houses, borough information and index. 172 pages, excluding appendices [NLW 86 AA 61; also WGAS open shelves, Xerox copy]

The Swansea Guide: containing such information as was deemed useful to the traveller, through the counties of Glamorgan and Monmouth; from the Exemplifications of ancient and modern Authors (Author is J. Odisworth, according to GGF in RISW GGF 23/135. Printed by Z. B. Morris, Swansea, 1802) Contains historical and topographical description, details of houses and businesses, trade, monuments, lodging houses, amenities, fairs, officials and professionals, information about notable people, etc., with description of south Wales, glossary of natural history and index. Dedicated to the portreeve, burgesses and inhabitants of Swansea. 198 pages. [NLW XDA 1353.A3.S9; also UCW Swansea W/DA 1364 SWA Rare Books]

The Swansea Guide: compiled from the most authentic sources, forming an instructive companion to strangers visiting Swansea, The Mumbles and the Various Interesting Localities of the Neighbourhood, (John Lewis, Swansea, 1851) 'To the 'Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the Borough of Swansea this edition of the Swansea Guide (the object of which is to supply a great public want) is most respectfully dedicated'. General description of town, industry, public buildings, places of worship, people of note, hotels, lodging houses, trade, bathes, natural history etc, walks and rides in Swansea and its neighbourhood. 72 pages plus illustrations. [NLW XDA 1353 S97; also WGAS open shelves]

Thorough Guide Series: South Wales and the Wye District of Monmouthshire, (C. S. Ward and M. J. B. Baddeley, London, 1888). Note to 2nd edition reads: 'That a large first edition has been exhausted in two seasons, is a sign that South Wales is becoming less neglected by tourists that it has been'. With 18 maps and plans by Bartholomew. Contains index of maps and plans, contents page, and an introduction of the scenery, geology, accommodation, glossary, coast and scenery, and seaside resorts, of which 'Tenby alone attains to the first rank', inland spas and skeleton tours of South Wales. Tours to and from, and maps and description of Swansea and Gower section, pp. 49-59. 178 pages, including index. [NLW XDA 1328 A3 W25]

Thorough Guide Series: South Wales and the Wye District of Monmouthshire (C. S. Ward and M. J. B. Baddeley, London, 1908). With 22 maps and plans by Bartholomew. Contains cycling and motoring routes, list of hotels, tourist tickets, circular tours, railway and steamer information, index of maps and plans, contents page, and an introduction of the scenery, geology, accommodation, glossary, coast and scenery, and seaside resorts, of which 'Tenby alone attains to the first rank', inland spas and skeleton tours of South Wales. Tours to and from, and map and description of Swansea and Gower section, pp. 51-61. 193 pages, including index. [NLW DYB 2004 A97]

Wilson's Guide to the Mumbles and Gower Coast, (John Wilson, Swansea, 1888). Historical and topographical tour of the coast from Singleton Park to the Burry Holmes Island, with inland excursions in the neighbourhood. 50 pages, excluding advertisements. [NLW XDA 1352.5.W74]

Woods, James Chapman, *Tourists' Guide to Swansea, Mumbles and Gower. A complete and reliable guide to Swansea and the Mumbles, Gower, and other places of interest within easy access of Swansea* (London, 1883). Front-piece states that much use was made of the 1880 BAAS guide to Swansea for the Swansea/Mumbles area and that the Gower section involved 'much original labour' by the author. Contains topographical and general description, table of distances from Swansea PO, municipal information, hotels etc., as well as portraits of notable people antiquarian notes. Places of interest in the vicinity of Swansea mentions Ilfracombe. Includes adverts, index and contents page. 78 pages. [NLW Dyb 2005 A136; also WGAS open shelves]

Wright's illustrated guide to Swansea and Mumbles, (A.C. Wright, Swansea, 1897). Contains brief historical and topographical description, municipal and official information, industry, travel, places of amusement, public institutions, hotels, street plan, illustrations, adverts, etc. Also includes a chapter headed "How to Spend a Day in Swansea". 60 pages. [NLW 1353 S97.W95]

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Butcher & Co's Directory of Swansea, Neath, Llanelly, Bridgend, etc. etc. for 1873-4, (London, 1873). Contains street directory, private resident and commercial directories, local intelligence and historical sketches of the towns and neighbourhood, advertisements and contents page. 268 pages, including adverts. [NLW South Reading Room open shelves; also WGAS open shelves]

Butcher & Co's Directory of Swansea, Neath, Llanelly, Bridgend, etc. etc. for 1881-2 (London, 1881). Contains street directory, private resident and commercial directories, local intelligence and historical sketches of the towns and neighbourhood, advertisements and contents page. [NLW South Reading Room open shelves; also WGAS open shelves]

Chamber of Commerce Year Book, 1915 (Ed. Edwin P. Jones, London, 1915). First edition. Contains lists of Chamber of Commerce officers, presidents, VPs, etc., with historical notes on Swansea, industry, trade, municipal information, etc. Includes indexes in various languages, illustrations and adverts. 275 pages. [NLW XHF 304.S97]

Swansea Directory 1908-9: with which is incorporated Mumbles ... [etc.] : including a business section of Aberystwyth, aka. Purrier's Directory. (Llanelli, Arthur Purrier, 1908). Contains Swansea municipal information and officers, trades and professional section (including Aberystwyth and Carmarthen), places of amusements, harbour, banks, etc., and alphabetical street list with names of occupants, some with occupations. 234 pages, including adverts. [NLW South Reading Room open shelves]

The Wales Register and Guide. A Topographical and Historical Description of Each Town, Parish and Village in North and South Wales, with Postal Intelligence, List of Magistrates, Members of Parliament, Corporations, Local Boards, School Boards, Churches, Chapels, Public Establishments and Officials, Bankers, Consuls, Clergy, Physicians, Surgeons and Solicitors arranged under the Town or Parish in which they reside or practice. A Peerage and Baronetage. With Colored (sic) Maps of North & South Wales. First Issue. (Eyre Bros., Guide Publishers, London, 1878). 178 pages on North Wales, 266 pages on South Wales, plus Shrewsbury, 122 pages of adverts. Description of Swansea, pp. 221-235. [NLW Dyb2000A1473]

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Falconer, Thomas, *Right of Fishing in Swansea Bay*, 1868 [NLW Microfiche Catalogue D11.930]

Notes on the architectural antiquities of the district of Gower in Glamorganshire, (Edward A. Freeman, Tenby, R Mason, 1850) [NLW XNA 971 F85]

Our Great Ports: Swansea, (1881) [NLW Microfiche Catalogue XDA 1358.S9]

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Swansea Club Rules and Regulations, 1872 [[NLW Microfiche Catalogue]

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Act for making and maintaining a navigable canal from Swansea into Ystradgynlais, 1794 [NLW Microfiche Catalogue Wc 42]

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Act for paving, lighting, cleansing, watering, regulating and otherwise improving the town of Swansea, 1844 [NLW Microfiche Catalogue Wc 72]

Swansea Board of Health Waterworks Act, 1860 [NLW Microfiche Catalogue Wc 64]

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Report of the Local Government Board of the Swansea Corporation, 1902 [NLW Microfiche Catalogue XDA 1353 S9]

Swansea Medical Officer of Health Reports, 1908 and annually thereafter [NLW Microfiche Catalogue XRA 488 S97]

Act for conferring further powers upon Swansea Harbour Trustees, 1911 [NLW Microfiche Catalogue XHE 554.S97]

Act to confirm agreement between Swansea Improvement and Tramways Co and the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses . . . to construct tramways and street improvements and to confer further powers upon them in regard to their tramways, electricity, water and market undertakings and to make further provision for the health, local government and improvement of the Borough, 1912 [NLW Microfiche Catalogue XHE 4491 S97 (1)]

Rhondda and Swansea Bay Railway Act, 1914 [NLW Microfiche Catalogue XHE 2799 R47]

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MANUSCRIPT MATERIAL

MSS Diaries and Tour Journals:

An account of three tours, by an English gentleman, accompanied by Mr & Mrs William (?), from Hereford: (1) through Shrewsbury, Ellesmere, Wrexham, Ruthin, Denbigh, Abergele, Llanrwst, Conway, Bangor, Caernarvon, Beddgelert, Tan-y-bwlch, Dolgelly, Bala, Llangollen, Oswestry, Shrewsbury, and Ludlow; (2) through Monmouth, Usk, Newport, Cardiff, Caerphilly, Pont-y-pridd (sketch), Cowbridge, Neath, Swansea, Llanelly, Carmarthen, Tenby, Manorbier, Pembroke, Narberth, Haverfordwest, St. David's, Llandilo, Llandovery, and Brecon, 1787, with notes on a similar tour in 1796, also with Mr & Mrs William; (3) to Teignmouth, 1791. [NLW Deposits 9352A]

'Accounts into Wales: Diary of a Journal into Wales A.D. 1789. Handwritten journal of an English traveller through Wales, taking in Breconshire, Cardiganshire (not Aberystwyth), Carmarthenshire, Pembrokeshire, Glamorganshire and Monmouthshire. Short entries on various stopping places, including Swansea. [NLW Cwrtmawr 1 (C) MS 199B]

'Walk through South Wales', an account of a tour made in October 1819 by William and Sampson Sandys, lawyers of London, with a number of sketches by WS. [NLW Cwrtmawr 393C]

Narrative of a Tour through Wales by an Anonymous English Gentleman (setting out from Gloucester and returning to London 'after a journey of a thousand miles').

Manuscript journal, c. mid-late 18th cent/or early 19th (?). Contains descriptions of Aberystwyth, Swansea and Tenby, with an index which has been added by a later possessor of the journal. [NLW Deposits 18943B]

'Tour in Wales'. Bound hardback journal of a tour around the whole of Wales in 1836, containing numerous engravings and sketches. Short account of Swansea. [NLW MS 12392B]

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Letters and miscellaneous papers:

Letter from 'ABC', Swansea, October 1800, to the Editor of the Monthly Mirror, London, sending an item on the Theatre season at Swansea for insertion. ('The Benefits were all very well attended, a better season the manager, Mr Masterman, has never experienced a better season and we hope every future summer will prove as lucrative') [NLW MS 4848C]

Letter, April 27th 1831, from John Bonville, Thistleboon House, Mumbles, to his grandmother at Dolaucothi. [NLW Dolaucothi Correspondence L414]

Letter, March 1st 1879, from R. Wenables, to George, given an account of a stay in Swansea/Caswell. [NLW Llysdinam B 1493]

Papers relating to Swansea Theatre Tontine, 1889-92 [NLW Deposits 2985E]

VISUAL MATERIAL

Photographs:

Swansea Album. Ten photographic views of Swansea and Mumbles, c. 1900 [NLW 244A]

Old Swansea Album. 34 photographs of buildings, streets, etc, by James Andrews, 1870-1900 [NLW 335C]

Welsh People and Places Album. Includes a number of photographs of Swansea, c. 1870 [NLW 602A]

Swansea and Swansea Dock Album. 29 photographic views of docks and vessels, 1880 [NLW628B]

Views in West Glamorgan. One hundred and eleven photographs, including Swansea, 1880-1983 [NLW875B]

P B Aberly Collection 15. 81 prints from photographic negatives, including Mumbles and the Gower, 1910-1930 [NLW 916A]

Swansea and Gower. Photographs and postcards, 1910-1950 [NLW 963A]

Cambrian News Album 2. One hundred and sixty-eight photographs of towns in Wales, including Swansea, 1880-1885 [NLW 98C]

Freda Jarman Album 3. Photographs taken on a cycling tour of Wales, including Mumbles, 1909 [NLW 415A]

Edwingsford Collection 1&2. Three hundred and seventy views, including Swansea, 19th c [NLW 1097C-1098C]

Postcards:

Three hundred and twenty-six miscellaneous postcards of Welsh towns, industrial scenes, etc, 1905-1990 [NLW 1756B]

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WEST GLAMORGAN ARCHIVE SERVICES

PRINTED MATERIAL

Tourist guides:

A guide to Swansea, Mumbles and Gower (Anon, Swansea, c 1899) This is probably Wright's c 1900 guide, with photographs, and also drawings of the first train entering Swansea and passing over Landore Viaduct, June 1850, and colliers bathing in Langland Bay. 22p. Fragile. [WGAS open shelves; also UCW Bangor]

A description of Swansea; comprehending every thing worthy of notice, for the information of the stranger, (Author is Jones N.P., according to GGF in RISW GGF 23/135; published by F. Fagg, printed by D Jenkins, Swansea, 1826) Handwritten note inside reads " Said to be by W. Jones. A New Edition". Contains historical and general description of Swansea, with appendixes of corporation information, transport, harbour, traders and professionals, lodging houses, military, fares of bathing machines, library terms, etc. 61 pages, excluding appendixes. Dedicated to the portreeve, aldermen and burgesses of Swansea. [WGAS open shelves, Xerox copy; also NLW XDA 1353.A3.S9; UCW Swansea W/DA 1364 Rare Books]

Gamwell, S. C. , *The Official Guide and Handbook to Swansea and its District*, (Swansea, 1880). Published by the BAAS for its annual meeting at Swansea in 1880. Contains list of local BAAS officers, map of Glamorgan, topographical description, municipal and local information, amenities, facilities, travel, eminent persons, natural history, places of interest, advertisements. 193 pages, excluding adverts. [WGAS open shelves; also NLW Dyb 2003 A803; UCW Swansea W/DA 1364 BRI Rare Books]

High Moveable Conference Souvenir 1903, (Swansea, 1903). Temperance convention booklet with sketches of the history and commercial development of Swansea, and also a chapter on places of interest in and around Swansea, and many photographs [WGAS open shelves]

Moore, William Walford, *The advantages of Swansea as a Summer Resort*, (Swansea, 1903-4), containing points of attraction, the classes that Swansea appeals to, description of the town, its salubriousness, coast, interesting features and buildings, reasons for its popularity, town map, photographs and adverts. [WGAS open shelves]

Swansea and Mumbles: the official publication of the Swansea Town Council, their holiday attractions, residential advantages, educational facilities and industrial resources, (Swansea, c. 1926). Pictorial booklet containing description of holiday attractions, recreation and town amenities, residential information - e.g. types of housing, docks, industry, etc., a sketch map of Gower, a 1926 street map, and advertisements. [WGAS open shelves]

The New Swansea Guide: containing a particular description of the town & its vicinity, together with a short history of the county . . . and such information as may be deemed useful to the traveller through the counties of Glamorgan and Carmarthen (W. Griffiths, Swansea, 1823). New edition of 1802 guide. Handwritten inside, and dated 1891, is: "This guide has become exceedingly scarce. I know of but one other copy". Contains historical and general description of Swansea, borough, population, trade, industry, manufacture, public buildings, places of worship, places of amusements and recreation, baths, libraries, reading rooms, inns. Includes a survey of the town and surrounding area, and a glossary of natural history. Appendix of lodging houses, borough information and index. 172 pages, excluding appendixes [WGAS open shelves, Xerox copy; also NLW 86 AA 61]

The Swansea Guide: compiled from the most authentic sources, forming an instructive companion to strangers visiting Swansea, The Mumbles and the Various Interesting Localities of the Neighbourhood, (John Lewis, Swansea, 1851) 'To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the Borough of Swansea this edition of the Swansea Guide (the object of which is to supply a great public want) is most respectfully dedicated'. General description of town, industry, public buildings, places of worship, people of note, hotels, lodging houses, trade, bathes, natural history etc, walks and rides in Swansea and its neighbourhood. 72 pages plus illustrations. [WGAS open shelves; also NLW XDA 1353 S97]

Tramways and Light Railways Association Congress Souvenir, (Swansea, 1912). Contains history and officials of the Swansea Improvements and Tramways Co., and the British Electrical Federation, together with a short guide to Swansea, Mumbles and District and the Port, with illustrations. [WGAS open shelves].

Woods, James Chapman, *Tourists' Guide to Swansea, Mumbles and Gower. A complete and reliable guide to Swansea and the Mumbles, Gower, and other places of interest within easy access of Swansea* (London, 1883). Front-piece states that much use was made of the 1880 BAAS guide to Swansea for the Swansea/Mumbles area and that the Gower section involved 'much original labour' by the author. Contains topographical and general description, table of distances from Swansea PO, municipal information, hotels etc., as well as portraits of notable people antiquarian notes. Places of interest in the vicinity of Swansea mentions Ilfracombe. Includes adverts, index and contents page. 78 pages. [WGAS open shelves; also NLW Dyb 2005 A136]

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Butcher & Co's Directory of Swansea, Neath, Llanelly, Bridgend, etc. etc. for 1873-4, (London, 1873). Contains street directory, private resident and commercial directories, local intelligence and historical sketches of the towns and neighbourhood, advertisements and contents page. 268 pages, including adverts. [WGAS open shelves; also NLW South Reading Room open shelves]

Butcher & Co's Directory of Swansea, Neath, Llanelly, Bridgend, etc. etc. for 1875-6, (London, 1875). Containing a street directory, private resident and commercial directories, local intelligence and historical sketches of the towns and neighbourhood. 304 pages inc. classified list of advertisers. [WGAS open shelves, bound photocopy]

Butcher & Co's Directory of Swansea, Neath, Llanelly, Bridgend, etc. etc. for 1881-2 (London, 1881). Contains street directory, private resident and commercial directories, local intelligence and historical sketches of the towns and neighbourhood, advertisements and contents page. [WGAS open shelves; also NLW South Reading Room open shelves]

Mathews's Swansea Directory, (William Mathews, printed by Joseph Mathews, Bristol 1816.). 'Containing alphabetical lists of the Corporation, Clergy, Merchants, Bankers, Professors of Law and Physic, Manufactories, Tradesmen, &c, &c. Public Buildings, Schools, Hospitals, and Charitable Institutions, coming in and going out of the Mail and Stage-Coaches, Waggons, &c, - Regular Trading Vessels to Bristol, combined with an Historical Account of the ancient Borough of Swansea'. Dedicated to the 'Worshipful Portreeve, the Corporation, Burgesses and Inhabitants'. Includes contents page, indicating that volume was 35 pages but only 16 are contained in the Xerox, which appears to be a copy of GGF's bound volume of collections of four Swansea guides, ? original volume at Swansea Museum. See also RISW GGF 23/135. [WGAS open shelves, Xerox copy]

Mathews's Swansea Directory for the year 1830 (Printed and sold by the editor, Mathew Mathews, Swansea, 1830) Dedication and description as above, but complete volume, 71 pages including contents page. [WGAS open shelves.]

Pearse's Swansea Directory (E. Pearse, 1854, 1856, 1887) Official and general information, alphabetical list of streets, with occupants and their occupation, alphabetic list of tradesmen, classified trade list, adverts [WGAS open shelves, photocopies not originals. Originals of 1854, 1856 held at UCW Swansea W/DA13 PEA]

Pearse & Brown's Swansea directory 1869 (Swansea, 1869). Alphabetical names list, with occupations, classified trades list, official and general information. 124 pages, with 28 pages of advertisements at the end. [WGAS open shelves, Xerox copy; original copy at UCW Swansea]

Pigot's Directory 1836: Swansea Section. Short description of Swansea and neighbourhood, names of nobility, gentry and clergy, trades directory, general information. [WGAS open shelves, Xerox copy]

Slater's Commercial Directory, 1858-59. Entries covering Swansea and Aberavon. Short description of Swansea, names of clergy and gentry, trades section, public and official information [WGAS open shelves, URL copy]

Swansea Directory. 1910-11, aka. *Purrier's Director*, (New edition published by South Wales Post Newspapers, Swansea, Arthur Purrier, 1910). Contents as above, but Aberystwyth and Carmarthen not included. 390 pages. [WGAS open shelves; also UCW Swansea W/DA 1364 PUR]

Wright's Annual Reference Book, 1910: The Year Book of Swansea and District, (A. C. Wright, Swansea, 1910). Official and public information, travel, banks, theatres, clubs, PO, ecclesiastical information, etc., with photographs of local notables, stories, record of local events during the year (to July only as pages missing), adverts and index, c. 200p [WGAS open shelves]

Miscellaneous publications:

A Greater Swansea, (Swansea, 1912). A series of articles compiled by W. St John Hancock on future of Swansea, reprinted from *Cambria Daily Leader*, 1912. [WGAS open shelves; also UCW Swansea W/DA1361 HAN PAM]

24 Views of Swansea and Neighbourhood: Photographic View Album, (published by Geo. Williams, Stationer and Dealer, Wind St, Swansea, n.d.). Black and white

photographs with titles, no text. [WGAS open shelves]

George Grant Francis, *On the Improvement of Swansea: Suppression of Copper Smoke*, (originally printed as a letter in the Cambrian and then issued as a separate pamphlet, Swansea, 1865. [WGAS RISW GGF 23/123]

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MANUSCRIPT MATERIAL

Municipal material (see also RISW GGF, below)

WGAS B/S Corp Swansea Corporation Records, 1234-1902, including:

B Common Hall Minute Books, 154-1852.

C Financial and Estate Records, 1530-1857.

F Paving and Lighting, 1809-1850.

F1-2 Minute Books, 1809-1850.

F3 Petition of inhabitants of Swansea to House of Commons against Swansea Gas Bill, 1829.

H Town Clerk's Office, 1804-1902.

H2 Railways, 1804-1902, including:

H2a Swansea Railway and Tramroad Act. 1804; Mumbles Railway and Pier Bill, 1865; Oystermouth Railway and Tramroad Bill, 1883; Mumbles Railway Act, with copy letter, 1891; Mumbles Railway Regulations, 1893; Oystermouth Railway or Tramroad Act. 1899; Gower Light Railway Order, 1897 and 1902.

H2b Correspondence and papers re the opening of the South Wales Railway Station in Swansea, 1850.

H5-12 Other TC papers, including:

H6 Correspondence relating to disputes over Swansea Harbour Rights, 1839-1848; three documents only, relating to the rights of the Duke of Beaufort and Swansea Harbour Trustees.

H8 Memorial from the Corporation to the Treasury asking for measure to improve drainage in Swansea and other large towns, signed by Mathew Moggridge, Mayor, Feb. 22, 1841.

J1 Collected papers, 1545-1832. Volume of Corporation and church papers collected by GGF, including:

pp.303-33 Journal re demolition of part of Castle courtyard wall and erection of new market building, 1774.

p.345 Minutes of a meeting held at Crown and Anchor to discuss Swansea Canal Bill, 29th Mar 1794.

p.375 Letter sent by Charles Crogan to Thomas Bowen, common attorney for Corporation, giving his intention to quit the Bathing House, 4th Sept 1805.

J2 Two volumes collected and bound by GGF re case of Swansea Corporation v Nicholas Lumsden, over harbour dues, includes many related papers, 1832.

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WGAS TC 1-79 Swansea Town Clerk Department

Council minutes, sub-committees, motions, bye-laws, council year books, various dates, inc:

4 Signed draft committee minutes for: Electricity, 1890-; Finance, 1847-; General purposes, 1882-; Health, 1889-; Markets and quays, 1856-58; Parks, 1887-; Property, 1844-; Public libraries, 1911-; Streets, 1874-; Tramways, 1877-; Water and sewers, 1873-; Works, 1867-.

6 Rough minutes books for: Markets, 1866-72; Property, 1856-58; General purposes, 1878-80.

9 Subcommittee minutes for: Miscellaneous, 1870-1910.

13 Notices of motions, 1881-1915.

19/1-8 Swansea Council Year Books, 1882-1914, containing details of council proceedings, duties of various committees, dates of meetings, names of officers of parks, harbour, etc, post office details, census information, etc.

65 Swansea water works committee, 1850-1910.

66 Swansea Paving and Lighting Commissioners, 1842-50.

67 Swansea Local Board of Health and Urban Sanitary Authority, mainly minute books of the various committees, 1850-1872.

68/3/5 Recommendation that Promenade improvements be postponed until the autumn, but in the meantime the new Sanitary Conveniences be screened with shrubs, 11th Feb 1908 (minute 5030) and 14th April 1908 (5127).

68/3/12 Mumbles Railway and Pier Act, 1889, with copies of agreement between the Railway Company, the Oystermouth Local Board and the Duke of Beaufort, and related plans, 1889- 1892.

68/3/13 Tenders to Oystermouth UDC for the erection of Public sanitary conveniences on promenade, Feb 1908, and related newspaper advert for tenders from *South Wales Daily Post*, 6th Feb 1908.

71-79 Swansea Port Sanitary and Health Authority.

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Non-Municipal Material:

WGAS RISW GGF George Grant Francis Collection

WGAS RISW GGF 4/1 Bound volume of printed material, election broadsides, etc, 1772-1823, collected by GGF for his History of Swansea, with an introductory 'Memorandum' by him, dated 1862. Includes:

p.4-7 Articles re establishing a sea fishery at Swansea, known as the Beaufort Society, with names of committee, vessels, number of hands, price of fish, where they were to be sold, list of subscribers, etc, 1775.

p.40 Notice entitled 'Harbour of Swansea' referring to an Act passed in the 31st year of the reign of George III, against any ships masters or other persons caught throwing ballast or any other material into the harbour, which still continues in 1792.

pp. 45-7 Remarks on proposed Swansea Canal, etc, 1790s, stating that the productions of coal, iron ore and limestone in the Vale of Towy can 'neither be exported, manufactured, nor applied to the improvement of the country' for want of communication by water, and that vessels in Swansea often have to wait for several weeks for a turn to load. Also proposals from Duke of Beaufort and answers from Swansea Committee, as to infringements on private lands, etc.

p.48 Address from an opposing Freeholder on proposed canal stating, among other things, that it will probably end at Plas y Marle or Morryston not Swansea, where a new town would be built thus causing injury to Swansea, n.d. but c. 1794.

p.49 'Information to the town of Swansea' re Swansea Canal Bill, e.g. the Friends and the Opposition, and latest situation re for and against, n.d. but c. 1794.

p.54 Bill poster from the Swansea Theatre, advertising English Merchant (a celebrated comedy), with Mr Fotherall; a hornpipe by Master Masterman, with singing by Mr Giles and Mr Gould; a Minuet and Gavot by Master Masterman and Miss S Smith; and Prisoner at Large (a farce), with Mr H Giles, Monday 10th November, 1794.

p.61 Bill poster from Swansea Theatre, Friday, Oct 1801, for 'Cheap Living; or Plenty without Money', a new comedy, with Mr Baker; an Ode written on the late glorious peace recited by Mr Baker; a Hornpipe, an Interlude called Lawyers Stratagem to get a Suit of Clothes, a musical entertainment called Saint David's Day, or the Honest Welshman. Tickets and places for boxes to be had of Mr Baker, and Mr Hopkin, Church St.

p.62 'Proposals for publishing The History of Glamorganshire', by William Davies, 1803, with introduction entitled 'To the Public', trusting that it will be interesting to the Welsh and also to 'intelligent and ingenious Travellers, whose Curiosity may induce them to visit this Country'.

p.65 Note on Swansea Harbour and Oystermouth Canal or Tramroad, by Edward

Martin, March 1804, for the benefit of those who are interested in the matter but have not been fully informed. EM sees the Canal or Tramroad as needless - when the bar at Swansea West Pier and the proposed Easter pier are completed, Swansea will have 'one of the best harbours in this kingdom . . . Who will, therefore, be absurd enough to carry coal through Swansea to the Mumbles?' Also includes a chart of Swansea Bay.

p.67 Swansea Tontine Society subscribers, 1804, their residences, names and descriptions of nominees.

p.67a Prospectus for the *Cambrian Newspaper*, 1804, which will include, among other knowledge and information, 'arrivals of company at the different places of fashionable resort in Wales'. Written by Walter Savage Landor.

p.72 Subscription for the building of public rooms in Swansea, sent by Secretary (? Geo. Hanney) to the Rev. John Collins of Gower, n.d., but possibly c. 1810.

p.75 Bill poster for Swansea Theatre, by desire of the Stewards of the Races, on Friday evening, July 20 1810, Coleman's celebrated comedy of the Heir at Law, with Mr Cherry, Mr Knowles, Mr Kean, etc. , followed by comic songs, then a musical farce called Love Laughs at Locksmiths, Footnote says there will be a play every night during the race week. Overleaf is a note by GGF, saying that this bill indicates that Kean appeared at Swansea four years before his appearance at Drury Lane.

p.77 Prospectus for the '*Cambrian Visitor*', a new periodical published 16 January 1813, price 8d, to contain historical, literary and general knowledge material.

P.124 Rev. J. M. Traherne's 'Queries proposed to the Nobility, Gentry, and Clergy, of Glamorganshire, with a view to illustrate the History of that County', containing 59 general, historical, antiquarian, etc., questions, with three relating to wells, bathing and healthy air, undated by probably early 1820s.

p.125 Proposal for improving the navigation of the Port of Swansea; for protecting the public creditors of the harbour; for increasing the trade of the Port . . . October 1823.

WGAS RISW GGF 4/2-5 Bill posters – Swansea Theatre

4/2 An historical play called The Battle of Hexham; or Days of Old, with Mr Benbough; a new ballet called The Caledonian Lover, with Mr Lee; a farce called The Sultan, or A Peep into the Seraglio, with Mr Woodley. Friday 13th August 1813. Boxes 3s – Pit 2s – Gallery 1s. Doors to be opened at six and the Curtain to rise at seven. Tickets to be had of T Jenkins at the Cambrian Office

4/3 Foundling of the Forest, with Mr Benbough; a favourite song called England for Ever; or the Land, Boys, we live in, by Mr Hudon. A favourite Comic Song by Mr Rose. A Fancy Dance by Miss A Owens. To conclude with a Farce called the Sleep Walker, with Mr Cunningham. Thursday 2nd September. Prices, times and ticket as above.

4/4 A play founded on facts, performed at the Theatres Royal Hay-Market and Covent Garden, called Point of Honour, with Mr Benbough; A favourite Song by Mr Rose, called The Generous Israelite; or The Last Shekel. A Farce called Who's the Dupe, with Mr Santer. Don Juan; or The Libertine Destroyed, with Mr Hudson. Monday 9th August 1813. No price/time details.

4/5 Mr Cherry apologies for not being able to open the New Theatre on Monday with a Dramatic Exhibition, due to the non-arrival of scenery. Although the theatre is inadequate to the purposes of the Drama 'yet it is sufficiently commodious for the reception of the public, FREE FROM DAMPS AND EVERY INCONVENIENCE. On Monday 6th of July (year not stated) he will present his New Entertainment of \The Traveller; or Music's Vehicle, the vocal parts by Mr Inledon, which comprise fifteen new and popular songs, accompanied on the pianoforte by Mr Bartley of the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane. Boxes 3s , pit 2s, gallery 1s. To begin at seven o'clock. Tickets to be had of T Jenkins, Cambrian Office, and Swansea Library, Wind St.

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WGAS RISW GGF 20/1-20/53 Antiquarian notes

20/10 Papers relating to Swansea, including a list of public buildings erected in Swansea in the last 15 years, no dates but details of means built, i.e. private, subscription, corporation, c. 1850

20/14 Papers relating to societies and institutions, e.g. articles and rules of the Union Club, 1763; rules and regulations of Swansea and Neath Horticultural Society, 1832, with names of committee; Schedule of S&N Horticultural Show, 1837, together with rules for 1833 and list of subscribers; invitation to Prince Albert to Great Exhibition of

Industry, 1850; GGF's appointment as Local Commissioner of Exhibition Committee, 1850; rules of Swansea News Room Club, 1855, with names of committee and members; advert for two lectures by Henry Vincent at the Guildhall, 1855; invitation to members of the Cambrian Club and Swansea Literary and Debating Society for an excursion to Gower caves, 1863; notice and subscription form for Swansea and West Glamorganshire Horticultural and Floricultural Society, est. 1864.

20/19 Papers re proposed publications, c.1803-72, including *The History of Glamorganshire*, by William Davies; *The Ferns of Wales*, Edward Young; *An Attempt at a Concise History of Glamorgan*, John Roland Phillips, a catalogue of Frith's Photographs, a *Manual for the Genealogist, Topographer, Antiquary and Legal Professor*, Richard Sims; the *Herald and Genealogist*, John Gough Nicholls, and various other similar works and catalogues.

20/20 Papers re local newspapers, comprising a prospectus of the *Swansea Journal*, 1856; a prospectus of the *Swansea and Glamorgan Herald*, 1847 and issue of July 21st 1852; copy of the *Cambrian*, Aug. 4th 1804

20/21 Bill posters re plays at the New Star Theatre and Theatre Royal, 1820-1902:

A New Musical Romance called Henri Quatre, with Mr Johnson; followed by a Cruel Song, by Miss Newton, a medley dance by Miss Parr, and Giles Sgroggins's Ghost, by Mr Newton; a farce called The Review, or the Wags of Windsor, with Mr M'Cready, Monday July 31st 1820, Swansea Theatre;

King Henry IV, the second part, with Mr Williams; followed by the Skipping Rope Dance by Miss Parr; a farce called The Sleeping Draught, with Mr Berriman. Wednesday 3rd August 1821. Also advertised for Thursday is The Vampire, or the Bride of the Isles, with Mr Reeve, and a new entertainment performed by him called One, Two, Three, Four, Five by Advertisement. To conclude with a 'New Melo-Dramatic Pantomime Piece called Tereza Tomkins, or the Fruits of Geneva;

The highly popular comedy of The Hunchback, with Mr S Knowles, followed by songs by Mr Aldridge, sung in character; then the petite comedy of the Youthful Queen, with Miss Elphinstone, Friday September 18th 1835. Details of the following weeks plays are included, as are prices (boxes 3s, pit 2s, gallery 1s) and time of performance (doors open at 6.30, performance begins at 7);

Programme for Theatre Royal, on front page announcing 'Open for the summer season', when Mrs Charles Pitt will make her first appearance during the present season, Friday June 14th 1867, prices – private box chairs 4s, reserved boxes 3s, boxes 2s, pit 1s, gallery 6d. Half price at 9.30 to boxes only. Box plans to be had at Miss Jenkins' library, Wind St. Plays were Navel Engagements, a comedy with Mr W.R. Clifton; Conjugal Lesson, a farce with John Harvey and Mrs Chas. Pitt; and 'the successful Original Serio-Comic Spanish Ballet d'Action, the Elixir of Love, or the Mock Doctor, with Mr Wilson Parker. Doors open half past seven, curtain to rise at 8;

Advertisement for the grand re-opening of the New Star Theatre, Monday Oct 27th 1902, opened by the Mayor, with Duke of Beaufort and Sir Robert Morris and other distinguished gentlemen patronizing. Entertainment provided by the Swansea Imperial Glee Party and the Belle of Cairo from the Court Theatre, London;

Undated poster advertising EMM, the Great Comedian, in an historical dramatic romance called Twenty Years After, or the Soldiers of Fortune, by Don Boucicault.

20/22 Printed and manuscript papers re Swansea sea-trade, Harbour and Docks, 1824-1894, including:

A prospectus and list of subscribers for a steam packet from Swansea to Liverpool, 1834, and handwritten report of the committee set up to enquire into same, dated 8th May 1839

A handwritten account (by GGF?) of amount of copper imported to UK, 1837

Printed address to the Mayor, re the Mayor's change of opinion on the location of the proposed docks, entitled 'Public Men are Public Property' by 'X.Y.Z.', Dec. 1846
Second annual report of the Swansea Dock Co, Jan 31 1848. GGF was its secretary in the 1840s

Notification to GGF from the Town Clerk, of a proposed Application to Parliament by Swansea Municipal Corporation to buy shares in the Swansea Dock Co. and to purchase land on the Burrows, 21st Nov, 1849

Pamphlet by the Swansea Dock Co, entitled 'Sketch of the past and present efforts for the construction of Docks on the Burrows', Sept. 1850

Handwritten paper (by GGF?) on improving trade with the US in view of recent progress at Swansea Port, 19th July 1852

A cutting on proceedings between Lady Morris and the Harbour Trustees over some land taken by them for construction of the Harbour Railway, July 1862

Pamphlet containing a letter from GGF to *Cambrian* on need for enhanced dock facilities on the land west of the South Dock, 12th May 1864

Chart showing the increase in shipping at Swansea Harbour, 1851-83, by Robert Capper, general superintendent, dated 1884

Return of coal shipped from Swansea, 1863-90, by John Dixon, general superintendent

'Proposed Scheme for Floating the River and Connecting the Docks' by Robert Rosser, Jan 13th 1894

Handwritten drafts of letters from GGF to the *Cambrian* re Swansea Harbour, undated

Satirical song entitled 'The Mayor's Lament, or The Swansea Dock Bill, n.d.

Newspaper cuttings re proposed dock enhancement, notices of meetings of Harbour Trust, etc., various dates.

20/25 Papers re water supply and sanitation, c. 1837-1860s, including letters, memorials and cuttings re the local Board of Health, names of officers, reports of meetings, sewerage, cholera, etc.; a weather table for 1846, constructed by Dr Nicol; cuttings of letters to the *Cambrian* and the Board of Health from GGF re drinking fountains, 1859; a newspaper cutting of a letter to the *Cambrian* from 'Who Knows' re the preserving of John Humphreys and Mount Pleasant Wells in Swansea, 17th Aug. 1860; and the evidence of L. L. Dillwyn and E. M. Richards in support of Swansea Board of Health Bill before the committee of the House of Commons, 19/20th May, no year given.

20/32 Bill posters and public notices, 1843-60, re Swansea Municipal Corporation including public holidays, list of burgesses, rules and orders re Swansea Market, including a notice that any persons selling goods outside of the market will be subject to a fine of 40s, June 1851; public notice re cleansing of footpaths outside houses, Jan 1851; and adverts for town crier, carpenter, watch-makers, and other craftsmen. Also notice for a public breakfast held on the opening of the SW Railway, 1850.

20/39 Papers re Cambrian Archaeology Association, 1849-1886, comprising rules of the Association, 1849; notice, arrangements and related material for annual meeting of 1861 at Swansea; and a printed invitation to annual meeting of 1886, stating that new objects of interest to the archaeologist have been found in the area over the previous 25 years, with excursions on all four days.

20/40 Papers re national clubs and societies, inc. BAAS, BAA, Cambrian Institute, Genealogy Society and Historical Society, 1849-1872, mainly notices of annual meetings, reports and prospectuses. Also an undated cutting of a meeting of the Cambrian Arch. Ass. meeting, in which GGF urged that Swansea be the venue for the next (1861) annual meeting, 'if proper facilities could be afforded the members', as the advantages of having these scientific gatherings at Swansea were apparent to all.

20/47 Posters and programmes re Swansea Regatta 1856-1896, including entry form; notice of meeting to consider condition under which races will be held, dated June 18 1856

Detailed programme of boats to race and details of prizes for Regatta on July 28th and 29th 1856, containing names of patrons and stewards. On Tuesday evening a regatta ball held at the Assembly Rooms and a band in attendance both days

Detailed programme for regatta held on August 10th and 11th 1863, containing names of patrons and stewards, military bands in attendance on both days, and performances at the theatre on Tuesday evening, under the patronage of the stewards of the regatta

Detailed programme for July 25th 1896, with names of president, patrons, VPs and committee; details of boat races and shore sports and prizes; also, water polo and swimming matches, climbing greasy pole, duck hunt, lifeboat demonstration, display of fireworks, two first class bands on the Ground of the Foreshore

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WGAS RISW GGF 22/28-58**Swansea Borough to 1879**

22/28 Pencil notes by GGF of information extracted from Swansea Common Hall minute book, 1695-1759. 131 and 136 refer to the removal of sand, stones and seaweed from the beach.

22/31a, 32a Bundle of correspondence to GGF on his return as mayor of Swansea, 1853-55. These papers are mis-named, and mis-numbered, being miscellaneous and not mayoral papers, and relate to Borough business, various societies (inc school of art, scientific society), police, rates, a petition in favour of the Harbour Bill, licences, Board of Health, military, health.

22/35 Long and detailed printed letter from GGF to the mayor, re improvements to Mount St, Oct 28th 1858, with particular reference to the widening of the street, the railway bridge at the bottom, the new Harbour offices, and a new street from Quay Parade to Victoria Road.

22/38 Letter, March 30th 1871 from T J Sanders (GPO) to GGF re. a delay in the completion of the telegraphic system to Mumbles due to the non-completion of the agreement between the telegraph department and the Llanelly Railway co, on whose line a portion of the wire would run.

22/39 Letter from GGF to John Biddulph, expressing his regret at JB's company's (Llanelly Railway and Dock Co) high terms to purchase the existing line for use of the new telegraph from Swansea to Mumbles, April 2nd 1871. GGF, acting in the 'interest of the public at the Mumbles and Swansea', wonders if there has been some error?

22/40 Letter to GGF from Richard Glascodine, Llanelly Railway Co, July 6th 1871, re the above, containing on the reverse details of various Railway Acts giving powers to the Llanelly Co in Swansea.

22/48 Letter, 27th March 1874, from Walter Webb to GGF re Swansea Improvements Bill and Swansea Harbour Trustees, with copy of a letter from WW to Lewis Thomas of the Harbour Office, Swansea, 26th March 1874, asking him to arrange a meeting between him (WW) and the Harbour Trustees before any opposition to the proposed modifications were undertaken by them.

22/54 Letter from John Thomas, town clerk Swansea, to GGF re encroachments on the beach by London and NW Railway Co, Feb 3rd 1879, requesting that GGF suggest a date when they could meet and discuss the matter.

22/55 Reply to previous letter, Feb 4th 1879, in which GGF states that the gentlemen of the town council profess to 'know more than anything, past and present,' and suggesting that the town clerk further his knowledge in the first instance.

22/56 Letter from John Thomas, town clerk, to GGF concerning action between the Duke of Beaufort and the Corporation re the sea shore, Feb 5th 1879, stating that he has discovered all the papers in the matter of the action and hopes to obtain the information he requires without further troubling GGF or the gentlemen of the town council.

22/57 Letter of thanks from John Thomas, town clerk, to GGF, 13th Feb 1879, for his kind offer of assistance in the above mater and saying he will be glad to see the papers GGF refers to when completed.

WGAS RISW GGF 22/59-156 Local history and heraldry

22/113 Printed sheet of letters from *Cambrian* newspaper, sent by GGF to the War Office, referring to (military) sea defences at Mumbles, 1858-9, i.e. batteries at Mumbles, East Pier and the Dock Embankment.

WGAS RISW GGF 22/189-203 Personal correspondence

22/118 Handwritten letter, dated 11 Feb 1879, from GGF to Jno. Thomas, Town Clerk, regarding the matter of the Duke of Beaufort, Dock Co, Harbour Trustees, etc, v the Corporation re the harbour and the fore shore. GGF supplied JT with some historical evidence re the title of the Duke of Beaufort to the land (see above).

22/200 Printed letter from J. Livingstone, Swansea, requesting GGF's attendance at a meeting to discuss a meeting of the Social Science Association, Aug. 3 1876. JL is desirous to confer with leading townsmen before replying to the SSA re holding its meeting at Swansea in Oct. 1877.

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22/218 Short letter from GPO to GGF, 18th March 1872, re Mumbles PO being open for telegraphic business 'on the 1st'.

WGAS RISW GG 23/8-73 Antiquarian and local history notes to 1883

23/33 Printed notes on the *Orthogoriscus Oblongus* (oblong sun fish) taken in Swansea Bay, in 1843, communicated to the RISW by GGF, with description and drawing.

WGAS RISW GGF 23/78-143 Newspaper cuttings and letters printed in the Cambrian

23/108 Printed letter from GGF to the editor of the *Cambrian*, 21st Feb. 1846, re mineral springs at Swansea, and referring to Foxe's Medical Dictionary of 1803, containing an entry 'Aquaes Minerales, Swansea, Martial vitriol'. GGF asks if any readers can remember whether invalids came to Swansea at that time to take the chalybeate waters.

23/109 Letter from 'A Visitor' to the editor of the *Cambrian* re overcrowding at the Royal Institution, and a suggestion that tickets corresponding to how many people the lecture room can hold be issued, to prevent the admittance of more people when the hall is already full, Apr 28th 1846.

23/113 Four of five printed letters by GGF to *Cambrian* entitled 'What does Swansea now want?', 1861-2, with answering letters, also printed in *Cambrian*, from 'Census' and Charles Tennent. Letters concern the question of commerce, development, progress, amenities, parks, transport, public health etc.

23/122 Folder of newspaper cuttings collected by GGF on articles re copper smoke for the publication 'On the improvement of Swansea, suppression of copper smoke', 1865.

23/123 A printed pamphlet of a letter from GGF to the *Cambrian* 'On the improvement of Swansea: Suppression of Copper Smoke', 1865. In it he recommends a method for treating sulphuric ores invented by Moritz Gerstenhofer, now being used at Hafod, reproducing two letters re this between H. Hussey Vivian and Nash E Vaughan, Rheola. He also includes a poem on 'Hafod' in earlier days, by an anonymous poet, and some opinions of his own. Editor adds an extract from a court case in Cornwall the previous week, whereby a farmer won costs for the loss of cattle poisoned by noxious vapours from nearby works. Editor also adds a note at the beginning of the pamphlet that it is issued because the office has received so many requests for copies of GGF's letter.

23/135 Printed letter from GGF to the *Cambrian*, July 29th 1879, giving a list of authors of printers of various Swansea guides, 1802-79, and asking readers for any information they may have re any other guides.

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23/147 Article and advert for publication of *The South Wales Athenaeum*, to be published in January 1846.

WGAS D Deposits and Donations

13 Photocopy of material relating to public health, from PRO, 1849-68, relating mainly to issues of water, sewerage, pollution from the works, etc. Originals are correspondence received files in PRO, with 54 boxes relating to Wales. Swansea is in box 178.

61 Plans, etc., re Board of Trade and Swansea Electric Lighting, 1894.

134 Scrapbook of press cuttings, 19thc, from various newspapers, including: "The Mumbles and its Neighbourhood", Ally Sloper's Half Holiday: Tootsie at the Mumbles", a witty article, with pertinent cartoons, e.g. 'the Mumbles Bathing Costume', featuring a pony-tailed woman, wearing breeches, a frilly blouse and a sailor's hat, unknown paper, 28/09/1889; "Chief towns and cities of Britain; Swansea and Mumbles", giving a tour of the town and neighbourhood from the view point of the visitor, from the *Penny*

Illustrated, dated 09/11/1889; a letter on the beauties of the area to the *Cambrian* from Carl Shreider, 01/03/1878; "Swansea and Devonshire Traffic", advocating a steamship service between Mumbles and SW England, *Cambrian*, 03/05/1878.

209 Picture postcards of Swansea, various dates.

252 BAAS programme of excursions, 1880.

262 Press cutting books re. Swansea, consisting of articles from the *South Wales Daily Post's* regular features of the 1980s looking back at the history of Swansea etc., including a series of articles entitled 'The way we were', giving the history and fate the public buildings of Swansea, and also some ref/photos of tourists, and general views/history of the town in the 18th and 19th c.

WGAS D/D SB9 Records of the Mumbles Railway, 1804-1953

Large collection of papers concerning passenger transport between Swansea and Mumbles, deposited by the Company's solicitors, Strick and Bellingham, including plans, agreements, leases, correspondence, etc.

WGAS D/D xgb 3/1-6 Illustrated London News

3/2 South Wales Railway, illustrations of Landore Viaduct and terminus at Swansea, and a report on opening, June 1850.

3/3 Swansea Docks, sketches and report on opening of new dock, October 1859. "A ball was given in the evening, when the town presented a brilliant appearance, all the public buildings and a large number of private establishments being illuminated with much taste and on a very elaborate scale". Drawing by Charles W Campion of Neath does not show a particularly numerous crowd.

3\4 Opening of public library by Mr Gladstone.

3/5/1-3 Illustrations of existing dock area and new East Dock, of local dignitaries and inhabitants, including market women, and general description of Swansea and royal visit, 1881.

3/5/4-5 Sketch of Swansea Harbour and Singleton Abbey.

3/6/1-3 Illustrations and report of opening ceremony and procession during royal visit 1881.

WGAS D/D xgb 31 Postcard views n.d.

WGAS D/DX Miscellaneous Deposits

9/2 South Wales Mineral Railway Act, 1853, 1 bound volume.

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20/54 Book of newspapers cuttings kept by Fred. Eddershaw, Northampton Place, Swansea of local events, family occasions, 1899-1937.

21/6 Handwritten article on the development of the Walters Road area, by Ernest Walters, c. 1980s. 26 pages.

21/9/1 Photocopied compilation of items re on the development of Swansea's Tramways by Swansea Improvements and Tramway Co 1874-1953.

21/9/2 Photocopies of tables showing harbour trade in 1914, taken from Commercial Year Book.

25/122 Article from *Gentleman's Magazine* re a journey through Wales, 1789-90 (mainly Neath and SW, some ref to Swansea).

57/3 Poster announcing opening of RISW to public on Whit Mon-Tues, 1842.

62/189 *Remembrances of Swansea Bay*, 1840, compiled by Susanna Staniforth. A volume solely containing examples of pressed seaweed.

- 190 Swansea Harbour Act for repairing, enlarging and preserving the Harbour of Swansea, 1791.
- 207/1 Bound collection of reports re improvements to Swansea harbour, incl. extension of pier, floating harbour, September 1794-May 1847, also includes reprints of letters to the *Cambrian*, maps and plans, sketches and index.
- 207/1-19 Numerous prints and photographs of Swansea.
- 207/20 Ordinance survey maps, Mumbles and Oystermouth, 1844-1900.
- 219 Photograph albums of William Oldham, 1900-1910.
- 247 Photocopy of letter, 25th Aug 1787, from Mrs E Lechmere, writing from Somerset Buildings, Swansea, to Edmund Pateshall, Hereford, describing their stay in Swansea. Copy of doc. A95/V/EL/609 in Hereford RO, to whom all requests for photocopies should be directed.
- 252 Swansea Chamber of Commerce council minutes, 1884-8, 1 volume, mainly dealing with docks, cargoes, harbour dues, railways, etc.
- 271/1-3 Act and report re Swansea Canal, 1794.
- 299 Local Acts of Parliament relating to Swansea, 1860-98, comprising Waterworks Act, 1860; Harbour Act, 1861; S&N Railway Act, 1861; Harbour Act, 1894; Gas Act, 1898.
- 307 'Act to alter and amend several acts for the improvement of the harbour of Swansea and for further improving the said harbour including a plan of the proposed new cut straightening the River Tawe', (1836).
- 334 Diary of George Sydney Davies, a lawyer, 1866-79, family life in Swansea, travels, career etc. Mentions excursions to Mumbles.
- 338 Glass photographic plates 1910-20, by Lewis family of Graig y Fal house, inc. some of beach, people in sea etc. (nos. 30, 34, 35).
- 413/13 'Report of the Town Clerk (Jno. Thomas) on Alleged Encroachments on the Foreshore. To the Council of the Borough of Swansea', May 1886, (reprint), with the opinion of Stuart A. Moore, barrister at law, dated 1895. These papers detail the title of the Duke of Beaufort to the foreshore between the harbour and the Mumbles, the acquiring of part of this land by the Swansea Dock Co., the legislation regarding the expansion of the Docks and railways, and the resulting encroachment of the foreshore, and the right of the public to bathe and pass over the shore as a right of way (see RISW GGF 22/54-57 above).
- 421/1 Design for large, coloured, tourist poster of Swansea Bay, c. 1910, by Lew Rees & Co. Llanelly, portraying views of Swansea attractions, buildings, scenery, etc., and reading: 'GOOD ROADS FOR MOTORING AND CYCLING. DAILY TRIPS ON THE BRISTOL CHANNEL. SWANSEA TO TOURISTS, PLEASURE SEEKERS & INVALIDS, AS A HEALTH RESORT ITS MAGNIFICENT SANDS, DELIGHTFUL BATHING, BEAUTIFUL SCENERY, NAPLES OUTRIVALED BY SWANSEA BAY'.
- 445/1-3 Three scrap books of events in Swansea and beyond, c. 1873-1900, compiled by a policeman called John Percy, e.g. opening of Grand Theatre, reports of Swansea Watch Committee meetings and various Swansea police matters, 1895; demolition of Mackworth Hotel, 1898; police rules for the royal visit of 1881; pictorial advert for Swansea Baths; Swansea New Market; a timetable for Rhondda and Swansea Bay Railway, 1895; police band concert programmes, etc.
- 445/2 The 2nd scrapbook contains a number of pages of an article from the *Cambria Daily Leader*, Nov 28th 1894, entitled "A Great Public Improvement in Swansea. The widening and rebuilding of the west side of Castle Bailey Street", with a detailed account of the new Ben Evans Dept Store, brought about by 'the credible co-operation of the Swansea County Council and Messrs B. Evans and Company'. A number of pages at the end of the 2nd book are devoted to the completion of the Rhondda-Swansea rail link, c 1895, with a retrospective report, 14 March 1895, paper unknown.
- 445/3 In the 3rd scrap book, there is an interesting, large coloured poster of an old woman on a beach, entitled 'Bank Holiday' bearing a stamp advertising 'Williams Lozenges', n.d. but c. 1895.
- 543 Theatre programmes, c 1900-19, of Swansea Grand, Albert Hall productions, along with a few amateur productions in local chapels etc.
- 549 Deeds and related correspondence re properties owned by Allied Breweries, c

1853-1923, inc. Bank Hotel, Wind St, 1898; Bath Hotel, Oystermouth Rd, 1898; Station Hotel, High St, 1898-1900; West End Hotel, Gorseinon, 1904-23.

639/1-37 Reproductions of postcards, c. 1860-1900, many of which show the Swansea Mumbles train, with passengers, and other views of Swansea.

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WGAS SL Swansea Library Collection

WGAS SLBeau Beaufort Estate records

1/1-10 Swansea Borough 1789-1802 and n.d. Bundle of resolutions etc re. Meeting re improvement to river and harbour; Account of corn and other cargoes brought into port of Swansea in 1791; Estimate for making new channel and implementing other improvements to the river to make it a floating harbour, 1790; Minutes of Hall Day meeting re proposal of Messrs. Haynes and Nevill for making an avenue of 30 feet from street to river, 1802; Minutes re Corporation property on River Burrows and elsewhere, and what use may be made of it, 1802; Papers re canal from Swansea to Oystermouth, 1793-1804.

4/1 Notice re application to Parliament for canal in Swansea Valley, 1793.

4/2 Case of Duke of Beaufort and others in favour of canal, with observations and remarks thereon, c. 1793.

4/3-4 List of subscribers to proposed canal from Swansea to Oystermouth Castle, 1804 and n.d.

WGAS SL CRB County Roads Boards for Glamorganshire

1-30 Papers re a dispute between Swansea Improvement & Tramways Co and the County Roads Boards for Glamorgan, that the CRB was acting unlawfully in maintaining a tollgate at Hafod, and requiring the Tramway Co to pay when its trams passed through, 1845-80. Papers include preliminaries, trial, appeal and exhibits and misc., (esp. toll accounts, 1/27-28, and correspondence re Oystermouth Tramway, 1/30, much of it relating to the dangers and difficulties caused by the railway, e.g. people run over, horses frightened, noise and smoke.).

WGAS SL EH Edward Hughes papers

55 Receipts, including one for mason's work done at the Bathing House, 1792.

171 Schedule of property for sale by the Corporation, November 1842.

180-1 Receipts for repair of highways, October 1807.

235 Receipt for town paving assessment, February 1812.

292 Receipt for town paving assessment, February 1813.

313 Bill from the Literary Club for suppers, monthly reviews and subscriptions, 1813.

327 Receipt for town paving assessment, April 1814.

366 List of shareholders of and traders on the canal, tolls, and accounts, July 1842.

367 Itemised bill for work on tollhouses at Green Hill and Back Lane, 1791-2.

375 Receipt for repair of highways, September 1796.

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WGAS SL RSB Rhondda and Swansea Bay Railway

1/1-5 Notices of ordinary general meetings, accounts and reports, 1883-85.

2/1-2 Prospectuses, 1882-3, detailing shares and plans showing construction.

3/2 Misc papers re progress of scheme, shares etc, 1882-93.

4/1-5 Reports and correspondence of John David, Traffic Superintendent, Aberavon, 1885-6, including:

4/2 Papers re a direct link with the tinsplate works in Aberavon.

4/5 Rhondda and Swansea Bay Railway issuing cheap tickets to Swansea horse show, 26-27 Aug 1896, but no special trains.

5/1-11 Reports and correspondence of S W Yockney, Engineer, Westminster, to Railway Co, 1885-91, mainly re links with collieries and other ports.

5/10-11 Two letters from J. W. Yockney, to J. J. Jenkins and H S Ludlow, March 1890, re the Rhondda and Swansea Bay Railway's decision to run passenger trains to the High Street, Swansea, beginning with an experimental stage of 12 months.

7/1-12 Handbills, 1885-8, issued by the Rhondda and Swansea Bay railway, re. special trains and tickets for local events, including:

Cheap market tickets to Aberavon, 3rd class, 1s

Pic-nics or pleasure parties, on or after June 1st 1886 until 31st of October – return tickets at a single fare and a quarter will be issued to parties of not less than 6 first class, or 10 second or third class passengers (same deal also for 1887)

Additional trains for Whit Monday 1887

Trains at market fares and an additional train for the celebration of the Queens Jubilee at Aberavon, June 20th 1887, Opening of the new road to the Sea Beach, with procession of members of the Corporation, Volunteers, Friendly Societies, and a grand display of fireworks

Market fare of 1s and late train for the Aberavon Dog, Cage-Bird and Pigeon Show, July 1887

Additional trains for Gladstone's visit to Swansea in 1887

Reduced fares and additional trains for the Clyne Valley races and athletic sports at Swansea, Whit Monday, 1888

8/1-3 Newspaper extracts re railways, 1880-99, inc. reprint of an editorial from the *Cambrian* in favour of a direct railway from Swansea to the Rhondda Valley, 15th Oct 1880; and a reprint from the *Cambrian* of Feb 27th 1891, of a public meeting in favour of the bill, for this railway, with long list of people present.

WGAS SL WM William Mansel papers

1/1-117 Papers re the Swansea Theatre Tontine, inc. minutes, correspondence, subscribers, accounts, shares etc., including:

1/17 Diary giving details of performances, expenditure incurred and daily receipts, 1875.

1/18-26 Bills and receipts for work done.

1/45 List of subscribers and nominees, 1805.

1/49-94 Business correspondence, 1826-89, (damaged) including Temple Street Theatre, 1887-89, and a letter from Arthur Lloyd, Philharmonic, Cardiff, re opening of Theatre Royal in Swansea, 1889.

1/117 Notebook containing extract from the *Cambrian*, 3rd Aug. 1805, re formation of the Tontine for Swansea Public Rooms and Theatre, 1878, which states that the subscribers ought to accept the offer of land made by the corporation, go ahead and advertise for plans etc., with list of subscribers.

2/1-147 Papers re Cambrian Newspaper, 1786-1912, inc. partnership records, company records, accounts, correspondence with editor, cuttings etc., including:

2/45 Extract of a letter from H Hussey Vivian to the *Cambrian* re the development of Swansea docks, March 1851, and the coal trade.

2/93-95 Correspondence re accounts for Swansea Theatre.

3/1-71 Miscellaneous and personal papers, including:

3/2 Letter from John Roberts to the town clerk re use of Velindre Pit for water supply, late 19c.

3/5 Agreement between Swansea Improvement and Tramway Co. and the Universal Bill Pasting Co., for use of advertising positions, with related papers, 1881.

- 3/25 Regulations and police orders for the royal visit of 1881.
- 3/24-29 Tickets, programmes etc, re royal visit, 1881.
- 3/48 Notices of the annual meeting of the Central Board of the Swansea Bowls Clubs, 1909.
- 3/54-55 Papers re irregularities in the procedure and management of canals, 1870.
- 3/63 Invitation to WM to a 'Conversazione' at the Music Hall, organized by the Debating Society, 1882.
- 3/65 Cutting from *St James Gazette* re a fossil found at Mumbles Head, 1887, namely a specimen of the Great Oligocene Mollusc, which has attracted a good deal of attention (at National History Museum, where H Vivian sent it) and will probably be on exhibition at the forthcoming Eisteddfod in the Albert Hall. 'W.J.G'.
- 3/66 Circular letter, 28/12/1895, by T W James of Goat Street announcing a meeting at the Town Hall in opposition against the Corporation's triple scheme for electric lighting, the purchase of tramways and the erection of a dust destructor on the Strand.
Opposition is due to doubt that the venture will be self supporting, and that the cost will be £200,000 or more.

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WGAS SL Miscellaneous

- 18/2 Letter book of H. S. Ludlow, sec. to the Port Talbot and Swansea Bay Railway and the Rhondda and Swansea Bay Railway, 1879-1882.
- 18/3 Account book of David Walters, grocer and tea dealer, 1858-1862.
- 18/5 Diary of druggist Matthias Jones, with list of customers and debtors, 1890-1897.
- 18/8 Visitors book of Southend Hotel, Mumbles, 1924-1952.
- 19/5 Book of reference for plans for the development of Swansea harbour, 1872
- 19/9 Book containing estimates for the construction of docks and railways, late 19c, including Swansea Harbour Low Level Railway.
- 27/2 Poster, letter and application re shares in the Grand Theatre, 1895.
- 30/2 Poster for an Eisteddfod event at the Albert Hall, 1886.
- 31/1 Letter of appreciation to Gladstone from the Committee on his opening of the Public Library, n.d.
- 33/1 Minutes and list of subscribers to Swansea assemblies, 1806-1817.

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VISUAL MATERIAL

Paintings and drawings:

- View of the Port of Swansea, 1729 (D/D Xgc)
- Engravings of Glamorgan castles and churches by Samuel and Nathaniel Buck, 1740-1741 (unlisted); east view of Swansea, by Samuel and Nathaniel Buck, 1748 (CC/S PI/X)
- Drawings of Glamorgan by Emma and Lucy Bacon, 1827-1828 (D/D Xgb)
- Aerial view of Swansea, 1885 (D/D X 192)
- Watercolour of the Cenotaph, Swansea, 1922 (D10)
- Engravings of views in the Swansea and Neath Valleys, various dates (D248)

Postcards and photographs:

The late Rowland Morton Davies created the nucleus of a civic picture collection maintained by the former Swansea City Council. This collection, which is arranged in boxes by subject, covers the whole of the City of Swansea in its pre-1996 boundaries, as well as a few boxes of pictures from beyond Swansea. The arrangement of the boxes is as follows:

Aerial views; Mumbles Train; Lower Town; the Strand; Wind Street; Swansea Castle; Castle Square and Castle Bailey Street; Castle Street; Castle Gardens; Temple Street; Princess Way; Oxford Street; Swansea Markets; places of entertainment; Cradock Street to Portland Street; St Mary's Church and Square; the Quadrant area; College Street; Orchard Street; Bellevue Way to Clifton Hill; Kingsway; High Street; Alexandra

Road; Mount Pleasant; Mansel Street to De la Beche Street; Walter Road; St Helen's Road; Sandfields; Brynymor Road to St Helen's Avenue; Victoria Park; the Guildhall; St Helen's; Brynmill; Uplands; the University and Singleton Hospital; Singleton Park; Brynmill Park; Cwmdonkin Park; Glanmor and Cwmgwyn; Sketty; Tycoch and Hendrefoilan; Killay and Wimmerfield; Dunvant; Townhill and Mayhill; Cockett; Waunarlywydd; Fforestfach to Penlan, Portmead and Blaen-y-maes; Cwmbwrla; Manselton; Brynhyfryd; Treboeth; Dyfatty to Hafod; Landore and Plasmarl; Morryston; M4 Morryston by-pass; Llansamlet; Birchgrove; Swansea Valley to Clydach; Pontardawe and upper Swansea Valley; St Thomas; Port Tennant and Danygraig; Kilvey and Crymlyn; Bonymaen and east side Swansea Valley; Derwen Fawr; Ashleigh Road; Blackpill; Clyne; Mayals; West Cross and Norton; Mumbles Road; Oystermouth to Caswell; Gower; Lliw Valley; Carmarthenshire; Neath and Port Talbot; Swansea personages; transport; trams; Port of Swansea; canals and trains; River Tawe; Swansea foreshore; the Blitz; maps and plans; Swansea Leisure Centre; lower Swansea Valley; 1969 royal visit and city status; Dylan Thomas; Maritime Quarter; 1973 royal visit; Swansea mayors; council estates; schools; civic ceremonies (P/PR and P/SL)

Photographs are also to be found in miscellaneous collections, either separately or with other records. Photographs of people can sometimes be found amongst estate and family papers, and these are listed in Estate and Family Records. The photographs listed below are those which cannot be grouped elsewhere. They are arranged in date order, although their subject matter is diverse.

Microfiche copies of the Francis Frith Archive, 1860-1970, showing views from all over West Glamorgan (D/D Xgb)
 White Rock Ferry, n.d. [mid 19th century], (D/D Z 21)
 Cwmafon and district, views, circa 1890-1900 (D/D Xlp)
 Victorian/Edwardian views of Swansea (D137)
 Photographs of Swansea and Gower, 19th and 20th centuries (D/D Z 207)
 Postcards of West Glamorgan, 19th and 20th centuries (unlisted) (D/D DH)
 Photograph collection of Arthur Hill, mostly of Swansea and Gower, circa 1880s-1970s (D/D AWH)
 Photograph albums of William Oldham of Swansea, mostly of Swansea and Gower, circa 1900-1910 (D/D Z 219)
 Postcards of Swansea and Gower, circa 1900-1950 (D/D Z 303)
 Photograph album of views in West Glamorgan, particularly Port Talbot and Margam, circa 1900-1985 (D/D Z 250)
 Photograph and postcard album of Marie Hullin of Mumbles, circa 1910-1960 (D/D Z 230)
 Photographs of Gower and Swansea, 1930s (D/D Z 132)
 Photograph albums, postcards and photographs of Swansea, various dates (D36, D39, D209 and D267)
 Slide collection of J M Davies, n.d. (D226)
 Photograph album of journey through South Wales, n.d. (D259)

Maps and plans:

Estate maps

Estate collections contain many fine examples of manuscript maps: these are listed above in the section Estate and Family Records under the name of the estate. A detailed list may be found in the publication *A Catalogue of Glamorgan Estate Maps*, by Hilary M Thomas (Glamorgan Archives, 1992).

Tithe maps

The Archive Service holds original or photocopy awards (map and accompanying apportionment) circa 1840 for all parishes in West Glamorgan except for Briton Ferry and Margam, for which no awards were made. Following the Tithe Commutation Act 1836, which appointed Commissioners to deal with the commutation of tithes from payments in kind to payment in money, every parish in England and Wales was surveyed and a map drawn with an accompanying apportionment in the form of a schedule which listed landowner, tenant, property, acreage and tithe payable. These plans are the earliest large-scale maps to have been made of complete parishes.

Ordnance Survey maps

There is an extensive range of Ordnance Survey maps dating from the 1870s to the 1970s. The most commonly used scale for local history research is 1:2500, approximately 25" to the mile, and county editions for Glamorgan were published around the years 1876 (1st edition), 1897 (2nd edition), 1916 (3rd edition) and 1922-1940 (revised 3rd edition). Coverage for the first and third editions is almost complete for Glamorgan.

There are some sea charts and plans of harbour facilities listed in the section Maritime Records. Colliery plans are also listed in other Public Records. Listed below are maps in miscellaneous collections which are not grouped elsewhere.

Maps of South Wales and Glamorgan

Emmanuel Bowen's road map from Llandaff to Llanstephan, 1720 (D/D Xlm)
 Thomas Kitchin's map of Glamorgan, circa 1750 (D/D Z 134)
 John Williams' road map from Gorseinon to Neath, 1779 (D/D Xdp)
 Road map from the New Passage to Llanelli, 1798 (D/D Xlm)
 George Yates' map of Glamorgan, 1799 (D/D Z 134)
 Map of proposed mail road from Carmarthen to Pyle, with detail of Briton Ferry, by Thomas Telford, 1824 (D/D Xx)
 Road and railway map of Glamorgan by Gall and Inglis, before 1880 (D/D Z 72)
 Bacon's map of South Wales, circa 1900, (D/D X 34)
 Plans of the South Wales Coalfield, 1908-1915 (D/D Xgb)
 Map of the Great Western Railway network, 1930s (D/D Z 129)

Maps of Swansea

Plan of Swansea Town, 1851 (SL)
 Boundaries of the Borough of Swansea, 1867 (D/D Xdp)
 Goad insurance plans of the centre of Swansea, 1929 (D/D Xgb), 1888-1961 (D/D Z 319) and 1938 (unlisted)
 Wyld's plan of Swansea, late 19th century (SL)
 Street plan of Swansea, 1930s (D/D Xgb)

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SWANSEA CENTRAL LIBRARY**PRINTED MATERIAL****Tourist guides:**

Federation of Grocers' Association of the United Kingdom Official Programme and Illustrated Guide to the 21st Annual Conference, 1911 (Swansea, 1911). Includes historical description and pictorial sketch by Henry F. Hood, with advertisements for hotels and other facilities and amenities in Swansea. [Swansea Central Library S914 2982]

Illustrated Guide to the Church Congress and Ecclesiastical Art Exhibition 1909 (London, 1909). Includes historical and general sketch of Swansea, written by F. W. Gilbertson, with advertisements. [Swansea Central Library S914 2982]

Picco Illustrated and Descriptive Guide to Swansea (David Williams, sub-editor of the *Leader*, Cheltenham, 1906). Contains historical and general description of Swansea, attractions for visitors, excursions, public buildings, etc. 26 pages, excluding advertisements. [Swansea Central Library S914 2982]

Swansea, Mumbles and Gower. Issued by the Swansea Improvement and Chamber of Trade Association, (Swansea, 1903). Description of castle, harbour, industry, travel, public buildings, place of amusement, driving and cycling runs, street map, advertisements, index, and also Swansea as a health resort, giving details of climate, rainfall, mortality rates. 84 pages, inc. adverts and index. [Swansea Central Library S914 2982]

Swansea, Mumbles and Gower. Issued by the Swansea Improvement and Chamber of Trade Association, (Swansea, c.1905). Description of castle, harbour, industry, travel, public buildings, place of amusement, driving and cycling runs, street map, Swansea as a health resort, accommodation for visitors, index to advertisers. Revised edition of above, including details of royal visit of 1904. 46 pages excluding adverts. [Swansea Central Library S914 2982]

Trades Union Congress Souvenir 1901 (W. C. Jenkins, ed., Swansea, 1901) Contains chapters on the origins of Swansea, local legends, development of borough, trade, docks, names of local TUC committee, etc., with colour map of the town. 201 pages, plus photographs. [Swansea Central Library S914 2982; also UCW Swansea W/HD 6669 S87 TRA]

Willison, T. H., *Swansea: the Ideal Place for Pleasure, Health and Holidays*, (Swansea, 1907). Published by the South Wales Daily Post Co. Ltd.) General guide to Swansea. [Swansea Central Library S914 2982]

Wright's Penny Popular Swansea and Mumbles Guide, (Swansea, n.d. but c 1900). Description of town, bay, sands, places of amusement, hotels, docks, railways, sea trips, parks, baths. Includes chapter on how to spend a pleasant day in Swansea, giving details of what they should see, e.g. shipping, West Pier, Museum and Art Gallery, Institutions, Schools, Memorials, etc. Includes photographs and drawings, e.g. colliers bathing in Langland Bay. Bound in same volume as *Swansea, Mumbles and*

Gower. Issued by the Swansea Improvement and Chamber of Trade Association (Swansea, 1903 and c.1905), as is *Beecham's Portfolio: 24 Choice Photographic Views of Swansea and District*, n.d. [Swansea Central Library S914 2982.]

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UNIVERSITY OF SWANSEA

PRINTED MATERIAL

Tourist guides:

British Medical Association, *Excursion Guide: giving details of each excursion from Swansea and description of the places visited*. (Swansea, 1903). Guide book for delegates to the 71st BMA Annual Meeting, details of the planned excursions, with times and travel instructions. Places visited included Dynevor and Carreg Cennen Castles, Tenby, along with garden parties at the houses of local notables like Penlegare and Clyne Castle, and coast trips on the SS Brighton. Also includes railway timetables, postal times, cab fares, Swansea baths, and adverts. [UCW Swansea W/DA1328 PAM]

Cooke, S. A., *Topographical and Statistical Description of the Principality of Wales, part II*. (London, 1815). Includes a chapter entitled 'Journey from Swansea to Merthyr through Cowbridge, with general description, travelling guide, stages, inns, country houses, table of distances, map, etc. [UCW Swansea W/DA 1328 COO Rare Books]

A description of Swansea; comprehending every thing worthy of notice, for the information of the stranger, (Author is Jones N.P., according to GGF in RISW GGF 23/135; published by F. Fagg, printed by D Jenkins, Swansea, 1826) Handwritten note inside reads " Said to be by W. Jones. A New Edition". Contains historical and general description of Swansea, with appendixes of corporation information, transport, harbour, traders and professionals, lodging houses, military, fares of bathing machines, library terms, etc. 61 pages, excluding appendixes. Dedicated to the portreeve, aldermen and burgesses of Swansea. [UCW Swansea W/DA 1364 Rare Books; also NLW XDA 1353.A3.S9; also WGAS open shelves, Xerox copy]

Gamwell, S. C. , *The Official Guide and Handbook to Swansea and its District*, (Swansea, 1880). Published by the BAAS for its annual meeting at Swansea in 1880. Contains list of local BAAS officers, map of Glamorgan, topographical description, municipal and local information, amenities, facilities, travel, eminent persons, natural history, places of interest, advertisements. 193 pages, excluding adverts. [UCW Swansea W/DA 1364 BRI Rare Books; also NLW Dyb 2003 A803; WGAS open shelves]

Martin, Leopold Charles, *Swansea & Gower with the Mumbles and adjacent bays, and a guide and hand book for visitors and tourists*, (Swansea, 1879). Dedicated to the Duke of Beaufort. Description of town, industry, trade, municipal government, public buildings and institutions, travel, hotels, etc. 44 pages excluding index and adverts. [UCW Swansea W/DA 1364 MAR (LL.B)]

Matthews, William, *The Miscellaneous Companions: vol 1. being a short tour of observation and sentiment through a part of South Wales* (Bath, R. Cruttwell, printer, 1786). General description of a tour through South Wales, from Bristol to Haverfordwest, via Carmarthen, with many observations on the Welsh people, customs etc. 216 pages. [University of Swansea TM 914.29407 MAT]

Swansea visitors' guide: local views and list of apartments, (Swansea, c.1912) Contains details of facilities and amenities, travel, places of worship, location and facilities of accommodation, distance from beach, railway etc, photographs and adverts. Also contains an extract from *A Greater Swansea*. [UCW Swansea W/DA1360 SWA PAM]

The Swansea Guide: containing such information as was deemed useful to the traveller, through the counties of Glamorgan and Monmouth; from the Exemplifications of ancient and modern Authors (Author is J. Odisworth, according to GGF in RISW GGF 23/135. Printed by Z. B. Morris, Swansea, 1802) Contains historical and topographical description, details of houses and businesses, trade, monuments, lodging houses, amenities, fairs, officials and professionals, information about notable people, etc., with description of south Wales, glossary of natural history and index. Dedicated to the portreeve, burgesses and inhabitants of Swansea. 198 pages. [UCW Swansea W/DA 1364 SWA Rare Books; also NLW XDA 1353.A3.S9]

Trades Union Congress Souvenir 1901 (W. C. Jenkins, ed., Swansea, 1901) Contains chapters on the origins of Swansea, local legends, development of borough, trade, docks, names of local TUC committee, etc., with colour map of the town. 201 pages, plus photographs. [UCW Swansea W/HD 6669 S87 TRA; Swansea Central Library S914 2982

Wright's Swansea and Mumbles Guide : also a brief history of the Movement for acquiring parks and open spaces for the people in the Borough of Swansea, with a biographic sketch of Mr William Thomas, JP, of Lan. (A. C. Wright, Swansea, 1906). Description of town, local government, harbour, railways, industry, fishing, pier and bay, public buildings, cycling runs, etc. 79 pages. [UCW Swansea W/DA 1364 WRI Rare Books]

Wyndham, Henry Penruddocke, *A Gentleman's Tour Through Monmouthshire and Wales in the months of June and July* (London, 1797). Includes Swansea on pp. 43-45, describing its 'handsome appearance' on the approach from Briton Ferry, although suggests the approach would be much more agreeable and convenient if a bridge were erected across the 'Tavey', with details of trade, industry, castle, etc, and route of tour, towns stayed at, index. 218 pages. [UCW Swansea W/DA 1241 WYN 2 Rare Books]

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Directories:

Pearse's Swansea Directory (E. Pearse, 1854, 1856, 1887) Official and general information, alphabetical list of streets, with occupants and their occupation, alphabetic list of tradesmen, classified trade list, adverts [UCW Swansea W/DA13 PEA; also photocopies at WGAS, open shelves]

Pearse & Brown's Swansea directory 1869 (Swansea, 1869). Alphabetical names list, with occupations, classified trades list, official and general information. 124 pages, with 28 pages of advertisements at the end. [UCW Swansea W/DA13 PEA; also photocopy at WGAS, open shelves]

Swansea and District Directory. 1894, (Swansea, Cambria Daily Leader office, 1894). Contains street map, municipal information, harbour, public institutions and officers, societies and clubs, places of amusement, travel, etc., and alphabetical list of streets, with names of occupants and their occupations, list of tradesmen, index. 358 pages, excluding advertisements. [UCW Swansea W/DA 1364 CAM]

Swansea and District Directory 1900. Aka: "*Daily Post*" directory of Swansea 1900 (Swansea Daily Post office, 1900). Begins with two chapters of general interest, i.e. "Wales and the Welsh" by David Davies, editor of the Daily Post; and "Swansea: An Historical Sketch", by Ambrose Hoskins, teacher of languages. Contains official and general information, places of interest, trade and commerce, banks, military, PO, travel, etc., and alphabetical names directory, street directory with occupants and their occupations, index and contents pages, and advertisements. 622 pages, excluding index. [UCW Swansea W/DA1364 SOU]

Swansea and District Trades Directory: accompanied with a gazetteer of England. 1906-7 (Published by Town and Country Directories Ltd., Edinburgh and Manchester, 1906). Alphabetical list of trades and professionals, which includes Tenby and Aberystwyth. 460 pages. [UCW Swansea W/DA 1364 SWA Rare Books]

Swansea Directory. 1910-11, aka. *Purrier's Director*, (New edition published by South Wales Post Newspapers, Swansea, Arthur Purrier, 1910). Contents as above, but Aberystwyth and Carmarthen not included. 390 pages. [UCW Swansea W/DA 1364 PUR; also WGAS open shelves]

Swansea Directory. 1911-12, aka. *Purrier's Director*, (Swansea, Arthur Purrier, 1911). Contents as above, but Aberystwyth and Carmarthen not included. 279 pages. [UCW Swansea W/DA 1364 PUR]

Swansea & District Directory 1913-4, aka. *Purrier's Directory*, (Swansea, Arthur Purrier, 1913). Contents as above, with new section on Law, but Aberystwyth and Carmarthen not included in trades sections. 488 pages [UCW Swansea W/DA 1364 PUR]

Vaughan's Swansea Year Book, (published by W. Morris Vaughan, Swansea, 1911). Includes tide tables, almanac, etc., with official and general information, reference sections, chronicle of local events, advertisements, etc. [UCW Swansea W/DA 1364 PAM; W/DA 1364 (LL.B) comprises the years 1889-90, 1892, 1897, 1899, 1901, 1908-8, 1910, 1913]

John Wright & Co.'s Swansea and Llanelly Directory: together with Neath, Port Talbot, Briton Ferry and surrounding district 1889-90, (Bristol, 1889). Contains street map of Swansea and map of the district, corporation and general information, PO, harbour, tide table, etc., and alphabetical street directory with names of occupants, some with occupations, directory of villas and detached houses, professional sections, hotels and public houses with names of proprietors, etc. Index and contents page. 352 pages, excluding advertisements. [UCW Swansea W/DA 1364 WRI]

Wright's Annual Reference Book: The Year Book of Swansea and District, (A. C. Wright, Swansea, various dates). Official and public information, travel, banks, theatres, clubs, PO, ecclesiastical information, etc., with photographs of local notables, stories, record of local events during the year (to July only as pages missing), adverts and index, c. 200p. [Issues 1902-4, 1906-8, 1912, 1914, 1916 held at UCW Swansea W/DA 1364 WRI (LL.B); issue 1911 held in W/DA 1364 WRI PAM]

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Miscellaneous publications:

A Greater Swansea, (Swansea, 1912). A series of articles compiled by W. St John Hancock on future of Swansea, reprinted from *Cambria Daily Leader*, 1912. [UCW Swansea W/DA1361 HAN PAM; also WGAS open shelves]

Mumbles Railway Acts, 1804, 1882; Swansea Tramway Acts, 1874, 1878, 1897; Swansea Gas Orders, 1830, 1861, 1888, 1898, 1911. Bound volume (London, n.d.). [UCW Swansea W/DA 1360 Rare Books]

Pamphlets of Local Interest, n.d. Includes accounts and minutes of GWR, 1834; Neath and Swansea Canal and Swansea West Docks, 1824; Proceedings of the fund for obviating copper smoke, 1833; etc. [UCW Swansea W/FX 12 PAM Rare Books]

The Land We Live In: A Pictorial and Literary Sketch Book of the British Empire, Part XXXIX: South Wales and its Mineral Wealth, (London, 1851). Description of South Wales, its principal towns, landscape and industry, particularly the copper works at Swansea, with maps and drawings. [UCW Swansea W/DA 1328 LAN PAM]

MANUSCRIPT MATERIAL

South Wales Transport and predecessor companies (Mumbles Railway and Pier Company, Swansea and Mumbles Railway Company, Swansea Improvements and Tramways Company), accounts, correspondence, deeds and plans 1838-1980 (1995/17)

Public Health in mid-Victorian Wales: Correspondence from the Principality to the General Board of Health and the Local Government Act Office, 1848-71. Transcribed and edited with an introduction by A. H Williams (1983). Three volumes, with material relating to public health in Swansea in Vol. 3, pp. 1252-1377 (ref. 178/1-40), dates cover period 30/09/1848-13/10/1868. Originals held at the National Archives, Kew (MH13) [UCW Swansea; also UCW Aberystwyth Celt RA248.2.P9 Oto]

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NATIONAL ARCHIVES KEW

MANUSCRIPT MATERIAL

Swansea Harbour Records, c. 1889-1910, contained in NA Kew, Series HLG and BT

Bound volume of Local Government Board papers relating to sanitation and public health and improvement of Swansea, 1848-1871. [MH13/178. Duplicates in NLW Swansea].

Swansea Canal Navigation Co. Records: Miscellaneous records of the Swansea Canal Navigation Company. Records of the pre-nationalisation railway companies, pre-nationalisation canal and related. Date range: 1790 - 1918. [RAIL 876]

Swansea Vale Railway Co. Records: Minutes of Board and general meetings, accountants' records and petitions against the Swansea Vale Railway Bill, 1841 - 1876. [RAIL 679]

Swansea Vale Railway Co. Records: Ystalyfera Iron Company, Thomas Morgan (farmer, Cwrntawe) David Williams (farmer, Ynisygemon), Thomas Walters (colliery proprietor and coal and iron merchant, Swansea), Mark Picton (of Ynisygemon) and David Hill (coal merchant, Swansea) (land owners). Date: 1853. [RAIL 679/55]

Swansea Valley Railway Co. Records: Minutes of directors' meetings, draft agreement for sale of Swansea Vale Railway Company to the company and opinions on the shareholders' quorum and purchase. Date range: 1847 - 1853. [RAIL 680]

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OTHER REPOSITORIES**PRINTED MATERIAL****Tourist guides:**

The Tourist's companion in Swansea, the Mumbles and Gower: a guide for strangers (Swansea, Cambrian office, 1870) [UCW Bangor]

The Tourist's companion in Swansea, the Mumbles and Gower: a guide for strangers (Swansea, Cambrian office, 1871) [UCW Cardiff]

The tourist's companion in Swansea, Mumbles, and Gower: a guide for strangers (Swansea, Daily Leader office, 1891) [UCW Cardiff]

Miscellaneous publications:

Companion for the steam-packet, in excursions to Chepstow, Newport, Swansea, Ilfracombe, Tenby, and their vicinities, (John Evans, Bristol, Philip Rose, 1824) [UCW Cardiff RSLP]

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ONLINE SOURCES (NEWSPAPERS)**CAMBRIAN ONLINE INDEX****Arrivals, visitors' lists, accommodation, etc:**

Cambrian, 03 August 1805 Sir William and Lady Paxton and family, visitors to Swansea

Cambrian, 07 July 1810 Arrivals at Swansea include Lord and Lady Vernon.

Cambrian, 21 July 1810 Arrivals at Swansea include Sir Charles Morgan and Sir Wm. Mansel.

Cambrian, 28 July 1810 Arrivals at Swansea include Sir George and Lady Glyn.

Cambrian, 18 August 1810 Arrivals at Swansea include Sir John Nicholl.

Cambrian, 25 August 1810 Arrivals at Swansea include Sir B. Wray.

Cambrian, 24 May 1811 Arrivals at Swansea include Lord and Lady Dynevor.

Cambrian, 22 June 1811 Arrivals at Swansea

Cambrian, 06 July 1811 Arrivals at Swansea

Cambrian, 20 July 1811 Arrivals at Swansea

Cambrian, 27 July 1811 Arrivals at Swansea include Sir Charles Morgan.

Cambrian, 03 August 1811 Arrivals at Swansea including the Bishop of Waterford

Cambrian, 10 August 1811 Arrivals at Swansea

Cambrian, 31 August 1811 Arrivals at Swansea

Cambrian, 28 September 1811 Arrivals at Swansea

Cambrian, 29 June 1816 Arrivals at Swansea

Cambrian, 09 July 1825 Arrivals at Swansea include the Dean of Bangor

Cambrian, 23 July 1825 Arrivals at Swansea include Mr/Mrs Petherick.

Cambrian, 06 August 1825 Arrivals at Swansea include Lord and Lady Fortescue.

Cambrian, 10 September 1825 Arrivals at Swansea include Wyndham Lewis M.P.

Cambrian, 22 July 1826 Arrivals at Swansea include Sir Wm. de Crespigny.

Cambrian, 17 August 1839 Visitors to the theatre - during race week at Swansea

Cambrian, 12 July 1850 Mr. and Mrs. Watkin Powell arrive at Swansea, on the barque 'Ann Smith'.

Cambrian, 05 August 1853 Mackworth Arms Hotel has been refurbished by William Thomas, accommodation for visitors to Swansea

- Cambrian, 19 May 1854 Accommodation for visitors available at 2 Williams Terrace, Swansea.
- Cambrian, 03 September 1869 Visitors to the Mumbles stay at Southend Villas, Post Office, Alexandra Terrace and Bath House
- Cambrian, 10 September 1869 Visitors to the Mumbles stay at Cambrian Cottage, Osborne House, Roseland House, Claremont Villas, Underhill, Mermaid
- Cambrian, 17 September 1869 Arrivals at the Mumbles: Cheltenham visitors at the post office
- Cambrian, 24 September 1869 Mumbles visitors stay at Langland and Southend Villas, Sheffield Place, Beaufort Place
- Cambrian, 03 June 1870 Visitors at Mumbles - Mrs Martin and family, Swansea, stay at Sea-beach cottage
- Cambrian, 10 June 1870 Visitors to Mumbles - Mr. Jones, etc., at 2 Claremont Villas, Mr and Mrs Jones, 2 Somerset Place
- Cambrian, 24 June 1870 List of visitors to Mumbles, Bath Hotel, Rosehill Terrace.
- Cambrian, 01 July 1870 Visitors to Mumbles staying at church park, 5 Somerset place, 3 Commercial Place.
- Cambrian, 01 July 1870 Visitors to Mumbles, staying at Bath Hotel, Mermaid Hotel.
- Cambrian, 01 July 1870 Visitors to Mumbles - Mr. H. M. Gronow and Mr. Pierman, from Swansea, staying at Bath Hotel.
- Cambrian, 08 July 1870 Visitors to Mumbles - B. Williams family, Neath, at Earlsmore House.
- Cambrian, 08 July 1870 Visitors to Mumbles stay at Cliff Villa, Gilbert's Cliff, 6 Alexandra Terrace, Church Lane, the George, Langland House
- Cambrian, 22 July 1870 Visitors to Mumbles: -Mrs Fisher and family, Ystalyfera at Sheffield Place.
- Cambrian, 22 July 1870 Visitors to Mumbles stay at Castleton, Church Park Tce, Rotherslade, Langland Bay, Fern Cliff Villas, Caswell Bay Hotel, Underhill
- Cambrian, 05 August 1870 List of visitors at the Mumbles.
- Cambrian, 12 August 1870 List of visitors to the Mumbles.
- Cambrian, 02 September 1870 List of visitors to the Mumbles.
- Cambrian, 09 September 1870 Visitors to Mumbles: D. Smith Stroud, Mrs. Bush and family, Bath, at Sheffield Place. Rev. Calvert Jones, at Alexandra Tce.
- Cambrian, 09 September 1870 Visitors to Mumbles: T. Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Capper, Bristol, at 5 Castleton.
- Cambrian, 09 September 1870 Visitors to Mumbles: Mr. and Mrs. Tow, Downend; the Misses Tow, Clifton; Mr. and Mrs. Ladle, Newport; at Underhill.
- Cambrian, 23 September 1870 Mumbles: list of visitors at Madeira Villa; Church Park; 2 and 4 Claremont Villas; Langland Villas; Sheffield Place.
- Cambrian, 23 September 1870 Mumbles: list of visitors staying at 3, 4, 5, Somerset Place; Sea Beach Cottage; Commercial Place; Lansdown Place.
- Cambrian, 14 October 1870 Visitors at Mumbles: Miss Harrison, London, at 5 Castleton; Mr. C. W. Curtis, at 1 Langland Villas.
- Cambrian, 14 October 1870 Visitors at Mumbles: Mr and Mrs Gibbins and family, Neath, at Caswell Bay.
- Cambrian, 14 October 1870 Visitors at the Mumbles: Miss Irwin, Oxfordshire, at Church Terrace.
- Cambrian, 14 October 1870 Visitors at the Mumbles: Mrs. J. A. Williams, Brecknock, at Fern Cliff Villas.
- Cambrian, 16 June 1871 Visitors at 3 Church Terrace, Mumbles: Mr and Miss Home, from Clifton.

- Cambrian, 23 June 1871 Visitors staying at Mumbles: Mr. A. Griffiths, Mr. Hugh Griffiths, Mr. H. A. Griffiths, and Mrs. J. Fothergill, at Somerset Place.
- Cambrian, 23 June 1871 Visitors staying at Mumbles: Mrs. H. J. Parnall, of Newport, at Beaufort Place; Mr. and Mrs. Kemp, from Crewe, at Castleton.
- Cambrian, 30 June 1871 Visitors to 5 Norton Terrace: Robert Johnson and Mrs. Johnson; Rev. G. John and Mrs. John, China; Miss Allen, Llanelly.
- Cambrian, 01 September 1871 List of visitors to Mumbles at Castleton Place, Castleton Villas, Post Office, Mermaid and Langland Bay.
- Cambrian, 01 September 1871 List of visitors to Mumbles at South End Villas, Somerset Place, Church Park, Grove Cottage and Alexandra Terrace.
- Cambrian, 29 September 1871 List of visitors to Mumbles staying at Bath House, 5 Castleton, South End Villas, Langland Bay, Bath House Hotel, etc.
- Cambrian, 12 July 1872 Mumbles visitors at 4 Southend Villas, Beaufort Place, 5 Alexandra Terrace, Westbourne House, 5 Somerset Place.
- Cambrian, 12 July 1872 Mumbles visitors at Shortland, Ferncliffe Villas, Longfield, Overland House, Singlewood Cottage, Church Parks.
- Cambrian, 19 July 1872 Visitors at Roseland Villas, Mumbles: Rev. J. Whitehouse and family from Bath.
- Cambrian, 19 July 1872 Visitors at Roseland Villas, Mumbles: Sir John and Lady Morris, Clifton; Mr. John Luxmore and family, Newport.
- Cambrian, 26 July 1872 Visitors to Mumbles: Miss F. Guest, Clifton; Mr. J. Edwards, Gloucester; Mrs. Hobbs and family at Bath Hotel.
- Cambrian, 26 July 1872 Visitors to Mumbles: Mr. and Mrs. Whinfield at 5 Alexandra Tce; Mrs. Bradshaw and family at Hillside Cottage, Church Park.
- Cambrian, 26 July 1872 Visitors to Mumbles: Mr. C. Cullum and family, Mrs. and Miss Lilly at the Post Office.
- Cambrian, 26 July 1872 Visitors to Mumbles: Mrs. J. B. Evans, Cardiff at Mrs. Parsons, 1 Church Terrace. Mr. G. Snell at 4 Castleton
- Cambrian, 26 July 1872 Visitors to Mumbles: Rev. J. Morris, Bristol and Mr. F. Llewelyn, Mountain Ash at Newton. Mr. B. Wood, 2 Sheffield Place.
- Cambrian, 26 July 1872 Visitors to Mumbles: Mrs. Wilson and family from Cheltenham at Somerset House.
- Cambrian, 02 August 1872 Mumbles visitors at South End Villas, Mr and Mrs Llewelyn, brewer, family of Dan-y-Graig; Mr and Miss Williams, Maesweddend
- Cambrian, 02 august 1872 Mumbles visitors Mrs and Misses Mackenzie at Church Park Terrace, Mr. and Mrs. Parsons at Caswell Bay Hotel.
- Cambrian, 16 august 1872 Visitors to Mumbles: Mr. and Mrs. Sercold at Osborne Cottage, Langland Bay.
- Cambrian, 16 August 1872 Visitors to Mumbles: Miss A. E. Harry, Miss M.. Wareham (London) and Miss Gwyot (Amsterdam), at 2 Castleton Terrace.
- Cambrian, 16 August 1872 Visitors to Mumbles: Rev. R. Williams at 1 Landsdowne Place; Mr. Wood and the Misses Wood, at 4 Somerset Place.
- Cambrian, 30 August 1872 Visitors to Mumbles - Mr. P. A. Williams and family (Abertillery) and Mr. A. Williams (Caerleon) at 6 Alexandra Terrace.
- Cambrian, 30 August 1872 Visitors to Mumbles: Mr. and Mrs Hamel, Miss Hamel (all of London), Mr. Clare, Mrs. Mackenzie and family - at Bath Hotel.
- Cambrian, 20 September 1872 Visitors to Mumbles: Mrs Bond, Commercial House
- Cambrian, 20 September 1872 Visitors to Mumbles: Mr and Mrs Blomfieldjarcas, Birchgrove; Mr Matthews and family, Clifton, Burrows Cottage
- Cambrian, 25 April 1873 Crawshaw Bailey and family and Count and Countess Metaxe from London are visitors at 6 Alexandra Terrace, Mumbles. Other visitors to Mumbles: Mr and Mrs Pollard and family, Lady Whymper, F.H. Whymper and Miss Hayes are at Bath Hotel; Mr A Glover, N. Staffordshire, at 3 Southend Villas; Mr and

Mrs A. V. Morris & Miss Leach, Pontainman, at 4 Southend Villas; Mrs Fulton and the Misses Dunlop from Cardiff and Bristol at Caswell Hotel; Miss L. Downes & Miss Peck from Suffolk, at Roseland Terrace.

Cambrian, 18 July 1873 Visitors at Mumbles: Mr and Mrs H. B. Gibbins from Neath at 5 Southend Villas.

Cambrian, 18 July 1873 Visitors at the Mumbles: Miss Moore and Miss Nellie More, at 1 Rose Hill Villas.

Cambrian, 18 July 1873 Visitors at the Mumbles: Miss Saunders, Kingston, Bristol; Miss Clement, West Park, Clifton at 4 Rock Terrace.

Cambrian, 18 July 1873 Visitors at the Mumbles: Mr H. Fear and family and Mrs Stowe and family at Langland Villas.

Cambrian, 18 July 1873 Visitors to Mumbles: Mrs Wason and family and Mrs Edwards at 3 Somerset Place.

Cambrian, 24 July 1874 Visitors at Castleton, Mumbles: Admiral and Mrs Fisher and family, Clifton; J. R. Grindon and family, Bristol; Misses Horsford.

Cambrian, 24 July 1874 Visitors at Mumbles: Canon Morris, Clifton, at Langland Bay; Mrs Cardeux and Miss Carder, at Langland Villas.

Cambrian 24 July 1874 Visitors at Mumbles: L. Harris and family, Merthyr, at Langland Hill Cottage, and J. R. Vincent at Redding Cottage.

Cambrian, 24 July 1874 Visitors at Mumbles: Miss M. W. Jones and H. A. Griffiths, Pembroke College Oxford at the Croft and Miss Lowder at Dunns.

Cambrian, 24 July 1874 Visitors at Mumbles: Mr Young, Newport, at Mount View. Mrs Watkins and Mrs Goodwin, Abergavenny, at 2 Fern Cliff Villas.

Cambrian, 24 July 1874 Visitors at Mumbles: Mrs and Miss E. J. Woodward, Worcester, at Bath House. Mr Dauncey, Pontypool at 3 Somerset Place.

Cambrian, 24 July 1874 Visitors at Mumbles: Mrs Hytheway and family at Newton Villa, and Misses Honywill, London, at Somerset Place.

Cambrian, 24 July 1874 Visitors at Mumbles: Mrs Overton, Merthyr at 2 Rock Terrace and Mrs Fisher and family, Ystalyfera, at 4 Claremont Terrace.

Cambrian, 24 July 1874 Visitors at Mumbles: Mrs Rees, Abergavenny, at 5 Sheffield Place and E. James and family, Abergavenny, at Rose Cottage.

Cambrian, 24 July 1874 Visitors at Mumbles: Mrs Horsford and family, Abergavenny, at South End Villas; James Williams, Ystalyfera; Mrs Pullen, Powick.

Cambrian, 07 August 1874 Mumbles visitors: Miss George St. Pierre, from London, at Bath Hotel.

Cambrian, 07 August 1874 Mumbles visitors: Messrs. H. Hall, J. Overton, T. Morson at Mermaid Hotel; Mr H. Eliot and family, Church Park

Attractions and entertainments:

Cambrian 09 June 1804 Celebrations of the King's birthday: public breakfast at Grogan's Bathing House.

Cambrian 15 September 1804 Ball at the Bathing Hotel Swansea.

Cambrian 01 June 1805 C. Grogan advertises public breakfast for King's birthday at boarding and bathing hotel.

Cambrian, 03 August 1811 Swansea theatre a visitors report and review of the emperor of conjurors and programme, 2 items.

Cambrian, 09 July 1831 Assembly Rooms Swansea: promenade ball, 2 items.

Cambrian, 31 October 1840 Musical promenade at the Assembly Rooms, Swansea., 2 items.

Cambrian, 07 November 1840 Musical promenade and foreign bazaar at Swansea Assembly Rooms.

Cambrian, 10 July 1841 The Euterpeon and Queen Victoria's christening gown at the

- lounge and promenade Swansea, 2 items.
- Cambrian, 24 July 1841 Lounge and promenade Temple Street, Swansea. 2 items.
- Cambrian, 31 July 1841 Messrs Mier's lounge and promenade, Swansea, report and advertisement. 2 items.
- Cambrian, 07 August 1841 The lounge and promenade Swansea, arrival of Chinese automaton juggler. 2 items.
- Cambrian, 22 October 1842 Attractions to visitors at Pontneathvaughan.
- Cambrian, 06 July 1844 Sherman's promenade concerts and fancy sale assembly rooms Swansea. 2 items.
- Cambrian, 03 July 1846 White and Melville's musical promenade at Ffynone nursery gardens.
- Cambrian, 31 July 1846 Messrs white and Melville, musical promenade, at Ffynone - report.
- Cambrian, 07 August 1846 White and Melville, musical promenade at the Nursery gardens Ffynone. 2 items.
- Cambrian, 14 August 1846 Musical promenade at Messrs White and Melville's gardens, Ffynone, Swansea. - report
- Cambrian, 04 September 1846 Messrs White and Melville's musical promenade - Ffynone, Swansea
- Cambrian, 11 June 1847 White and Melville, public tea and musical promenade, the Pavilion, Swansea.
- Cambrian, 02 July 1847 Messrs White and Melville's musical promenade at their nursery grounds.
- Cambrian, 02 July 1847 Musical promenade: Mr Williams and sons play.
- Cambrian, 09 July 1847 Messrs White and Melville's third musical promenade - report.
- Cambrian, 30 July 1847 Messrs White and Melville's musical promenade.
- Cambrian, 20 August 1847 Musical promenade at White and Mellville's Ffynone gardens
- Cambrian, 21 July 1848 Musical promenade at White and Melville's nursery grounds
- Cambrian, 11 August 1848 Musical promenade at White and Melville's nursery, Swansea.
- Cambrian, 18 August 1848 Supplement re British Association – ordinaries regatta/promenade/soiree.
- Cambrian, 06 June 1851 Swansea nursery gardens (W. White) - Swansea promenade band
- Cambrian, 15 August 1851 Swansea promenade brass band and excursion on the Haswell steamer to Tenby.
- Cambrian, 31 July 1857 Promenade concert: Kilvey choral society; choirs of Landore and Kilvey
- Cambrian, 31 July 1857 Report on promenade concert held at Maesteg House, to raise funds for Kilvey church organ.
- Cambrian, 22 January 1858 People's promenade concert to celebrate princess royal's wedding.
- Cambrian, 20 May 1859 Promenade concerts at Swansea with Mr Hallam's brass band
- Cambrian, 01 July 1859 Mr Hallam's brass band promenade concert at Heathfield, Swansea.
- Cambrian, 17 November 1865 Swansea music hall: Scarborough promenade band give a performance of excellence.
- Cambrian, 09 February 1866 Music hall, Swansea: soiree with vocal and instrumental

music, readings and promenade etc.

Cambrian, 27 July 1866 Swansea Regatta: new pier used to view, S. Benson re pier at regatta ordinary.

Cambrian, 07 December 1866 Swansea promenade band concert with president, J. Paddon

Cambrian, 28 December 1866 Swansea promenade band concert at music hall

Cambrian, 01 March 1867 Military concert for G. A. Webb, at music hall, 3rd G.R.V. bandmaster and promenade bands, 25 Feb

Cambrian, 31 May 1867 Promenade band gives first performance, near new church, Walter St.,

Cambrian, 07 June 1867 1st performance of Swansea promenade band near St. James's church, Ffynone.

Cambrian, 14 June 1867 2nd out-door performance by promenade band, at Walter St.

Cambrian, 21 June 1867 Swansea promenade band - report on 3rd performance at the pier.

Cambrian, 28 June 1867 Swansea promenade band: report of performance at Heathfield.

Cambrian, 05 July 1867 Swansea promenade band: details of programme at Heathfield.

Cambrian, 12 July 1867 Swansea promenade band: performances at new pier extension

Cambrian, 19 July 1867 Swansea promenade band - details of programme for near Richmond Villas, Ffynone.

Cambrian, 02 August 1867 Swansea promenade band: details of programme for performance near St. James's Church.

Cambrian, 09 August 1867 Swansea promenade band to perform at Mumbles.

Cambrian, 16 August 1867 Swansea promenade band - details of programme for performance near St. James's Church.

Cambrian, 16 August 1867 Swansea promenade band perform at Llanelly horticultural show.

Cambrian, 06 September 1867 Swansea promenade band - report on recent performances and details of programme.

Cambrian, 13 September 1867 Swansea promenade band - performances, W.S.Saunders leader.

Cambrian, 27 September 1867 Swansea promenade band - brief review of recent performances.

Cambrian, 29 November 1867 Swansea promenade band - to give concert at music hall, December 2nd.

Cambrian, 01 July 1870 Promenade band at Briton Ferry Road

Cambrian, 01 September 1871 Grand promenade concert on September 7, by the band of the 13th regiment of light infantry 'Prince Albert's Own'.

Cambrian, 10 July 1874 Notice: 2nd monthly yacht match from Swansea pier.

Cambrian, 21 August 1874 Swansea Regatta 'Prince of Wales' paddle steamer will accompany races.

Cambrian, 28 August 1874 Swansea regatta: brass band of Royal Glamorgan artillery militia play on the promenade.

Cambrian, 04 September 1874 Promenade concert in Cwmdonkin New Park by Glamorgan artillery volunteer band.

Cambrian, 25 September 1874 Statement of account for Swansea promenade concert.

Cambrian, 30 October 1874 Swansea promenade concerts subscription from Swansea

castle hotel.

Cambrian, 18 June 1875 Swansea bay view recreation grounds to open, promenade, skating rinks, billiard rooms, skittle alleys.

Cambrian, 27 August 1875 Swansea regatta and pilot boat race, start outside the pier.

Cambrian, 24 September 1875 Promenade concert by Swansea town band at bay-view recreation grounds.

Cambrian, 01 October 1875 Swansea bay-view recreation grounds: promenade concert by the Swansea town band.

Cambrian, 28 July 1876 Swansea flower show to be held at cricket field, St Helen's. Also a promenade concert.

Cambrian, 06 October 1876 Instrumental concert at Theatre Royal, Temple Street, by Cheltenham promenade band

Cambrian, 20 October 1876 Cheltenham promenade band concert at Theatre Royal, Temple Street.

Cambrian, 01 June 1877 The camera obscura on Castle Buildings is open to the public every fine day.

Cambrian, 25 May 1888 Sir H. H. Vivian and J. T. D. Llewelyn attend the garden promenade and fancy fair at the agricultural hall, Swansea

Cambrian, 10 August 1888 Mumbles local board. Wombwell's Menagerie, application for ground on promenade.

Cambrian, 21 September 1888 Mumbles local board. Duke of Beaufort and shows on the promenade.

WM, 14 July 1902 Brass band association competitions held on Mumbles pier

WM, 16 June 1904 William Doherty, Mermaid Inn, Port Tennant, describes his swim from Swansea to Mumbles pier.

WM, 12 July 1904 Royal visit: 1200 Bluejackets from the naval escort to be landed at Mumbles pier and march along the processional route

WM, 01 August 1904 Manchester choir give concert on Mumbles pier.

WM, 27 August 1904 Professor Doherty, Swansea swam from Swansea to Mumbles pier, may swim it again against Holbein or Haggerty.

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Bathing: includes references to fatalities, facilities, misdemeanours, bathing machines, etc.

Cambrian 19 May 1804 Bathing machines near the Burrows, Swansea.

Cambrian 19 May 1804 Sea bathing advertised, Swansea Hotel.

Cambrian 22 September 1804 To be let the Bathing House, Swansea.

Cambrian 22 September 1804 W. Turton, High St, treatise on hot and cold baths available from libraries, bathing houses

Cambrian 25 May 1805 Bathing: due to fine weather, bathing season starts early - L.Mawbey's bathing machines.

Cambrian 03 August 1805 W. Jorden - new shower-bath added to bathing room at Swansea Burrows.

Cambrian 21 September 1805 For sale-boarding and bathing hotel: apply Chas. Grogan or S. Llewellyn, auctioneer, Swansea

Cambrian 28 September 1805 Boarding and bathing hotel (with complete billiard table) also field adjoining - Charles Grogan.

Cambrian 17 May 1806 Advert: sea bathing machines available for hire - E. Mawbey, Swansea.

Cambrian 07 June 1806 Death notice: Mr Hatton former proprietor of the bathing house Swansea

- Cambrian 02 May 1807 Kate Rosser's sea-bathing machines, Swansea
- Cambrian, 15 August 1807 Advert for bathing house, Swansea.
- Cambrian 05 September 1807 Caution to young men bathing in Swansea
- Cambrian 03 October 1807 Bathing house, Swansea, details of facilities and list of rates.
- Cambrian 03 October 1807 Bathing house, Swansea: machinery for bathing - terms of lodgings
- Cambrian 10 October 1807 Advert for L. Mawbey's bathing machines - informing public why he dismissed Kate Rosser.
- Cambrian 17 October 1807 Advert: Catherine Rosser's bathing machines - 3 machines procured for use by public.
- Cambrian 31 October 1807 Bathing machines for sale - apply S. Mawbey, Swansea.
- Cambrian 26 March 1808 Advert: Catherine Rosser sets up 9 new bathing machines in Swansea.
- Cambrian 14 May 1808 Swansea: Catherine Rosser advertises new bathing machines.
- Cambrian 11 June 1808 Start of bathing in Swansea delayed due to cold weather
- Cambrian 18 June 1808 The bathing house Swansea ready to receive visitors - list of terms
- Cambrian 17 September 1808 Bathing hotel Swansea-for sale, apply Mr. Tobin in residence.
- Cambrian 20 May 1809 Catherine Rosser bathing machines
- Cambrian 10 June 1809 Advert: bathing house, Swansea. Board and lodging, bathing machines available.
- Cambrian 15 July 1809 Bathing house, Swansea, accommodation to let.
- Cambrian 05 August 1809 Advert: bathing house, Swansea house fitted for board and lodging, also two cottages.
- Cambrian 05 August 1809 Treatise on cold and hot baths by W. Turton at Swansea Libraries and bathing house.
- Cambrian 02 June 1810 Bathing house, Swansea. bathing machines to let or sell. apply C. Bowen, jun. Swansea.
- Cambrian 16 June 1810 Bathing house Swansea ready for visitors
- Cambrian 23 June 1810 Advert: the bathing house, Swansea, now open.
- Cambrian 21 July 1810 Bathing house, Swansea: drinks available for local residents.
- Cambrian 15 September 1810 Caution to bathers against the carelessness of bathing machine drivers in Swansea
- Cambrian 27 October 1810 Bathing house Swansea: accommodation for rent till next march - proprietor Mr. A. Pearce.
- Cambrian 20 February 1811 Bathing season at Swansea, visitors arrive.
- Cambrian 18 May 1811 Catherine Rosser, bathing machines, Swansea.
- Cambrian 25 May 1811 Bathing house, Swansea, A. Pierce, proprietor.
- Cambrian 01 June 1811 Advert: bathing house, Swansea. prop. A. Pierce.
- Cambrian 19 October 1811 For sale: bathing house, Swansea, apply Mr Reed, Castle Bailey Street, Swansea.
- Cambrian 08 August 1812 Bathing house Swansea
- Cambrian 15 August 1812 Bathing house Swansea public table
- Cambrian 29 May 1813 Auction of furniture and bathing machines from the

bathing house, Swansea.

Cambrian 26 June 1813 For auction: household effects and bathing machines from Swansea's bathing house.

Cambrian 31 May 1817 Complaints about 'the common and indecent practice of persons bathing so near western pier', suggest police take action

Cambrian 05 January 1822 For disposal of the unexpired part of a lease of a public bathing house on the Burrows

Cambrian 05 July 1823 Letter of complaint about people bathing in Swansea without a machine.

Cambrian 21 July 1827 Warning against indecent bathing at Swansea

Cambrian 31 May 1828 Norton Lodge and Bathing House. apply to Mr R. Evans no.8. Castle Street, Swansea.

Cambrian 04 July 1829 Person to be appointed at Swansea beach for patrol to ensure bathing machines are used

Cambrian 19 June 1841 Charles Gallandant - Cassina lodging house and sea bathing Swansea and Mumbles

Cambrian 04 September 1841 Fox a blind sailor drowns while bathing at Swansea

Cambrian 25 May 1844 Swansea police committee. P.C. James report. re Mr Stiffe and bathing from the sands.

Cambrian 08 June 1844 Complaints re young boys using a boat near the bathing machines at Swansea.

Cambrian 22 June 1844 Swansea police committee, the sands, policeman, Mr Stiffe, bathing and bathing machines.

Cambrian 03 August 1844 Inquest, William Rose, hawker, drowned while bathing at Swansea.

Cambrian 21 September 1844 Swansea police committee discuss bathing machines, and public bathing.

Cambrian 14 August 1846 Death notice: Kate Rosser, attendant of the bathing machines, Swansea, aged 89.

Cambrian 21 May 1847 Swansea docks bill and bathing machines near the pier.

Cambrian 06 August 1847 Swansea paving commissioners: re bathing on the sea shore.

Cambrian 12 May 1848 Report of bathing in Swansea.

Cambrian 23 June 1848 Swansea police: John Jones charged with bathing near the infirmary.

Cambrian 08 June 1849 Bathing session at Swansea - report.

Cambrian 28 June 1850 Swansea: PC Rees -v- Joshua Evans, David Lodwick, David Thomas - bathing

Cambrian 28 June 1850 Swansea: Griffith Davies and John Owen charged with bathing on the ladies beach.

Cambrian 19 July 1850 Swansea police: PC Rees -v- David Jenkins - throwing stones at bathing machines.

Cambrian 19 July 1850 Bathing on Swansea sands: Mr Bowen, bathing machines and sand constables.

Cambrian, 04 July 1851 Death notices: William Saunders, printer at Llandoverly, while bathing

Cambrian 27 May 1853 Letter to editor re nude bathing near pier

Cambrian 22 July 1853 Inquest: Mrs. Ann Richards, Tredegar (died bathing for health) - James Griffiths Hall House surgeon, Swansea infirmary.

Cambrian 22 June 1855 Bathing season begins at Swansea, report ladies machines.

Cambrian 06 July 1855 Swansea local board of health, lime stones wanted near the

bathing house.

Cambrian 20 July 1855 Swansea town council, beach policemen patrol at bathing times.

Cambrian 08 August 1856 Swansea police court: Superintendent Tate, and charges re. bathing near infirmary sands

Cambrian 08 August 1856 Warning regarding bathing in Swansea, and inquests on drowning

Cambrian 03 July 1857 Wm. Drew, 30, charged with undressing on sands without using a bathing machine, 5s costs.

Cambrian 10 July 1857 Swansea police: Edward Bevan, remanded for exposing himself whilst bathing near pier head.

Cambrian 17 July 1857 Swansea police: John Griffiths and John Jenkins charged with bathing near Liverpool Wharf.

Cambrian 18 September 1857 Swansea police: Bartholomew Dewsbury, William Allen, guilty of charge of bathing in float.

Cambrian 18 September 1857 Swansea police: Frederick Copus and Richard Austin, guilty of of bathing in float.

Cambrian 25 September 1857 Swansea police: two boys, John Squire and Charles Clarke charged re bathing in the new dock.

Cambrian, 04 June 1858 Letter to editor re. men bathing naked, without machines, at Swansea.

Cambrian, 20 August 1858 Swansea Watch Committee: complaints re. bathing opposite the esplanade.

Cambrian, 27 August 1858 12 year old son of David Thomas drowned while bathing near western pier, Swansea.

Cambrian, 27 May 1859 Bathing season - rubbish deposited on Swansea sands.

Cambrian, 15 July 1859 Swansea inquest evidence - Daniel Benson, bathing machine proprietor.

Cambrian, 09 March 1860 For sale: 23 bathing machines, apply Daniel Benson, Oystermouth Road, Swansea.

Cambrian, 21 December 1860 Swansea Town Council-Thos. Rees questions effects of a new railway upon bathing and the sands

Cambrian, 05 July 1861 Notice: sea bathing and Llanelly and Vale of Towy railways.

Cambrian, 15 August 1862 Swansea Corporation: bathing machines and police vigilance discussed.

Cambrian, 21 August 1863 Neath: sea bathing facilitated by Swansea and Neath railway.

Cambrian, 10 June 1864 David Walters-drowned in Swansea Bay using Mr Harries bathing machine, Dan. Benson, proprietor.

Cambrian, 12 May 1865 Article re refuse and rubbish on the sands at beginning of bathing season.

Cambrian, 04 August 1865 Swansea magistrates discuss the insult to women of nude bathing in north dock, on the Sabbath.

Cambrian, 08 June 1866 Letter of complaint re men and boys bathing at the sands without using bathing machines.

Cambrian, 13 July 1866 Editorial: bathing on sands: men not supplied with bathing dresses: indecent displays.

Cambrian, 31 August 1866 Inquest: Roger Lemning, coachman to Mr. Coffin, 33, drowned bathing in Langland Bay.

Cambrian, 05 April 1867 Cheltenham Examiner - regarding the new sea bathing infirmary at Swansea, Miss Nightingale approves.

Cambrian, 05 July 1867 Swansea police: Eliz. Williams -v- Cath. Owen both bathing

machine keepers, abusive language

Cambrian, 02 August 1867 11 yr. old son of J. McCulloch, the Lion Stores, Castle Sq., drowns while bathing on sands.

Cambrian, 15 May 1868 Letter re planned public baths for Swansea and Swansea's sea-bathing facilities.

Cambrian, 10 July 1868 Article on bathing at Swansea.

Cambrian, 11 December 1868 Editorial re plans to duct sewage onto beach at Swansea: threat to bathing on the sands.

Cambrian, 15 January 1869 Swansea Board of Health, discuss damages to town as a bathing resort from sewer to the sands.

Cambrian, 16 July 1869 Letter critical of ladies bathing dresses following Miss Colston's death at Langland.

Cambrian, 16 July 1869 Swansea Corporation: complaints re. bathing from the pier head and 'scenes of indecency'.

Cambrian, 30 July 1869 Swansea police: Charles Stuart, lad, charged re bathing without machine or tent.

Cambrian, 30 July 1869 Swansea police: James Smith -v- Daniel Benson, keeper of bathing machines, offensive language.

Cambrian, 22 July 1870 Inquest on William James, who drowned whilst bathing in the new cut - accidental death.

Cambrian, 03 May 1872 Letter regarding the benefits of bathing at Mr. Roger's public baths, Swansea.

Cambrian, 12 July 1872 Swansea police: Mary Ann Stratten and PC. Samuel Morris, witnesses in case of theft from a bathing machine.

Cambrian, 12 July 1872 Swansea police: stays belonging to Eliza Wignall, Western Street, Swansea, stolen from bathing machine by Emma Clark.

Cambrian, 29 August 1873 Letter complains bathing boxes located at beach by open sewer, by Christchurch, slimy filth.

Cambrian, 15 May 1874 Swansea council; usual notices about bathing regulations on the sands.

Cambrian, 17 December 1875 Tirade about desecration of Swansea bathing place by dredging, ballast, household filth

Cambrian, 14 July 1876 Sarah Gibbs, of Mysydd Street, Swansea, gaoled for sleeping in a bathing machine.

Cambrian, 21 July 1876 Swansea police: charge deposition soil on sands near bathing machines, complaint: Ebenezer Davies, medical officer of health

Cambrian, 21 July 1876 Swansea police: charge of deposition of soil on sands, witness statement by Mr Benson, bathing machine proprietor.

Cambrian, 28 July 1876 George Collins fatality, proprietor of bathing machines, Daniel Benson of Trafalgar Tce., examination of child by Dr. Davies

Cambrian, 18 August 1876 Long item about bathing, bathing machines and need for public baths and swimming club in Swansea.

Cambrian, 25 August 1876 Letter from E. S. Roberts regarding Sunday bathing - four other unsigned letters on the subject.

Cambrian, 30 August 1878 Fatal bathing accident at Caswell results in death of John Talbot Dillwyn Llewelyn, of Ynisgerwn - inquest report.

Cambrian, 14 September 1883 Drowned whilst bathing at Langland, Alice Maud, aged 12, child of T.P. Gwillim, of Underhill, Mumbles.

Cambrian, 22 June 1888 Swansea council: regulations re bathing at Swansea.

Cambrian, 06 July 1888 Swansea police court., William Thomas, 39, Bathurst Street, bathing without a machine.

Cambrian, 13 July 1888 Editorial re prevention of boating and bathing accidents at

Swansea and Mumbles.

Cambrian, 03 August 1888 Swansea police court.. William Steele and John Jones, Williams Place, bathing without machine.

Cambrian, 10 August 1888 Lady nearly drowns while bathing in ladies bay at Langland Bay.

Cambrian, 11 October 1889 Advert: Langland Bay Hotel, Mumbles, now open for reception of visitors - bathing and lawn tennis.

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Excursions and travel:

Cambrian 25 April 1812 Sutton's Hotel, Ilfracombe, William Reeves. Packets twice weekly to and from Swansea.

Cambrian, 12 July 1850 Brewster's Cambrian travellers guide - railway ship and coach time tables, Swansea.

Cambrian, 02 April 1852 Vale of Neath Railway: advert by Jos. Williams re tourist trains.

Cambrian, 03 August 1855 Letter from John Bevan, Caer Street, Swansea re excursions to the town.

Cambrian, 29 May 1857 South Wales, Vale of Neath, G. Western Railways, 'Lord Beresford' steamer trip to Ilfracombe.

Cambrian, 10 July 1857 Excursion: Oxwich Bay & Penrice Castle by steamer 'Neath Abbey' July 11 - permission to tour grounds from C.R.M.Talbot.

Cambrian, 24 July 1857 South Wales Railway - details of tourist tickets to Killarney & South Ireland

Cambrian, 31 July 1857 Excursion from Ilfracombe to Swansea on board the ' Prince of Wales'.

Cambrian, 02 September 1859 South Wales, Vale of Neath etc., railways - Houlston's tourist trains.

Cambrian, 25 May 1860 Mumbles pleasure trips daily on the yacht 'E. S. Peachy'. Advert.

Cambrian, 12 June 1863 Summer tourist arrangements, details of tickets and destinations.

Cambrian, 10 July 1863 South Wales railways: tourist tickets to Ireland, Limerick and Killarney.

Cambrian, 08 January 1864 Swansea and Oystermouth railway co. bill: erection of pier at Oystermouth for rail traffic.

Cambrian, 08 July 1864 Report: publication of Great Western tourist arrangements for summer, excursions.

Cambrian, 14 May 1869 Increased facilities on Oystermouth railway for tourists and Mumbles residents.

Cambrian, 03 June 1870 Notice: Great Western Railway - monthly tourist tickets, England and Wales.

Cambrian, 25 November 1870 Bristol Mercury, regarding extension from Blackpill to Mumbles, of railway line and Mumbles pier.

Cambrian, 29 May 1874 Whit Monday: 35 people in one craft over 'uninteresting and dirty road from Morriston'.

Cambrian, 29 May 1874 Whit Monday: townsfolk by steamer to Ilfracombe, Clovelly and Tenby, or by road to lonely villages of Gower and Mumbles.

Cambrian, 05 June 1874 Pleasure trip Swansea to Bristol on 'Prince of Wales' & 'Velindra'

Cambrian, 26 June 1874 Cheap excursion from Swansea to Ilfracombe & Clovelly on 'Velindra'.

Cambrian, 24 July 1874 Excursion on 'Velindra' 28-30 July to Weston-Super-Mare

for East Somerset athletic sports.

Cambrian, 07 August 1874 Editorial: Mumbles as a watering place. Proposed railway from Blackpill to Mumbles Head.

Cambrian, 14 August 1874 London & N. W. Railway excursion over new route, picturesque scenery.

Cambrian, 28 August 1874 Account of J.W. Pockett's excursion from Swansea to Ilfracombe, Barnstaple and Exeter.

Cambrian, 04 September 1874 200 employers of Gloucester Wagon Works go on outing to Parkmill

Cambrian, 04 September 1874 Cheap excursions on 'Velindra' to various Devon ports.

Cambrian, 11 September 1874 Excursion from Swansea to Tenby on 'Prince of Wales' paddle steamer.

Cambrian, 26 March 1875 John Grove will run an omnibus Porteynon, Reynoldston, Parkmill, Sketty, to Swansea 3 times a week, tourist opportunity.

Cambrian, 07 May 1875 Excursion to Bristol for Lansdown races at Bath on 'Velindra'.

Cambrian, 01 October 1875 Account of trip to Worm's Head from Swansea by the steamer 'Flying Cloud' (Captain Rosser Rosser) - in poor weather.

Cambrian, 30 June 1876 Marine excursion on 'Velindra' on Saturday from Swansea to Rhosilli, returning by moonlight.

Cambrian, 07 July 1876 Excursion (July 10th): paddle passenger steamer 'Prince of Wales' (E. Jackson, commander), Gower Coast & Tenby.

Cambrian, 14 July 1876 Forthcoming excursions by the 'Velindra' from Swansea - to Oxwich Bay and Ilfracombe.

Cambrian, 08 June 1877 Excursion on 'Velindra', Captain William Pockett, to Ilfracombe and Plymouth, fares quoted.

Cambrian, 06 July 1877 Piece taken from 'the Echo' about an excursion to Ystradvelte.

Cambrian, 18 May 1877 Letter advocating the building of a railway to the pier at Mumbles and development of Bracelet Bay for tourism.

Cambrian, 13 January 1888 Proposed railway and pier at the Mumbles - report.

Cambrian, 23 November 1888 Mumbles railway and pier, parliamentary notice and editorial.

Cambrian, 07 December 1888 Oystermouth local board, new pier and railway scheme.

Cambrian, 23 August 1889 Opposition to Mumbles railway and pier bill withdrawn - passed through parliament.

WM, 11 January 1898 Mumbles railway and pier co. discuss proposals to move the line between Blackpill and Oystermouth nearer to the sea.

WM, 03 February 1898 Invitation to the Duke and Duchess of York to open the new Mumbles pier.

WM, 18 February 1898 Mumbles railway and pier company's engineer gives costs for extension to Blackpill.

WM, 06 May 1898 Bill proposed by Mumbles railway and pier co. to double the line for 1½ miles, estimate of passengers carried.

WM, 11 May 1898 Opening of new pier at Mumbles by Lady Jenkins. 'Lady Margaret' brings passengers from Bristol and Cardiff.

WM, 11 May 1898 Opening of new pier at Mumbles: luncheon at the new built Mermaid Hotel.

WM, 09 August 1898 Swansea Harbour Trust: chairman Griff Thomas and other voice their opposition to the Mumbles railway and pier bill.

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Improvements, council matters, etc:

- Cambrian 14 April 1810 Letter: improvements proposed by corporation of Swansea on Burrows pleasure grounds.
- Cambrian, 25 September 1819 Plan to increase accommodation for visitors to Swansea.
- Cambrian, 06 July 1839 Letter to editor, criticising Swansea's dirty streets and state of pier
- Cambrian, 05 September 1840 Letter regarding the beautiful area around Pontneddfechan and need for accommodation.
- Cambrian 13 May 1853 Letter re delay in making road to proposed bathing place at Langland Bay.
- Cambrian, 06 May 1864 Letter re new marine promenade, by Senex, Swansea.
- Cambrian, 24 June 1870 Swansea pier - letter regarding the enhancement of facilities
- Cambrian, 18 October 1872 Letter from Devonian: Ilfracombe harbour works nearly complete but no pier built yet at Mumbles or railway connection
- Cambrian, 25 October 1872 Editorial comment on the proposed pier at mumbles and last week's letter re links with Ilfracombe, Devon.
- Cambrian, 31 July 1874 Editorial: more hotels needed in Swansea and Mumbles to encourage tourists, scenery needs improvement.
- Cambrian, 07 August 1874 Mumbles needs promenade, croquet ground, cricket ground, tea - gardens and castle access.
- Cambrian, 21 August 1874 A need to keep the promenade and pier clean as both are used extensively.
- Cambrian, 15 January 1875 Swansea councillor W. R. Smith asks James Livingston about delay in road from pier head to Mumbles road.
- Cambrian, 26 March 1875 Letter praising Swansea beach, apart from stretch from storm sewer outlet to western pier since building south dock.
- Cambrian, 14 May 1875 Letter: need for breathing spaces such as public promenade, need to clean up space near old infirmary.
- Cambrian, 01 October 1875 Letter from Caleb Crabtree about Mumbles - need for water, drainage, better housing, visitors.
- Cambrian, 21 July 1876 Editorial regarding present state of Swansea and the bay as a resort.
- Cambrian, 09 February 1877 Letter from 'sea nymph' asks council to lay out a promenade from slip to pier head, a 'golgotha for dead dogs'.
- Cambrian, 8 May 1877 Editorial comparing development for tourists in Ilfracombe with lack of development at Mumbles.
- Cambrian, 25 May 1877 Letter from W.W. of Ilfracombe advocating the development of Mumbles as a health resort.
- Cambrian, 01 June 1877 Article detailing developments by the local board in Ilfracombe & suggestions that Mumbles should do the same.
- Cambrian, 14 December 1877 Extension of west pier, access up to the new lighthouse will be open to public in near future.
- Cambrian, 24 June 1880 Swansea pier - letter re: enhancement of facilities.
- Cambrian, 3 January 1888 Report on Mumbles - low level promenade, walk to Limeslade Bay
- Cambrian, 27 January 1888 3 letters re erection of pier at Mumbles and its effect on Swansea.
- Cambrian, 27 January 1888 Plan for pier at Mumbles head - report Swansea western pier.

- Cambrian, 27 January 1888 Mumbles local board: Promenade from village to Broadslade bay.
- Cambrian, 06 April 1888 Morgan Davies, engineer, report on sea damage to the Mumbles promenade.
- Cambrian, 29 June 1888 Sea wall promenade from the West Pier to Trafalgar Terrace, Swansea - editorial.
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