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Quarrying

✪ - Recommend reading.

❖ - Light introductory reads to the topic.

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**General Resources**

Barrington, E.C. – **“Human Geography of Guernsey”.** *La Société Guernesiaise Report and Transactions 1935 (Vol. XIII 1933 – 1936) –* p.402, “The Stone Quarrying Industry”.

Batiste, R. - **“The Stone Age”.** *Guernsey Evening Press, 7th June 2019*

❖ Bennett, A. – ***Secret Guernsey***. Stroud: Amberley Publishing, 2015 [LOC 940 BEN] – p.25, Chapter 3: The Second Life of Quarries

Best, M. – ***A Family Business***. Brighton: Pen Press Publications, 2006 [LOC 666.737 BES] – Chapter 2: Quarrying (p.4), Chapter 6: The Business - Quarrying (p.21) & Chapter 6: The Business – Processing stone (p.40)

✪❖ Coysh, V. – ***Bygone Guernsey: Part II***. Guernsey: Guernsey Press CO. Ltd., 1964 [LOC 940 COY] – p.50, “The Stone Trade”.

Coysh, V. - **“John Mowlem and Guernsey”.** *The Quarterly Review of the Guernsey Society, Spring 1985 Vol. XLI No. 1* - p.17, an account of John Mowlem & Co. Ltd. Who quarried stone in Guernsey between 1830 and 1930.

✪❖ Coysh, V. – ***A Short History of the Town of St. Sampson***. Guernsey: Toucan Press, 1985 [LOC 940.09 COY] – pp.17-20.

❖ Crossan, R. – ***Guernsey 1814 – 1914: Migration and Modernisation***. Woodbridge: The Boydell Press, 2007 [LOC 940.28 CRO] – pp.24-28, a short discussion on the stone industry. pp.94, 102, 120, 128 mentions the immigration of British & French quarry workers. See also Plate 5.

❖ Falla, J.H. – ***Some Notes on Quarrying in Guernsey***. [LOC 338.275 FAL]

✪ Fenn, R.W.D. & Yeoman, A.B. – ***Quarrying in Guernsey, Alderney, and Herm***. Leominster: Orphans Press, 2008 [LOC 338.275 FEN]

Foote, S. – **“Les Vardes Quarry”.** *The Quarterly Review of the Guernsey Society, Winter 2010 Vol. LXXV No. 3* - p.120, short article about the death of quarry worker, Peter Falla, in 1863.

Girard, P.J. - **“Adolphus Bichard’s Reminiscences of the Stone Industry”.** *La Société Guernesiaise Report and Transactions 1982 (Vol. XXI 1960 – 1965) –* p.202, an account of the stone industry before the age of mechanisation.

Girard, P.J. – ***Peter Girard’s Guernsey***. Guernsey: The Guernsey Press Company Ltd, 1986 [LOC 940 GIR] – pp.78 (Chapter 10: Cobo Farm & Cobo Granite) & 234 (Chapter 27: The Island Stone Industry)

Hares, J.S. – ***The Historical Geography of Guernsey 1000-1350 AD***. J.S. Hares, 2014 [LOC 911 HAR] – very brief mention of medieval quarrying on p.234

Hickman, S. - **“A Guernsey Quarryman”.** *The Quarterly Review of the Guernsey Society, Summer 1999 Vol. LV No. 2* - p.35, the author provides an account of her grandfather’s life including his time as a quarryman in the latter 19th Century.

Kellett-Smith. S.K. - **“Quarrying and Mining on Herm and Jethou”.** *La Société Guernesiaise Report and Transactions 1961 (Vol. XVII 1981 – 1985) –* p.246

Lewer, D. (ed.) – ***John Mowlem’s Swanage Diary: 1845-1851***. Wincanton: Dorset Publishing Company, 1990 [LOC 338.275 MOW] – An Englishman who owned several local quarries in the 19th Century & founded John Mowlen & Co (c.1820s). References to Guernsey are indexed. See also *The Greenwood* *Tree* [LAG 929.2 SOM] for a bit more on J. Mowlem.

✪❖ Marr, J. – ***The History of Guernsey***. London: Phillimore & Co. Ltd, 2001 [LOC 940 MAR] – Chapter 10: Quarrying (p.366)

Mauger, R. - **“When the crushers roared and ruled”.** *Guernsey Evening Press, 2nd May 1974* – Article about John Mowlem and John Le Poidevin (senior manager at the Mowlem company).

Midgley, H.C. – ***St. Sampson Guernsey: A Human Survey***. Guernsey, 1968 [LOC 304.2 MID]

❖ Warren, J.P. – ***Our Own Island***. Guernsey: Guernsey Press Co. Ltd., 1926 [LOC 942 WAR] – refer to index (‘Quarries’ and ‘Stone trade and industry’).

Winterflood, H. - **“Quarry crane is taken into care by committee homes”.** *Guernsey Evening Press, 11th February 1983*

**“The Late Mr. Mowlem”.** *The Star, 19th March 1868* – Obituary of John Mowlem.

**“Quarrymen return”.** *Guernsey Evening Press, 26th September 1906* – return of Guernsey quarrymen at Cherbourg due to issues with pay and rates.

**“Landing of explosives at Bordeaux Harbour”.** *Guernsey Evening Press, 11th September 1906* & **“Bordeaux Harbour”.** *Guernsey Evening Press, 26th September 1906* – see hanging file for corresponding Billets d’Etat.

**🖳** **“Ronez: History”.** *www.ronez.com*, https://www.ronez.com/our-company/history - an outline of the history of Ronez Ltd.

**Quarries**

Batiste, R. - **“Monsters of the deep”.** *Guernsey Evening Press, 14th September 2012*

❖ Bennett, A. – ***Secret Guernsey***. Stroud: Amberley Publishing, 2015 [LOC 940 BEN] – p.25, Chapter 3: The Second Life of Quarries

❖ Falla, J.H. – ***Guernsey Granite***. Guernsey Society, 1948 [LOC 338.275 FAL]

Gilmour, J., Thoumine, D. & Vaudin, P. - **“The Importance of the Guernsey Quarries for Conservation”.** *La Société Guernesiaise Transactions, 1991 –* p.92

Girard, P.J. - **“St. Germain in the Castel Parish”.** *The Quarterly Review of the Guernsey Society, Winter 1971 Vol. XXVII No. 3* - p.71, short article on St. Germain Quarry which was being used by at least 1639.

Girard, P.J. – ***Peter Girard’s Guernsey***. Guernsey: The Guernsey Press Company Ltd, 1986 [LOC 940 GIR] – pp.71 & 78, see also “Lovely Cobo granite played major role in building of old-time beautiful homes”, *Guernsey Evening Press, 16th September 1982*

Girard, P.J. – **“Golden gravel was used by the gentry”.** *Guernsey Evening Press, 10th November 1988* – p.4, St. Germain Quarry.

Greenwell, G.C. – ***The Guernsey Quarries.*** London, 1897 [LOC 338.275 GRE]

Heaume, R.L. - **“The History of the Forest Parish Quarries at Le Fond du Val”.** *The Quarterly Review of the Guernsey Society, Spring 2007 Vol. LXIII No. 1* - p.7

Lane, D. & Walls, T. - **“Watching Brief and Excavation at Les Vardes Quarry, 2010”.** *La Société Guernesiaise Report and Transactions 2010 (Vol. XXVI 2006 – 2010) –* p.755

Marr, L. J. - ***Guernsey People***. Chichester: Phillimore & Co. Ltd, 1984 [LOF 920.02 MAR] – p.2, mentions a granite quarry on Crevichon (a satellite islet off of Jethou) c.1825.

Wylie, D. – ***Castel Parish Past and Present.*** Guernsey: Herald, 2010 [LOC 940.09 CAS] – p.259

***The Vale: 800 Years of a Guernsey Parish***. Guernsey: INK Ltd, 2005 [LOC 940.09 VAL] – Bordeaux and Rocque Barras Quarries (p.71-72), a large selection of photos of Vale quarries (past and present) and quarrymen with accompanying notes (pp.250-268)

**Basil C. de Guérin Scrapbook ‘H’** – p.126 contains the article “Guernsey Quarries Under the Germans” from *Mine & Quarry Engineering* (1948).

**“No wind, so work stopped”.** *Guernsey Evening Press, 16th February 1956* – discusses the island’s quarries & mentions those still working in 1956.

**“Graves plunge 250 feet”.** *Guernsey Evening Press, 20th August 1969* – The collapse of part of St. Sampson’s Church graveyard into Longue Hougue Quarry.

**“Le Guet, Cobo”.** *The Quarterly Review of the Guernsey Society, Autumn 1962 Vol. XVIII No. 3* - p.55, discusses the States of Guernsey’s failed attempt to re-open a quarry at Le Guet on 28th August 1962.

**Hazards**

A few articles highlighting the regular dangers those individuals working in the stone industry faced on a daily basis.

**“Shocking accident at the Vale: Man killed on a stone-sifting machine”.** *Guernsey Evening Press, 8th May 1906*

**“Explosion damage at St. Sampson’s”.** *Guernsey Evening Press, 9th November 1955* - Article on explosion at Longue Hougue Quarry.

**“Rocks fly after big quarry blast”.** *Guernsey Evening Press, 4th May 1968* – explosion at A.F. Manuelle’s Bulwer Avenue quarry.

**Other Resources**

***Newspaper Articles***: The Guernsey Evening Press is available to keyword search from 2006 onwards.

**🗁 Hanging Files**: Ask a member of staff to see our hanging file containing numerous pieces of information and documents regarding quarrying and the stone industry.

***Church House:*** Once the Southside yard of J. Mowlem. The National Trust of Guernsey hopes to showcase the history of the house and Guernsey’s granite industry in the property’s former workshop. For more information visit: *https://nationaltrust.gg/walks/church-house*

***Photographic Reference:***

Coysh, V. & Toms, C. – ***Guernsey Through the Lens***. London/Chichester: Phillimore & Co. Ltd., 1978 [LOC 940 COY] – Plates; 38 (Les Romains quarry), 171 (Herm).

Coysh, V. & Toms, C. – ***Guernsey Through the Lens Again***. Chichester: Phillimore & Co. Ltd., 1982 [LOC 940 COY] – Plates: 35 (stone-crushing plant) & 41 (granite for export).

Coysh, V. & Toms, C. – ***Bygone Guernsey***. Chichester: Phillimore & Co. Ltd., 1987 [LOC 940 COY] – Plates: Coysh, V. & Toms, C. – ***Old Guernsey In Pictures.*** Chichester: Phillimore & Co. Ltd., 1989 [LOC 940 COY] – Plates: 55 (Beaucette Quarry), 57 (Bordeaux Quarry), 135 (Longue Hougue), 136 (stonecrackers),

Shipman, B. & P. – ***Guernsey: Past and Present***. Stroud: Amberley, 2011 [LOC 940 SHI] – p.77, Les Petils & image of Blondin crane.

Toms, C. – ***Guernsey’s Forgotten Past***. Chichester: Phillimore & Co. Ltd., 1992 [LOC 940 TOM] – Plates 34-39.