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**Brecon Borough**

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The ancient borough of Brecon grew up around a castle near the mouth of the River Honddu (hence its Welsh name Aberhonddu). The castle was built about 1093 by Bernard de Neufmarche, conqueror of the lordship of Brycheiniog, on the northern side of the Honddu. The borough seems to have spread to the southern side of the river in the 13th century. The borough was first chartered by Humphrey de Bohun, lord of Brycheiniog, between 1277 and 1282 and was probably walled soon afterwards. The borough then extended only as far as its own walls until it was rechartered in the reign of Philip and Mary; thereafter it included part of the ecclesiastical parishes of St. John the Evangelist with the chapelry of St. Mary and of St. David (Llanfaes) and also took in the detached Trecastle or Trecastell Ward, ten miles west of the town. The extraparochial districts of the Castle and Christ's College were not part of the borough until the 19th century. The borough was supplied with water, lighted and paved under a local Act, 16 George III. The Parliamentary Borough embraced both the borough proper and the extraparochial districts.

(For the history of Brecon see Theophilus Jones, A History of the County of Brecknock (Glanusk edition); Samuel Lewis, Topographical Dictionary of Wales (184 ); and Ian Soulsby, The Towns of Medieval Wales (Chichester 1983).

These records were first listed in September 1984 and relisted in November 1989 to take into account later accessions.

See also P/X/43/B for Byelaws and Urban Sanitary Authority Regulations

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ff. 9-11d. Charter to Glovers Company 30 September 1670.

ff. 12-15. Will of John Williams of Skethrogg [Sgethrog], Llansanfread [Llansanffraid]. gent. 3 September 1657.

ff. 18-20. Inquisition into charities.

ff. 20d.-23d. Decree relating to charities.

f. 24. Will of Tobias Williams of Brecon, mercer, 1 October 1663.

f.25. Lease 6 September 1676 of 'ye ground rome by the North Porch of St. Maries Chappell' [see B/BR/150]

ff. 44-46d. Inspeximus copy 1679 of charters granted to Brecon by 'the Bohuns Lords of Brecon & Lds. Marchers' etc. ie. letters patent of Henry V (1415)

ff. 47-50. Inspeximus copy 1679, 26 April 1443, of charter of Henry V (1415) [Both copies recite earlier charters. See William Rees, Bulletin of the Board of Celtic Studies, II (1923), pp.243-254, for transcripts]

f.50. Indenture, 22 April 1514, between 1. Thomas Walter, 'Baylye', William Richard, Custumarius, Thomas Barbour, Thomas ap Dd' Goch, catchpoles, others, and 2. Sir Thomas ap Hoell, chaplain of the town : grant of chapel of St. Katreine and all houses, lands tmts. etc. to the town during the life of Sir Thomas with 4 marks yearly to him (further details). Observances of Sir Thomas (specified).

ff. 53-63. Charter of Philip and Mary, 20 March 1555/6. ff. 64. Copy of charter of Edward, Duke of Buckingham, 18 July 1517, relating to three fairs.

f.65. Copy of letter from Privy Council 7 May 1680 relating to offices of Corporations reviving the Sacrament and taking oaths.

ff. 66-68d. Copy of an exemplification of a judgement in Exchequer upon a plea of the Corporation claiming fines estreated on a burgess 1 May 1577.

ff.69-70. Copies 1680 of Quarter Sessions accounts and orders relating to repair of Usk bridge 1634-37. 1662, 1678 and 1680.

Interleaved between ff.71d. and 72 : copy of accounts from Quarter Sessions 1634 relating to maimed soldiers and Usk bridge, and to latter 1637, 1663, 1667, 1678 and 1680.

ff. 73-75. Copies of description of gathering of feefarm rent payable by the town 'before ye last Charter' and of a 'copp of draught of the Inquisicion' 1548 relating to same matter.

ff. 78-79d. Copy of deed : see B/BR/150/18.

f.80. Survey of meares and bounds of the 'Towne of Llywel called Trecastle ward' 26 April 1664.

ff. 80d.-81. Copy of lease 1680 : see B/BR/150/19.

f.81. Copies of leases 1680 : see B/BR/150/23-24.

f.83. Copy of loyal address by bailiff, recorder, aldermen, common council and inhabitants of 'Brecknock' 10 June 1681 to Charles II against the king's enemies 'whether the firebrands of Rome or any other ungratefull obstinate fanaticall Dissenters'.

ff. 100-113. True copy of Charter granted by James II, 12 March 1685/6.

ff. 116-117d. Copy of Confirmation, 1 October 1686. between 1. Lodowicke Lewis esq., mayor; Edward Jones and John Watters esqs., aldermen; and the burgesses of Brecon' and 2. Walter Vaughan of Trebaried esq.; Thomas Gwynn of Pant y Corred; Charles Powell of Castlemadocke; William Prytherch of Llandeuaylog; Rice Jones of Aberyskir; Edward Jones of Llandilorvane; David Morgan of Llanvihangell nantbrane; Howell Jones of Merthir; Thomas Prichard of same, gents.; Thomas Herringe of same, clerk, for the tenants etc. of hundred of Merthyr otherwise called the Cumode, of all toll due from the hundred by virtue of a grant by the bailiff etc. for £8 rent to same of toll of all goods and 'cattell' bought or sold in the borough or liberties; and Confirmation of Grant, 20 September 1557, between 1. John Hide gent., bailiff; Hugh Thomas and Richard Jones gents., aldermen; and the burgesses, and 2. Thomas David ap Morgan; Thomas ap Howell ap Gwatkin; Howell William ap Howell Morgan; William John Wilim; and Watkin Llewelin gent., for £8 rent yearly, of all toll or tallage in consideration of £40. £20 consideration for the Confirmation.

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B/BR/100/	Minutes	1963-1964
B/BR/100/	Minutes	1964-1965
B/BR/100/	Minutes	1965-1966
B/BR/100/	Minutes	1966-1967
B/BR/100/	Minutes	1967-1968
B/BR/100/	Minutes	1968-1969
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### **Urban Sanitary Authority (see also B/BR/100/9-11)**

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B/BR/109/2	Minutes	1881-1891
B/BR/109/3	Minutes (UDC from 1894)	1891-1901
B/BR/109/4	Reports to Urban Sanitary Authority	1873-1884

### **Committees**

B/BR/110/1	Finance Committee minutes	1896-1907
B/BR/110/2	Finance Committee minutes	1907-1918
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B/BR/110/4	Finance Committee minutes	1928-1936
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B/BR/110/6	Finance Committee minutes	1942-1947
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B/BR/110/8	Finance Committee minutes	1954-1955
B/BR/111/1	Promenade Improvement Committee and Property Committee minutes	1938-1940
B/BR/111/2	Finance and General Purposes Committee minutes	1941-1946
B/BR/111/3	Roads, General Purposes and Property Committee minutes	1946-1952

### **Committees cont.**

B/BR/112/1	Health and Waterworks Committee minutes (continuing B/BR/117/9 in part)	1938-46
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B/BR/113/1	Housing and New Buildings Committee minutes	1938-50
B/BR/113/2	Housing and New Buildings Committee minutes	1950-55
B/BR/117/1	New Waterworks Committee minutes	1867-1871
B/BR/117/2	Drainage Committee minutes	1877-1883
B/BR/117/3	Waterworks and Drainage, Nuisances and Improvements Committee and Joint Committee minutes	1893-1900

B/BR/117/4	Joint Committees, Works and General Purposes Committee minutes	1900-1907
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B/BR/117/7	Works and General Purposes Committee minutes	1922-29
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#### **Clerk's papers (general)**

B/BR/130/1	Letter-book	1887-1912
B/BR/130/2	Letter-book	1930-1935
B/BR/133	Report upon the Proposed Municipal Boundary of the Borough of Brecknock : Municipal Corporations Boundaries	
B/BR/134	General correspondence	1930-1937

#### **Clerk: legal papers**

B/BR/141	'1776 & 1838. BRECON PAVING & MARKETS ACTS. JOHN POWELL'. including said Acts and abstract of Deed of Gift 1686 to Trustees of the Boughrood Charity; Grant in Trust., 11 December 1848, by 1. John Powell of Watton Mount, Brecon, esq. to 2. Ven. Richard Davies, archdeacon of Brecon, vicar of p. Saint John the Evangelist, Brecon, Thomas Prothero Price esq. and Evan Thomas esq., church. wardens of said parish, of 3 messuages etc. in the Postroom, p. St. John Evangelist, (formerly of David Jenkins, John Lloyd and Margaret Mellin, now vacant) for use as a school for girls and infants; debentures granted under Act 1838 : 1838-59; account of Corporation of Brecon with Treasurer 1838-41; same : Building Account 1841; same Market Toll account 1840-1842; same : Market Committee 1841-42 with epitome of proceedings of Market Committee 1838-45; account of money borrowed under Act 16 George III (1776) 1778-1815.	
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#### **Clerk : general papers cont**

B/BR/142/1	'DOCUMENTS': receipts book	1965-1974
B/BR/142/2	List of minutes and records deposited at Lloyds Bank, Brecon, for safe custody	23 November 1940

**Parliamentary Elections**

Bound volume of election deeds and other documents. Unless otherwise specified all documents listed below are indentures of election.

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|-----|--|------------------------|
| (1) | 1. John Waters esq., sheriff<br>2. Richard Jones esq., bailiff of Borough of Brecknocke By virtue of warrant for electing and choosing 1 burges of good understanding, wit, knowledge and discretion to high court of Parliament: Thomas Mansell esq.                              | 14 February<br>1677/78 |
| (2) | 1. Howell Gwyn esq., sheriff<br>2. John Hughes esq., bailiff; Griffith Price esq., recorder; John Phillips and John Bullock Lloyd esqs., aldermen; Common Council and burgesses (named) Of Thomas Morgan the younger esq. as Burgess member for Brecon                             | 1761                   |
| (3) | 1. John Jones esq., high sheriff<br>2. Charles David esq., bailiff; Gryffith Price esq., recorder; Thomas James and John Hughes esqs., aldermen; 11 others of Common Council and 20 burgesses (named) Of Charles Morgan esq. instead of Thomas Vaughan who has accepted an office. | 5 December 1763        |
| (4) | 1. Thomas Harris esq., sheriff<br>2. James Parry esq., bailiff; Griffith Price esq., recorder; Thomas James and Samuel Hughes esqs., aldermen Of Charles Morgan  | 21 (March) 1768        |
| (5) | 1. Thomas Powell esq., high sheriff<br>2. Charles Morgan, bailiff; Gryffydd Price, recorder; Thomas James and John Bullock Lloyd, aldermen Of John Morgan esq.   | 15 May 1769            |
| (6) | 1. Marmaduke Gwynne esq., high sheriff<br>2. John Bullock Lloyd, bailiff; Griffith Price, recorder; Samuel Hughes esq. and Thomas Coke, clerk, aldermen Of Charles Van esq.  | 31 January 1772        |
| (7) | 1. Charles Lawrence esq., high sheriff<br>2. George Morgan gent., bailiff; Griffith Price esq., recorder; John Bullock Lloyd esq. and Hugh Bold gent., aldermen Of Charles Van.  | 24 October 1774        |
| (8) | 1. Walter Wilkins esq., high sheriff<br>2. Thomas Williams esq. bailiff; Gryffydd Price esq., recorder; George Morgan and Charles Prichard gents., aldermen Of Charles Gould knt.  | 23 April 1778          |

- (9) 1. Phillip Williams esq., high sheriff 2. John Morgan esq., bailiff; Gryffydd Price esq., recorder; Walter Jeffreys esq. and George Morgan gent, aldermen Of Charles Gould knt. 11 September 1780
- (10) 1. Edmund Williams esq., high sheriff 2. Hugh Bold esq., bailiff; Gryffyth Price esq., recorder; George Morgan and Charles Pritchard gents., aldermen Of Charles Gould knt. 3 April 1784
- (11) 1. John Jones esq., high sheriff 2. Charles Pritchard gent., bailiff; Edward Morgan esq., recorder; Henry Davies and Hugh Bold esqs., aldermen Of Charles Gould esq., son of Sir Charles Gould. 6 December 1787
- (12) 1. Samuel Hughes esq., high sheriff 2. William James esq., bailiff; Edward Morgan esq., recorder; Thomas Williams and Hugh Bold esqs., aldermen Of Charles Gould 22 June 1790
- (13) 1. Philip Champion Crespigny esq., high sheriff 2. Hugh Bold the younger esq., bailiff; Edward Morgan esq., recorder; Thomas Williams and Thomas Meredith esqs., aldermen Of Charles Morgan esq. 27 May 1796
- (14) 1. Philip Champion Crespigny, high sheriff 2. Walter Jeffreys esq., bailiff; Edward Morgan, recorder; Hugh Bold the elder and the younger, aldermen Of Sir Robert Salusbury bart 2 November 1796
- (15) 1. Joseph Sparkes esq., high sheriff 2. Richard Davies the younger clerk, bailiff; Edward Morgan, recorder; Hugh Bold the elder and younger, aldermen Of Sir Robert Salusbury bart. 8 July 1802
- (16) 1. Osborne Yeates, high sheriff 2. Revd. Thomas James, bailiff; Edward Morgan, recorder; Hugh Bold the younger esq. and Revd. Richard Davies, archdeacon (of Brecon), aldermen Of Sir Robert Salusbury. 4 November 1806
- (17) 1. Sackville Gwynne esq., high sheriff 2. Revd. Thomas James, bailiff; Edward Morgan, recorder; same aldermen as in (16) Of Sir Robert Salusbury. 8 May 1807
- (18) 1. Charles Fox Champion Crespigny esq., high sheriff 2. William Williams esq., bailiff; Edward Morgan, recorder; Hugh Bold and John Lloyd esqs., aldermen Of Charles Morgan 9 October 1812
- (19) 1. John Watkins esq., high sheriff 2. Thomas Bold esq., bailiff; Edward Morgan, recorder; Samuel Church and William Williams esqs., aldermen Of George Gould Morgan esq. 20 June 1818
- (20) 1. Thomas Price esq., high sheriff 2. David Price esq., bailiff; William Williams and Hugh Bold esqs., aldermen Of George Gould Morgan. 9 March 1820
- (21) 1. Edward William Seymour esq., high sheriff 2. Philip Vaughan esq., bailiff; John Powell esq. and Revd. Thomas 12 June 1826



Williams clerk, aldermen Of George Gould Morgan.

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| (22)    | 1. William Lewis Hopkins esq., high sheriff 2. Philip Vaughan esq., bailiff; William Williams esq., alderman Of Charles Morgan Robinson Morgan esq  | 3 August 1830    |
| (23)    | 1. Ebenezer Fuller Maitland esq., high sheriff 2. Thomas Williams clerk, bailiff; Hugh Bold esq., recorder; Philip Vaughan and Samuel Church esqs., aldermen Of Charles Morgan Robinson Morgan.   | 2 May 1831       |
| (24)    | 1. James Price Gwynne Halford esq., sheriff 2. Lancelot Morgan esq., bailiff and returning officer; Samuel Church and Lewis Watkins, aldermen; others as freemen and electors Of (John Lloyd Vaughan) Watkins of Pennoyre esq.                      | 12 December 1832 |
| (25)    | 1. William John Stretton esq., sheriff 2. John Wilkins esq, bailiff and returning officer; Hugh Bold esq. and Richard Davies archdeacon of Brecon, aldermen; others Of Charles Morgan Robinson Morgan of Ruperra [Rhiw'rperrai], co. Glamorgan, esq | . 6 January 1835 |
| (26)    | Bye-laws of Brecon council under Act 5 & 6 William IV 'An Act for the Regulation of Municipal Corporations in England and Wales'. Signed by Samuel Church, senior alderman; Thomas Meredith and Thomas Williams, aldermen; others.                  | 22 June 1836     |
| (27)    | Receipt of precept from Crawshay Bailey esq., sheriff, to John P. Wilkins, mayor, of writ summoning Parliament 11 September next. And note of proclamation 19 Jul 1837.   | 19 July 1837     |
| (28)    | Oath of John Parry Wilkins esq., mayor and returning officer of borough,  | 24 July 1837.    |
| (29)    | 1. Crawshay Bailey esq., sheriff 2. John Parry Wilkins esq., mayor etc.; others Of Charles Morgan Robinson Morgan of Ruperra  | 25 July 1837.    |
| (30)    | Register of electors for Borough of Brecon  | 1840.            |
| (31)    | Receipt of precept from William Hibbs Bevan esq. sheriff,, for election to Walter Maybery, mayor. Proclamation same date.   | 25 June 1840     |
| (32)    | Public notice of election of one burgessas M.P.   | 25 June 1840     |
| (33-34) | Form of duties of Cryer of the Court.   |                  |
| (35)    | Oath of Walter Maybery esq., mayor and returning officer,   | 30 June 1841.    |
| (36)    | 1. William Hibbs Bevan esq., sheriff 2. Walter Maybery, mayor etc.; others Of Charles Morgan Robinson Morgan of Ruperra.  | 30 June 1841     |
| (37)    | Receipt from W.H. Bevan to W. Maybery for (36)  | 30 June 1841     |

(38)	Receipt for indenture of election to Henry Maybery, mayor.	27 July 1847
(39)	Oath of Henry Maybery esq., mayor and returning officer.	3 August 1847
(40)	1.Rhys Davies Powel esq., sheriff 2.Henry Maybery esq., mayor etc.; John Parry De Winton; others Of John Lloyd Vaughan Watkins of Pennoyre esq.	3 August 1847
(41)	Receipt -from sheriff to H. Maybery for(40)	August 1847
(42)	Public notice by Thomas Williams, mayor and returning officer for Borough of Brecon and Town of Llywel, of election.	8 July 1852
(43)	Receipt of precept from Paul Mildmay Pellesq., sheriff, for election to Thomas Williams, mayor.	2 July 1852
(44)	Public notice by Thomas Williams, mayor etc., of election.	7 July 1852
(45)	Oath of Thomas Williams	7 July 1852.
(46)	Appointment by Thomas Williams esq., returning officer, of Charles Dixon esq., solicitor, as deputy to preside at poll booth No.2, Grand Jury Room, GuildHall.	8 July 1852
(47)	Oath of Charles Dixon (unsigned.).	undated
(48)	Oath of Evan Jones, vote counter.	8 July 1852.
(49)	Oath of John Williams, vote counter.	8 July 1852.
(50)	Notice by Thomas Williams, returning officer, that the poll books will be opened and publicly castup on 9 July.	8 July 1852
(51)	1.Paul Mildmay Pell esq., sheriff 2.Thomas Williams esq., mayor etc.; others Of Charles Rodney Morgan of Tredegar Park, co.Monmouth, esq.	9 July 1852
(52)	Receipt by sheriff of (51) from Thomas Williams.	10 July 1852
(53)	Receipt by H. March, postmistress of Brecon, of poll books from Thomas Williams, mayor and returning officer.	28 July 1852
(54)	1.Mordecai Jones esq., mayor 2.John Jones of Glanhonddu esq. and 14 others (named)Of John Lloyd Vaughan Watkins of Pennoyre as M.P.	6 February 1854
(55)	1.David Thomas esq., mayor 2.John Parry De Winton esq. and 18 others (named)Of John Lloyd Vaughan Watkins.	27 March 1857
(56)	Public notice by W.L. Banks, returning officer	of election. 29April,

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| (57) | 1. William Laurence Banks esq., mayor and returning officer<br>2. Voters of Brecon Of John Lloyd Vaughan Watkins.  | 29 April 1859                           |
| (58) | 1. George Cansick esq., mayor and returning officer<br>2. Thomas Prestwood Licas M.D. and 10 others (named)<br>Of John Lloyd Vaughan Watkins.  | 11 July 1865                            |
| (59) | 1. John Prothero esq., mayor etc.<br>2. William de Winton esq. and 13 others (named)<br>Of Hon. John Charles Pratt, Earl of Brecknock.   | 27 February 1866                        |
| (60) | 1. William de Winton, mayor<br>2. Revd. Rees Price clerk; John North and James Williams esqs. and other electors<br>Of Howel Gwyn of Dyffryn near Neath esq.   | 19 November 1868                        |
| (61) | List of persons summoned to attend Court Leet at the Guildhall<br>(10th deleted)   | 7th November<br>(1884 deleted)<br>1885. |
| (62) | Precept from John Morgan esq. 2 steward of the Court Leet and View of Frankpledge of borough, to George Hughes and John Lewis, sergeants at mace and ministers of the borough, to summon Court Leet on 10 November 1884. | 8 November 1884                         |
| (63) | List of officers and those attending Court Leet : J.P.s, mayor and steward, councillors, aldermen, police, sergeants at mace, hallkeeper and crier.  |   |
| (64) | List of persons summoned to attend Court Leet at (Guildhall deleted) Shirehall   | 9 November (1885 <u>deleted</u> ) 1886. |
| (65) | Precept from John Morgan esq., steward of Court Leet and View of Frankpledge, to John Lewis and George Hughes, sergeants at mace, to summon Court Leet with View of Frankpledge on 9 November 1885.                      | 8 November 1885                         |
| (66) | List (as in (64)).Dorse:   | '1885'.                                 |

Volume of deeds, leases, bonds 1582-1805 bound in chronological order. The binding is modern.

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|-----|--|------------------------|
| (1) | <p>Lease</p> <p>1.Merredd' Thomas, gent., bailiff of town of Brecknocke;<br/>Thomas ap Thomas and John William Wallter, gents.,<br/>aldermen; and burgesses</p> <p>2.Morgan Jeuan of same, glover</p> <p>Of 'standinges' commonly pitched and kept on the 'cawsey' of<br/>the High Street by haberdashers, cappers, glovers and pedlars<br/>in time of fairs or markets, also the 'criershippe' of the town<br/>court with all fees. For life.</p> <p>Rent : 23s. 4d. yearly</p> <p>Witnesses :?; Merredd' Games; John Walwyn; John Wynter<br/>;Llewelin Hoell; John Towres</p> <p>Dorse : 'No.18'</p> | 15 August 1582         |
| (2) | <p>Bond</p> <p>1.Richard William of Llandevaylog [Llandyfaelog], gent.;;<br/>Thomas ap Jevan Saunders of town of Brecon', corviser;<br/>William Thomas of same, Corviser</p> <p>2.Thomas Roberts, gent., bailiff of borough of Brecon'</p> <p>In £7 to repay £3 12s.</p> <p>Dorse : 'Dauid Madockes wife his bond of vj li. for the painment<br/>of iij.li. of the Townes his money.1618'</p>  | 8 August 1618          |
| (3) | <p>Bond</p> <p>1.Hugh Meredith of town of Brecon', gent.;; Howel Morgan of<br/>Llanvaes [Llanfaes], gent.</p> <p>2.Meredith Lewis, esq., bailiff; John Lewis and William<br/>Thomas, gents., aldermen</p> <p>In £10 to repay £5.</p> <p>Dorse : 'No 9'</p>   | 27 February 1648/9     |
| (4) | <p>Receipt by Thomas Lewis from John Hughes and Mr. Jeffrey<br/>David, chamberlains of town of Breknok, of 40s. contribution<br/>deducted from £20 for feefarm of Breknok and from Mr.<br/>David Morgan according to Act of Parliament.</p>  | 30 September<br>[16]55 |
| (5) | <p>Bond</p> <p>1.John Griffiths of Cowbridge, co.Glamorgan; William<br/>Griffiths of town of Brecon, gent.</p> <p>2.Bailiff, aldermen and burgesses of Brecon</p> <p>'In £24 to repay £12.</p>   | 13 March 1664/5        |
| (6) | <p>Lease</p> <p>1.Bailiff, aldermen and burgesses of borough of Brecon'</p> <p>2.Thomas Vaughan of same, gent.</p> <p>Of 'plott' or parcel of ground within the walls in High Street<br/>Superior ward adjoining to the dwelling house of 2., 40' long</p>   | 20 August 1664         |

and 6' broad : 'there hath been lately a pent house erected' by  
2.  
Rent : 6d. yearly  
Dorse : 'No.17'

- (7) Lease 20 August 1664  
1. Bailiff, aldermen and burgesses of borough of Brecon  
2. William Awbrey of town of Brecon, gent.  
Of 'litle lane or passadge' from Sainte Mary ward to  
Morganocke [Morgannwg] ward between the freehold of 2.  
and a stable late of Meredith Watkin lately incroached and  
built upon by Morgan Awbrey, gent., dec'd, father of 2. For 99  
years.  
Rent 12d. yearly  
Dorse 'No 4'
- (8) 26 September 1664  
1. Bailiff, aldermen and burgesses of borough of Brecon'  
2. Owen Evan of Llanvaes within the liberties of same, tanner  
Of place and offices of customer and gatekeeper within the  
borough of Brecon' and town of Llywell and all benefit of toll  
of 'cattell', sheep, horses and all sorts of 'cattell' set to sale in  
borough, and all packs and carriages, toll of wool sold in the  
Guildhall, benefit of weights and toll of wool as William  
Atkins, the present customer, and John David, tucker, present  
farmer of tolls and weights, now enjoy. For 11 years. Other  
terms,  
Rent : £20 yearly  
Consideration : 40s.
- (9) Lease 8 September 1666  
1. Bailiff, aldermen and burgesses of borough of Brecon'  
2. Thomas Rosser of p. St. Davids in Llanvase [Llanfaes],  
tailor Of 'litle roome or shoppe' in a corner of the 'Towne Hall'  
of the borough late in possn. of William David Powell,  
carpenter, dec'd. For 21 years.  
Rent 1s. 6d. yearly  
Dorse 'no 3'
- (10) Lease 9 August 1667  
1. Bailiff, aldermen and burgesses of town of Brecon'  
2. David Lewis of same, gent.  
Of plot of 'wast grownde' in a lane called Lone y Poptye boith  
[ie Lane of the Burnt Bakehouse, now Michael St] in  
Shippstreete warde, adjoining to the town wall by the garden  
lately purchased by 2. from Walter Walter, tanner, 51' long and  
9' broad 'from the wall of David Walter foulder yarde to corner  
of the Towne wall directlye opposit over and against Evan  
Peeleres howse' in same street or ward.  
For 99 years. Other terms.  
Rent 1s. 6d.  
Dorse 'No 1'

- (11) Lease 31 October 1668  
 1. Bailiff, aldermen and burgesses of borough town of Brecon'  
 2. John Waters of town of Brecon', grocer  
 Of ground about 2.'s dwelling house in High Streete Superior ward, 44' long on both sides and 4' broad on all sides, to put and erect a 'Penthouse' and set 8 'Postes' to bear up the same even and equal with the posts lately set up by Thomas Parry, mercer, dec'd. For 99 years.  
 Rent 12d. yearly  
 Dorse 'No 12'
- (12) Bond 5 January 1671/2  
 1. David Jones of town of Brecon, 'cobler'; Richard Hugh of same, innkeeper  
 2. John Robinson and Mathew Towres of same, gents., overseers of poor  
 In £10 to observe covenants in pair of indentures of apprenticeship, even date, binding Richard Watkin as apprentice in trade of 'cobler' to David John.
- (13) Lease 21 June 1672  
 1. Bailiff, aldermen and burgesses of borough town of Brecon'  
 2. John Meredith of town of Brecon', gent.  
 Of vacant 'Soyle' in the Castle lane within the walls of town of Brecon' whereon there was formerly a barn late in occupn. of Henry Jones, gent dec'd, with a garden adjoining, as Jeffrey Jeffreys, esq., enjoyed. For life of 2. and Alice, his wife, and Thomas Meredith the younger, his son and heir apparent.  
 Rent 13se 4d. yearly  
 Dorse '(No.20)'
- (14) Letter from 1. Henry Stedman of Chester to 2. the bailiff, aldermen and common council of Brecon. 1. would have given new bonds but desired first to consult his stock and accounts in Ireland. Shall not fail to satisfy money to 2. Dorse : 'No. 6' 31 March 1673

- (15-16) Releases 8 December 1674  
 1. Bailiff, aldermen and burgesses of town of Brecon'  
 2. Edmond Jones of Buckland, esq., recorder of borough  
 From quitrent of 24s. 4d. due to 1. on m. or burgage and garden within the walls of the borough in High Streete Inferior (between lane leading from High-Streete Inferior to St. Maryes Chappell, the street called St. Mary, the house and burgage of Michael Churchey, grocer, in possn. of Mathias Berrow, pewterer, and High Street Inferior) worth £5 yearly. In consideration that 2. has agreed to convey the same m. in trust within 4 days so that rents, issues, etc. may be settled to some poor child or children of the borough as apprentices or to some other charitable use,  
 Consideration : 12d.  
 Dorses : 'No.2' and 'No.8'
- (17-18) Lease and Release 9-10 December 1674  
 1. Edmond Jones of Buckland, esq.  
 2. Michael Churchey of town of Brecon', gent.; William Morgan of Newton, esq.; Thomas Vaughan; William Phillips; William Herbert; Richard Jones; Lancelott Herbert; Charles Roberts; William Awbrey; Richard Williams of Gludy, gents.; all of Brecon'.  
 Of 1m. or burgage and garden in High Street Inferior, etc. to apply issues and profits to the settling of poor children as apprentices or to some other charitable use.  
 Consideration : 12d.  
 Dorses : 'No 7' and 'No 14'
- (19) Lease 17 June 1675  
 1. Roger Bulcott of city of Herefford, mercer  
 2. Michael Churchey, esq., bailiff of borough town of Brecon'; Thomas Vaughan and William Phillips, gents., aldermen; and burgesses  
 Of 1 house and garden in town of Brecon' in Watton Warde adjoining to the Watton Gate late in possn. of Matthew John, mason. For use of poor. For 1,000 years.  
 Rent : 1d. Yearly  
 Consideration : 12d. and 1s 'meere Charitie and benevolence' for the relief of the poor, 'beinge the place of his nativitie'.
- (20) Bond 4 October 1675  
 1. Peter Evans of St. Davids in Llanvaes, tanner; Evan William of Devynnocke [Defynnog]; David Watkin of same, gents.  
 2. Bailiff, aldermen and burgesses of borough of Brecon'  
 In £300 to observe covenants in indentures, even date.  
 Dorse : 'No.11'

- (21) Lease 6 September 1676  
 1. William Williams of town of Brecon', gent.  
 2. Bailiff, aldermen and burgesses of borough of Brecon'  
 Of 1 'ground Roome' adjoining to N. porch of St. Mary's chapel. For 99 years.  
 Rent 1d. yearly.  
 Dorse Memorandum by William Phillips, notary public, that there was a pair of stairs that led from the porch to said room. The upper rooms or lofts were the inheritance of the corporation. After the demise of the ground room the stairs were made in it and the other stairs in the porch shut up.
- (22) Release 27-28 June 1679  
 1. John Streete, gent., on behalf of his mother Mrs. Penelope Roberts  
 2. Bailiff, aldermen and common council of Brecon'  
 From all actions, suits or demands over a 'brasse bustell' worth £10 bought by Charles Roberts for use of bailiff, alderman and burgesses of Brecon', for which he received about £10 in fees. In consideration that 2. have discharged Mrs. Penelope Roberts, executrix of will of Mr. Charles Roberts, dec'd, of a debt due from her.
- (23) Lease (counterpart) 15 November 1680  
 1. Bailiff, aldermen and burgesses of borough town of Brecon'  
 2. Thomas Morgan of p. St. Davides in Llanvaes [Llanfaes]  
 Of 1 chamber within the town hall under the stairs that lead up to the room over the hall, now in tenure of 2. For 21 years.  
 Rent 5s. yearly  
 Dorse; 'A Counterpte. of the lease graunted Tho. Morgan cl' of the Shop under the Hall'.
- (24) Lease (counterpart) 15 November 1680  
 1. Bailiff, aldermen and burgesses of town of Brecon'  
 2. Thomas Bulcott of same, esq. Of parcel of ground 4yds. long and 4' wide in High Street Superior adjoining to wall of 2.'s house where William Sanders, tanner, lives. For the enlarging and amplifying of said house. For 99 years.  
 Rent: 12d. yearly  
 Dorse: 'No. 10'
- (25) Bond 14 April 1681  
 1. Thomas Watter of p. St. John Evangelist, tailor; William Powell of same, tucker  
 2. William Phillips, gent., common clerk of borough of Brecon'  
 In £20 to observe covenants in pair of indentures of apprenticeship, even date, between Lancelott Herbert, churchwarden of St. John Evangelist, and overseers of poor, and 1.



- (26) Indenture of Apprenticeship. 20 January 1681/2  
 1. John Robinson, a churchwarden of p. St. John Evangelist;  
 David Williams, overseer of poor of same  
 2. Henry Thomas of Llanvrynach [Llanfrynach], weaver  
 Of Lewis Howell, a poor child, in trade of weaver. For 7  
 years.  
 Consideration : 40s.  
 Witnesses : Rice Penry, bailiff; John Watter, alderman;  
 William Phillips; William Wynter
- (27) Bond 21 September 1682  
 1. Thomas Long of Llanvaes, town of Brecon' yeoman  
 2. Bailiff, aldermen and burgesses of borough of Brecon'  
 In £100 that 1. shall make gloves and other wares from skins  
 and pelts within the borough except such skins, etc. as he shall  
 sell by retail. He shall not sell leather made by him. Recuted  
 that 1. is recently admitted freeman and master of the  
 Company of Glovers in Brecon', that many of the company are  
 poor by reason 'the Abler sorte' send their unwrought leather  
 out of the town for sale in 'forrein places'.
- (28) Indenture of Apprenticeship 27 March 1683  
 1. John Watters, esq.; John Price, mercer, churchwardens of p.  
 St. John the Evangelist; William Thomas and Thomas  
 Wynston, overseers of poor of same  
 2. Isaack Vaughan, corvicer  
 Of Thomas Jones, a poor child. For 7 years.
- (29) Lease 24 May 1684  
 1. Bailiff, aldermen and burgesses of borough town of Brecon'  
 2. Richard Jones of same, gent.  
 Of parcel of waste adjoining to the wall of the 'yeard' or  
 backside of house of Howell Jones in High Street Superior  
 ward now or late in tenure of Henry Lewis, 2yds. broad and 10  
 yds. long. For 2. to build part of a house on it. For 99 years.  
 Rent 15d. yearly.  
 Dorse: 'No. 15'
- (30) Settlement 27 June 1691  
 1. Walter Bevan late of Brecon', dyer  
 2. David Prosser of Clirow [Clyro or Cleiro], co. Radnor,  
 yeoman  
 Conveying to uses lm., tmt. and burgage with the chamber  
 adjoining to the wall of the town over the 'highe gate'  
 otherwise called the North gate of town of Brecon' in Highe  
 Street Superior, previously purchased of Lewis Watkin,  
 'sadler', by Philip Jones, esq., late in possn. of William Watkin  
 Hughe, glover; m. or burgage with garden in suburbs in street  
 or ward called old port Inferior which 1. Purchased of Griffith  
 Lewelin. All now or late in occupns. Of Griffith Woods,  
 Richard Thomas, Elizabeth Powell, widow, and Thomas  
 Davyes.  
 Declaration of uses, viz. the 2 tmts. of Woods and Thomas to

use of 1. for life, then to 2. and wife Blanch for their lives, then to their son Thomas Prosser. The m. and tmt. in possn. of Elizabeth Powell and Davyes to use of 1. for life, then to 2. and wife, then to David Prosser of Kilblythe, son of 2.

Dorse : '13'

- (31-32) Release and Quitclaim (Lease and Release) 6-7 November 1744  
1. David Prosser of p. Clirow, co. Radnor, yeoman  
2. Edward Morgan, esq., bailiff of borough of Brecon; John Phillips the Elder, gent., and Thomas James, esq., aldermen; and burgesses  
Of m., burgage or dwelling house adjoining to the North or Struett Gate of borough, and m., house or building lying over against said gate, within the walls of the town of Brecon' in High Street Superior ward, late in tenure of Robert Davies, barber.  
Consideration : £21  
Dorses: 'No.5' and 'No.21'
- (33-34) Deed Poll (and counterpart) 20 April 1778  
1. William Morgan clerk; David Williams, clerk; Walter Jeffreys, esq.; David Griffiths, clerk; Hugh Bold; Charles Prichard; Thomas Williams; George Morgan; Richard Jones; gents. : Improvement Commissioners  
2. Samuel Hughes, esq  
Under Act 16 Geo. III for supplying the Borough and Town of Brecknock and Liberties with water and for paving, cleansing and making commodious some of the Streets, Lanes and Passages. Conveying £20 mortgage sum at 5% interest.  
Dorse : Note of Assignment 14 February 1784 by 2. to Alice Lloyd, spinster; 12 May 1790 Assignment to William Williams, gent.; 22 November 1805 to Messrs. Walter and John Powell  
Received 20 December 1887 : £20 8s.5d. by executors of late Miss Jane Powell.  
Dorse : 'No.3'
- (35) Assignment 21 December 1805  
1. William Williams of Brecon, esq.  
2. Walter Powell; John Powell of same, gents.  
Of Deed Poll 'No.3' for securing £50 and interest.  
Dorse : Declaration 23 November 1824 that '3' and '14', [B/BR/150/nos.33-34 and 35] are held by John Powell as executor of Walter Powell and John Powell, both dec'd, and of Revd. Thomas Powell of Peterstone, dec'd.
- (36) Conveyance (Deed Poll) 21 October 1840  
1. Peter Hodges of town of Brecon, ironmonger  
2. Mayor, aldermen and burgesses of town of Brecon  
Of piece lately part of a yard or outlet to m. called The Ship now in occupn. of Messrs. Peter Hodges and William Wright, ironmongers, as tenants to Howel Gwyn, esq., extending from the Bellyard adjoining to an ironfoundry of Mrs. Howel Maund

to the new markets of borough, 8' wide. In chapelry of St. Mary, p.5t. John the Evangelist. Under an Act 1 Victoria : 'An Act for providing Market places and for regulating the Markets within the Borough of Brecon...  
Plan. Consideration : £10

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| (37)     | Conveyance (Deed Poll)<br>Howel Gwyn of Baglan House, co. Glamorgan, esq to same Of same piece. Consideration £20   | 21 October 1840 |
| (38)     | Lease (counterpart)<br>1.Mayor, aldermen and burgesses of borough of Brecon<br>2.Joseph Stephens of same, Superintendent of Police<br>Of enclosed piece formerly enclosed by a wall at Lon(don Row) (at junction of 'Road to Pennoyre' with 'Baily Glaes'), p. St. John the Evangelist.<br>Rent : 2s. yearly<br>Recited that the parcel is a small spot bearing ruins in Bailey glaes [Beili Glas] formerly occupied by Watkin Watkins, labourer and tailor, dec'd, later of Walter Rumsey, now vacant.<br>Proviso that 2. erects a substantial dwelling house with a wall of stone and mortar around to the approval of town surveyor.<br>Other terms. | 9 November 1805 |
| B/BR/151 | Register of mortgages and mortgage ledger   | 1864-1954.      |

#### **Judicial records**

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| B/BR/180 | Proceedings of the Court Leet with View of Frankpledge of the Borough of Brecknock and Town of Llywel. At back of book: 'Instructions for holding the CourtLeet' | 1831-1851. |
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#### **Corporation offices**

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| B/BR/190/1 | 'The Oaths to be taken by the several Officers of the Borough of Brecon' by the bailiff and aldermen, recorder, searchers and sealers of leather, masters of trade, allegiance to the king, against foreign princes and the Pope, foremen of the grand jury, attorney of the court, constables, serjeants, burgess or freeman, wardens of all occupations, masters and wardens of the mercers, town clerk, chamberlains, or one of the common council | n.d. temp. William IV. |
| B/BR/190/2 | Book of constables' oaths   | 1853-1876              |
| B/BR/190/3 | Declarations of Acceptance of Offices   | 1932-1946              |
| B/BR/190/4 | Declarations of Acceptance of Offices   | 1946-1973              |

### **Honorary Freedom of the Borough**

B/BR/191/1	Roll of Honorary Freemen of the Borough of Brecon under the Honorary Freedom of Boroughs Act, 1885 :	1891-1969.
B/BR/191/2	Official programme : Presentation of the Freedom of the Borough to The Right Honourable David Lloyd George, O.M., M.P.	8 September 1923.
B/BR/191/3	Programme (5 copies) of Presentation of the Freedom of the Borough to The Royal Regiment of Wales (24th/41 <sup>st</sup> Foot)	6 July 1969.

### **Charities**

B/BR/192	Minutes and order book of trustees of late Edmund Jones Esq. Charity; including: Transcript of Conveyance 1674 (see B/BR/150/no.18). Lease and Release, 25-26 September 1807, between: 1. Sir Robert Williams of Brecon, surviving trustee 2. Sir Charles Morgan bart. of Tredegar; Revd. Thomas Jones; Edward Morgan, and others, of Brecon, nominating 2. as trustees and conveying trust property .Lease, 5 August 1808. Between: 1. Robert Williams; Sir Charles Morgan, to 2. Alexander Jones; John Prothero of Brecon, of messuage, burgage or dwelling house etc. late in occupation of William Smith, 'Peruke maker', now of William Yapp, chemist and druggist, and Morgan Price, and all shops and room adjoining late in occupation of Mr. John Williams, surgeon, now of Penry Williams, tailor, in High Street. For 42 years. Rent : £33. With statement of accounts for year ended 31 December 1945. And rough note on trusteeships	
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### **Burial Board**

B/BR/200/1	Burial Board of ps. St. John and St. Mary minutes	1895-1945.
B/BR/200/2	Brecon Burial Board minutes	1914-1940.
B/BR/201/1	Brecon Burial Board ledger 1922-1945	
B/BR/201/2	Brecon Burial Board ledger 1946-1954	
B/BR/201/3	Receipts ledger	1920-1943
B/BR/204	Index to register of burials in ps. St. John and St. Mary to c.1941.	

### **Fire brigade**

B/BR/210/1	Fire Brigade Committee minutes	1938-1941
B/BR/210/2	Brecknock Borough and Brecknock RDC Joint Fire Brigade minutes	1939-1941
B/BR/210/3	Attendances of Joint Fire Brigade	1939-1941.
B/BR/211/1	Ledger	1939-1941
B/BR/211/2	Cash book 1939-1941.	

### **Police**

B/BR/219	Certificate by Henry Matthews, Secretary of State, of efficiency of Police Force of Borough of Brecon. And covering letter	24 October 1889.
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### **War-time records**

B/BR/222	Evacuation scheme. Stock book	1940-1943.
B/BR/224	Air Raid Precaution circulars, Civil Defence etc.	1936-1941.
B/BR/227	British Restaurant. Register of staff and voluntary helpers' meals	1943-1945.

### **Printed papers and miscellanea**

B/BR/282/1	Victory Celebrations June. Souvenir Programme	1946.
B/BR/282/2	Loyal Address by Members of Association of Municipal Corporations of England, Wales, and Northern Ireland, on occasion of Coronation of George VI.	12 May 1937.

### **Treasurer**

B/BR/300	Ledger	1937-1946
B/BR/310	Treasurer's account	1927-1949
B/BR/311/1	Receipts and Payments	1928-1936.
B/BR/311/2	Receipts	1936-1947.
B/BR/311/3	Payments	1936-1944.
B/BR/335/1	Rates accounts ledger	1928-1947.
B/BR/335/2	Rates accounts ledger	1948-1954.
B/BR/336	Rates cash account	1946-1947.
B/BR/339	Waterworks ledger	1899-1940.
B/BR/350	Housing Account ledger	1930-1942.

### **Rating**

B/BR/500	Brecon. Assistant overseers for p. St. Mary. Valuation list	c.1917-1923.
B/BR/505/1-3	Valuation lists. Section I for ps. St. Mary, St. David, and St. John	1962.
B/BR/505/4	Valuation list section I: whole Borough - amended	1962
B/BR/507	Amendments	1949-1953.
B/BR/516/1	General rate and water rate book	1936-1937.
B/BR/516/2	General rate and water rate book	1940-1941
B/BR/516/3	General rate and water rate book	1945-1946
B/BR/516/4	General rate and water rate book	1950-1951
B/BR/516/5	General rate and water rate book	1955-1956

### **Parish administration**

B/BR/950/1	Select vestry minutes and orders : Upper Division of p. St. John the Evangelist, Brecon. [For earlier minutes, see C/LM/2/1]	1826-1925.
B/BR/950/2-4	Papers formerly enclosed within B/BR/950/1	
B/BR/950/2	Blank form for trade apprenticeships under Charity of late Revd. Rice Powell of Boughrood dec'd.	
B/BR/950/3-4	Notices of vestry minutes	23 January 1913 and 4 November 1918.
B/BR/950/5	St. Mary's p.: Vestry minutes with lists of out-door paupers 1856-58.	1886-1925

### **Local Board of Health**

B/BR/990/1	Minutes book	1850-1857.
B/BR/990/2	Committee minutes book	1851-1861.
B/BR/990/3	Committee minutes book 1861-1871.(Continued by Urban Sanitary Authority B/BR/109).	

### **Miscellanea**

B/BR/99/1	Ledger containing record of repairs (by a contractor ?)	1901-1915.
B/BR/999/2	Ledger : The Executors of the late David Jones 1886-87; Rees Williams late of Aberyscir Court 1872-82; J. Powell Williams esq., Lion Hotel, Rhayader, 1876-88; W.LI. Lloyd Downes esq. to Mr. John Williams dec'd 1871-88; administrator of late Mr. John Williams in account with Richard Webb esq. 1877-88; estate of Mr. John Williams dec'd 1887-92.	

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