

BARRY DOCK & THE RAILWAY

Barry A New Community Heritage Project



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*We would like to acknowledge the superb
work undertaken by Tom Clemmett and
local community historian in Barry.*

*These are some Barry streets and some of
their early residents*

Evans street, Spencer Street and Richard Street were originally known as glebe lands and were named after the Reverend Richard Spencer Evans who was born in Llandaff in 1819 and in 1891 was Rector (Church of England) of Merthyr Dovan parish.



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The changing nature of Barry was reflected in these streets. Amongst the residents of Evans Street in 1891 was David Farrow who was a wheelwright and Thomas Cross an Agricultural Labourer. (Trades that soon faded away). By 1901 most were involved in the Docks.



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There were longstanding residents like the Creates family who were grocers living in 28 Evans Street from 1897 to at least 1911. But most were transient looking for the next adventure of bigger premises for large families



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*The majority of the people living in these streets in
1891 came from the West Country in England.*

Particularly Somerset and Devon. Margaret

Hopkins of 46 Richard Street born in Merthyr

Dovan in 1854 was very much the exception



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*Margaret was unusual because before the
Docks Barry did not exist,*

*For our database (information soon to be
available free) we recorded a sample of 24
representative streets, across Barry & Barry
Island.*



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Of the 24 streets we recorded.

*In 1891 there were 1800 residents of
which 52 were born in Barry, with 50
being under 5*



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*In 1901 of the 24 streets we recorded
there were 3711 residents of which 803
were born in Barry and only 6 were over
15 years of age.*

*In 1911 we listed 5014 residents
in the 24 streets.*

*1641 were Barry born but only 10 of
them were over 25 years of age*



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*This generation were the first
young people from Barry
Town to go to War . World
War One 1914*



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