

SOURCES FOR THE HISTORY OF THE 1984-85 MINERS' STRIKE

**A SUBJECT GUIDE ON LABOUR HISTORY THEMES BY THE
SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF LABOUR HISTORY**

This fact sheet was created to provide a guide to sources held in archives and libraries relating to the 1984-85 miners' strike. It is not an exhaustive survey of resources for the history of the unemployed but an overview of key collections held at institutions that are members of SSLH ARC.

Researchers should also check the National Archive's Discovery network

<https://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/>

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The Modern Records Centre, founded in October 1973, is the main British repository for national archives of trade unions and employers' organisations, and also has strong collections relating to pressure groups, fringe political parties and transport.

- **Trades Union Congress archives** – includes 20 subject files relating to the 1984-5 miners' strike [<https://mrc-catalogue.warwick.ac.uk/records/TUC/D/3/11/65>], and other subject files from the same period relating to the mining industry, fuel policy and transport of coal. [<https://mrc-catalogue.warwick.ac.uk/records/TUC>]
- **Transport and General Workers' Union archives** – includes subject files relating to the 1984-5 miners' strike [<https://mrc-catalogue.warwick.ac.uk/records/TGW/1/04/B/1395/5>] and to the National Union of Mineworkers during this period [<https://mrc-catalogue.warwick.ac.uk/records/TGW/1/04/B/1395/4>]. Access restrictions apply – contact us for more information.
- **National Union of Seamen archives** – includes 5 files on the 1984-5 miners' strike. These include material relating to a members' levy and union support for the strike, and a range of publications. [<https://mrc-catalogue.warwick.ac.uk/records/NUS/4/18>]
- **Coal and Community: research papers of Professor Charles Critcher [Qualidata]**, c1980-c1989. Transcripts of interviews in three mining communities in Yorkshire, Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire following the miners' strike of 1984-5. [<https://mrc-catalogue.warwick.ac.uk/records/COA>]
- **Papers of Sir George Pope** (1902-1982), General Manager of 'The Times' and Director of Times Newspapers Ltd. Includes over 350 files on the 1984-5 miners' strike, mostly containing press cuttings and ephemera. [<https://mrc-catalogue.warwick.ac.uk/records/POP>]
- **Papers of Geoffrey Goodman** (1922-2013), journalist, author and broadcaster. Includes research material collected for the 1985 book 'The Miners' Strike'. [<https://mrc-describe.epexio.com/records/GOO/20>]

- Papers of Rodney Bickerstaffe (1945-2017), trade union leader. Includes files relating to the National Union of Public Employees and the 1984-5 miners' strike [<https://mrc-describe.epexio.com/records/BIC>]
- Papers of John Lyons (1926-2016), trade union leader. Includes House of Commons and TUC papers, press cuttings and correspondence relating to the 1984-5 miners' strike [<https://mrc-describe.epexio.com/records/LYO/8>]
- Union of Communication Workers archives – includes UCW video 'In support of the miners'. Available online at https://warwick.ac.uk/services/library/mrc/archives_online/filmvideo/miners/
- Militant Tendency archives – includes publications and other material relating to the 1984-5 miners' strike [<https://mrc-catalogue.warwick.ac.uk/records/MLL>]
- Papers of Nigel (Nog) Clark. Nog Clark was a member of the Socialist Workers Party and by 1984 was involved with Maltby branch of the NUM. Archives include two files of bulletins, circulars and ephemera from the period. [<https://mrc-catalogue.warwick.ac.uk/records/CLA>]
- Industrial Society archives – includes press cuttings, publications, ephemera, correspondence and text of speeches about the 1984-5 miners' strike [<https://mrc-catalogue.warwick.ac.uk/records/IWS>]
- Coventry Trade Union Council archives – includes papers of the Coventry Strike Support Committee and other material relating to the 1984-5 miners' strike [<https://mrc-catalogue.warwick.ac.uk/records/CTU/4/1/110>]
- The Modern Records Centre took in the extensive archives of the National Union of Mineworkers in 2022. A grant-funded project to conserve and catalogue the collection is taking place between 2023-2026.

A more detailed guide to the MRC's holdings on the 1984-5 miners' strike is available at https://warwick.ac.uk/services/library/mrc/research_guides/miners_strike/

THE WELSH POLITICAL ARCHIVE

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The Welsh Political Archive is a dedicated programme within the National Library of Wales to collect, store, catalogue and promote archival material which reflects the political life of Wales. Many of the political archives we hold are personal collections of well known political figures – Members of Parliament, Lords, Members of the European Parliament and Assembly Members/Members of the Senedd as well as the formal records of a large number of political organisations including the main political parties, campaign groups, referendum campaigns, business and labour groups.

- Philip Weekes Papers – Papers and diaries of Philip Gordon Weekes (1920-2003), who was the National Coal Board's Area Director for South Wales from 1973 to 1985. 1 large box and 12 small boxes. <https://archives.library.wales/index.php/philip-weekes-papers-2>
- South Wales Women's Support Group Papers - Papers 1984-5, mainly relating to the involvement of Welsh women in the Miners' Strike of those years and its aftermath and in particular to the activities of the South Wales Women's Support Groups. They comprise papers relating to the South Wales Women's Support Group with letters from the secretary, Kath Jones, and associated leaflets, handbills and posters, with papers relating to the Swansea, Neath and Dulais Valley Support Group, the National Organisation of Women Against Pit Closures, the Wales Congress in Support of Mining Communities, and Greenham Common women. <https://archives.library.wales/index.php/south-wales-womens-support-group-papers-2>
- Wales TUC Cymru Archives - Records, 1954-2008, of the Wales Trades Union Council Cymru including administrative records, committee minutes and papers, General Council material, conference materials, and printed materials. <https://archives.library.wales/index.php/wales-tuc-cymru-archives-2>
- Ted Rowlands Papers (Series 5) – Ted Rowlands was the MP for Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney. The papers contains correspondence relating to hardship and the death of a taxi driver in which two constituents of Ted Rowlands were involved. <https://archives.library.wales/index.php/ted-rowlands-papers-2>

- Ray Davies Papers (File 4) Comprises mainly press cuttings and other printed items relating to the steel strike of 1980 and the miners' strike of 1984-1985 in the Caerphilly-Bedwas-Machen area, and the involvement of Councillor Ray Davies in the disputes. <https://archives.library.wales/index.php/ray-davies-papers-2>
- Bert Pearce (Welsh Communist Party Papers Series WS3) includes Communist Party policy and research documents on the mining industry, especially in South Wales, with papers relating to health issues including pneumoconiosis, and to the campaigns to stop the closure of pits. The series also includes material relating to the NCB, NUM, and trade unions; publications, leaflets, correspondence and newspaper cuttings - <https://archives.library.wales/index.php/bert-pearce-welsh-communist-party-papers-2>
- NLW Facs 778 - Photocopies of papers accumulated by Paul S. Parry of Prestatyn during the 1984-1985 miners' strike. The material relates mostly to the Deeside and North Wales miners, particularly miners at the Point of Ayr Colliery. <https://archives.library.wales/index.php/miners-strike-2>
- Jill Hutt Papers File 21) - Papers relating to the miners' strike, 1984. <https://archives.library.wales/index.php/jill-hutt-papers-2>
- Ty Cenedl Papers (File AV/6) - Protests and strikes, including the Miners' Strike (1984), the closure of the Shotton Steelworks, unemployment campaigns, etc. <https://archives.library.wales/index.php/ty-cenedl-papers-2>
- NLW ex 787-8 - Two volumes of newspaper cuttings and leaflets relating to the last three months of the miners' strike. <https://archives.library.wales/index.php/two-volumes-of-newspaper-cuttings-and-leaflets-relating-to-last-three-months-of-miners-strike>
- Welsh Political Ephemera Collection (File C3/10). Material relating to the coal mining industry mostly from the 1984-85 miners' strike. <https://archives.library.wales/index.php/welsh-coal-industry>

THE PEOPLE'S HISTORY MUSEUM

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The Museum is open every day (except Tuesday) 10.00-17.00, and the LHASC Wednesday to Friday, 10.00– 4.00 (closed for lunch 12.30-1.30)

For archive appointments or queries, please email archive@phm.org.uk

The People's History Museum (the National Museum of Labour History until 2001) in Manchester, England, is the UK's national centre for the collection, conservation, interpretation and study of material relating to the history of working people in the UK. The Museum houses the internationally significant Labour History Archive & Study Centre (LHASC), housing collections of key political papers including the complete archives of two of the most important political parties in British history, the Labour Party and the Communist Party of Great Britain, as well as the personal papers of prominent figures within those two parties, such as Michael Foot, Judith Hart, Eric Heffer, Harry Pollitt and Rajani Palme Dutt. The two collections also include over 95,000 photographs, which provide a comprehensive overview of the growth of democracy in Britain.

Additional complementary collections include the archives of the Manchester branch of radical environmental advocacy group Earth First!, the National Federation of Old Age Pensions Associations, and both the Nicaragua and Chile Solidarity Campaigns.

- Labour Party and other left wing groups' publications: Labour Weekly, New Socialist, Socialist Youth, Militant, Labour Student, London Labour Briefing, and Marxism Today
- Pamphlet collection – (ref: 331.861) around 30 pamphlets directly related to the strike. Also, there are material in other areas of this collection that will be of use, such as Industrial Legislation.
- Labour Party Conference Reports and the Trades Union Congress Annual Conference Reports for the years 1984 and 1985.
- National Executive Committee (NEC) of the Labour Party (ref: LP/NEC) – minutes of meetings held every two or four weeks depending on events, that fully reflect the political background of the strike.

- Individual MP's papers that contain material pertinent to the strike.

Michael Foot (ref: MF) <https://archiveshub.jisc.ac.uk/search/archives/857f94ce-26b9-3b15-8dfe-1c8442546738>

Eric Heffer (ref: ESH) <https://archiveshub.jisc.ac.uk/search/archives/f3203228-ca05-3806-bbe0-16839f4c32c1>

Judith Hart (ref: HART) <https://archiveshub.jisc.ac.uk/search/archives/5a6c9446-5e80-3888-b0c5-14ccd46aee1a>

Martin Walker papers (ref: MS84/MW) – the collection includes newspapers, correspondence, interviews and related publicity material and is more reflective of individual experiences of the strike on a day to day basis. <https://archiveshub.jisc.ac.uk/search/archives/254f1b7d-b883-32e5-8fb2-b0111bb46e5f>

Hilary Wainwright papers (ref: HW) – includes material from Women Against Pit Closures, Miners' Christmas Appeal and copies of PitWatch magazine. <https://archiveshub.jisc.ac.uk/search/archives/ea4aec37-8f44-337b-a5d5-cc88745e8ca9>

Lesbians and Gays Support the Miners (ref: LGSM) - campaign group papers, which cover around three quarters of the strike period. <https://archiveshub.jisc.ac.uk/search/archives/35cf080d-cc03-3af6-b516-9f136b37b3ff>

Communist Party of Great Britain collection (ref: CPGB) – relevant material includes party statements through to leaflets for fundraising events. <https://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/browse/r/h/43f766a9-e968-4b82-93dc-8cf11a841d41>

Miscellaneous publications, including PitWatch (Acc 1342)

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www.london.ac.uk/senate-house-library/using-the-library/using-special-collections-reading-room

Senate House Library holds various material relating to the labour movement, including the John Burns collections and Trotskyist archives.

- Ron Heisler collection (MS1292), pamphlet. Sub-titled "Quelques elements sur le mouvement actuel des proletaires en Grande-Bretagne" c1984. Includes descriptions from British newspapers of miners' strike, 1984, reference MS1292/2/30, <https://archives.libraries.london.ac.uk/Details/archive/110064342>
- Ron Heisler collection (MS1292), Political postcards c1930s-2020, Subjects include miners' strike 1984-5. 11 postcards, reference MS1292/1/30, <https://archives.libraries.london.ac.uk/Details/archive/110064287>
- Ron Heisler collection (MS1241), leaflet, *The Fight Goes On: Arthur Scargill to address Fleet Street workers at Conway Hall*. Sponsored by the Right of Reply newspaper organised by workers on the News of the World/Sun, 25 April (1984/5?), reference MS1241/1/1/5, <https://archives.libraries.london.ac.uk/Details/archive/110053528>
- Ron Heisler collection (MS1241), leaflet, *Miners' benefit at the Red Rose, Seven Sisters Rd, [Islington], 2 March [1984/5?]*, reference MS1241/1/1/6, <https://archives.libraries.london.ac.uk/Details/archive/110053528>
- Ron Heisler collection (MS1174), *Miners' strike postcards*, Seven postcards from photographs taken by Anna Sherbany at Blidworth Strike Centre, Nottingham in autumn 1984, reference MS1174/box4/5, <https://archives.libraries.london.ac.uk/Details/archive/110042843>

THE SPARROWS' NEST LIBRARY AND ARCHIVE

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Our collections contain a number of books, periodicals, pamphlets, posters, leaflets and other documents with information on the 1984-5 Miners' Strike. We recommend you run a search for 'mine' in our catalogue:

<https://www.thesparrowsnest.org.uk/index.php/search-catalogue>

We also recommend to search for relevant papers, such as Freedom or Direct Action from the period. They will contain a number of articles on the subject matter. Depending on your research interest, different materials will be relevant, but we recommend the following items:

- Dragons #01

Nottingham Anarcho Feminists, Nottingham, England, UK, Feb 1985

Public Archive D, ID=8303

http://www.thesparrowsnest.org.uk/collections/public_archive/6820.pdf

- South Wales Sicko #01

South Wales Peoples Paper!Cardiff, Wales, UK, 1985

Public Archive S, ID=13000

http://www.thesparrowsnest.org.uk/collections/public_archive/13000.pdf

- The Gedling Standard #05 - NUM Broadsheet - Issued by the Gedling Branch of the National Union of Mineworkers. NUM National Union of Miners/National Union of Mineworkers, Nottingham, England, UK, 1986

- Public Archive G, ID=15493

Description: This document was labelled "'Underground" organising after the strike'. Following the 1984-85 strike NUM organising was outlawed at Gedling Colliery and this paper went - literally - underground. Has some coal dust on it.

Additional notes: Fragile document; date estimated; from Dave Hewitt's collection.

http://www.thesparrowsnest.org.uk/collections/public_archive/15493.pdf

- Other, Public Archive N, ID=13640

Description: Assorted local(ish) materials from Nottingham and other areas (leaflets, etc.) documenting the 1984-85 Miners' Strike.

Additional notes: Probably collected and kindly donated by Colin H.

- File/Box/Bundle/etc, Public Archive D/Dave H, ID=15477

Description: Assorted leaflets regarding disputes in the mining industry, mostly re pit closures in the early 1990s.

Additional notes: From Dave Hewitt's collection.

- File/Box/Bundle/etc, Public Archive D/Dave H, ID=15478

Description: Assorted unpublished documents regarding disputes in the mining industry, mostly re pit closures in the early 1990s, including a child's poem etc.

Additional notes: From Dave Hewitt's collection.

- File/Box/Bundle/etc, Public Archive D/Dave H, ID=15479

Description: Assorted newspaper cuttings regarding disputes in the mining industry, mostly re pit closures in the early 1990s.

Additional notes: From Dave Hewitt's collection.

- File/Box/Bundle/etc, Public Archive D/Dave H, ID=15480

Description: Assorted photographs, illustrations etc. regarding disputes in the mining industry, including the return to work following the 1984-85 strike and pit closures in the early 1990s, including photographs taken by John Birdsall.

Additional notes: From Dave Hewitt's collection.

- File/Box/Bundle/etc, Public Archive G/Gail, ID=11537

Description: Assorted local(ish) materials regarding Miners Struggles, bundled up, staples removed. [...]

Additional notes: Kindly donated by Gail.

NATIONAL LIBRARY OF SCOTLAND

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The National Library of Scotland has its origins in the Advocates Library, founded in Edinburgh in the early 1680s. Under the 1710 Copyright Act, the Advocates Library had been given the legal right to claim a copy of every book published in Britain. In the following centuries, the Library added books and manuscripts to its collections by purchase as well as legal deposit. In April 2007 the Scottish Screen Archive, Scotland's national moving images archive, became part of the National Library of Scotland, and is now based at Kelvin Hall in Glasgow

Following the establishment of the National Library by an Act of Parliament in 1925, political manuscripts became a major collection area. The Archives & Manuscripts Division has important holdings of the papers of modern Scottish politicians, political parties, activists, and campaign groups. From the 1960s onwards, the Library also became very active in collecting manuscript and archival material relating to the history of the labour and trade union movements. In collecting this material, the Library has often worked in partnership with the Scottish Labour History Society and the Scottish Working People's History Trust.

- Smith Mining Archive – A collection relating to the Miner's Strike in 1984-1985 and its aftermath. It consists of around 80 folders of press cuttings, typescript documents, four albums of photographs, printed ephemera, correspondence and nine video cassettes. The collection was formed by former miner and National Union of Mineworkers member Patrick Joseph Smith of Tranent, East Lothian, who took part in the strike. The emphasis of the collection is on the strike in Scotland and in particular on the now closed mines of Bilston Glen Colliery, in Midlothian, and Monktonhall, in East Lothian. Shelfmark: SMA. <https://digital.nls.uk/catalogues/special-and-named-printed-collections/?id=677>
- Various records of the National Union of Mineworkers, Scottish Area and branches in Fife, Ayrshire, Lanarkshire, and the Lothians, c. 1887-1985 – Shelfmarks: Acc.4311, Acc.4312, Acc.9805, Acc.10483, Acc.10812, Dep.227, Dep.258. https://manuscripts.nls.uk/agents/4183?agent_type=agent_corporate_entity
- William Gallacher Memorial Library (WGML) Archive – Within the archive component to this hybrid collection, the special collections of Bob Morrison, trade

union official and member of the Movement for Colonial Freedom, and Douglas Allen, Chair of the Scottish Labour History Society, contain research papers and ephemera relating to the strike and action in support of striking miners in Scotland, c.1984-1988. The WGML Archive also contains a headlamp belonging to an unknown miner. Shelfmark: Acc.14114. <https://manuscripts.nls.uk/repositories/2/resources/22401>

- Papers of Ian S. Wood, historian, concerning UK industrial relations – Including press cuttings and ephemera documenting miners' strike action, c.1981-1988 (2 folders). Shelfmark: Acc.12155/22-23. 2 folders. <https://manuscripts.nls.uk/repositories/2/resources/3000>
- Moving Image Archive – Various films relating to industrial action in Scottish mining communities during the 1970s and 1980s, including footage of picket lines, unemployed workers' protests, and interviews with striking miners. See: <https://movingimage.nls.uk/>
- The Scottish Miner – Journal published by the National Union of Mineworkers, Scottish Area, 1954-1993. Shelfmarks: CB.Wall.2/72 and QJ9.1564 PER. https://search.nls.uk/permalink/f/sbbkgr/44NLS_ALMA21574565220004341
- Coal miner's strikes in Scotland: an ephemera collection - A small collection of flyers and leaflets related to the Scottish experience in the British coal miner's strikes of the 1980s and 1990s, and the impact it had on communities, given by an unnamed donor. Shelfmark: PB9.216.18/4. https://search.nls.uk/permalink/f/sbbkgr/44NLS_ALMA21456957880004341

TUC LIBRARY COLLECTIONS LONDON METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY

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The TUC Library Collections hold various printed and archival material relating to the labour movement, including the TUC Library, the WEA and LRD Archives, and the papers of various trade unionists.

- London and the 1984-85 Miners' Strike
Fifteen interviews carried out by Glasgow University with support groups in South East. Complete interviews archived with audio clips and transcripts available from <http://unionhistory.info/britainatwork/>
- SERTUC (South East Region TUC) Miners' Strike files x 4 boxes. Contains information about fundraising efforts in South East Region 1984-85. SERTUC-NUM Support Committee, minutes, correspondence, press statements, publicity leaflets. See <https://collections.londonmet.ac.uk/records/TUC/SERTUCMS>
- HD 9851.6 Two boxes of ephemera in main library sequence
- Alan Clinton Papers 2 folders Reference code:A1-2 <https://collections.londonmet.ac.uk/records/TUC/Clinton>

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Based at the University of Nottingham, Manuscripts and Special Collections holds archive collections relating to local Communist Party officials, papers of left wing activists and politicians, and records of trade union councils.

<https://www.nottingham.ac.uk/manuscriptsandspecialcollections/>

Specific items:

Papers of Fred Westacott:

- FWC 7/2/1 Artificial collection of speeches and papers written by Westacott on the topic of mining and the miners strikes; 1984-1985 (1 bundle) <https://mss-cat.nottingham.ac.uk/Calmview/Record.aspx?src=CalmView.Catalog&id=FW%2fC%2f7%2f2%2f1>
- FWC 7/2/10 1 bundle of printed materials, meeting notes and speech/articles by Westacott on the Miners Strike 1984-1985, also material concerning women's groups supporting the miners; 1984-1985 <https://mss-cat.nottingham.ac.uk/>

[Calmview/Record.aspx?src=CalmView.Catalog&id=FW%2fC%2f7%2f2%2f10](https://mss-cat.nottingham.ac.uk/Calmview/Record.aspx?src=CalmView.Catalog&id=FW%2fC%2f7%2f2%2f10)

- FWC 7/2/4 Untitled folder containing articles written by Westacott together with research materials, on the mining industry; 1984-1990
<https://mss-cat.nottingham.ac.uk/Calmview/Record.aspx?src=CalmView.Catalog&id=FW%2fC%2f7%2f2%2f4>

Fred Westacott Printed Collection (FWPC)

- Jones, Alan., Ron. Thompson, and International Marxist Group. After the Miners' Strike : What Next? London: International Marxist Group, 1971. Pamphlet HD5365. M615 .J6
- Evans, Phil, and Labour Research Department. The Miners' Case. London: Labour Research Department, 1984. Pamphlet HD5366 .M4
- FME/3/1/3 Feminist Archive (East Midlands), papers of Margaret Davies: box of papers relating to the Nottingham Women Against Pit Closures and Coal Not Dole campaign, 1984-1985 <https://mss-cat.nottingham.ac.uk/Calmview/Record.aspx?src=CalmView.Catalog&id=FME%2f3%2f1%2f3>
- FME/3/2/9 Feminist Archive (East Midlands), papers of Tina Pamplin: bundle of Women Against Pit Closures materials <https://mss-cat.nottingham.ac.uk/Calmview/Record.aspx?src=CalmView.Catalog&id=FME%2f3%2f2%2f9&pos=9>
- FME/3/3/5 Feminist Archive (East Midlands), papers of Lee Harrison: File entitled 'Notts Women's Support Group Saturday Stall'; 1984-1985
<https://mss-cat.nottingham.ac.uk/Calmview/Record.aspx?src=CalmView.Catalog&id=FME%2f3%2f3%2f5>
- FME/2/ 9-10 Photographs of the Nottinghamshire Women Against Pit Closures campaign group and committee, 1984
- MS 1035 CD and transcription of interviews 'Nottinghamshire Women in the Miners' Strike 1984-85' conducted by Victoria Shepherd, 2013 <https://mss-cat.nottingham.ac.uk/Calmview/TreeBrowse.aspx?src=CalmView.Catalog&field=RefNo&key=MS1035>

Collections which contain some relevant material:

- MS 924 Records relating to the National Union of Mineworkers and the Union of Democratic Mineworkers, and to coal mining in Nottinghamshire; 1893-2009 (53 boxes) <https://mss-cat.nottingham.ac.uk/Calmview/Record.aspx?src=CalmView.Catalog&id=MS924>
- NCB (BCBL) Printed reports and translations of the National Coal Board (Special

Collection BCBL), 1937-1989 (6141 items) <https://mss-cat.nottingham.ac.uk/Calmview/Record.aspx?src=CalmView.Catalog&id=NCB>

- MS 1013 Records of the British Association of Colliery Management; 1940s-2014 (35 boxes) <https://mss-cat.nottingham.ac.uk/Calmview/Record.aspx?src=CalmView.Catalog&id=MS1013>
- KCS Papers of Ken Coates (1930-2010) special professor of Adult Education at the University of Nottingham, sociologist and politician (614 boxes) <https://mss-cat.nottingham.ac.uk/Calmview/Record.aspx?src=CalmView.Catalog&id=KCS>
- Tr Records of the Nottingham and District Trades Union Council, 1883-2002 (c.70 boxes) <https://mss-cat.nottingham.ac.uk/Calmview/Record.aspx?src=CalmView.Catalog&id=Tr>

THE MARX MEMORIAL LIBRARY & WORKERS' SCHOOL

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The Marx Memorial Library & Workers' School was founded in 1933 in response to the rise of fascism in Europe. Its aim today remains the advance of education, knowledge and understanding of all aspects of Marxism and the history of socialism and working-class struggle. At the heart of the British labour movement for over 80 years, the Library is home to a unique collection of published and archival sources on related subjects, including the Spanish Civil War, trade unionism and peace and solidarity campaigns. The Library's education programme – online and on-site – covers subjects ranging from political and economic theory to socialist art.

The MML is open Tuesday-Thursday 11 am-5pm for visits by appointment only. Please email info@marx-memorial-library.org.uk for further information. Our catalogue can be found here: <https://www.marx-memoriallibrary.org.uk/collections>

Resources relating to the Miner's Strike include:

- Paul Galloway Collection

Paul Galloway was a mineworker at Thoresby in Nottinghamshire in the 1980s and 1990s. He was involved in the NUM and took part in the strike, as well as

being involved in a number of other political organisations and campaigns. This collection of his personal papers includes publications from the NUM and other trade unions, the coal industry more widely and political organisations. It also includes organisational papers and minutes from bodies within the NUM, Paul's own notes and correspondence, and memorabilia of the NUM and strike.

<https://marx.soutron.net/Portal/Default/en-GB/RecordView/Index/59448>

- Photographic Collection

A box of press and personal photos from the strike. This contains a large number of photos showing a variety of pickets, fundraisers and actions from around the country, including large demonstrations in Hyde Park. In particular, photos show police actions at Orgreave, distribution through the children's relief fund and actions by Women Against Pit Closures. It also includes a number of photos of the convoy carrying food from London to mining communities organised by printworkers union, SOGAT.

This series is part of a collection originally comprising the photographic archive of the Daily Worker/ Morning Star, the collection has been added to with photos from other sources over time. The collection also includes a related series on miners more generally, which contains photos from campaigns and disputes before and after the '84/'85 strike.

<https://marx.soutron.net/Portal/Default/en-GB/recordview/index/60073>

- Miner's Plates

Donated by Lord John Hendy KC, our collection of over 100 miner's plates includes commemorations of the Strike, 1993 Pit Closures and the Justice for Mineworkers campaign to support miners victimised during the strike. Plates represent areas and individual collieries. Several plates can be seen on display around the library, and a small number are catalogued with digitised images attached to the record. A larger number are still uncatalogued but may be made available to researchers.

- Miners Strike by Region

We hold 2 boxes of uncatalogued material on the miner's strike arranged by region. A listing is unavailable but the material can be viewed in our reading room.

- Pamphlets

The Library's large pamphlet collection contains a number pamphlets from the strike, including:

By the NUM and miners support groups:

[4 illustrated A3 songsheets](#), St Albans and District Nottinghamshire Miners Strike

Support Committee
[A State of Siege](#), NUM Yorkshire

Solidarity with the strike:

[Haringey supporting the miners 1984-1985](#), Haringey Trades Union Council [United](#),
Norwich Miners Support Group

Civil Liberties and policing:

[Killed on the Picket Line](#), Mark Jones [Civil Liberties and the Miners' Dispute](#), National
Council for Civil Liberties

[The State v the People](#), Phil Scraton and Phil Thomas

Political reflections on the strike from Left groups:

[The Great Strike](#), Socialist Worker

[The Miners' Strike Assessed](#), Communist Party of Great Britain

[The Strike Weapon](#), Socialist Party of Great Britain

[Tell us Lies about the Miners](#), Direct Action Movement

● Periodicals

Our collection of periodicals includes volumes related to the strike

[The Miner](#) – journal of the NUM with issues from the duration of the strike

[Yorkshire Miner](#) – strike issues of the journal of the NUM Yorkshire Area

[Scottish Miner](#) – journal of the NUM Scottish Area with issues from the duration of the strike

[Pitwatch](#) – a periodical produced during the strike by sympathetic journalists

[Right of Reply Special](#) – produced by workers at The Sun and News of the World for
the Joint Chapels Liaison Committee for Mineworker's Hardship Fund.

SOUTH WALES MINERS' LIBRARY

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The SWML is open Tuesday-Friday 09.30am-4.45pm.

The South Wales Miners' Library was opened in October 1973 to house material collected by the South Wales Coalfield History Project. Funded by the Social Science Research Council, the project's aim was to preserve oral, visual and written evidence of coal mining and miners in South Wales at a time when the industry had started to decline and valuable material was in danger of being lost. The project collected a wide range of material which forms the core of the South Wales Coalfield Collection. The South Wales Miners' Library houses the printed book and pamphlet collections, including the libraries of over 60 institute and welfare halls from across the coalfield, oral history, video, poster, and banner collections. The manuscript records and photographs are held in the University's Richard Burton Archives.

- Collections

The Collection is split across two sites-

- archival material (such as minute books, financial records, correspondence etc.) and photographs are held in the Richard Burton Archives.
- published material, audio-visual, and banners are held in the South Wales Miners' Library.

You can browse and search contents of the South Wales Coalfield Collection using the Coalfield Web Materials website <http://www.agor.org.uk/cwm/> and the South Wales Coalfield Collection website <https://lisweb.swan.ac.uk/swcc/> . For advice on searching, and more information about records and research topics, please do contact us archives@swansea.ac.uk.

Archival collections comprise:

- Records of miners' institutes, welfare associations, friendly societies, distress funds, and workmen's hospitals.

- Records of co-operative societies located in the mining districts of the South Wales region of the Co-operative Union Limited. This includes minute books, financial records and administrative records. In addition the archive also contains periodicals, bulletins and other printed material published by the Co-operative Wholesale Society Limited and the Co-operative Union Limited, intended for the co-operative movement as a whole.
- Over 4,000 photographs which relate to many aspects of the coalfield industry and South Wales community life including disputes and strikes from the Cambrian Combine Dispute 1910-1911 to the Miners' Strike in 1984-1985, leaders, delegations, institutes and members of lodge local sports teams, choirs, dramatic societies and of other social activities in the communities including galas and eisteddfodau. In addition, there are photographs of collieries, volunteers in the Spanish Civil War and topographical photographs of the South Wales valleys. We also hold personal photographic collections, including those of Arthur Horner and Glyn Williams.
- Personal archival collection deposited by people connected with the South Wales Coalfield. The material comes from a variety of individuals, including MPs and those who worked in the pits. The collections reflect the lives and interests of those involved in the South Wales Coalfield and its communities. Correspondence, newscuttings, copies of speeches and notebooks are just a few examples of the varied content of the collection. These include the papers of Hywel Francis and David Sutton.
- The records of the NUM (South Wales Area) central administration, consisting of minute books and accounts, and correspondence relating to a wide range of topics effecting the mining industry.
- Records of the lodges of the National Union of Mineworkers (and its predecessor the South Wales Miners' Federation (SWMF) including minute books, correspondence, financial papers etc.

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The Royal College of Nursing is a professional UK membership body and union of over 435,000 registered nurses, midwives, health care practitioners and nursing students. The RCN Library and Archive Service (LAS) holds Europe's largest nursing collection, with the historical collections being held in London and Edinburgh. The collection is primarily in the English language and dates mainly from the 1850s. The RCN was founded in 1916 to lobby parliament for the state registration of nurse and continues to actively campaign for nursing. Its library service established in 1922 and the archive in the 1980s.

RCN LAS actively collects material on nursing in the UK, focusing on RCN union activities including its annual Congress, industrial relations issues, campaigns and activism. Recurring themes include pay and conditions, gender, status of women, diversity, immigration, public health, mental health.

Catalogues are available online, together with an increasing number of free online resources such as digitised content and exhibitions. RCN LAS also delivers an annual programme of events aimed at the public.

- There are a significant number of nurses working in the high risk industries including mining, hence there being references in our collections.
- The trade journals at the time have a number of relating to the strike and a lot of first person experiences and reflections.