

**B/SOC/10 SIR HARRY AB GWILYM FRIENDLY SOCIETY**

**Acc 1524**

Registration number 219 Brecon; at the Lamb Hotel, Penderyn, Aberdare

Friendly Societies date from the C18th and C19th. They acted as a benefit club in times of sickness and death. Some built halls to provide social and educational facilities, and some lent money for mortgages. They provided many working class men with their first opportunity to hold public office. Some were autonomous, but most were affiliated to national organisations such as the Independent Order of Oddfellows or the Ancient Orders of Foresters. (Hey, David. *The Oxford Companion to Local and Family History*. P 195)

In Welsh, for the most part

**/L Ledgers**

/1 Ledger of contributions (with documents inside, dated 1884-1931) 1839-1889

/2 Ledger of contributions, with inscriptions: 1866-1892

“This lodge began in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine the nineteenth day of the ninth month 1839 Oct 19 in the Blu Bell Ystradfellte Vilage ” and “Syr Harry ab Gwilym Lodge Ionawr 6<sup>th</sup> 1866 Lamb Penderyn Number of the Lodge 219”.

Inside: Rule Books of the society dated 1853 and 1862, and other documents 1900-1934

/3 Ledger of contributions. At the back, copies of letters 1885-1899

/4 Ledger of contributions 1893-1936

/5 Ledger of contributions. At the back, dated notes 1924-1962

**/A Account books**

/1 Receipts and expenditure 1893-1918

/2 Receipts and expenditure 1917-1936