

Chs07650 Glass negatives ca 1900 – collection number x034

A box of glass negatives, dating around 1900, was handed in to the Cowbridge History Society archive in 2019 by David Hawkins. He had come across the box in the 1970s in the Cowbridge office of Gwyn and Gwyn solicitors, where he was working at the time, and was given permission to keep it. No-one in the office knew whose they were or where they had come from. He wished to donate them to the archive.

The negatives having been scanned for the Cowbridge archive and given the collection number 34, were then deposited in Glamorgan Record Office.

The location of some of the photographs can be identified and are recorded as follows :

Chs07651 x034 Boy in Mill Field by Cowbridge railway station ca 1900

Chs07653 x034 Holy Cross church, Cowbridge ca 1900

Chs07655 x034 Outdoor social event – ladies gathered in the Grammar School sports' field (this was possibly taken at the Cowbridge Athletic Sports, an annual event held in connection with the Grammar School on the cricket field 'belonging to the College' – see, for example, the *Cardiff Times*, 15th April 1871)

Chs07657 x034 Porthkerry viaduct, near Barry ca 1900

Chs07660 x034 St Owain's church, Ystradowen ca 1900

Chs07661 x034 Steam train, probably Cowbridge railway, ca 1900

Chs07662 x034 Steam train, Cowbridge station ca 1900

Chs07652 x034 Caernarvon view, possibly from a train, ca 1900

Chs07659 x034 Shipping, probably Bristol Channel, ca 1900

These others have not yet been identified :

Chs07666 x034 Waterfall ca 1900

Chs07665 x034 View ca 1900

Chs07664 x034 Unknown lady ca 1900

Chs07663 x034 Unknown room interior ca 1900

Chs07656 & 07657 x034 Outdoor social event – 2 photographs – probably Cowbridge ca 1900

Chs07654 x034 Ladies by coastal cliff, probably South Glamorgan, ca 1900

Chs07649 x034 Box label for the glass negatives

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