

# WELSH HIGHLAND RAILWAY ITEMS AT GWYNEDD ARCHIVES

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- 758 1923 Oct. 27 LETTER: H.J. Jack to J. J. May re the despatch of a small shed from South Snowdon Station to Dolgarrog Station as it might suffer if exposed to strong gales.
- 775 1925 Aug. 12 BUNDLE: H.J. Jack and H.F. Stephens "... enclosing report ... outcome of recent conversation with A.E. Flewin of Messrs Hardy Trust Ltd re Nantmor copper mine".
- 792h 1936 July 18 LETTER: C. Evan Davies to Robert Evans noting marked improvement in passengers over the WHR, *et al*
- 805aa 1940 July 23 LETTER: FR Secretary to Chairman regarding surrender of lease so far as Portmadoc new station and Junction railways concerned
- 7436 1922 Oct. 6 LETTER: S.E. Tyrwhitt to Secretary The Rucksack Club sending current timetable... whole line will be completed before 1 April next.
- 7442f 1923 May 28 NOTICE: S.E. Tyrwhitt. Regulations for crossing the GWR at Portmadoc.
- 7442ff 1923 May 29 LETTER: S.E. Tyrwhitt to Stationmaster Portmadoc re staff arrangements in connection with the WHR
- 7442gg 1923 June 16 LETTER: S.E. Tyrwhitt to Stationmaster Beddgelert asking that all telephone failures to be advised to him in writing.
- 7449 1923 May 23 NOTICE: J. May. Ministry of Transport inspection at Waenfawr and from Portmadoc to South Snowdon section.
- 7450c 1923 Oct. 19 LETTER: J. May to Stationmaster Beddgelert: with curtailing of services will not require Porter Lewis Parry Jones.
- 7451b 1923 Oct. 26 LETTER: J. May to Stationmasters re the Conference of Stationmasters to consider the best means of reducing the heavy expenses in working
- 7451bb 1923 Oct. 27 LETTER: J. May to Miss Williams South Snowdon Station – re "Train service between Dinas and Beddgelert to be reduced to two trains each way ... "
- 7453b 1923 Nov. 9 LETTER: J. May to H.E. Jones re Guard Hughes' holidays – "send Porter Jones from Beddgelert to relieve, send Porter Roberts to Beddgelert."
- 7460b 1924 May 31 LETTER: J. May to Stationmaster Portmadoc re the train staff & tickets – Portmadoc and Croesor Jct new staff for this section.
- 7460dd 1924 July 17 NOTICE: J. May. Polytechnic excursion[s].
- 7484dd 1924 Sept. 27 LETTER: E.H.R. Nicholls to Guard Ellis Jones and Beddgelert Stationmaster re working arrangements for the WHR.
- 7615 1929 April 3 LETTER: H.F. Stephens to Robert Evans re the Five Valleys Circular Tour ... May 20<sup>th</sup> to July 6<sup>th</sup> 1929.... "our fully licensed buffet car will run...".
- 7643d 1930 Jan. 27 LETTER: H.F. Stephens to Robert Evans re G.W. Rly Account re Portmadoc Crossing.
- 7647a 1930 Aug. 19 LETTER: H.F. Stephens to Robert Evans re Tremadoc Estate – WHR rent.
- 7676rr 1925 June 18 NOTICE: Robert Evans. Points on WHR
- 7678a 1925 Sept. 16 NOTICE: Robert Evans to Stationmasters. Register of postage stamps to be kept at Stations.
- 7678b 1925 Sept. 18 NOTICE: Robert Evans. Oiling of wagons.
- 7687b 1926 Feb. 10 NOTICE: Robert Evans. Agents' weekly reports; reporting defective wagons.
- 7696c 1926 Dec. 4 LETTER: Robert Evans to H.F. Stephens re Dudley Park Granite Co.

- 7787d 1929 Sept. 29 BUNDLE: Robert Evans. Notes showing the Festiniog Railway employees current wages – reductions and who has left showing savings; WHR employees and wages; Summary of loco, traffic and total savings for both lines.
- 7788ee 1930 Jan. 25 LETTER: Robert Evans to H.F. Stephens re Portmadoc level crossing.
- 7788ff 1930 Jan. 29 LETTER: Robert Evans to H.F. Stephens re Portmadoc level crossing.
- 7788gg 1930 Jan. 31 LETTER: Robert Evans to H.F. Stephens re Portmadoc level crossing.
- 7788jj 1930 Feb. 13 LETTER: Robert Evans to GWR re the expenses of Croesor crossing.
- 7789aa 1930 Aug.-Sept BUNDLE: Robert Evans to H.F. Stephens August 23-September 27 re Tremadoc Estate – WHR
- 7790e 1931 Nov. 2 NOTICE: Robert Evans. Commencing today, WHR is to be re-opened for parcels, goods, minerals and coal traffic.
- 7794k 1934 May 23 LETTER: Robert Evans to J.A. Iggulden re the accounts and WHR – *very little connection with the accounts for 1933, negotiations in progress by FR Chairman to take over WHR*
- 7800d 1935 Nov. 28 LETTER: Robert Evans to Audit Acct. re impact of net loss working of the WHR on FR company.
- 7802b 1936 March 30 LETTER: Robert Evans to Audit Acct. re accounts passed by Auditors without the usual queries: “very favourable result for FR” poor result for WHR
- 7802c 1936 April 6 LETTER: Robert Evans to GWR seeking remittance for the February rebate – help to pay the balance due to the slate quarries and merchants.
- 7805a 1936 Sept. 30 REPORT: Robt Evans. Statement of charges against WHR for year to date
- 7811f 1939 Nov. 17 LETTER: Robert Evans to the Chairman & Secretary re secret letter from the Air Ministry regarding facilities on the WHR for storage in magazines near Beddgelert
- 7820b 1942 Nov. 12 LETTER: Robert Evans to J.A. Iggulden re “... glad to hear that we are getting rid of WHR...” - discusses the accounts and surrender of the lease.
- 7821aa 1943 May 10 LETTER: Robert Evans to the Acting Secretary re Dinas Junction – “presume WHR lease ceased from 31 March 1943”, D.O. Jones to remit cash etc from 1 April to the Receiver.
- 7821ff 1943 Aug. 23 LETTER: Robert Evans to the Acting Secretary re conveying slate traffic over the WHR after the surrender of the lease, including problems of taking FR loco over part of railway that had not been examined or repaired for many years.
- 9368d 1923 Oct. 22 BUNDLE: Robert Evans to LM&SR re cheap day and half day excursion fares on and beyond the WHR via Dinas Junction; Statement of tickets collected
- 13818 1926 FILE: E 2347. Dudley Park Granite Co. contracts for carrying setts and tarmac.
- 13823 1927 FILE: E 2347. Dudley Park Granite Quarry
- 16051 1922 FILE: T 426. Rail motor service between Tanybwllch & Aberglaslyn.
- 16961 1924 March 29 INSTRUCTIONS: John May to all Stations. Festiniog and WHR. Timetables commencing 31 March 1924.
- 16962 1924 April 30 INSTRUCTIONS: John May. Timetable from 1st May 1924.
- 17197 1923 FILE: T 673. Press tour 22 June 1923.
- 17700 1923 June 1 LETTER: A.H.L. Mount reporting on inspection of Portmadoc New Station and the two sections constructed under the Festiniog Railway (Light Railway) Order 1923.
- 17707 1926 FILE: E 2560. Min of Tspt inspection 6/7 Oct. 1926
- 17708 1926 Oct. 11 BUNDLE: A.H.L. Mount Transport reporting on re-inspection of two short sections at Portmadoc under the Festiniog Railway (Light Railway) Order 1923, and of various other new works on FR.
- 17750 1925 Oct. 1 INSTRUCTIONS: Working instructions to come into operation on 1<sup>st</sup> October, 1925. H.F. Stephens. (*see also 23163*)
- 19334d 1923 Nov. 8 LETTER: G. Lewis Griffith to John May re bookstall from South Snowdon Station in transit to Dolgarrog Station. [Annotated].
- 19488 (*part only of FILE: T 604*) Employee list.
- 19551 1926 FILE: E 2594. Wise’s train staff & tickets.
- 19363 1924-26 FILE: M 1077. Timetable boards at Beddgelert etc. [and other Stations].
- 19499 1926 FILE: E 2366. Handlamps & signal lamps.
- 21460d 1924 Dec. 5 BUNDLE: H.F. Stephens to Robert Williams re putting up a wooden partition at South Snowdon Station and fix a secondhand stove in the bedroom
- 21530 1927 FILE: E 2655. Experimental trip travelling crane Boston Lodge to Dinas.
- 22486 1922 March 1 LETTER: NWNGR Secretary to S. Tyrwhitt needing Smithy coal at Dinas.
- 22488 1922 May 24 REPORT: NWNGR. Pay sheet for fortnight ending 24<sup>th</sup> May 1922. D.O. Jones, Dinas. [Lists names, occupation, days worked, rates, amount etc.]
- 22619 1934 LEASE: Copy Draft lease made ... 1934 between the WHR... and Richard Thomas Griffith ... the receiver and the Festiniog Railway Company. (*see also 22619 and XC2/33/19: transcribed version of lease as signed is at <http://www.railchronology.free-online.co.uk/1934-lease.pdf>*)

- 22625 1934? REPORT: WHR. The second schedule referred to. [Lists assets]. (*lease by FR – see also 22619*)
- 22636c 1924 April 1 PLAN: Major Bowen Jones and WHR: plan of land for shelter for passengers at Ynysfor Halt (*see also 23186*)
- 22640 1925-28 FILE: E 2279. Letting of Nantmor Station – flour store
- 22687b 1943 June 30 REPORT: Festiniog Railway Company in account with WHR. Completion statement on surrender of lease of WHR made up to 30 June 1943
- 22698 1932 May 2 LETTER: R.T. Griffith Receiver and Manager to Robert Evans re his acting as Agent at Portmadoc for the WHR for 9s.8d. per week – seeking reduction
- 22727 1923 July 2 BUNDLE: Reduction in bonus from July 2 1923. [Lists employees, their position and wage calculation].
- 22733 1923-29 FILE: T 629. Staff from Festiniog Rly. to WHR. Also H.D.Jones (1927-1929 – *see particularly also 23116*)
- 22737 1924-25 FILE: N 1326. Accident to Stationmaster H. D.Jones Beddgelert 12 Aug. 1924.
- 22739 1924-28 BUNDLE: Lists of employees shewing occupation, wages, date joined WHR coy.
- 22742 1925-26 FILE: E 2259. Hugh Davies Jones, Stationmaster Beddgelert (*see also several other files*)
- 22750 1934 BUNDLE: Weekly wages sheets; Note of work done at Boston Lodge. [Incomplete].
- 22757 n.d. [Aug 1924] LETTER: H.D.Jones Beddgelert to Managing Director about resuming duty following his incapacity after accident 12 August 1924
- 22759a n.d. REPORT: Privilege tickets shown by name of staff and eligibility for 1<sup>st</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> class. [Indicates name, address, occupation, date of first engagement].
- 22786 1926-28 FILE: E 2558. Mr. Humphreys' application to load slate at Clogwyn-y-Gwyn Quarry.
- 22787 1926-28 FILE: E 2589. Nantmoor copper mine.
- 22866 1929 REPORT: Summary of 'paid' stamps issued for parcels & miscellaneous traffic [all Stations]. Each month Jan to Jun 1929.
- 22876 BUNDLE: WHR Consignment Notes. [Unused].
- 22893 1935 Jan. REPORT: WHR . Goods etc. traffic from July 1 1934 to January 19 1935
- 22894 BUNDLE: WHR. Abstract of local traffic... 3 blank forms. [Unused]
- 22910 1922 FILE: T 403. Excursion tickets from Dinas. [LNWR & WHR].
- 22914 1923 July 23 LETTER: Glaslyn Angling Association to S.E.Tyrwhitt re the petition requesting reduced rate tickets for anglers for Stations between Portmadoc and Beddgelert and for the re-instatement of the halt at Ynysferlas. (*see also 23123*)
- 22919 1923 April FILE: T 609. Tickets for Portmadoc to South Snowdon Sector. (Also Colley's Ltd etc)
- 22924 1923 FILE: T 831. Fares from Dinas to WHR Stations.
- 22930 1924 March TARIFF: Table of passenger fares from Portmadoc.
- 22935 1924 FILE: M 1094. Passenger complaint re return tickets on WHR.
- 22951 1925 FILE: E 1710. Portmadoc market and Carnarvon market handbills.
- 22972 TICKET: WHR. Through single journey ticket and counterfoil. No. 095
- 22973 BUNDLE: WHR. Colley's punch tickets
- 22973a BUNDLE: WHR. Edmondson card tickets.
- 22973b (1923 & 1934) BUNDLE: Tables of passenger fares. [Undated].
- 23002 1922 July 25 LETTER: D.O. Jones to S.E. Tyrwhitt giving details of facing points.
- 23003 1922 Sept. 20 LETTER: D.O.Jones, Dinas to S.E.Tyrwhitt "the [Salem] quarry has stopped for the present ...".
- 23004 1922 Oct. 13 LETTER: D.O.Jones, Dinas to S.E.Tyrwhitt re "Salem Quarry will stop at the end of this week...".
- 23009 1922 FILE: T 172. Booking office at Dinas broken into.
- 23021b 1924 June 2 REPORT: Dinas Junction Station. Return of cheap day excursion tickets from Waenfawr & S.Snowdon.
- 23029 1929 REPORT: D.O.Jones, Dinas. Passenger, pram, dog, cycle tickets March 1929.
- 23075 1922 FILE: T 28. Thos. Parry - Robey engine at Rhyd-ddu.
- 23081 1922 FILE: T 424. Thos. Parry - Robey engine from South Snowdon.
- 23084 1923 FILE: T 613. Burglary at South Snowdon Station. Break-in April 1923
- 23085 1923 FILE: M 913. South Snowdon Station.
- 23087 1924 FILE: N 1184. South Snowdon Station. Break-in June 1924
- 23089 1925 FILE: E 1681. South Snowdon Station.
- 23090 1925 FILE: E 2104. Keys of South Snowdon Station.
- 23098 1923 Jul 27 LETTER: Stationmaster Beddgelert to S.E. Tyrwhitt requesting a warehouse crane, clock etc., lack of lavatories
- 23102a 1924 Jan. 19 LETTER: Stationmaster Beddgelert to Capt. May re passengers came to meet the 9.35 a.m. train and were disgusted there was no train

- 23108 1924 FILE: N 1453. Motor bus fares and market tickets from Beddgelert. [Contains handbill]. Bus competition.
- 23116 1927-28 FILE: E 2701. Runaway wagon from Beddgelert October 18 1927 (*which led to dismissal of Hugh Davies Jones, Station Master – see also 22733*)
- 23118 1929 BUNDLE: Beddgelert dogs and cycles. January - June 1929.
- 23120 1923-25 FILE: M 946. Proposed coal wharf at Nantmor.
- 23123 1923 PETITION: Stop at Ynys Ferlas. [Had been in the timetable but complaints of trespass...] (*see also 22914*)
- 23160 1923 May INSTRUCTIONS: Instructions for working. 6pp. [Typescript].
- 23162 1923(?). Instructions for working Dinas to South Snowdon Section. Staff Working. [n.d. 1923?] (*note that, despite what the Gwynedd catalogue says, only 5½ pages of the complete document survive*)
- 23163 1925 Oct. BUNDLE: Working instructions to come into operation on 1<sup>st</sup> October 1925. (*see also 17750*)
- 23174 1923 FILE: T 766. Station accommodation at Beddgelert.
- 23176 1923 FILE: M 891. Proposed shelter at Hafodgarrgegog.
- 23177 1923-24 FILE: M 810b. Old box trucks: Shelter at Hafodgarregog.
- 23181 1924 FILE: M 994. Shed for Ynysfor.
- 23186 1924 FILE: N 1317. Ynysfor Halt and damage to hut. (*see also 22636*)
- 23187 1924 FILE: N 1367. South Snowdon Station buildings/roof.
- 23190 1924-26 FILE: N 1438. Stationmaster's cottage at South Snowdon.
- 23193 1925-26 FILE: E 2241. Dinas station house and warehouse.
- 23194 1926 FILE: E 2559. Damage at Rhyd-du & South Snowdon Stations Sep-Nov 1926.
- 23195 1926-27 FILE: E 2330. Shelter at Ynysfor; Sand on surface of Ynysfor Halt.
- 23196 1926-27 FILE: E 2413. Bettws Garmon Station.
- 23218 1922-23 FILE: T 531. Accommodation works for Major Jones & Mrs. J. G. Williams on Croesor section. [Includes a plan].
- 23221a 1923 Mar 1. LETTER: G. Lewis Griffith to S.E. Tyrwhitt: additional siding at Tryfan Jn.
- 23221c 1923 April 14 LETTER: Sir Robert McAlpine & Sons to Robert Evans re the offer of 40 tons of ashes.
- 23322 [n.d.] TRAIN STAFF TICKET: for section Beddgelert to Croesor Junct.
- 23323 [n.d.] TRAIN STAFF TICKET: for section Portmadoc Old Station to New Station.
- 23324 [n.d.] TRAIN STAFF TICKET: for section Beddgelert to Portmadoc.
- 23253 1924 FILE: M 1007. Road from Ynysfor Halt to Llanfrothen.
- 23290 1926 FILE: E 2329. Permanent Way gangs.
- 23335 1924-26 FILE: E 1385. Colleys Ltd.- punch tickets.
- 23399 1927-29 FILE: E 2453. Buffet car.
- 24644c 1941 June MEMORANDUM of meeting 25 June 1941 between the L.M.S. and the Acting Secretary of the FR company ... arising out of the proposal of the L.M.S. to acquire land and other facilities at Dinas Station.
- 459030 [n.d. – believed 1924] Plan: Bryngwyn Branch Signal arrangements *459030/1 is the same*
- 459031 [n.d. – believed 1924] Plan: Diagrams of locking: Dinas, Waenfawr, Tryfan Junction, Treflan Quarry siding, Bettws Garmon, Quellyn Lake, Glanrafon sidings. *459031/1 is the same*
- 459032 [n.d. – believed 1924] Diagrams of locking: South Snowdon, Hafod Ruffydd, Beddgelert, Nantmor, Hafod-y-Llyn, Hafod Garregog, Croesor Junction, Gelert interchange sidings, Portmadoc New Station, Foundry Siding. *459033 is the same*
- 459034 [n.d. –1924] Plan: New Loop at Croesor Junction. 'Copy to Ministry of Transport 7/4/24.'

**Other files** about Nantmor Copper Mine

XD8/6/76 Nantmor Copper Mine November 1923 – January 1924

XS1608/1 Nantmor Copper Mine – photographs

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