

Welsh Railways Research Circle Members' Studies

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Notes relating to South Wales railway companies, industrial railways, locomotives and collieries.

- List and photocopies of records cards and photographs; Tirpentwys Company, Llanerch Colliery, Blaenserchan Colliery and Oak Brick Co., together with OS extract centred on British Iron Works, Abersychan.
- Map of mineral properties at Abersychan - 1826.
- John Vipond Varteg, Talywaun and Llanerch collieries, maps and photographs.
- Map of railways of Talywaun in the period 1950 to 1953 (as at 1950).
- Large hand-drawn plan of Tirpentwys colliery district.
- 'Adam's Yard' article as submitted to WRRC *Archive* with notes. Newspaper cutting photo of ex-GWR *King George V* arriving at Newport in 1968 for overhaul.
- Notes on visit around South Wales, August 1950. (Two copies).
- Notes on visit around South Wales, August 1951.
- 'GW Engines Go to War', notes from RAIL 254/114 at National Archives.
- Welsh Tramroads; Gaps in our information; one page of rough notes.
- Correspondence in 1998 about aspects of South Wales valleys railways (and some Irish).
- Plans of Aberbeeg, Abergwynfi, Blaengwynfi, Senghenydd, Tredegar, Cymmer Afan and Ynysybwl.
- Trackplans of block posts in Rhondda Valleys. Track plan in Forest of Dean. Sketch plan of Connagh's Quay and Buckley district. Letters of correspondence.
- AD&R 0-4-0ST; 'The Truth is Out There' as submitted to WRRC *Archive* with notes. Map of Dowlais (Cae Harris) and Dowlais Iron, Steel and Coal Co. Ltd mineral railways.
- Extracts from GWR Running Powers Book.
- Welsh Railways, locomotive lists. Hand-written in columns.
- GWR Renumbering at 1923 grouping. Hand-written in columns.
- Extract from OS map of central Newport, 3 pages.
- Trackwork in South Wales in 1948, 1949 and 1950 in spiral binder. Hand drawn with sketches of buildings. Shows track and roads.
- 'Talywaun and its Mineral Railways'; copy of article written by Desmond Coakham for *British Railway Journal* with additional photographs (photocopies).
- Locomotive lists; Shrewsbury & Chester Railway, Monmouthshire Railway and GWR Broad Gauge 1837-1892. Hand-written in columns.
- Industrial Locomotive Builders, list of engines; Hand-written in columns. Kitson & Co., Vulcan Foundry, Black, Hawthorn & Co., Avonside Engine Co., and correspondence.
- 'Day Out in the Valleys; a Glamorganshire Circular Tour'. Draft article describing the railways of the area. Includes itinerary of SLS rail tour on 2nd July 1960.
- GWR Newport (mineral lines). 1- Kingsway - Dock Street - Pillgwenlly - Courtybella (diagrammatic only; not to scale; see individual diagrams for signalling. Serial No.T10, surveyed Oct 1949, Aug 1950, Aug 1951. Drawn 6 Nov 1951 (folded drawing).
- Photocopy of Rhymney Railway Notice (569?) to Guards, Brakesmen, Drivers etc. New service of trains between Cardiff and Merthyr Vale Colliery via Quaker's Yard and Taff Vale Railway commencing 7th June 1886.

Originally listed by Mike Denman in June 2014, additions by Alan Williams (May 2015), Tony Miller (June 2015) these papers are available for inspection at Rhiwderin.

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