

MODERN RECORDS CENTRE

INFORMATION BULLETIN

No. 72

June 2002

ISSN 0309-0418

1. Introduction

In the period covered by this bulletin, we have continued to concentrate on creating collection-level descriptions for the Archives Hub and also for the RSLP projects which are coming to an end in July. The Centre has been a partner in Casbah (<http://www.casbah.ac.uk>), Genesis (<http://www.genesis.ac.uk>) and Mine of Information (<http://www.mineofinfo.ac.uk>). Meanwhile detailed cataloguing continues; a full finding aid to the Release archive has been completed and will soon be available on our website.

2. National Cycle Archive

A bid to catalogue the archives, books and periodicals in the archive was submitted to the Heritage Lottery Fund in May under the Your Heritage stream. We hope to hear the result of this application in three months. Meanwhile work sorting the material continues. A file relating to the James family of Fen End, Warwickshire has been catalogued (MSS.328/N4). Harry James (d. 1905) was the founder of the James Cycle Co., whilst his brother, John Thomas James (d. 1902), began the Birmingham Rim Works which produced tyre rims for cycles and motor cycles. Harry James started making cycles in a small factory in Constitution Hill, Birmingham about 1880. By 1890 he had moved to larger premises in Sparkbrook, Birmingham, and the firm was established as a company in 1897. James cycles continued to be made until 1966, when the AMC Company, which had taken over the original works, failed.

Collection-level descriptions have been compiled for the archives of W. Carey & Son, Shirley, Southampton (MSS.328/N11), Alexander A. Josey (MSS.328/N10) and Terry Quantrill (MSS.328/N34). Photocopies of the interesting records of the Amateur Bicycle Club dating from 1871-1929 (probably the date of its demise), have also been listed at this level (MSS.328/N13). The originals are abroad.

The Ephemera items (MSS.328/N26) now include twelve bound volumes of Track League and Cycle Road Racing programmes, 1948-1986, of Dr Richard Swann, who at different times was an official, judge and promoter of them. Other deposits now listed include that of Stan P. V. Bray of the Solihull Cycling Club, 1948-1992 (MSS.328/N33), cycle manufacturers' drawings (MSS.328/N35), an interesting cycling diary relating to tours in Dorset and Wales of the Maybury family in 1877 and 1881 (MSS.328/N36), and a small volume of press cuttings and manuscript entries of the North Shropshire Wheelers, 1939-1949 (MSS.328/N37).

3. Archives Hub

Earlier bulletins have reported on the Centre's participation in the Archives Hub. 26 collection level descriptions have been created for Keele University Library, 3 for Coventry University Library, 5 for the BP Archive, 5 for Staffordshire University at Stoke-on-Trent, and 80 for the Modern Records Centre. These may be consulted on the Hub website: <http://www.archiveshub.ac.uk/>. 279 collection-level descriptions have been created for Birmingham University Archives; these are in the final stages of editing and are expected to be available on the Hub website soon. Work continues on descriptions of the Modern Records Centre and Birmingham holdings.

4. New deposits

Archives continue to be deposited in large quantities. They are described briefly in the following list. Some of them have yet to be processed, so that their entry here is simply a 'marker.' As usual, a complete list will be included in the Centre's Annual Report. Some of the collections are subject to access restrictions; please contact us for further details.

- Brigadier John Barraclough was Military Governor, North Rhine Province, Control Commission for Germany (British Element), 1945-1950. A photocopy of his diary, June 1945-May 1947 has been deposited. (MSS.021/3533)
- Professor William A. Brown: Professor Brown began his career as an economic assistant to the National Board for Incomes and Prices, 1966-68, before joining the Industrial Relations Research Unit (IRRU) of the University of Warwick. He was Director of IRRU 1981-5 when he became Montague Burton Professor of Industrial Relations at the University of Cambridge. Professor Brown's papers mainly comprise those generated by research in the 1960s into industrial relations and, in particular, pay bargaining at that time. Included in the papers are: National Board for Prices and Incomes *Payment by Results* memoranda, case studies, 1966-69; Merseyside earnings data, 1962-1964; British Leyland (Austin-Morris) Engines Division, reports on

industrial relations by Allan Flanders, Alan Fox, Ian Brough, 1970; IRRU survey of shop stewards, 1976. (MSS.446)

- Certification Officer's papers: A further ten boxes have been deposited. (MSS.388E)
- Confederation of British Industry: The Centre has received a further 125 boxes. This latest deposit includes files from various directorates including Government Relations, Human Resources, Communications, and the Director General's Office. Subjects covered include: incomes policies, 1975-1979; correspondence on the Insolvency Bill, 1984-1987; City/EEC Committee, 1974-1980; the employment of homeworkers, 1973-1978. There are closure periods of ten and thirty years on these papers. (MSS.200/C)
- Engineering Employers' Association: 34 boxes of EEF publications, 1956-2000, have been added to their archive. (MSS.237)
- European Forum for Teamwork: The National Society of Quality Circles (NSQC) was founded in 1984 'to encourage the healthy development of Quality Circles in the UK, by combining the experience and energy of individual firms.' In October 1991 it changed its name to the National Society for Quality through Teamwork (NSQT). In 2000 it changed its name again to the European Forum for Teamwork. The society was liquidated on 12 March 2002. The deposited papers include minutes of Management Committee and Members' Meetings and correspondence, March 1982 - March 1996; general information, including accounts, certificate of incorporation as a company and charity annual report. (MSS.342)
- Forest School Camps: oral history tapes, interviews and related papers for the compilation of *Our Story* (1998), a history of the camps. (MSS.156)
- Mrs Olga Yvonne McClelland (1914-1995): She was Assistant Secretary of the National Joint Committee for Spanish Relief (Basque Children's Committee): address book, 1937-1938, photograph of Mrs McClelland as a WRNS, and two phonograph records of traditional Basque songs recorded by the Basque Children's Choir. (MSS.21/3535)
- Tom Mann Memorial Fund and Tom Mann Centre Trust: papers and correspondence (1985-1999) and (1978-1999). Includes 2 cassettes of a day school on Tom Mann in 1980. (MSS.353)
- Post Office Engineering Union: Files relating to union officials, 1940s-50s. (MSS.135G)

- Gillian Rose: Further sorting of material given to the University Library has revealed additional archival material. In addition to articles and other material by Rose herself it includes miscellaneous material and correspondence files relating to her various studies. There are also personal papers, school reports, and family photographs. Access is limited while the papers are uncatalogued. (MSS.377)
- Union of Communication Workers: An additional deposit comprising videos relating to particular issues in the 1980s, including the Miners' strike, and annual conferences, 1984 and 1987. Circulars etc to branches (transferred from Liverpool Central Library). (MSS.148)

5. Staff

In April we were very happy to welcome Richard Temple back from his secondment to the National Records Service (NRS) in The Gambia, organised by VSO.

Marie Osborne left in June to begin work as a Library Assistant at Coventry City Library. She will be much missed: for her good company by her colleagues; for her friendly helpfulness by the users of the Centre; and for her prodigious amounts of work at the Centre. We wish her well in her new job. Marie is succeeded by Carole Jones who comes to us from Coventry University Library.

Katherine Taylor worked in the Centre as a volunteer for a week in June. She was able to see some aspects of the work of an archivist. She unpacked and listed for us papers of the European Forum for Teamwork.

6. Mailing list

A reminder to those of you who haven't returned the form sent with our last bulletin or otherwise let us know. From February 2003 we will only send the paper version of this bulletin to those who request it.

For further information about the Centre, its holdings and publications, contact the Archivist, Modern Records Centre, University Library, University of Warwick, Coventry, CV4 7AL; Telephone +44 (0)24 7652 4219; Fax. +44 (0)24 7652 4211; email: archives@warwick.ac.uk. URL: <<http://modernrecords.warwick.ac.uk>>