Sources for the History of the Parliamentary Labour Party

This fact sheet was created to coincide with the Parliamentary Labour Party Centenary Conference, London South Bank University, 24-25 November 2006. It is not an exhaustive survey of resources for the history of the Parliamentary Labour Party but an overview of key collections held at institutions that are members of SSLH ARC. Researchers should also check the indexes of the National Register of Archives. See: http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/nra/

Bishopsgate Library

The Bishopsgate Institute has been collecting archive and printed material since its opening in 1895 and offers unrestricted access to these special collections in its Library's reading room. It now houses the archives and printed collections of politicians George Howell and Charles Bradlaugh, and co-operative pioneer and secularist George Jacob Holyoake. The Library has also recently acquired the archives of historian Raphael Samuel, the extensive London Co-operative Society collection and the Freedom Press Library, the latter containing a wide range of internationally published books on anarchism. Although the Library's collections are strongest on co-operation, secularism and trade unionism, it also holds a wide range of archive and printed material of interest to researchers exploring the activities and history of the Parliamentary Labour Party and some examples are given below.

The Bishopsgate Library's **George Howell collection** holds a wide variety of material relating to early socialism and the development of the Labour Party. Although Howell himself was Liberal MP for Bethnal Green from 1885 to 1895, he was also a keen labour historian and collected a huge selection of pamphlets, books and archival material relating to the labour movement. The Howell library has been added to since its deposit in 1910 by several generations of librarians at the Institute and it now also contains many modern works on the Labour Party and affiliated organisations.

Bishopsgate Library also holds the **London Co-operative Society archive**. This collection provides numerous areas of interest for those researching the Parliamentary Labour Party, such as the papers of the Society's Political Committee which records its involvement with Labour and co-operative politics in London and includes minutes, papers and photographs. The archive also contains the papers of **Caroline Selena Ganley**, Labour MP for Battersea South between 1945 and 1951, along with papers and photographs concerning the activities of other numerous Labour/Co-op MPs, such as **Alf Barnes**, **Percy Holman**, **Laurie Pavitt**, **Alf Lomas**, **Joyce Butler and Stan Newens**. The collection also contains a large volume of printed material, including books, pamphlets and journals recording the influence of co-operative politics on the Labour Party and the labour movement.

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The papers of co-operative activist and Christian socialist **Paul Derrick** also contains material relating to the Labour Party and document Derrick's attempt to become Labour MP for Sutton and Cheam in the General Election of 1964. The collection also contains correspondence with various members of the Labour Governments on various socialist and co-operative issues during the 1960s and 1970s and various pamphlets and writings produced on these areas by Derrick up to his death in 1996.

The Library's **periodical collection** contains much Labour Party produced material, including annual and conference reports for the Labour Representation Committee and the early Labour Party, circulars and periodicals, speaker's handbooks and other miscellaneous items. The collection also contains the publications of affiliated organisations such as the Fabian Society and the Labour Research Department.

For further information on the Library's collections and other general information, please visit the Institute's website www.bishopsgate.org.uk or contact us at library@bishopsgate.org.uk

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University of Huddersfield

Archives

Colne Valley Labour Party 1891-1970 archive is very important for the study of labour history and for the wider social history of West Yorkshire. It includes information on local figures linked to national politics, among them Tom Mann, Philip Snowden and Victor Grayson.

Huddersfield Labour Party 1918-1993 archive traces the rise and development of the Labour Party during the twentieth century in a hitherto staunchly Liberal part of the country.

Archives from other repositories held on microfilm

- British Labour Party Archives 1900-1906
- British Labour Party Archives: National Committee Minutes 1900-1939, Pamphlets and Leaflets 1900-1939, 1951-1969
- British Labour Statistics: Historical Abstracts 1886-1968
- British Parliamentary Labour Party: Administrative Committee Minutes 1941-1845,
 Executive Committee Minutes 1924-1937, Liaison Committee Minutes 1945-1968,
 Parliamentary Committee Minutes 1951-1964, Party Meeting Minutes 1906-1968
- Co-operative Congress Reports, 1831-1832
- Fabian Society Tracts, 1-249, 1884-1940

- Francis Johnson Collection ILP
- Howell, George, Collection
- Huddersfield Labour Party Archives, 1905-1943
- Independent Labour Party Archives, Francis Johnson Correspondence 1888-1950
- Independent Labour Party Archives, Pamphlets and Leaflets 1893-1908, 1909-1916, 1917-1924, 1925-1939, 1940-1975
- Labour Party Annual Reports, 1900-1967, 1941-1949
- Labour Party Archives: Administrative Committee Minutes 1941-1845, Liaison Committee Minutes 1945-1968, Executive Committee Minutes 1924-1937, Parliamentary Committee Minutes 1951-1964, Party Meeting Minutes 1906-1968
- Labour Party Archives, see also: British Labour Party, Independent Labour Party, Sheffield Labour Party, South Shields Labour Party
- Labour Research Dept. Books and Pamphlets 1916-1975
- London Trades Council Archives: Account Books 1860-1953, Annual Reports 1861-1952, Minutes 1860-1953
- Luddite Papers of Sir Joseph Radcliffe, Bart., c 1812-1813
- Owen, Robert, Papers, 1821-1858
- Parliamentary Labour Party: Administrative Committee Minutes 1941-1945, Executive Committee Minutes 1924-1937, Liaison Committee Minutes 1945-1968, Parliamentary Committee Minutes 1951-1964, Party Meeting Minutes 1906-1968
- Place Papers, London Corresponding Society, Vols. XXV-LXXIVMF
- Place, Francis, Papers
- Public Order, Discontent and Protest, 1820-1850
- Sir Joseph Radcliffe, Bart., Luddite papers c 1812-1813
- Reports of the Co-operative Congress, 1831-1832
- Robert Owen Papers, 1821-1858
- Sheffield Labour Party Archives 1885-1951
- Social Democratic Federation and British Labour Party: Pamphlets and Leaflets 1883-1931,
 Socialist and Labour thought in Britain since 1884
- Socialist and Reform Movements, pamphlets 1898-1902
- South Shields Labour Party Archives 1835-1951
- Trades Union Congress Archives: General Council Minutes 1921-1946, Pamphlets and Leaflets 1887-1947, Trades Union Congress Annual Reports, 1869, 1872-1901, 1906-1913, 1914-1966
- British Labour Statistics: Historical Abstracts 1886-1968

Special Collections

The G.H Wood Collection http://www.hud.ac.uk/cls/archives/ghw comprises the library of internationally important statistician George Henry Wood (1874-1945) and includes much material on political history, the co-operative movement, women's history, the women's co-operative guild.

Recent acquisitions include the libraries of labour activist and conscientious objector Arthur Gardiner and of Communist Dr Alistair Wilson.

Newspapers

- Blackburn Labour Journal, 1898-1909
- Bradford Labour Echo, 1895-1899
- Bradford Pioneer, 1913-1935
- Charter London, 1839-1840
- Chartist Circular, 1839-1842
- Clarion, Manchester 1891-1893
- Clarion, London 1894-1915
- Colne Valley Guardian, 1896-1976
- Free Labour Press, extracts, 1899-1907
- Guardian, Manchester 1865-1879
- Huddersfield Citizen, 1935-1951
- ILP News, London, 1897-1903
- Ipswich Gazette, 1732-1737
- Ipswich Journal or Weekly Mercury, 1720-1731
- Ipswich Journal, 1739-1766
- Keighley Labour Journal, 1894-1902
- Labour Elector, 1888-1894
- Labour Gazette, extracts, 1894, 1896
- Labour Leader, London 1894-1908
- Labour Pioneer, Dewsbury 1919-1922
- Labour Prophet, Manchester 1892-1898
- Leeds Intelligencer, 1754-1866
- Leeds Mercury 1850-1883
- Liberty, 1894-1896
- Manchester Guardian, 1865-1879
- Northern Star, 1838-1852
- Poor Man's Guardian, 1847
- Social Democrat, 1897-1911

- Socialist Record, 1912-1916
- Sunday Times, 1939-1945
- Times, 1906-1961
- Voice of the West Riding, 1833-1834
- The Worker (Huddersfield), 1905-1922
- Workers Weekly Record, 1908-1934
- Working Man, 1866
- Yorkshire Factory Times Huddersfield 1889-1908
- Yorkshire Factory Times and Workers Weekly Record Dewsbury 1908-1924

Journals

- Annual Register 1758-1834
- British Labourer's Protector and Factory Child's Friend 1832-1833
- The Charter, London 1839-1840
- Chartist Circular 1839-1842
- The International 1907-1909
- International Report of the Trade Union Movement 1903-1911
- The Labour Gazette 1893-1903
- Labour Party Annual Reports 1916-1966 (not inc)
- Labour Woman 1956
- The Lancashire and Yorkshire Co-operator and Useful Classes Advocate 1831-1832
- Northern Star 1838-1852
- The Political Quarterly Feb 1915
- Social Democrat 1897-1911
- Socialist Record 1912-1916
- Socialist Review Sept 1908-Aug 1912
- The Socialist Review 1911-1915
- Trade Union Congress Annual Report 1906-1955 and '68/9
- Working Man 1866
- The Women's Industrial News 1912-1914

The University Archives and Special Collections are available by appointment on weekdays (except Wednesdays) by arrangement with the University Archivist.

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Hull University Archives

Archives and manuscripts have been collected since the establishment of Hull University College in 1928. The main strengths of the collections are: modern political papers; pressure group archives; trades union and labour archives; modern English literary manuscripts; landed family and estate papers; business records; religious archives; South East Asian manuscripts; records of Hull University College and the University of Hull; and papers of individuals employed by or associated with the University.

Parliamentary Labour Party, Constituency Labour Parties and internal groups

Political papers of Labour MPs and peers:

- Charles Ammon, Lord Ammon, (1873-1960) [DMN]
- Hugh Dalton, Lord Dalton (1887-1962) [DPB]
- John Ellis (1930-) [DME]
- Bernard Floud (1915-1967) [DFL]
- George Henry Hall, Viscount Hall, (1881-1965) [DX/84]
- Dr Somerville Hastings (1878-1967) [DSH]
- Roy Hattersley, Lord Hattersley, (1932-) [DRH]
- Frank Hooley (1923-) [DMH]
- Will Howie (1924-) [DMO]
- Peter Jackson (1928-) [DMJ]
- James Johnson (1908-1995) [DJJ]
- William Allen Jowitt (1885-1957) [DPB]
- Anne Kerr (1925-1973) [DMK]
- Hastings Bertrand Lees-Smith (1878-1941) [DHS]
- Kevin McNamara (1934-) [DMC]
- Sir Frederick Messer (1886-1971) [DX/84]
- Austin Mitchell (1934-) [DMM]
- Elliott Morley (1952-) [DMY]
- Chris Mullin (1947-) [DMU]
- Ben Parkin (1906-1969) [DBP]
- John Prescott (1938-) [DMR]
- Christopher Price (1932-) [DMP]
- Harry Pursey (1891-1980) [DPU]
- David Winnick (1933-) [DMW]

Political papers of Labour MEPs:

Peter Crampton [DCN]

Records of local Constituency Labour Parties:

- Especially Hull North and Hull Central [DX/124; DLP]
- Hull Paragon Ward [DX/131]

Records of internal and closely associated groups:

- Hull branch of the Fabian Society [DX/217]
- Campaign for Labour Party Democracy [DX/222]
- Labour Solidarity Campaign [DRH/1]

Labour and the Left

Personal papers of Communists, Socialists and others on the Left:

- Robin Page Arnot (1890-1986) [DAR]
- Reginald Bridgeman (1884-1968) [DBN]
- Dr Charles Brook [DX/78]
- Margaret Cole (1893-1980) [DX/70, and in DLB, DJS, DAR]
- Hetta Empson (1915-1996) [DEN]
- Canon Stanley Evans (1912-1965) [DEV]
- William Gallacher (1881-1965) [DAR/7]
- Jock Haston (1913-1986) [DJH]
- Howard Hill (1913-1980) [DHH]
- Winifred Horrabin (1887-1971) [DWH]
- Audrey Jupp-Thomas (1914-1994) [DJT]
- Harold Laski (1893-1950) [DLA]
- J Henry Lloyd (1883-?1966) [DHL]
- Rev. Conrad Noel (1869-1942) [DNO]
- John Platts-Mills (1906-2001) [DPM]
- John Saville (1916-) [DJS]
- Tony Topham (1929-2004) [DTO]
- Vicky (Victor Weisz) (1913-1966) [DX/165-166 & DP/172]
- Frank and Myfanwy Westrope (1885-1973) [DX/135]
- Amicia (1914-) and Edgar Young (1899-1975) [DYO]

Records of other political parties on the Left:

Hull branch of the Communist Party of Great Britain, mainly 1970s and 1980s [DCP]

National and international records of various Trotksyist groups, including the Revolutionary

Communist Party, the Revolutionary Socialist League, the Workers International League, the

Marxist Group, the Militant Group, the Socialist Workers Party of the United States and the Workers Party of the United States, mainly 1940s and 1950s [DJH]

Records of pressure groups and political movements of the Left:

- Liberty (National Council for Civil Liberties) (est.1934) [DCL]
- National Unemployed Workers Movement (est.1921) [DX/70]
- No Conscription Fellowship (Willesden branch) (1916-1919) [DCO]

Labour and the Right

• Local records of the Social Democratic Party, 1980s [DSD]

Labour, the Trade Unions and Industry

Records of local branches of:

- Amalgamated Slaters, Tilers and Roofing Operatives Society [DSS]
- Amalgamated Society of Boilermakers, Shipwrights, Blacksmiths and Structural Workers
 [DX/116]
- Amalgamated Society of Whitesmiths [DP/161]
- Amalgamated Society of Woodworkers [DX/154]
- Boilermakers and Iron and Steel Shipbuilders Society [DX/168]
- Confederation of Sailmakers/Shipconstructors and Shipwrights Association [DP/161]
- General and Municipal Workers Union [DX/102]
- National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers [DSA]
- National Union of Agricultural and Allied Workers [DBK; DX/245-246]
- National Union of Clerks [DP/161]
- National Union of Operative Heating and Domestic Engineers, Whitesmiths and General Ironworkers [DP/161]
- Transport and General Workers Union (docks and waterways) [DTG]
- United Kingdom Society of Coachmakers/National Union of Vehicle Builders [DP/161]

National records of:

- Trades Union Congress (received via Walter Greendale) [DTU]
- Miners Federation of Great Britain, the Scottish Miners Federation and the South Wales Miners Federation, and constituent local unions, amongst the research papers of Robin Page Arnot [DAR]

Personal papers of trade unionists:

- Jack Brocklebank (1911-1994) [DBK]
- William Ernest Jones (1895-1973) [DJO]

• Julia Varley (1871-1952) [DJV]

Labour and Welfare

Socialist Health (Medical) Association (est.1930) [DSM]

Co-operative movement archives:

- Co-operative Productive Federation (fl.1882-1968) [DCF]
- Hull and East Riding Co-operative Society (1858-1980) [DHC]
- Co-operative Women's Guild (est.1883) [DCW]
- International Co-operative Women's Guild (1921-1963) [DCX]

Labour and International Affairs

Records of:

- Anti-Vietnam War movement, 1960s & 1970s [DMK & DYO/12]
- Chile Solidarity Campaign and Chile Committee for Human Rights, 1970s & 1980s
 [DX/185]
- International Peace Campaign, 1934-1941 [DYO/10]
- League Against Imperialism/Colonial Information Bureau (1927-1944) [DBN/25-26]
- Union of Democratic Control (1914-1967) [DDC]
- Women Against the Common Market (1970-1973) [DMK/2]

Personal papers of:

• Frederick Dalley (1885-1960) [DDA]

General labour history

• Dictionary of Labour Biography archive, covering vols. I-X [DLB]

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London School of Economics Archives

The archive collections at LSE are a rich resource for the study of labour history including the papers of organisations, politicians and activists and a collection of election addresses. Key collections include:

Labour Representation Committee (Coll Misc 0196)

Minutes and papers of the Labour Representation Committee and Labour Party Executive, recording the early years of parliamentary socialism.

Covering dates: 1900-1918

Fabian Society

The Fabian Society was founded in 1884. The archive includes minutes, correspondence, publications and details of local groups, meetings and summer schools.

Covering dates: 1881-1980

Independent Labour Party

The ILP was founded in 1893 and maintained its independence after the formation of the Labour Party. The archive includes minutes and extensive correspondence by the General Secretary's and a wide range of publications.

Covering Dates: 1893-1978

Politicians and activists

The papers of many individuals who have played a significant role in the history of the Labour Party can be found in the archives at LSE. Politicians include Sidney and Beatrice Webb, George Lansbury (1859-1940), Labour Party leader, Hugh Dalton (1887-1962), Chancellor of the Exchequer, Tony Crosland (1918-1977), Foreign Secretary, and Peter Shore (1924-2001).

Also of interest are the papers of those who have influenced Labour Party policy in a range of areas. These include William Beveridge (1879-1963), author of report on Social Insurance and Allied Services, 1942, Brian Abel-Smith (1926-1996), advisor to Barbara Castle and Peter Shore, and Richard Titmuss (1907-1973), professor of social administration.

For full listing of all our holdings check the Archives Catalogue http://:archives.lse.ac.uk

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Modern Records Centre

MRC holds many collections which contain items relating to the PLP. The key collections below are the most relevant but there are numerous smaller collections such as regional and local Labour Party records which may also be useful.

- TUC archives (MSS.292). Includes a large quantity of material on the Labour party and the PLP from 1920s to the 1960s.
- Paper of Richard Crossman. (MSS.154). Contains many files of correspondence and papers on the PLP.
- Papers of Ernest Bevin. (MSS.126/EB). Includes correspondence, minutes etc.
- Papers of Sir Victor Gollancz (MSS.157). Correspondence with candidates and related matters.

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Labour History Archive and Study Centre, People's History Museum

Minutes

- Parliamentary Labour Party Minutes 1906-1992
- PLP Executive Committee 1924-29, 1931-37, 1951-64, 1970-74, 1979-92
- PLP Liaison Committee 1945-51, 1964-70, 1974-79
- National Executive Committee Minutes 1900-98
- Organisation Committee Minutes 1931-57
- International Committee Minutes 1919-67
- Commonwealth Committee Minutes 1947-68

There are also Advisory Committee minutes on various subjects including International Questions 1918-45, Imperial Questions 1929-48, Education 1918-44, Public Health 1938-44; post World War II minutes on various subjects, including agriculture, broadcasting, education, energy, health, housing, immigration, industrial policy, local government and social policy.

Correspondence

There is extensive Labour Party correspondence on domestic and international policy dating from the foundation of the Labour Representation Committee in 1900 to 1964. There is unlisted, but filed correspondence after that date. These are in the Labour Representation Committee correspondence 1900-05, Labour Party General correspondence 1905-06, Labour Party Subject

files 1906-1939, War Emergency Workers National Committee 1914-19, James Middleton correspondence 1919-43, General Secretary's correspondence 1945-64.

Private Papers

Useful private collections are those of the members of Parliament Marion Philips, Arthur Henderson, Michael Foot, Bob Edwards, Jo Richardson (which include the papers of Ian Mikardo and the Tribune Group), Judith Hart and Eric Heffer.

Organisations

LHASC hold the papers of the Chile Solidarity Campaign, the Labour Committee for Europe, the Labour Common Market Safeguards Campaign and some papers of the Campaign for Labour Party Democracy.

You can get a more detailed access to the Labour Party archives on the Access to Archives website www.a2a.pro.gov.uk.

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TUC Library Collections, London Metropolitan University

The TUC Collections hold some 1100 publications produced by the Labour Party since its foundation. The Collections themselves have their roots in the joint TUC-Labour Party Library established in 1922 to service both organisations. The Joint Library only separated in 1956 when the TUC moved to Congress House. The majority of the Party publications held here are pamphlets, but there are also books, reports, conference documents, periodicals, leaflets and other ephemera. Subject matter covers a wide range – from allotments to H-bombs and songsheets to manifestos.

The Collections also hold material from local and sectoral Party organisations, eg the London Labour Party and the Women's Labour League; and joint TUC-Labour Party bodies eg the Joint Board, the National Trade Union Defence Committee [1927], the National Council of Labour and the TUC-Labour Party Liaison Committee.

Material in Special Collections include

- British Commonwealth Labour Conferences
- · Reports of local joint trades councils and labour parties

- Gertrude Tuckwell Collection- folders relating to election candidates, eg Margaret
 Bondfield, Mary Macarthur; organisations eg the Women's Labour League, London Labour
 Party and press cuttings covering early Party conferences online catalogue at
 http://www.londonmet.ac.uk/library/x60186_24.doc
- Press cuttings on trade union/Party relations and the political levy 1921-1970 online database at http://webapps2.north.londonmet.ac.uk/apps/tuc/search.cfm

Audiovisual resources on the Labour Party include online history websites at http://www.unionhistory.info and http://www.unionhistory.info and http://www.unionhistory.info and http://www.unionhistory.info and http://www.unionhistory.info/workerswar/advsearch.php . Further details of the Collections can be found at www.londonmet.ac.uk/libraries/tuc or www.unionhistory.info

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The Welsh Political Archive, National Library of Wales

The Welsh Political Archive was established in 1983 to coordinate the collection of archives and documents relating to the political history of Wales. Its content includes the papers of individual Welsh politicians (such as David Lloyd-George); leaflets and pamphlets from Welsh political parties (including Plaid Cymru) and information on Welsh nationalist movements such as the Parliament for Wales Campaign and the fight for political devolution in the region.

Institutional Archives

- Microfilm copies of the archives of the British Labour Party, of the Independent Labour Party, and the British Trades Union Congress.
- Records of the Labour Party Wales (South Wales Regional Council of Labour from 1937, Welsh Regional Council of Labour from 1959, Labour Party Wales from 1975), including minutes, correspondence and papers, 1937-87.
- Account book of the Aberystwyth Labour Party, 1937-49, including lists of members and subscriptions received, general accounts, and also a list of members' subscriptions for 1965 (NLW ex 1184).
- Records of the Aberystwyth Labour Party, 1965-85.
- Minute book, 1963-82, of the Adamsdown Ward Labour Party, Cardiff.
- Records of the Brecon and Radnor Divisional Labour Party, 1924-85.
- Records, 1939-88, of the Briton Ferry Labour Party, together with bound volumes of the Labour Leader for 1915 and 1917.

- Records, 1960-87, of the Caerphilly Constituency Labour Party, comprising a minute book, correspondence files, printed material and membership records.
- Papers relating to the Cardiganshire Labour Party, 1911-81 (NLW MS 21,751E).
- Two box files containing a card index of canvass returns for the Aberystwyth area compiled by the Labour Party in Cardiganshire during the 1966 General Election campaign.
- Monmouth and District Branch Labour Party Minute Books (NLW ex 1814-15).
- Newport Labour Party records, 1912-77, on microfilm.
- Papers relating mainly to the Newport West Constituency Labour Party.
- A manuscript volume comprising minutes, 1973-1983 of the Pen-y-lan Branch and the minutes, 1983-1988, of the Cyncoed Branch of the Cardiff Labour Party, together with a volume comprising the minutes of the Cyncoed Branch, 1988-1998.
- Microfilm copies of the records of the Pontypridd Labour Party, 1897-1951.
- Records, 1932-86, of Constituency Labour Parties in the Rhondda Valley.
- Records, 1988-95, of the South Glamorgan Labour Party.
- Swansea Trades Council and Labour Party Records, 1902-84, on microfilm.
- Papers, c. 1974-87, accumulated by various committee members of the Tal-y- bont branch of the Ceredigion and Pembroke North Constituency Labour Party.
- Archives of the Wales Trades Union Council.

Personal Archives

- Mr Leo Abse donated his substantial group of his political papers to the National Library of Wales in April 1990 (see NLW Annual Report, 1990-1, p. 59). They reflect his long and distinguished career as Labour MP for Pontypool, 1958-83, and Torfaen, 1983-87. The archive includes correspondence and papers relating to those issues which Mr Abse, as a colourful and tireless backbench Member, embraced among them divorce reform, homosexual rights, abortion reform and Welsh affairs.
- Papers, 1992-99, of Nick Ainger, the Labour MP for Pembroke (subsequently Carmarthen West and Pembrokeshire South) since 1992, including material relating to local, national and international affairs together with a large number of constituency files
- A 'press pack' comprising photocopies of newspaper cuttings relating to events organized during October and November 1997 to mark the centenary of Aneurin Bevan's birth, together with related posters and leaflets.
- Papers of Ian and Thalia Campbell, namely papers and ephemera relating to the Peace
 Movement, notably Greenham Common, and the Labour Party, mostly 1970s and 1980s.
- Papers of Donald Richard Coleman (1925-1991) who was the Labour MP for Neath from 1964 until his death.

- Correspondence and papers, 1987-96, of Wayne David (b. 1957), the Labour Member for the South Wales Central constituency of the European Parliament at Strasbourg 1989-97.
 He was the Vice President of the European Parliament Regional Policy committee, and leader of the European Parliamentary Labour Party. He gave up his European seat to contest unsuccessfully the Rhondda constituency in the National Assembly of Wales elections in 1999.
- Papers of George Maitland Lloyd Davies (1880-1949), pacifist.
- Correspondence and papers of Ithel Davies (1894-1989), Aberystwyth, barrister-at-law and political activist.
- Papers of Councillor Ray Davies, Bedwas. After a brief flirtation with the Communist Party,
 Ray Davies joined the Labour Party in 1958 and was chosen vice-chair of the Trethomas
 Labour Party in 1961. He was elected to the Bedwas and Machen UDC, a major turning
 point in his life, and later the Monmouthshire County Council. In 1974 he became a
 member of the new Mid Glamorgan County Council and in 1995 a member of the new
 Caerphilly County Borough Council.
- Constituency correspondence and papers, 1979-97, of Ron Davies, MP for Caerphilly 1983-97.
- Papers of Desmond Louis Donnelly (1920-74), Labour MP for Pembrokeshire, 1950-70.
- Papers of Huw Thomas Edwards (1892-1970), trades union leader and public figure.
- Papers of Ron Evans, Labour Party agent in the constituency of Ebbw Vale to Aneurin Bevan and Michael Foot, 1951-87.
- A copy of Fred Evans's statement, April 1977, to the Caerphilly Constituency Labour Party
 Committee meeting at Ystradmynach, announcing his intention not to seek the Labour
 Party nomination for the Caerphilly constituency at the next General Election, and a
 photocopy of a letter, 28 April 1977, from Rt. Hon. James Callaghan, M.P., the Prime
 Minister, at 10 Downing Street to Mr. Evans thanking him for informing him of his intention
 and expressing his appreciation of his services to the party and the cause of democratic
 socialism (NLW Misc Records 397-8).
- Papers, 1974-88, of Paul Flynn, Labour MP for Newport West and former member of Gwent County Council, relating to local, Parliamentary and European elections and to the activities of the Newport West Constituency Labour Party.
- Mr Albert Gilbey, Aberystwyth: a folder containing reports, leaflets, correspondence and papers compiled by the donor, the Labour Party's agent in the Ceredigion and Pembroke North Constituency during the 1987 General Election Campaign (NLW ex 1035).
- Papers of James Griffiths (1890-1975), Labour MP for Llanelli, 1936-70, and the first Secretary of State for Wales, 1964-66.

- Papers, mainly relating to the activities of the Labour Party in counties Carmarthen and Cardigan, accumulated by Dr Deian R Hopkin. They include the records of the Llanelly Trades Council and Divisional Labour Party, 1917-67, and papers of DRH's mother, Loti Rees Hughes (1908-1969), and step-father W Douglas Hughes (1899-1968), agent of the Llanelly Divisional Labour Party. Two photographic blocks have been transferred to the Department of Pictures and Maps.
- Papers of Edgar Phillips Harries, CBE, (1888-1963), secretary of the Organisation
 Department of the TUC, 1932-48, and first secretary of the Pembrokeshire County Labour Party.
- Papers of Cledwyn Hughes, later Lord Cledwyn of Penrhos, 1916-2001, MP for Anglesey, 1951-79, Secretary of State for Wales, 1966-68, Chairman of the Parliamentary Labour Party, 1974-79.
- Papers accumulated by Jill Hutt, 1972-97, including correspondence, minutes of meetings, circulars, newsletters and printed material, relating to trade unions in Wales, the founding of the Wales TUC, the Parliament for Wales Campaign, the Campaign Against Workfare and the Wales Baltic Association.
- Papers of Brynmor T. John (1934-88), Labour Member of Parliament for Pontypridd, 1970-88; Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Defence (RAF), 1974-76; Minister of State, Home Office, 1976-79; Opposition Spokesman on Northern Ireland, 1979-80, Defence and Disarmament, 1980-81, Social Security, 1981-83, and Agriculture, 1984-87.
- Papers of Edward Thomas John (1857-1931), MP for East Denbighshire, 1910-18, and political activist; few papers are earlier than 1910.
- Papers of D. Caradog Jones (1910-73), Labour Party candidate for Montgomeryshire, 1951, 1955 and 1959.
- The political papers of Elwyn Jones, later Lord Elwyn-Jones (1909-89), MP, 1945-74, Lord Chancellor, 1974-79.
- Papers, 1941-68, of Goronwy R. Jones, Ynysybwl, and William J. Fortt, Cilfynydd, both miners' agents at Pontypridd, co. Glamorgan.
- Papers of Harold Jones of Tredegar relating to the establishment of a Trades Union Congress for Wales, 1965-74.
- Papers of Jon Vaughan Jones: a file of correspondence, 1977-89, of the donor, formerly a
 Gwent County Councillor, mostly relating to local affairs and to the activities of the Council's
 Labour Group during the donor's time as Secretary (NLW ex 1090).
- Papers, 1918-95, accumulated by Ivan Monckton, a Transport and General Workers Union activist in Wales for the past fifteen years. The archive includes papers relating to his position on the Rural, Agricultural and Allied Workers National Trade Group General Executive Committee, and the Transport and General Workers Union General Executive

- Committee, together with papers concerning the Wales Trade Union Council, the Forestry Commission, his local AAW branch and the Labour Party.
- Papers of D Elystan Morgan, Labour MP for Cardiganshire, 1966-74 (NLW MSS 21,806-7E).
- Papers of John Morris, Labour MP for Aberavon, 1959-2001.
- Bert Pearce, Cardiff: the archives of the Communist Party Wales.
- Papers of Cliff Prothero (1898-1990), Labour Party pioneer and organizer, and Secretary of the Welsh Regional Council of the Labour Party, 1947-65.
- Papers of Robert Richards (1884-1954), Labour MP for Wrexham, 1922-54, and historian.
- Photocopies of papers, c. 1950-77, accumulated by Elinor Rosen, a former secretary of the Women's Section of the Briton Ferry branch of the Aberavon Divisional Labour Party.
- Political correspondence and papers of Ted Rowlands, Member of Parliament for Cardiff North, 1966-70, and for Merthyr Tydfil, 1972-83 and for Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney, 1983-2001; Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Welsh Office, 1969-70, 1974-75;
 Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, 1976-79; and a member of the Select Committee on Foreign Affairs.
- Papers of political interest, 1976-96, accumulated by Mike Steele, Lobby Correspondent,
 Community News Service, Press Gallery, House of Commons, London.
- The manuscript autobiography, completed in 1951, of the donor's great grandfather Edmund Stonelake (1873-1960), close associate of J Keir Hardie MP, secretary of the Aberdare Trades and Labour Council, 1902-29, and secretary of the Divisional Labour Party until his retirement in 1945.
- Papers of David Thomas, Bangor (1880-1967), Labour Party activist and writer, 1907-29.
 Other papers at UW Bangor.
- Papers of D. Emlyn Thomas, Labour MP for Aberdare, 1946-54.
- Papers of George Thomas (1909-97), Labour MP for Cardiff Central in the general election of 1945 and, following the boundary changes in 1950, as MP for Cardiff West, retaining this seat until 1983. Among the various positions he held were Minister of Civil Aviation, 1951; Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the Home Office, 1964-66; Minister of State at the Welsh Office, 1966-67, and at the Commonwealth Office, 1967-68; Secretary of State for Wales, 1968-70; Deputy Speaker of the House of Commons and Chairman of Ways and Means, 1974-76; and Speaker of the House of Commons, 1976-83. In 1983 George Thomas was created Viscount Tonypandy of Rhondda.
- Political correspondence and papers of Jeffrey Thomas (1933-89), Member of Parliament for the Abertillery division, 1970-83. He was a member of the Labour Party until November 1981 when he joined the Social Democratic Party, subsequently returning to Labour in 1986.

- Papers of Lord Watkins, formerly Tudor Elwyn Watkins (1903-83), Member of Parliament for Brecon and Radnor, 1945-70, and Lord Lieutenant of Powys. Donated by his widow, Lady Watkins.
- Papers of Eirene White who was a journalist and civil servant who served as the Labour MP for East Flintshire, 1950-1970, and subsequently became the Baroness White of Rhymney.
- Papers of the late Mr. John Lloyd Williams, Labour Member of Parliament for the Kelvingrove division of Glasgow from 1945 to 1950.

Miscellanea

- Records of the 'Yes for Wales' Campaign (1997 Welsh Devolution Referendum Campaign)
 received from various sources between September 1997 and November 1999.
- Photocopies of papers, 1945-68, relating to Wales in the archives of the Labour Party (NLW Facsimiles 585-88).
- Correspondence and papers relating to the Aberystwyth No Assembly Campaign organized privately by a group of members within the Ceredigion Constituency Labour Party, 1979.
- Printers' files and related papers of the Cymric Federation Press, 1950-86, comprising mainly local government election leaflets printed on behalf of the Labour Party.
- Labour Party election addresses and leaflets in the Welsh Political Ephemera Collection.

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