

The Girl's Friendly Society was founded in England in 1875 by Mary Elizabeth Townsend to protect and support young working-class girls leaving their homes to take up urban employment. The principle of the Society was for older members to become associates to befriend and mentor younger members. Membership was available from the age of 12 but, from 1882, girls from the age of 8 could become candidates in preparation for membership. The GFS provided numerous facilities for its members, most important were the lodges offering cheap, good-quality accommodation to young women working in domestic service and as mill and factory workers.

These records mainly relate to parishes in the former counties of Breconshire and Radnorshire and to the Builth and Llandrindod branches in particular. Some records relate to Tredawel, a home of rest given to the Society by Miss Clara Thomas of Llwynmadog. Situated on Ithon Road, Llandrindod, it was run by Miss Georgiana Partridge who was also branch secretary of the Builth & Llandrindod branches.

<b>/M</b>	<b>Minutes</b>	
/1	Associates' minute book	1889-1896
/2	Winter recreation committee minute book	1902-1904
<b>/A</b>	<b>Associate Books</b>	
	Include personal details of associates, classes attended, payments received & other remarks	
/1	Associate book for Builth branch	1888-1899
/2	Associate book for Builth branch. Members in professions & business	1890-1895
/3	Associate book for Builth branch	1891-1904
/4	Associate book for Builth branch	1892-1912
<b>/AC</b>	<b>Accounts</b>	
/1	Branch secretary's summary of associates' financial reports	1903-1913
/2	Statement of receipts & expenditure for Tredawel	1910-1917
/	Receipt & expenditure book for Tredawel	1912-1918
<b>/C</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>	
/1	Bundle of correspondence to Miss Partridge [branch	1895-1917

secretary for Builth & Llandrindod branches who also ran Tredawel]

<b>/R</b>	<b>Reports</b>	
/1	Associate's annual financial report [mainly Builth & Llandrindod branches, organised by year]	1905-1913
/2	Associate's report of work	1905-1930
/3	Reports of branch work [various branches organised by year]	1908-1915
/4	Handwritten report for (Llandrindod?) branch by Georgiana Partridge	c1910
/5	Candidates' department (general) report forms [Llandrindod branch]	1910-1915
/6	Branch summary of associates' reports [Llandrindod branch]	1929-1931
<b>/V</b>	<b>Visitors' Books</b>	
/1	Visitors' book for Tredawel	1900-1904
/2	Visitors' book for Tredawel	1905-1914
/3	Visitors' book	1918
<b>/X</b>	<b>Miscellaneous</b>	
/1	Bundle of working associate's cards	1883-1893
/2	Four members' cards	1897-1908
/3	Notebook – lists of people to be sent cards and bonuses; expenses of festivals, 1900 & 1904; list of people sent notice of branch meeting & leaflets; list of Llandrindod members	1900-1904
/4	Member's guides	1904-1907
/5	G.F.S. Exhibition of Arts and Industries certificate for Miss E. Williams for small cakes	1905
/6	Candidate's card	1907
/7	Diocese of St. David's G.F.S. twenty first annual report	1907
/8	Five marriage announcement cards [these were extracted from the Associates books (P/SOC/4/A) and are from associates who had married]	1908-1912
/9	Invitation from Miss Partridge to Mr & Mrs Pugh Morgan to attend an address by the Rev Hawkes at Tredawel	1910
/10	G.F.S. St. David's Diocesan leaflet	Apr 1916
/11	Programme for production of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' at the Grand Pavilion, Llandrindod	2 May 1917
/12	Notebook – rough notes, possible minutes of meetings	c1910s
/13	Notebook – lists of names under headings: League of Honour; congregational; Presbyterian; Baptist; friend's meeting house; Disserth; Llanyre; Newbridge	c1900s
/14	Handwritten recipe book belonging to Grace Alexander	c1900s