

### **Chs02993 x010 Tilley scrapbooks – introduction**

In 2015, Mrs Ros Hunt, granddaughter of David Tilley (senior) and wife Gwenllian, offered her family scrapbooks to the Cowbridge History Society archive. These consist of several large hard-back volumes, started by David Tilley and continued by his wife and then their son David (Ros's father) from the year 1878 through to the 1980s.

Because all three Tilleys were prominent members of the Cowbridge community, holding posts of councillors and mayors and working within the town, they participated in a good many local and national events. The programmes and records of these form a very interesting collection. Two years later, further scrapbooks came back into Ros Hunt's possession from family members, and she again passed these to me for the local history archive.

Ros was keen they should all remain in Cowbridge but was eventually persuaded they would be better stored and protected within the Glamorgan Record Office in Cardiff. Susan Edwards, head archivist, came to meet her in Cowbridge to reassure her about this deposit, and Ros agreed with this decision. Whilst the scrapbooks were in my possession, however, I catalogued the contents of each, and scanned & copied for our digital archive those documents and photographs I considered were of particular relevance to Cowbridge and district.

The scrapbooks themselves are now safely deposited in Cardiff, although Ros has retained some family photographs for herself and her children.

*Betty Alden, 2017*