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SOURCES FOR THE HISTORY OF CYCLING

The National Cycle Archive was established in 1990 by the Cyclists' Touring Club with funds from a bequest by Frank Whitt. Its primary aim is the preservation of archives, books and journals relating to cycles and cycling. The National Cycle Archive Fund is administered by the trustees of the Cycle Touring and Countryside Trust. The archive is housed at the Modern Records Centre, University of Warwick Library.

The National Cycle Archive comprises books, journals and archives deposited by many cycling bodies and individuals. The books and journals or magazines are catalogued on the University Library Catalogue. They can be found at <http://webcat.warwick.ac.uk/search>. Researchers can search by author, title or keyword. A subject search citing Cyclists' Touring Club, National Cycle Archive, or National Cycle Museum will give details of the material belonging to each of these bodies. A brief description of the archives follows. For further details see: <http://modernrecords.warwick.ac.uk/328umb>

British Cycling Federation (formed in 1959, following the amalgamation of the National Cyclists' Union and the British League of Racing Cyclists). Minutes, 1959-1984, printed magazines and miscellaneous papers, 1978-1993. MSS.328/BCF. See also MSS.328/BLRC, BU, M/NCU, N10 and N17.

British League of Racing Cyclists (formed in 1942. It amalgamated with the National Cyclists' Union in 1959 to form the British Cycling Federation). Minutes, 1949-1959. MSS.328/BLRC. See also MSS.328/BCF, BU, M/NCU, N10 and N17.

National Cyclists' Union (formed in 1878 as the Bicycle Union. It amalgamated with the Tricycle Union in 1882, and in 1883 was re-named the National Cyclists' Union. It amalgamated with the British League of Racing Cyclists in 1959 to become the British Cycling Federation). Archives, mainly minutes, 1878-1958. MSS.328/BU. See also MSS.328/BCF, BLRC, M/NCU, N10 and N17.

Cyclists' Touring Club (formed 1878-ongoing). Minutes, reports and associated papers of Council and other committees, including constitution, articles and memoranda of association, agreements, membership papers, correspondence, financial papers, administrative files and papers, legal papers, scrapbooks, photographs, prints and drawings, in particular those of Frank Patterson, printed books, serials and pamphlets, journals and magazines, 1774-2006, (mostly from 1878). The full catalogue of the Club's library of books and serials is available at <http://webcat.warwick.ac.uk/search>. MSS.328/C. See also MSS.328/ N31 below.

George Drake (1839-1899). Memoranda book, with references to his working life in the cycle business and sketches of various cycle parts. Biographical details. MSS.328/D.

Centaur Cycle Company. Article and three press cuttings about George Gilbert and his cycle company, 1904, 1915 and 1996. MSS.328/G.

National Cycle Museum Trust Archive. Cycle club records and catalogues, three boxes of correspondence, files of records relating to racing, etc., thirty boxes of press cuttings, a scrapbook, six boxes of photographs, and printed magazines, etc., 20th century.

Included are some original drawings of Frank Patterson (1871-1952), cycling artist. National Cyclists' Union: cycle racing: application forms, lists of riders holding licences to compete, posters, programmes, journals, printed matter and correspondence, etc., 1897-1900. MSS.328/M and MSS.328/M/NCU.

Neville Whall (known as Hodites), assistant secretary of the CTC. Lecture material, 1920s-1950s. MSS.328/N1.

Cycle manufacturers' trade catalogues, arranged alphabetically. MSS.328/N2.

Cycle accessories' catalogues, including tyres, 1898-20th century, arranged alphabetically. MSS.328/N3.

James Cycle Company. Biographical details, copy letters and photographs of the James family, articles on the James Cycle Company, post 1940 and 1987, Frank Patterson drawings from magazine, 1994, record of events etc. of the British League of Racing Cyclists, 1940-1959. MSS.328/N4.

John Boyd Dunlop. His certificates and notebooks as a veterinary surgeon, 1859-post 1910. Patents, invoices, correspondence, notes, etc., on the discovery and acceptance of the pneumatic tyre, articles, photographs, press cuttings, brochure and printed matter, 1887-1966, including his book, published after his death by his daughter, Jean McClintock, *The History of the Pneumatic Tyre*. MSS.328/N5.

Leamington Spa CTC Branch. Small album of press cuttings about the section, 1941-1943. MSS.328/N6.

Derek Roberts. Correspondence, 1952-1999. Cigarette card album, c. 1950. Album of articles and press cuttings mainly by or relating to H. W. Bartleet, 1904-1942. Photographs of the Southern and Home Counties' riders, 1948-1960. Minutes, accounts, etc., of the Fellowship of Old Time Cyclists, 1916-1969. Correspondence files, scrapbook and diary of the Fellowship of Cycling Old-Timers, 1920s?-2001. Minutes of the Southern Veteran-Cycle Club (from 1987 the Veteran-Cycle Club), 1955-1990, yearbook, 1994-1995, *News and Views*, 1984-1987, and 1994-1999, *The Bonshaker*, 1994, and 1997-1999, and transparencies, 1957-1985. Minutes of the National Association of Veteran-Cycle Clubs, 1960-1969. Tribute to Tom Simpson, 1967. Two educational cassette tapes entitled *Bicycle Boogie*, volumes 1 and 2, 1993. A few booklets etc. and items relating to other cycling clubs. MSS.328/N7.

V. J. Walton. Diaries, 1950-1960; a few details of the Bon Amis Cycling Club, ?1930s. The Clubman's cycling racing record book, 1949-1965. Club journals, cycle catalogue, cycling manual and cycling aids, and programme, 1905-1995; National Cyclists' Union official Touring Route books, c. 1950. MSS.328/N8.

Surrey Bicycle Club. Record book, 1933-1981, and photographs, 1930-1958. MSS.328/N9.

Alexander Arthur Josey, (b. c. 1910), cycling journalist. Correspondence, scripts and broadcasts, research papers, publications, his personal cycling papers, advertisements and technical reports on cycling. Includes papers of the Essex Cycling Union Ltd (from 1899 the Essex and Middlesex Cycling Union Ltd), 1895-1899, the Road Time Trials Council, 1937-1943, the British League of Racing Cyclists, 1943-1945, the Road Racing Council, 1926-1937, the Road Records Association, 1938-1942, the Women's Road Records Association, 1940, and the Bicycle Polo Association of Great Britain, 1933-1940. Records about racing events and cyclists, 1895-1942, and papers and publications of many cycling clubs, 1880-1947, cycle catalogues, articles, press cuttings, scrapbooks, photographs, tours and guides, books and ephemera, 1877-1974.

MSS.328/N10.

For more information about the Road Time Trials Council, see MSS.328/RTTC and N30 below, and for the British League of Racing Cyclists, see MSS.328/BCF, BLRC, BU and MSS.328/N17.

W. Carey & Son, Shirley, Southampton, lightweight cycle-builders and specialists and official repairers to the National Cyclists' Union, 1934 - c. 1959. Correspondence of Ronald Carey, 1930s, printed cycle and cycle components' leaflets, 1931-1936, programmes for cycling events, 1932-1947, and journals of five clubs, 1936-1955. MSS.328/N11.

Eric Claxton. Papers about new towns, especially Stevenage, 1943-1990, and correspondence and files on transport, roads, accident prevention, air pollution, cycling, including the special needs of pedestrians and cyclists etc., in established towns, 1944-1990, papers of the British Cycling Bureau (to which he became consultant in 1972), 1960-1986, and of the International Federation of Pedestrians, 1965-1984; articles and papers by Claxton, 1966-1983, printed matter and press cuttings. MSS.328/N12.

Amateur Bicycle Club (founded 1871). Photocopies of papers, including booklets of rules, 1870s, correspondence and invoices, 1871-1929, details of Club meetings and events, cartoons, press cuttings, etc., the rules of the Dark Blue Bicycle Club, late 19th century; issue of *Bicycling News*, 2 February 1877. MSS.328/N13.

A. Davidson, member of the Sheffield Central Cycling Club. Time trial result sheets sent in by cycling clubs to him, 1930-1965. MSS.328/N14.

J. Cyril Kermode, Councillor: Cyclists' Touring Club. Council minutes and papers, 1958-1979, Leisure and Countryside Committee minutes, 1988-1991. Subject files, 1949-1991. MSS.328/N15.

Frank W. Shorland. Cycling scrapbook, 1888-1926; two programmes and two articles about the Cuca Cocoa Challenge Cup, etc., 1893-1936. MSS.328/N16.

Charles Messenger. Papers of the British League of Racing Cyclists: 22 files of minutes, accounts, a membership list, correspondence, extracts from cycling magazines, details of races, etc., 1939-1994. MSS.328/N17.
See also MSS.328/BCF, BLRC and BU and MSS.328/N10.

Albert Winstanley of Bradshaw, near Bolton, Lancs. Copies of his articles from *Cycling* and *The Bicycle* (which was incorporated into *Cycling*), and *Cycling World*, 1954-1999. Indexed. Photograph of four cyclists, ?in the Alps, c.1880s. MSS.328/N18.

Midland Counties Cyclists' Association. Minutes, 1908-1984, financial papers, 1980-1995, start and result sheets, 1966-1994, and address book, 1913-1920. MSS.328/N19.

K. T. Greaves, turner and fitter at Hadfield's, Rotherham. Three diaries, 1930-1939. MSS.328/N20.

Gill Felton: Cyclists' Public Affairs Group file, including material from the Highways Authorities & Utilities Committee, 1986-1999. MSS.328/N21

Runwell Cycle Company: two catalogues and a photograph album, 1911-1961. MSS.328/N22.

Cyclists' Touring Club diary for 1938. MSS.328/N23.

Catalogues of collections of cycles and of material of cycling interest, such as posters, cigarette cards including sale catalogues (non trade) and the programme of the Cycle and Motor Cycle Show at Earls Court, London, 1951-2004. MSS.328/N24.

Photographs. Album presented by Beeston Cycling Club, 1894. Two cabinet card cycling photographs and four postcards, c. 1900-1910. Photographs of the cycles of F. H. Grubb, bicycle manufacturer, 1932-1993, undated. Photographs of the Hoyland Star Cycling Club, c. 1890, of the Kingsdale Cycling Club, 1913 and of the Loiterers' Section of the CTC, 1943. Photographs of S. H. Ineson, 1878, Rose Lamartine Yates, as a young woman, and members of the Stone family, 1910-1983. 154 copy photographs of Evelyn Hamilton, 1930s cycling champion. Copy photograph of an 1893 Dursley Pedersen bicycle. Photographs of a young boy on a BMX bicycle, ?c. 1970s. MSS.328/N25.

Cycling Ephemera. Booklets, leaflets, badges, pennants, cycling advertisements, unused certificates, etc., papers relating to events, runs, races, rides, rallies, etc., 1869-2005. Twelve volumes of programmes of Track League and Cycle Road Racing compiled by Dr Richard Swann, 1948-1986. Meet and race programmes and papers, dinner menus, etc. from Harry Aspden papers, 1934-1997. A few mostly CTC miscellanea. MSS.328/N26.

Press cuttings: artificial collection of cycling press and magazine cuttings, ?1883, 1941-2005. MSS.328/N27.

Emily S. Coddington: commonplace book of c. 1850, also containing diary of a young girl cyclist, 1893-1896. MSS.328/N28.

Histories of cyclists and cycling clubs, c.1940-?1992. Includes cycling theses of Dr Andrew Millward, 1996 and 1999. MSS.328/N29.

Cycling Clubs: rules and handbooks of twenty one clubs, (including 49 handbooks of the Road Time Trials Council, 1938-1995), 1931-1999. MSS.328/N30.

Len James, Cyclists' Touring Club, Councillor, chairman in 1989, and vice-president. Minutes, reports and papers of many CTC committees, 1965-1988, and of bodies with which the CTC was associated, c. 1974-1988; forty three named subject files, James's correspondence, reports and papers, 1980-1995. MSS.328/N31.

Bath Road Club (founded 1886). Issues of *The Bath Road News*, 1913-1926, 1942-1958; cartoons, a programme and photographs, 1919-1950. Issue of *The Cheshire Road News*, August 1951. MSS.328/N32.

Stan Bray of Solihull Cycling Club. Personal papers and papers relating to the club, 1954-1993. Printed items of the Veterans' Time Trials Association. 1978-1991, and other cycling clubs, 1938-1990. MSS.328/N33. See also MSS.328/N55.

Terry Quantrill. Cycling papers mainly relating to the Passey family of Benson, Oxfordshire, including a few papers of the Boston Veteran Bicycle Club, 1957-1979, and of the Benson Veteran Cycle Club, 1974-1977. MSS.328/N34.

Cycle Manufacturers' Drawings. Cycle frames from Chater Lea Limited, 1923; Leader Cycle Works, Croyden, post 1918, and press cutting on Edward Leader; Charles Vaughan of Birmingham, blueprint of frame design, 1937. MSS.328/N35.

Manuscript diary of the "Touring Party": members of the Maybury family, who toured S. W. England in 1877, and Wales in 1881. Horace Maybury was later a keen cyclist. MSS.328/N36.

North Shropshire Wheelers Club runs: volume of press cuttings and manuscript additions, 1939-1949. MSS.328/N37.

Cycling videotapes, c. 1986-1999. Compact disc containing copy documents and information on the Granby Cycle Works, later Granby Cycles, 1920s-1950s and perhaps later, compiled 2005. Compact disc compiled by Keith Levoir about the Catford Section of the CTC, 1949-1956. MSS.328/N38.

G. A. Widmann Memorial Committee. Minutes, correspondence, copies of memorial inscription, roll of honour of those awarded the plaque, memoir of Paddy Widmann, etc., 1955-2001. MSS.328/N39.

Tony Hadland. Four large cartons of papers relating to research for his books, *The Sturmev Archer Story* and *The Moulton Bicycle*, and "Video, Audio and Magazines (Fornca)" and "Japan Trip. ...", 1890s-2002. MSS.328/N40.

John Leedham. Five cycling publications by the Cyclists' Touring Club, the Department of Transport and the Road Danger Reduction Unit, 1987-c.1995. Cycling board game: "Wheeling A Game for Cyclists", c. 1900. MSS.328/N41.

Robert William Edlin: "The story of Robert William Edlin and the Pneumatic Tyre": booklet by his grandson, R. W. Edlin, 1992. MSS.328/N42.

Walter Palmer: the diary recording a tour on his safety from Bath to Weymouth in 1895, and copies of two photographs of 1893 and 1897. MSS.328/N43.

Malcolm Parry and his father, Lionel Arthur Parry. Typescript and two cassette tapes of interview with George Stratton (1910-2003), who worked with Claud Butler in Clapham and bought the firm when it became bankrupt, 1996; correspondence and a few papers of Lionel A. Parry, 1936-1955; copy of *Cycle and Motor Cycle Show Souvenir and Guide*, 1953, and *The Cyclist*, September 1936-10 February 1937; catalogues of cycles, motor cycles and accessories, 1940s-1972. MSS.328/N44.

Ernest J. Green (1911-1991). Rule books, membership papers, forms and programmes from the Bellingham Wheelers Cycling Club, Catford Cycling Club, Cyclists' Touring Club, the "Jail House" Club, National Cyclists' Union, Kent Road Club, Kentish Wheelers, London Cycle Racing, The Polytechnic Cycling Club, The Southern Counties Cycling Union, etc., 1927-1968; tyre catalogue, 1937, etc. *Olympic Cycling*, by Bill Mills, c. 1947. MSS.328/N45.

Bryan Ward (1933-2003), photographer and cyclist: thirty nine packs of photographs, five binders of slides, medals, programmes and other cycling papers of Bryan Ward, 1903, 1952-2000. MSS.328/N46.

Harry Aspden (1911-2003), cyclist, author, photographer and cycling events' organiser: printed books and journals, early 20th century, 1934-1998, thirteen histories of cycling clubs and people, 1941-?1992, handbooks and yearbooks, 1935-1997, three rule books, 1953-1955; race programmes, start sheets and result sheets, 1934-1997; meet programmes, etc., 1937-1997, manufacturers' catalogues of cycles and accessories, 20th century. These items have for the most part been transferred to the National Cycle Archive library series, and to MSS.328/N2, N3, N26, N29 and N30. MSS.328/N47.

W. and W. C. Holland of West Bromwich, Staffs.: runs books and scrapbook of runs for the West Bromwich Section of the Birmingham and Midland District Association of the Cyclists' Touring Club, 1927-1931. Photograph of W. C. Holland on an old bicycle. MSS.328/N48.

Frank R. Whitt (1911-1984), benefactor to the Cyclists' Touring Club: books from the 1870s and papers about cycling, including ergonomics, aerodynamics, power output,

speed, pedalling, breathing, wheels, spokes, tyres, rolling resistance, gears, chains, and transmissions, 1890s-1980s. MSS.328/N49.

South West London District Association: minutes, 1948-2001, and those of its predecessors, the SW section of the Metropolitan District Association, 1920-1939, later the SW Section of the South London District Association, 1939-1948. Minutes of the Kingston Section of the South West London District Association, 1952-1976. MSS.328/N50.

Ken Rolls: diaries of his cycling tours in Germany, 1938, and Connemara, 1948. MSS.328/N51.

British Cyclo-Cross Association: articles and photographs from Neville Billington, 1960s and ?later. MSS.328/N52.

Norman Haselock: programmes of various cycling club events, 1929-1970, and of the annual general meetings and lunch menus of the Fellowship of Cycling Old-Timers, 1979-2003. MSS.328/N53.

A. W. Kempson (1902-1976) of the Essex Roads Cycling Club and CTC; photographs, cycling diaries, certificates, membership papers, a few letters, etc., 1917-1985. MSS.328/N54.

Solihull Cycling Club: *Awheel*, issues, 1946-1963; Golden Jubilee, 1979: celebratory papers; programme for the annual dinner dance and prize presentation, 1980. MSS.328/N55. See also MSS.328/N33.

Keith Robins: a few papers relating to the licensing, manufacture and sale of the safety cycling habit skirt by Charles Henry Hart, trading as Hart & Son, ladies' tailor, 1890s; reproductions of early cycling prints by Beehay Designs, 1986, c. 1980s; *North Middlesex and Herts Cycling Gazette*, April-May 1926; the Southern Counties Cycling Union: programme, 1926; Essex Roads Cycling Club, handbooks, 1951-1952. MSS.328/N56.

Thomas Leonard Woodhall, "Snowy" (1919-2005): records of his cycling club and racing days, 1935-1990; Arthur/A. Cook: road time trial record book, 1938-1950; typescript autobiography and cycling memoir, c. 1985-1989; journals received to be added to the University Library Catalogue. MSS.328/N57.

Frank McCann: CTC North Metropolitan District Association: certificates awarded to McCann; Hampstead Section of the above: issues of journal, 1955-1956, and group photograph, c. 1955. MSS.328/N58.

Bill Westcott: journal of the Cycle Engineers' Institute, 1990-1998; logbooks of the Fergusons, 1927-1928; newsheets of Huddersfield Road Club, 1993; membership and subscription record of the Rover Cycling Club, 1922-1923. MSS.328/N59.

Central Roads Cycling Club, Wolverhampton: certificates awarded to Jim Cooper, 1936-1937. Photographs of Jim Cooper, 1930s and later. MSS.328/N60.

John Howes & Sons, Cambridge: microfilm of two cycle sales books, 1890-1972. MSS.328/N61.

Nicholas Clayton: programmes of rallies and runs organised by the Benson Veteran Cycle Club, 1965 and 2002, the National Association of Veteran-Cycle Clubs, 1958-1965, and the Southern Veteran-Cycle Club, 1956-1963. North Road Cycling Club: three issues of its *Gazette*, 1958. MSS.328/N62.

Cycling postcards: three reprints of early cycling posters, c. 2000; five reprints of humorous cycling postcards first produced in 1905 by Tom Browne (1870-1910), R.I.; R. B. A. MSS.328/N63.

Wolverhampton Wheelers Cycling Club (formed 1891): brochure about the club, early 21st century; *The Wheeler*, newsletter, nos. 1-4, 2002-2003/4. MSS.328/N64.

Kingsdale Cycling Club: six issues of the newsletter, 1948-1951. MSS.328/N65.

David Holton: printed items, including CTC Liverpool District Association handbook, 1929; brief history and list of members of the Fellowship of Old Time Cyclists, January 1946; rally programme, two cigarette cards, bundle of photographs, c. 1900-?1980s; card (reproduction) showing the Simpson Lever Chain by Toulouse Lautrec, published in 1896. MSS.328/N66.

The Good Friday Gamble: booklet recording the annual meetings of the great cycle racers at the Herne Hill track, organised by the Southern Counties Cycling Union, 1903-2003. MSS.328/N67.

The Saunders Testimonial drawn by E. Fowler and subscribed to by cycling, cricket and football clubs, 1889. MSS.328/N68.

Items from the National Cycle Archive safe: *Britannia, volume the first ...*, by John Ogilby, London, 1675. *Souvenirs des travaux du Simplon*, by R. Ceard, Geneva, 1837. Letter, etc. from E. Stanley Doubleday respecting his late father, John Doubleday's Romford Bicycle Club badge, 1936, which is deposited. MSS.328/N69.

Edward Williams, bicycle chain wheel and crank manufacturers of Foundry Lane, Smethwick: French patent relating to free wheels, 1911; pattern book for chain wheel designs, c. 1920s; correspondence, cheques and three sets of Dutch advertisements for Edward Williams, 1949-1959. Five rolls of manufacturing drawings, 1903-1953. MSS.328/N70.

Road Time Trials Council. Minutes and financial reports, with associated papers, 1937-1996, subject files, 1946-1974, and 37 pamphlets, 1991-1995. MSS328/RTTC. See also MSS.328/N10 and N30.

Other archives in the Modern Records Centre with papers relating to cycling.

The Motor Cycle Association, formerly the Cycle and Motor Cycle Association. The archive includes minutes, guard books, the Quarterly Journal/Bulletin, press cuttings, export statistics, catalogues for cycle/cycle and motorcycle shows, 1894-1997, papers of the Cycle Trade Union, 1914-1962, and of the British Motor Cycle and Cyclecar Research Association, 1920-1931. MSS.204.

Birmingham Small Arms Co. Ltd. The archives include papers of BSA Cycles Ltd., 1919-1934. MSS.19. Other BSA records are held at Solihull Library.

Cycling Archives in Repositories elsewhere

The cycling collection at Coventry Central Library includes periodicals and early cycling books, glass negatives and prints from H. W. Bartleet and elsewhere.

Clarke-Cluley & Co. Limited, cycle manufacturers: papers, 1900-1985, are held by Coventry City Archives. (Accession 1233).

Edward Williams of Smethwick: correspondence, accounts, sales, purchase, order and technical records, 1847 [sic]-1964, are held at the Staffordshire County Record Office (D4466).

National Clarion Cycling Club medals, ribbons and ephemera are held at the People's History Museum, Manchester.

P. P. Baly of Warwick: cycling papers in the 1880s are held at the Warwickshire County Record Office.

Percy T. Stallard (b.1909), cycle manufacturer and salesman, and racing cyclist: his papers are held at Wolverhampton Archives and Local Studies. (www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/archives).

The Polytechnic Cycling Club archives are held at Westminster University. See <http://www.aim25.ac.uk>

The Raleigh Cycle Co. archives, including the Sturmev-Archer papers, are held at Nottinghamshire Record Office

Wessex Road Club papers are held in the Special Collections Department of the University of Birmingham (GB 0150 MS 17).

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