

ADDING CONTEXT TO YOUR WELSH FAMILY HISTORY



Raw milk being tipped and weighed prior to cooling, Llandyrnog Creamery, pre 1950. DI2010_0897 NPRN 91745



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Family history

The resources found in the National Monuments Record of Wales can add context and depth to your family history research.

Our extensive archive of photographs, drawings, historical maps and written descriptions of thousands of buildings and landscapes throughout Wales can be used to illustrate many aspects of your family's history:

- The houses where your ancestors were born
- The house, village, or town where they were brought up
- The schools where they were educated
- The places of worship they attended
- Where they worked
- How they got to work
- The workhouse where they may have ended up
- Where they went for entertainment
- Where they were laid to rest



Group portrait of the staff and orphans at Albro Castle in 1927. DI2008_0248 NPRN 3041

Collections

- Our collections of historic maps chart the development of communities across Wales depicting the buildings and country that shaped a nation.
- Estate sales particulars give details of the houses and industries on the large estates in Wales and give an overview of how they were broken up at the turn of the twentieth century. They often include maps and other details, including prices reached at sale.
- Aerial photographs provide snapshots in time, of villages, towns and communities. The collections date from 1918 to the present day and offer us a taste of Wales as both an industrial nation, with smoke billowing from factory chimneys, and a land of mountains and valleys where ancient farmsteads dot the landscape.
- Old photograph albums provide tantalising glimpses of life in Wales' historic mansions, farmhouses, and cottages from the late nineteenth century up to the present day.



Anne Griffiths memorial, illuminated wall plaque, St. Partrishow's Church. DS2012_386_025 NPRN 163422

We hold

- Information on every chapel in Wales and photographs of most.
- Photographs of monumental inscriptions including: gravestones, war memorials, rolls of honour and memorial plaques.
- Images of stained glass memorial windows, which frequently include details of individual family members and ancestry.
- Photographs, reports and drawings of parish churches and other local buildings, such as schools, cinemas, theatres, workingmen's institutes and town halls.
- Material on the railways, shipping, canals, roads and airfields of Wales.

Our browsable library holds publications on the history of Wales, its trades, dwellings and places of worship. There are books on how to start researching your family history and the best sources to consult.



Services

Use *Coflein*, our online database, to search for sites of interest, check our catalogued collections, and view images from across Wales – www.coflein.gov.uk

Visit our library and search room to view books and original archive material from the NMRW. We are open Monday – Friday 09.30 – 16.00, Wednesday 10.30 – 16.30. An appointment is advisable.

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