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Members of Parliament

MPs' papers commonly comprise case/constituency files, subject files and correspondence. Papers of some MPs (*) are subject to a closure period of 30 years and access to all constituency case files is restricted under the Data Protection Act. In some cases some files may be made accessible under special arrangements and with necessary permission.

- **Sir Patrick Cormack*** Conservative MP. Papers 1970 onwards. Ref U-DPK §

Sir Patrick has been an MP since 1970, for the constituencies of Cannock and then South Staffordshire. He is a former Conservative Party Spokesman on Constitutional Affairs and a former Shadow Deputy Leader of the House of Commons. He has served on many House of Commons' Committees, including the Education and Foreign Affairs. Since 1979 he has been Chairman of the All Party Arts and Heritage Group. He edited the House Magazine from 1983 to 2005. From 1995 to 2005 he served on the General Synod of the Church of England as an elected member. In July 2005 he became Chairman of the Northern Ireland Affairs Select Committee. His papers comprise over 3000 files, reflecting these interests as well as his work in the constituency.

- **Roy Hattersley*** Labour MP. Papers 1976-1997 Ref U-DRH

Roy Hattersley, a graduate of the University of Hull, served as MP for Birmingham Sparkbrook, 1964 – 1997. On retiring from the House of Commons he was created Baron Hattersley of Sparkbrook. He held positions in the Ministry of Labour and then the Ministry of Defence in the 1960s and served as Deputy Leader of the Labour Party from 1983 to 1992. He is an enthusiastic supporter of the European Common Market/Union. His papers cover the period c. 1976-1997 and include material relating to the Labour Solidarity Campaign, 1981 - 1988

- **Anne Kerr (1925-1973)**, Labour MP Papers 1964-1973 Ref U-DMK

Ann Kerr was elected first as London County Councillor for Putney between 1959 and 1965 and then as MP for Rochester and Chatham in 1964. On the left of the Labour Party, she became deeply involved in the campaign against the death penalty, the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament and the anti-Vietnam War movement. After her defeat in the 1970 general election, she established the pressure group Women Against the Common Market. Her papers comprise constituency correspondence, subject files and press cuttings and include coverage of capital punishment, 1964, 1966 & 1970 general elections, the Labour left, peace movement, anti-Vietnam War movement and the Common Market

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- **Austin Mitchell** * Labour MP Ref U-DMM

Austin Mitchell lectured in history in New Zealand universities between 1959 and 1967, and was a Fellow of Nuffield College, Oxford, 1967-69. He worked for the BBC and Yorkshire Television between 1969 and 1973, and is the author of numerous books. He was elected MP for Grimsby in April 1977. His papers, 1977-2002 comprise mainly constituency case and correspondence material, and reflect Dr Mitchell's interests in social, environmental and health matters.

- **Kevin McNamara*** Labour MP Papers 1966 onwards Ref U-DMC

Kevin McNamara is a Hull University law graduate, taught history in Hull 1958 -1964, and lectured in law at Hull College of Commerce, 1964-66. He contested Bridlington in 1964 before winning Hull North in 1966. He has retained a Hull seat (either Hull North or Hull Central) ever since. He has held various posts within the Party, the most important being as Opposition Spokesman on Defence, 1982-87, and Spokesman on Northern Ireland from 1987. This vast collection reflects McNamara's great range of interests, particularly in relation to defence and Ireland, and his Hull constituency. There are over 2000 case and correspondence files.

- **Chris Mullin** Labour MP Papers 1974-2002 Ref U-DMU

After reading Law at the University of Hull, Chris Mullin worked as a journalist. He unsuccessfully contested the 1970 general election as Labour candidate for North Devon and Kingston-Upon-Thames in February 1974. In 1987 he was elected as Member of Parliament for Sunderland South. He has since been a minister in three government departments and chairman of the Home Affairs Select Committee. Papers received to date relate to Chris Mullin's involvement in major miscarriage of justice cases involving the 'Birmingham Six' and 'Guildford Four'. They include correspondence with Chris Mullin and copies of parliamentary questions and debates. There are also papers relating to the Carl Bridgewater and Judith Ward cases.

- **John Prescott*** Labour MP Papers 1966 onwards Ref U-DMR

After working in the Merchant Navy, and studying at Ruskin College Oxford and the University of Hull, he contested the Southport constituency in 1966, but was subsequently elected for Hull East in 1970. He became Opposition Spokesman on Transport in 1979 and again in 1988. He has also been Spokesman for Regional Affairs and Devolution, Employment, and Energy. He stood as candidate for Deputy Leader of the Labour Party in 1988 and 1992 and was successfully elected to the post in 1994, under the Leadership of Tony Blair. He has served on the National Executive Committee since 1989. His papers include numerous correspondence and subject files reflecting his Parliamentary duties and constituency interests, particularly in shipping and the fishing industry.

- **Sir Patrick Wall*** (1913-1998), Conservative MP Papers 1935-1998 Ref U-DPW

Patrick Wall had a distinguished career in the Royal Navy from 1935 to 1950, when he retired from the military in order to pursue a political career. He served as Conservative MP for Haltemprice (later re-named Beverley) from 1954 until 1987. His very extensive political papers, including detailed journals, reflect his wide-ranging concerns at national and international level, as well as the usual focus on local constituency matters. Although Sir Patrick never became a government minister, his active involvement on several committees and his specialist knowledge of various regions of the world made him an influential backbencher. He was PPS to the Minister of Agriculture 1955-57 and to the Chancellor of the Exchequer 1958-5.

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His other political interests included defence, the fishing industry, the Commonwealth, law and order and immigration and are well represented within the archive. He was President of the organisation from 1985 to 1987, a member of the Conservative Defence Committee (1965-71) and the Parliamentary Select Committee on Defence (1980-83). His regional specialisms spanned the Middle East, the Far East (especially Taiwan), the Mediterranean and East, Central and Southern Africa. Also covered by the papers are the numerous foreign visits which Sir Patrick made, often as a British delegate of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, his involvement in internal Conservative pressure groups, such as the Monday Club and the 92 Committee and interests including Conservative Party policy, higher education, immigration, the 'permissive society' and Roman Catholic affairs.

- **Peter Crampton**, MEP. Ref U-DCN §
Labour Member of the European Parliament from 1994 to 1999, representing the Hull region. Papers mainly comprise subject files 1989-1999.

- **John Ellis** * Labour MP Ref U-DME
Ellis joined the Labour Party in 1954. He was Permanent Private Secretary to the Minister of State for Transport, 1968-70, and an Assistant Government Whip, 1974-76. The papers cover his periods as MP for Bristol North West (1966-1970) and Brigg and Scunthorpe (1974-1977), with case and subject files, and constituency correspondence.

- **Bernard Floud** (1915-1967), Labour MP: Ref U-DFL
Floud joined the Labour Party in 1937, eventually winning the Acton constituency in October 1964. This small collection comprises correspondence, constituency and subject files 1964-67.

- **Somerville Hastings** (1878–1967), Labour MP Ref U-DSH
Dr Hastings was elected as MP for Reading (1923-24 and 1929-31) and Barking (1945-59) and sat on the London County Council for fourteen years. His papers include general correspondence (1929-59), notebooks and biographical material. Dr Hastings was closely involved with the Socialist Medical Association, acting as its founding President from 1930.

- **Frank Hooley** Labour MP Ref U- DMH
After a successful career in university administration, he was MP for Sheffield Heeley, 1966-1970, and 1974-1983. He was particularly interested in environmental matters, and foreign affairs, and was at one time a member of the executive of the United Nations Association. The small collection of papers in the Brynmor Jones Library covers the 1968-1970 period, with general and case files, and files relating to overseas aid and the UNA.

- **Will Howie** Labour MP Ref U-DMO
Enjoyed a career as a civil engineer, publisher, journalist and businessman. Elected MP for Luton in November 1963, retaining the seat until 1970. He was Vice-Chairman of the Parliamentary Labour Party, 1968-1970, Assistant Government Whip, 1964-66, a Lord Commissioner of the Treasury, 1966-67, and Comptroller of the Royal Household, 1967-68. Created a life peer in 1978. This collection comprises just 74 case and subject files, 1950-70, mainly relating to his time as MP for Luton from 1963.

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- **Peter Jackson** Labour MP Ref U-DMJ

Peter Jackson was a lecturer in sociology at the University of Hull, 1964-66, and was then elected MP for the High Peak Division of Derbyshire. He was defeated in 1970, and again in February 1974. His political papers span the period 1964-70, including papers relating to the Select Committee on Agriculture (1968), and the 1970 general election

- **Eric Lubbock** Liberal MP Ref U-DML

Eric Lubbock served in the army, 1949-51, and enjoyed a successful business career. He won a spectacular and famous by-election for the Liberals at Orpington in March 1962, retaining the seat until 1970. He was Liberal Party Whip, 1963-70, and succeeded as 4th Baron Avebury in 1971. The papers cover the period 1962-70 and include mainly case files and correspondence)

- **Eliot Morley*** Labour MP Ref U-DMY

After unsuccessfully contesting Beverley constituency in the 1983 election, Elliott Morley was elected in 1987 to represent Glanford and Scunthorpe. Sponsored by the GMB union, he has acted as Opposition Spokesman on Agriculture and Animal Welfare . His other interests in education, nuclear disarmament and conservation are reflected in his correspondence and subject files dating from 1976 to 1995.

- **Ben Parkin** (1906-1969), Labour MP Ref U-DBP

Ben Parkin was elected MP for Stroud in 1945 and then served as MP for Paddington North 1953 -1969. On the left of the party, he never attained a position of responsibility in government. He sat on the Executive Committee of the Union of Democratic Control at various times during the 1950s and 1960s. His surviving papers, 1946-1970 include correspondence and material from constituency and national levels of the Labour party, and reflect two of his major political concerns, namely housing and German re-armament after the Second World War.

- **Christopher Price*** Labour MP Ref U-DMP

Christopher Price became a Sheffield City Councillor, 1962-66. He contested Shipley in 1964, but then served as MP for Perry Barr 1966-1970 and Lewisham West 1974- 1983. He was the Secretary of State for Education, 1966-67, and education correspondent of the *New Statesman*, 1968-74. His papers 1964 -1970 include subject and correspondence files.

- **Harry Pursey*** (1891-1980), Labour MP Ref U-DPU

After a distinguished career in the navy 1907 -1936, Harry Pursey worked as a journalist and lecturer. He was MP for Hull East, 1945-70. His political papers, 1945-70 include coverage of pensions for service personnel, and general elections of 1951, 1959, 1964, 1966 & 1970.

- **Clive Soley** Labour MP Ref U-DCS §

Clive Soley was a Labour MP from 1979 to 2005 for constituencies in the Hammersmith, Ealing and Acton areas of London. He was Chair of the Parliamentary Labour Party from 1997 to 2001. In 2005 he was created Baron Soley, of Hammersmith. He is currently Campaign Director of Future Heathrow. His papers are not yet fully catalogued, but include material relating to the Freedom and Responsibility of the Press Bill, 1992 which he sponsored and which led to the formation of 'PressWise'.

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- **Sir Mark Sykes** (1879-1919) Conservative MP Ref U-DDSY2
Mark Sykes became MP for Central Hull in 1911, and built up a considerable reputation in the House, particularly in relation to his Middle Eastern expertise. During the First World War he worked largely in military intelligence and diplomacy, and is perhaps best remembered for his part in the Sykes-Picot agreement of January 1916,

- **David Winnick*** Labour MP Ref U-DMW
David Winnick was a member of Willesden Borough Council, 1959-64, and of Brent Borough Council, 1964-66. He contested Harwich in 1964, served as MP for Croydon South from 1966 to 1970 and has been MP for Walsall North since 1979. He has been a member of various committees, and became Chairman of the United Kingdom Immigrants' Advisory Service in 1984. His papers include constituency correspondence, subject files including coverage of race relations and immigration, diaries and speeches 1966-70 and 1976 to date.

Political parties

- **Communist Party** of Great Britain, Hull Branch Ref U-DCP
The records of the local branch of the Communist Party, covering the period 1970-1989, comprise minute books, correspondence and papers relating to national and district congresses.

- **Howard Hill** (1913-1980), Communist Ref U-DHH/2
Howard Hill became full-time secretary of the Sheffield Communist Party in 1943, remaining a Party official until his retirement in 1975. He was especially involved in the crisis caused within the Party by the events of 1956, and there is some important correspondence in the archive between John Gollan, CP General Secretary, Hill and Edward Thompson.

- **Jock Haston**, (1913-1986) Trotskyist Ref U-DJH
Haston became a Communist in the early 1930s. He left the Party in 1936 and became a Trotskyist, being involved with various groups over the next few years, including the Revolutionary Socialist League and the Workers' International League, out of which emerged the official organ of the Fourth International in Britain in 1944, the Revolutionary Communist Party. The Haston archive represents a major source for students of the modern far left in Britain, with important records of the WIL and RCP, including minutes, internal party bulletins, conference documents, broadsheets, memoranda and correspondence, 1913-1965.

- **Labour Solidarity Campaign**, 1981 - 1988 Ref U-DRH/1
The LSC was established in 1981 and was intended to maintain what were described as the 'traditional values and ideals of a democratic Labour Party', to prevent the loss of support to the newly-established Social Democratic Party, and to counter the activities of the 'undemocratic Left' within the Party. Its joint chairmen were Roy Hattersley and Peter Shore. In practical terms the group aimed to moderate the effects of the introduction of re-selection for MPs, and of the electoral college for the selection of the Party leader, preferring one-member one-vote. The group was discontinued in mid-1988 by which time it was considered to have secured most of its original objectives.

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- **Campaign for Labour Party Democracy** Ref U-DX/222/1-4
Comprising only four files, this collection covers the history of the campaign from 1973 until 1991 and includes minutes of Annual General Meetings and the Executive Committee, reports and discussion papers.
- **Labour Party - Central Hull Branch** Ref U-DX/124 and U-DX/131
Files (including posters, and papers relating to administration and expenses) for Parliamentary elections in the North Hull Constituency, 1955, 1959, 1964, 1966 (by-election), 1966; and other files for the Central Hull Constituency, 1969-73.
Minute book of the Paragon Ward, 1933-34.
- **John Saville** (1916-2009), Communist, then member of the New Left, and economic historian ref U-DJS §
John Savilles extensive papers, dating from the 1950s onwards, include correspondence and files on the split in the Communist Party in 1956, the *Reasoner* and *New Left Review*, the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament and the Fife Socialist League.

Pressure Groups

- **British Union for the Abolition of Vivisection** ref U-DBV
The BUAV archive covers the period 1896-1996 and includes minutes of the Executive and other Committees, and of the Annual General Meetings. Annual reports membership registers, and correspondence files. Material relating to campaigns undertaken by BUAV includes minutes, correspondence, leaflets, press statements and cuttings. The archive also includes a comprehensive collection of BUAV's periodicals, 1898-1996. Additional material is received on a regular basis.
- **Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants** (1967-to date) Ref U-DJC
The JCWI includes Executive Committee minutes and reports, annual reports, files on conferences and public meetings, correspondence, files on other immigration pressure groups (including Action Group on Immigration and Nationality, Migrants Action Group, No Pass Laws Here!, Women, Immigration and Nationality Group and the Standing Conference on Refugees), policy papers and JCWI publications. However the extensive series of case files is the most important part of the archive, including cases of Cypriot students, Ugandans and other East African Asians, of refusal of entry at ports and prison cases. Additional archives are received on a regular basis. Case files are subject to access restrictions under DPA.
- **National Council for Civil Liberties** (1934-to date) Ref U-DCL
The Liberty archive is large and extensive, comprising over 1000 files covering all aspects of social and political history from the 1930s to, practically, the present. It includes files, minutes, annual reports and publications, and is particularly valuable for the numerous files covering: the development of fascism, the role of the police, individual rights, freedom of speech, mental health race relations, immigration, children and young people, capital punishment, censorship (and the Oz trial), abortion, demonstrations (including anti-Vietnam War demonstrations),

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student radicalism, the peace movement and women's rights. The focus of Liberty's work on defending civil liberties and human rights means that a great deal of the archive relates to the law, including criminal law, and the process of upholding, monitoring and reforming the law and the justice system in this country. There are also files relating to the associated Cobden/Civil liberties Trust and the Council for Academic Freedom and Democracy. The most recent deposits, covering the mid 1990s onwards, are in the process of being catalogued and additional material is received on a regular basis.

- **Socialist Medical Association, (1930-to date)**

Ref U-DSM

The Socialist Medical Association (SMA) was founded in 1930, to work towards a socialised medical service, free and open to all, and to promote a high standard of health for the people of Britain. Affiliated to the Labour Party from 1931 onwards, the SMA exerted an important influence on Labour health policy, and lobbied for a national health service throughout the 1930s and 1940s, launching an official journal and publishing policies and reports, one of which, *Whither medicine?* (1939), came to encapsulate the basic principles of the National Health Service. The association influenced the progress of the National Health Service Bill through Parliament in 1946. Following the establishment of the NHS in 1948, the role of the organisation gradually changed. It re-named itself as the Socialist Health Association (SHA) in 1981 to reflect a shift in emphasis to the prevention of illness through the promotion of good health. The SHA now engages primarily in public education and lobbying on health issues. The records of the SMA minutes of the Executive Committee, Council and Annual General Meetings 1930-1990s; minutes of various committees and sub-committees, circulars, subject files and reports. Additional archives are received on a regular basis.

- **Parity (1986 – 2001)**

Ref U-DPY §

Parity was first formed in 1986 as the Campaign for Equal State Pension Ages, a wholly voluntary organisation whose main object has been and still is the promotion and protection of the equal rights of men and women to the enjoyment of all civil, political, economic social and cultural rights and public benefits under the law. Parity has instigated litigation in cases resulting in equal qualifying ages for men and women for many benefits, concessions and allowances. The archive, dating from 1986 to 2001 includes minutes of meetings, newsletters, subject files, correspondence, membership files, legal files and publications. The papers are not yet fully catalogued.

- **Union of Democratic Control**

Ref U-DDC

The UDC was established during the first days of the First World War to work for parliamentary control of foreign policy and a just peace settlement. It undertook a massive publicity effort during the war in support of its aims, issuing, 28 pamphlets, 47 leaflets 18 books and a journal. From the 1920s the UDC concentrated its efforts on highlighting and offering solutions to problems in international affairs, eventually becoming a leading anti-colonial organisation. In the 1920s, it pressed for open diplomacy and a reformed League of Nations; in the 1930s, it challenged the growth of armaments and imperialism in China and East Africa; and in the 1940s it supported the struggles for independence in Asia and Africa. With the virtual disintegration of the British Empire by the mid-1960s, the UDC was eventually wound up in December 1966. The papers reflect all the above interests. There are minutes (of the General Council, Executive Committee and sub-committees), accounts, subject and correspondence files, press cuttings, copies of UDC publications.

Miscellaneous

- **The Dictionary of Labour Biography**

Ref U-DLB

The archive, comprising over 1000 files, covers the first ten volumes of the Dictionary (published 1972 - 2000), recording the lives of over nine hundred people from the 19th and 20th centuries. There are research files for nearly everyone who appears within the pages of the Dictionary, as well special notes files, which are organised by volume. In addition there are files for over a hundred people who were not selected for publication. The files for each entrant vary in the richness of their content but many offer valuable additional material to the published biographical entry.

- **Victor 'Vicky' Weisz**, political cartoonist.

Ref U-DP/172, U-DX/165-166

Newspaper cuttings of Vicky cartoons, articles, reviews 1937-1966

Illustrated letters from Victor Weisz to Mme. Mondange, his second wife, written when she was on an ENSA tour of Germany as the actress Lucielle Gray, 1945-1946; and illustrated notes to his fourth wife Inge Lew, 1962-1965

Information about archive resources across the UK

Web-based searching

- **National Register of Archives** <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/nra/>
Summary digital version of long-established paper-based resource.
More comprehensive, but more summary information.
You can only search by corporate name, personal or family name, or place, not by subject or keyword
Simpler format - search results give standard, summary information about collections.

 - **A2A - Access to Archives** <http://www.a2a.org.uk/>
Catalogues relating to archives held in England.
Can provide very detailed information, but is not comprehensive.
Complex results - including several levels of information. Search results may be collection-level descriptions or entries to individual items. Read guide to database first.

 - **Archives Hub** <http://www.archiveshub.ac.uk/>
Database gateway to archives held in universities and colleges.
Free text search. Clear layout - split screen - lists of search results with links to summary or more detailed collection-level descriptions.

 - **Specialist databases**
Providing information on sources within historical themes - eg Genesis (sources for women's history).
Your tutor may be able to suggest sites within your area of interest.
- A good list of thematic and specialist sites relating to archive resources can be found on the History Online website - at <http://www.history.ac.uk/ihr/Resources/Type/archive.html>
- **ARCHON** <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/archon/>
Contact details for record repositories in the United Kingdom and also for institutions elsewhere in the world which have substantial collections of manuscripts.
Includes website addresses. It is always worth looking at the website of a record office you are planning to visit, or even one which you think might have relevant material - many have online catalogues or guides.