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Catalogue of
OLD METALWORKING MACHINERY
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Dinorwic Slate Quarries, Sale by Auction History .pdf CD

By Michael Robert Mumford

Illustrated 1969-70 Catalogue with Dinorwic History & Quarries Newsreel
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My aim was to find and record each lot, from the 1969–70 Dinorwic Quarries Sale and Auction, by turning this basic lot-listed catalogue into an industrial heritage visual index. By recording enough photographic likeness with interactive links to over 1000 lots, each helps to illustrate the last 160 years of working practises. This will educate and help the public to understand how we depend on our industrial skills to provide employment. Each original lot item is marked **A**ctual, or has a modern **S**ample where possible.

I have made many composite images, helping to tell the quarrymen's story. There will be a whole series of eBooks, Guides, History & Heritage, and interviews with local people, viewpoints of Snowdonia, downloads, CD- DVD's

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My thanks to Dafydd Roberts and staff of The National Slate Museum, for their help and assistance in helping to make it possible to photograph the many original Lots. I wish to thank the many collectors who have helped to make available the different artifacts photographed. Some may in the course of time donate them to our local museums and archives for safe keeping. Our special thanks to the Gwynedd County Council for their continued stewardship and management of Padarn Heritage Park.

Your Heritage should never to be sold off or lost. Michael Robert Mumford 2011

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Introduction to Dinorwic Quarries Sale after 160 years of employment

Press Cutting: Quarry Auction Today 12th December 1969

CAERNARVONSHIRE County Council are expected to become the new owners of a part of Dinorwic Quarry, Llanberis, this week-end. Today (Friday) and tomorrow (Saturday) machinery and stock at the quarry come for sale by auction.



A spokesman for the auctioneers, Edward Rushton Son and Kenyan, said yesterday (Thursday) that there was a "mutual deal" between them and the council, and it was not anticipated that there would be any difficulties in the negotiations for an agreed price.

The council, who have given their finance committee powers to act in the matter to make a private bid for the square of buildings at Gilfach Ddu at the quarry, comprising of living quarters, workshops, canteen, stores, etc, together with over 20 acres of surrounding land, touching on Lake Padarn.

Much of the machinery, with some tools and other effects in the fitting shop smithy, will be left as they are, as will several other items in the other buildings. There is a Ministry of Public Buildings and Works preservation order in respect of the buildings, which are to be included in their list as being of special historic value.

ESTABLISH NEW MUSEUM and Padarn Park?

The council are interested in the possibility of an industrial museum being established in the buildings and talks are going on between council officials and bodies interested in the project.

Reference was made at the county council meeting last month to the possibility of developing the Gilfach Ddu part of the Quarry,

containing the buildings, into a park, which could be made attractive to tourists.

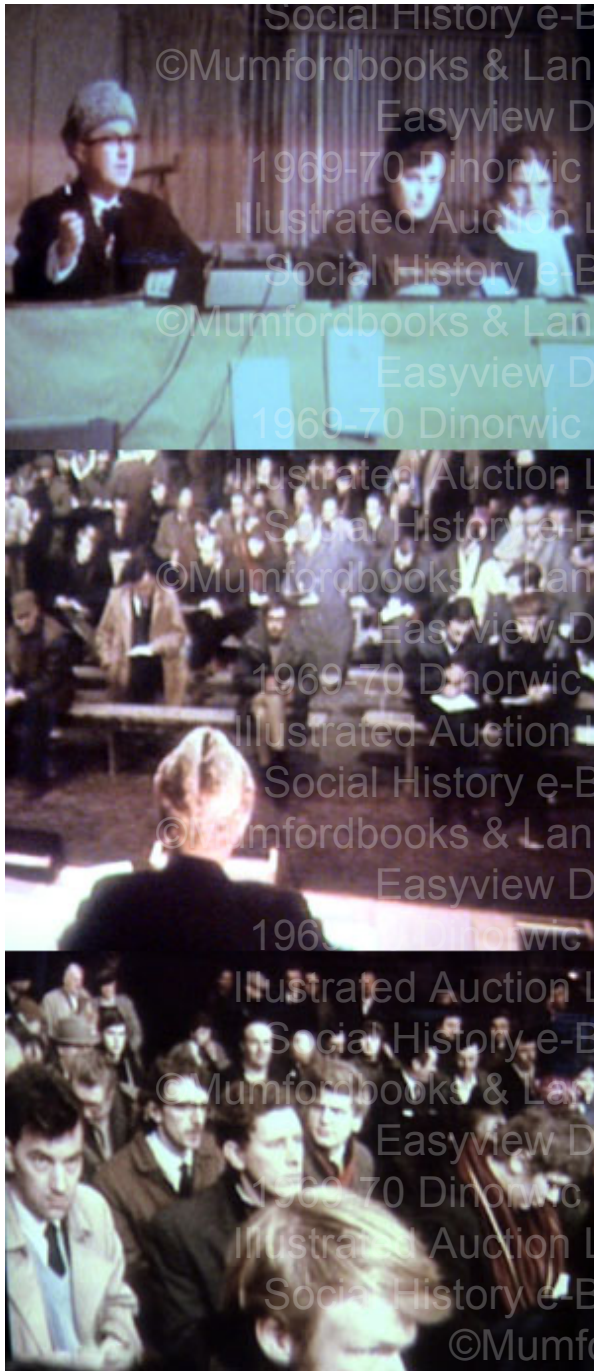
The machinery has been described as virtually priceless as industrial antiques. Many of the machine tools, like the two-inch plus drills and reamers, used in the massive fitting shop lathes, are not suitable for modern industry, but they have proved themselves as essential as



any modern precision tool, in their own time and setting. The quarry's modern plant is being retained as hopes for selling some of the quarry, as a going concern have not yet been given up.

VIEWING THE LOTS

Yesterday (Thursday) prospective buyers and many interested parties flocked to view the lots for sale, and Mr Hugh Jones, the chief engineer at the quarry, said they had also a very busy



day on Wednesday,

He said catalogues had been sent as far afield as the United States, but he could not say whether anyone from there would be attending the sale. But, he said, they made inquiries, in particular about the locomotives. The loco shed was a popular venue yesterday.

OLD ENGINES The 48-year-old 2 cylinder "Dolbadarn" engine, which will be sold, was getting up steam for a demonstration run. Taking particular interest in her were a group of schoolboys.

Other engines include Red Damsel (1889), Wild Aster (1904), and Irish Mail (1903). Complete private line telephone exchanges, steam cranes, fire boxes and railway carriages used by members of the Royal family during visits to the quarry will also go under the hammer. Among the relics which come under the hammer is a four-wheel cycle used a century ago on the **Padarn Lake Railway** track between the quarry and Portdinorwic. It is in working order to-day.

Still in order, too, is a four wheel hand-cranked velocity car used for carrying people in the pre-locomotive days.

LOCAL NEWSREEL SAVED The three sample images above and other **Actual** lots are taken from this movie film. This 21minute documentary story records four men's lifelong employment coming to an abrupt end. 160 years of history will be told in a unique way through a series of



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Auctioneers:

Historic Sale

1969-70 Dinorwic Slate Quarries Sale
Interactive Auction Lots, Interactive PDF



The 160 years of history was sold over 2 days. Thanks to railway and quarry enthusiasts many items were saved and restored. Fire Queen and Director's Coach with many unique items can be seen at Penrhyn Castle Railway Museum.

The Welsh Slate Museum, Llanberis is a superb reminder to the amount of investment in making the quarry self-sufficient.

The following pages are taken from the original sale catalogue.

Each Lot is illustrated Many have their **Sale Price**, each image is marked **Actual** or **Sample** The whole catalogue becomes a whole resource centre helping to fit all the historic

pieces together. Each lot listing a full range of office equipment from the first telephones and typewriters to heavy machinery. Dinorwic, which shut in 1969, contain a wealth of buildings, structures and machines from earlier phases of operation. Dinorwic Quarry's huge quadrangular workshops at Gilfach Ddu were reopened as Amgueddfa Lechi Cymru/Welsh Slate Museum in the 1980s, before which it had been the North Wales Quarrying Museum (in Cadw's care and operated by the National Museum of Wales). The site, which has undergone a massive programme of refurbishment recently, is now part of a Country Park this includes restored features at the Vivian incline of the quarry and a narrow-gauge railway, constructed along the course of the quarry's own railway, closed in 1961 and subsequently dismantled.



Actual image taken on the Sale Auction day 13th December 1969

Landscape-guides have produced an illustrated Auction Sale Catalogue for 12th & 13th December 1969 and for 24th June 1970.

Many of the original lot items we have traced and photographed, as far away as Denbigh. The most exciting find was a complete ceremonial halberd (axe/spear) made by the quarrymen and carried by them for 1908 opening of Caernarfon Assizes, when their master, Sir Charles Assheton-Smith, was High Sheriff. I have adopted this halberd as part of our DVD label design for my eBook, "Illustrated Auction Sale Catalogue 1969-70".

<http://www.landscape-guides.co.uk/cat.asp?CatID=60> Please choose from one of our series of eGuides **1756 the Vaynol Estate and Dinorwic Quarries History** up to the sale, next the "Quarry Auction Sale Movie", followed by the early years of the National Slate Museum and Llanberis Lake Railway to the present time. We also have as a special feature of Mr. Vivian Hughes' autobiography, born and bred in the Quarry Hospital. <http://www.landscape->



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We hope to find more lost lot items and add more stories to record. Please let us know if you have anything, and we will publish them all, before they are lost.

This modern wizardry is only possible using a powerful computer to put together so many lost or nearly misplaced items. I wish to dedicate this E-book & DVD to generations of proud and hard working men and not forgetting their wives.

CONDITIONS OF SALE

1. The respective lots are to be taken with all faults, defects, *and* errors of description (if any). The highest bidder (if approved of to be the purchaser, who shall give in his name and address to the Sale Clerk, and immediately pay down a deposit of twenty-five per cent., or any other higher sum, it required in part payment of the purchase money, and the balance thereof to be paid within three days from the day of Sale, at the place of Sale or at the Offices of the Auctioneers. Should the purchase money not be paid within the time stated the Auctioneers reserve the right to charge interest on the Lots unpaid for, at the rate of £6 per cent, per annum until the whole amount is paid. Each purchaser's sale account must be paid in full before the removal of any lot or lots.
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DINORWIC QUARRIES SALE NOTICE

Please read these carefully because failure to do so may entail viewers in wasted journeys and time.

Lots 1 to 317 and 610 to 612 are located at the Dry Dock, Port Dinorwic.

Lots 318 to 720, (except Lots 610 to 612 which are at Port Dinorwic) are at the Engineering Workshops at Llanberis.

ALL LOTS WILL BE SOLD IN THE BIG SAW SHED AT WELLINGTON LEVEL in the Quarry. Llanberis, and will NOT be on view at the point of sale. Therefore it is VITAL that prospective buyers view and inspect the lots **BEFORE** the Sale starts.

DIRECTIONS TO SITES:-

The Dry Dock is at Port Dinorwic, turn right at the Half Way Hotel between Bangor and Caernarvon.

The Engineering Workshops are in Llanberis turn off the main road opposite the Mountain Railway, at the sign "Dolbadarn Castle" and proceed down the private road and turn left at the railway lines.

The Sale will be held in the Saw Shed at Wellington Level in the Quarry. Llanberis, and all lots will be sold strictly in lot order, from a rostrum, i.e. no "walk round".

The Auctioneers intend to sell through without stopping for luncheon so buyers are requested to patronise the caterer at their convenience.

Collection of lots may be made after the Sale finishes each day and on Sunday. 14th December providing payment has been made in full. In this connection buyers unknown to the Auctioneers should either pay in cash or make arrangements through their banks with our bank which is Barclays, 17 York Street, Manchester, 2.

Both works close for collection of lots at 4 p.m. on Friday, 19th December and will re-open at 9 a.m. on Monday, 5th January, 1970. Collection will not be permitted during weekends, except for Sunday, 14th December.



Interactive Image & E-book CATALOGUE

Introduction & Background History to the Dinorwic Slate Quarries Auction in Acrobat

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Special thanks to Dr. Keith A Jagers, Researcher & Collector

Specialist Photography: David V. Mills and various private collections

A unique and Special Link: Vivian Hughes: Cottage Hospital Autobiography

FIRST DAY'S SALE, FRIDAY, 12th DECEMBER 1969 starting at 11 a.m.

LOTS 1 TO 489 also + OLD Newsreel 21 minute and other Films (Downloadable)

Lots at the Dry Dock, Port Dinorwic **Click on Interactive Images many sample images**

Each Lot Illustrated marked with: **Actual** or **Sample**, many Old & New examples

Page 1.1 Lots 1 to 21

YARD

- 1 [Portable tar boiler](#). Sold for **£1 S**
- 2 Set of 4 steel shear legs, 16 ft. 0 in. long Sold for **£5**
- 3 [Adjustable steel trestles x2, and 2 steel trestles](#). Sold for **£4 S**
- 4 2 pieces of 1/2 in plate. Sold for **£18**
- 5 Cast and steel scrap to area in front of machine shop excluding rail lines and steel gantry. Sold for **£85**

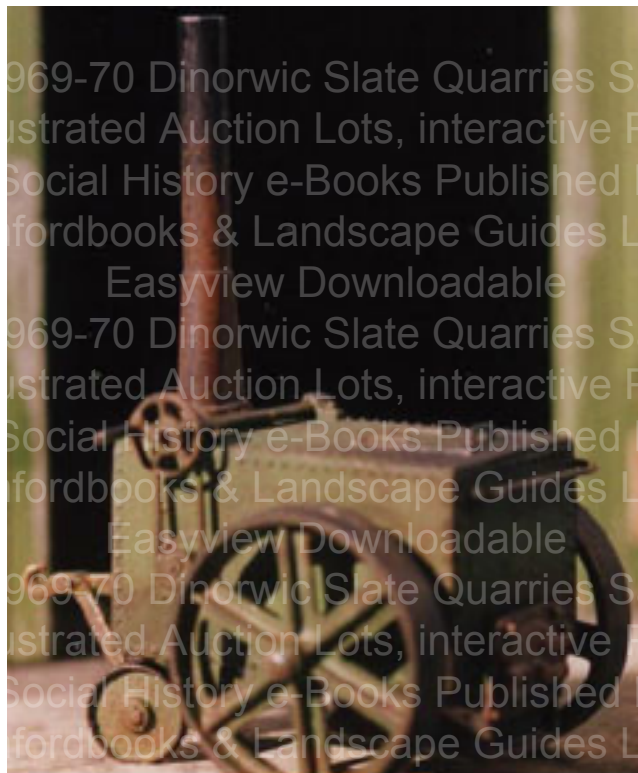
LOCO SHED

- 6 [Drysdale 6 in. water pump with Thorneycroft petrol engine](#). Sold for **£12.10s S**
- 7 Stack of fittings. Sold for **£4**
- 8 Stack of shuttering timber. Sold for **£1.10s**
- 9 2 Mahogany cased compactums. Sold for **£1**

MACHINE SHOP

- 10 Stack of mild steel plates. NS
- 11 Stack ditto. NS
- 12 Quantity of mild steel angles and flats and bar rack. NS
- 13 [Pneumatic hammers x 7 and quantity of tools. All 10-13 lots](#) Sold for **£4 S**
- 14 [Leg- vices x3](#). Sold for **£32 A**
- 15 Cast iron flanging block. 6 ft. 0 in. x 3 ft. 0 in. x 31 in. Sold for **£5**
- 16 Stack of scrap. Sold for **£90**
- 17 Mild steel loco boiler shell. Sold for **£24 scrap**
- 18 [Stack of bolsters](#). Sold for **£14 S**
- 19 [Anvils x3, swage blocks and smiths tools](#). Sold for **£24 S**
- 20 [Cast iron framed smith's hearths x2](#). Sold for **£10 A**
- 21 [Hand operated bending rolls 36 in. and 30 in. ditto](#). Sold for **£14 A**





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