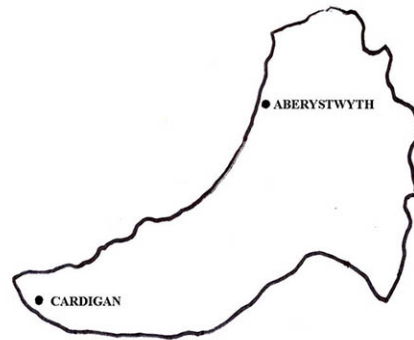
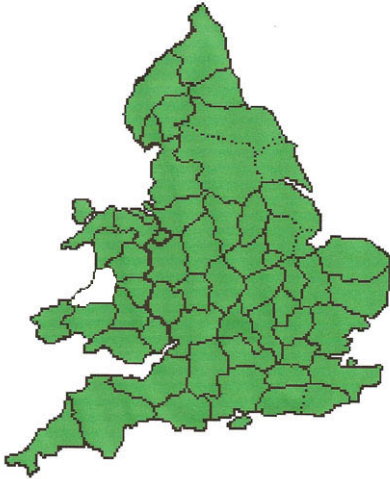


CARDIGANSHIRE






Cardiganshire is a county in West Wales, with a large coastline facing the Irish Sea. It is bordered by Merionethshire to the north, Montgomeryshire and Breconshire to the east, and Carmarthenshire and Pembrokeshire to the south.

The county acquired standards in 1826 and appointed inspectors of weights and measures under the Acts of 1834 and 1835. But there is little evidence of inspection until 1851, when the police force took over. There were two districts from 1869 onwards. The first qualified inspector was not appointed until 1909.

The ancient boroughs of Aberystwyth and Cardigan were content to rely on the county authorities for the inspection of their weights and measures.

Aberystwyth was linked by railway to the heartlands of the West Midlands, and in due course the industrial giants of Avery and Pooley established branches there. A local firm, Jenkins the shopfitters, was active in the 1930s.

A: Inspection by the County of CARDIGANSHIRE

Dates	Events	Marks	Comments
1826	One set of standards [347] issued, two examiners.		<p>Inspectors 1834/5: <i>Upper district:</i> John Hughes (Aberystwyth) (1835-44) William R. Coultart (1844-46) John Evans (1847-51) <i>Lower district:</i> John Morris (nr Newcastle Emlyn) (1835-51)</p>
1835/6	Two more sets of standards [621, 801] issued; examiners appointed as inspectors.		
1844	Police force set up.		
1850	County to transfer inspection to superintendent of police; former IWMs dismissed January 1851.		<p>Police officers as inspectors 1851-1935:</p>
1866	One police superintendent as inspector for the whole county.		Harry J. Lloyd (1851-69) <i>North Divn (570):</i> Harry J. Lloyd (1869-70) Frederick Hall (1870-71) John Lloyd (1871-93)
1869	County split into two divisions for WM purposes		<i>South Divn (571):</i> Frederick Hall (1869-70) John Lloyd (1870-71) Richard Lloyd (1871-82) David Williams (1882-93)
1882	Old marks still in use.		
1889	Cardiganshire CC set up.		
1891	Numbers issued for two divisions: Northern division: 570 Southern division: 571		Through the failure of a member of the constabulary to pass the BoT exam, David Williams, the DCC, was sole inspector 1893-1910 [MR 10:57]. Although unqualified, he then continued as inspector for the Southern Division, until his retirement in 1921.
1909	First qualified inspector.		
1921	Williams retires, Jones becomes the sole inspector.		
1935	WM office becomes a civilian department; Jones retires as a police sergeant to continue as WM inspector.		Joseph Jones (police constable q. 1909) was inspector for the Northern Division 1910-21, and then for the whole county 1921-56 [MR 59:181].
1974	Authority transferred to Dyfed County Council.		J.D.M. Jones, son of Joseph, listed 1948, succeeded his father in 1956, still in post in 1972.



¶ Two weights, a 1 lb bronze weight and a 1 oz brass weight bearing the mark for No 1 District of Cardiganshire; the 1 lb weight also carries the VR570 mark.

B: Localities with separate jurisdiction in the county of CARDIGANSHIRE

The ancient boroughs of **Aberystwyth** and **Cardigan** had pre-Imperial standards but neither of them acquired Imperial standards. Each borough used the services of the County Inspector. In 1869, Cardigan did investigate the legality of appointing an IWM for the town and borough [We 13/8/69] but, finally, in 1878 resolved to continue its amalgamation with the County, on the grounds of cost [CN 13/12/78]. In the directories [K] for 1901 and 1906, two policemen Thomas Phillips and David Phillips were listed as the IWM for Aberystwyth, respectively, but this coincided with the period when a member of the County Police Force was trying to qualify as an IWM and needed to hold an IWM post to be allowed to sit the BoT examination.

C: The trade in Cardiganshire

There are a few scattered references to scale makers and these are restricted to Aberystwyth.

1908-1920: Henry **Pooley** & Sons, Ltd were listed at the Railway Station, Aberystwyth [Hbks: 1908-11; K 1910-20]

1914: W & T **Avery**, Ltd was listed in the Meat and General Market, Aberystwyth [K] and was back in the town by 1965.

<1939-58>: scales and weights by **Jenkins**, Ltd, shopfitters, Western Parade, Aberystwyth are known, although no references to this firm have been traced.



¶ Detail of the transfer on a scale sold by Jenkins, together with a 2oz weight stamped Jenkins Ltd, Aberystwyth.

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