

## Archive sources

Dr J. Graham Jones lists the archival collections of interest to students of the Liberal Party held at the Flintshire County Record Office

# Liberal archives at Flintshire Record Office, Hawarden

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### Glynne-Gladstone MSS (GG)

Family and estate correspondence and papers of the Glynne and Gladstone families of Hawarden Castle, including Glynne family correspondence, c.1660–1875; Gladstone family correspondence, 1786–1952; Glynne family papers, 1593–early twentieth century; Gladstone family papers, 1532–1960; the Gladstone papers, 1821–c.1971; papers re. national memorial to William Ewart Gladstone, 1898–1925; papers re. St Deiniol's Library, 1889–post 1938; papers re. Catherine Gladstone Convalescent Home, Mitcham, c.1910–1923; estate and household papers, 1612–1953; business papers, 1760–1974; Newcastle Trust, 1822–1888.

Includes correspondence concerning the Liberal Party, 1934–5. Correspondents include H. W. Acomb (librarian, National Liberal Club), Lord Davies (treasurer, The New Commonwealth), W. Robert Davies (secretary, National Liberal Federation), F. E. Hamer and James J. W. Herbertson (secretaries, The New Commonwealth), John Henderson and Commander T. A. Longford (secretaries, National Liberal Club), F. W. Hirst (secretary, Public Economy League), John H. Humphreys (secretary, Proportional Representation Society), Harcourt Johnstone, MP, F. Llewellyn-Jones (MP for Flintshire), Sir Donald Maclean, Sir Charles Mallet, Geoffrey Le M. Mander, MP, Ramsay Muir (president, National Liberal Federation), Vivian Phillipps (secretary, Liberal Council), Sir Herbert Samuel, Leonard H. Smith (secretary, Chester Division Liberal Association), Harold Storey (Liberal

Publication Department), and Thomas Waterhouse (Flintshire Liberal Association). (GG/B/13/2/11)

*Posters, handbills, etc. (printed).* Concerning elections and mostly in the Liberal interest, issued by candidates in various parliamentary elections: West Kent, 1880; South Lancashire, 1865; South-West Lancashire, 1868; Middlesex, 1880; Newark, 1846; Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 1877–80; North Northumberland, 1880. (GG/D/6/21/13)

*Posters, handbills, etc. (printed).* Concerning elections and mostly in the Liberal interest, issued by candidates in various parliamentary elections: Peterborough, 1880; Salford, 1869–80; Stalybridge, 1885. (GG/D/6/21/14)

*Posters, handbills, etc. (printed).* Concerning elections and mostly in the Liberal interest: general elections and general political matters. (GG/D/6/21/15)

### Hawarden Estate Collection (H-DA)

Deeds for Flintshire, 1786–1928; estate papers of Hawarden Castle, Hawarden Settled and Burton Manor estates, including rentals, 1817–1955, surveys, valuations and inventories, 1738–c. 1959, tenancy agreements, 1828–1939, rate books and assessments, 1829–c. 1911, accounts, 1699–1960, sale particulars and plans, 1830–1929, correspondence, 1843–1977, maps and plans, 1733–1970, papers relating to Flintshire turnpike roads, 1828–c.1839 and Hawarden and District Waterworks, 1882–1884; Hawarden Rectory title and other papers, 1817–1931; Oak Farm, co. Staffs and Farmcot, co. Salop estate papers, 1800–1874; mineral leases (coal, ironstone, fireclay) and industrial records for collieries and brickworks in Hawarden, 1830–1944, and collieries and ironworks in Staffordshire, 1836–74; leases for railways and

tramways in Buckley and Hawarden parish, 1835–1912; election papers relating to Sir Stephen R. Glynne's candidature and other campaigns, 1831–57; Flintshire Yeomanry Cavalry muster rolls, parade reports and returns, 1831–7, 1873; general financial and legal papers, 1829–1924.

### Sir John Herbert Lewis MP Papers (D-L)

Lewis entered parliament in 1892 as a Liberal, representing Flint Boroughs until 1906, Flintshire until 1918 and the University of Wales, a seat for which he had campaigned, until his retirement in 1922. His persistent advocacy and campaigning led to the establishment of a National Museum in Cardiff, a National Library in Aberystwyth and the obtaining of a Royal Charter establishing the University of Wales in 1893. He became the vice-president of the National Library of Wales in 1907, and its president 1926–1927. He was also appointed a Junior Lord of the Treasury, 1906; parliamentary secretary, Local Government Board, 1905; parliamentary secretary, Board of Education, 1915; Deputy Lieutenant of Flintshire; president of the Library Association of the United Kingdom, 1920–1921; governor of Aberystwyth, Bangor and Cardiff University Colleges and of the National Museum of Wales; and Constable of Flint Castle. He was awarded the gold medal from the Honourable Society of the Cymrodorion in 1927.

Correspondence belonging to Enoch Lewis, 1841–85, Catherine Lewis, 1863–8, John Herbert Lewis, 1868–1936, Ruth Lewis, 1887–1935, Herbert Mostyn Lewis, 1905–24, Kitty Lewis/Mrs Idwal Jones, c.1900–85, Idwal Jones, 1936–61, and miscellaneous correspondence, 1869–1917; property deeds, 1711–1939; sale particulars, plans, notices,

1812–1958; accounts, 1862–1927; correspondence and miscellanea, 1812–1959; family papers, c.1845–1982; political and official documents, 1841–1978; Welsh education and culture, 1819–1979, including Eisteddfodau, 1886–1971, the National Library of Wales, 1909–63 and Welsh folk songs, 1819–1979; religious materials on Welsh Calvinistic Methodism, 1716–1975, and Rev. Thomas Jones of Denbigh, 1803–1956; miscellaneous articles on North Wales, 1770–1978, including local history notes on Caerwys, 1891–1954, and papers of Flintshire Historical Society, 1909–22; and photographs, 1863–1967.

### Sir Henry Morris-Jones Papers (D-MJ)

Sir John Henry Morris-Jones (1884–1972) was MP for Denbigh, 1929–50. Born in Waunfawr, Caernarfonshire, he was educated at Menai Bridge Grammar School, Anglesey, and St Mungo's College, Glasgow, qualifying as a doctor in 1906. He practised for over twenty years as a general practitioner in Colwyn Bay, Denbighshire, and became chairman of Colwyn Bay Urban District Council and a member of Denbighshire County Council. During the First World War, he was a medical officer with the 2nd Battalion of the Worcester Regiment, serving in France at a Red Cross Hospital at Wimeraux, and later served in the Royal Army Medical Corps. He was elected as the Liberal MP for Denbigh in 1929, becoming a Liberal National after 1931 and retiring in 1950. He was assistant government whip, 1932–1935, and a Lord Commissioner of the Treasury, 1935–1937 and Hon. Treasurer and Joint Hon. Secretary of the Reception Committee for the Royal Visit to North Wales, 1937. He chaired the Welsh Parliamentary Liberal Party, 1941–1942 and was a member of the parliamentary delegation to Australia for the sesqui-centenary celebrations, 1938, and the delegation to Buchenwald Concentration Camp, 1945. He wrote an autobiography, *Doctor in the Whips' Room* (1955).

Papers of Sir Henry Morris-Jones, 1896–2003, including diaries, 1911–18, 1925–44; pocket diaries, 1912–62; personal notebooks, 1950–62; letters, 1923–63, mainly from fellow MPs; parliamentary papers, 1941–9 and 1963; miscellaneous papers, 1906–65; papers relating to a parliamentary delegation to Buchenwald concentration camp,



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1945; notes on his ancestors, 1896–1945; press cuttings and photographs relating to his career, 1927–60; and copies, typescripts and material relating to his publications, including *Doctor in the Whips' Room*, 1915–2003.

This collection includes the extensive series of diaries upon which he based his autobiography, *Doctor in the Whips' Room* (1955), and over 180 letters, selected by Sir Henry from his personal correspondence shortly before his death. Early entries (1925) concerned with practice, local government, and Liberal convention (Jan. 1925); later entries (1929–30) concerned with Denbigh election, etc. 'Private and intimate notes on the 1929–31 Parliament and the demise of the Liberal Party'; description of speeches, etc., in the House, notes on leading parliamentary figures, and Liberal Party meetings.

### Llywelyn Jones and Armon Ellis Collection

Papers relating to the Department of Education and Science grant to B.Y.P.C.A. Hawkesbury Institute, and related administration and audit. Includes statement re: investment of moneys. (D-DM/434/12/7/22)

**Photograph** of Lloyd George, F. Llewellyn Jones and A. J. Sylvester at Daniel Owen Centenary Celebrations, 1936. (PH/40/104).

**Photograph** of Lloyd George and Mr Llewellyn Jones, MP, with group at Rhyl. (PH/56/508).

### Waterhouse MSS, 1958–83 (D-WA)

Ronald Gough Waterhouse was born on 8 May 1926 at Holywell where his father, a prominent figure in local Liberal politics, owned a textile mill. After Holywell Grammar School, Ronald joined the RAF Volunteer Reserve in 1944 to train as a pilot, while also doing a short course at St John's, Cambridge. After demobilisation in 1948 he went back up to St John's to read Law as a MacMahon Scholar. Waterhouse was called to the Bar by Middle Temple as a Harmsworth Scholar in 1952. He joined chambers at Farrar's Building in the Temple. In due course, he established a busy mixed common law practice in London and on the Wales and Chester Circuit. In the 1959 general election he unsuccessfully contested West Flintshire for Labour; he had been a Liberal at university. In 1966 he was junior counsel to the Aberfan inquiry, and junior prosecuting counsel (led by the Attorney General, Sir Elwyn Jones) at the trial of the moors murderers, Ian Broady and Myra Hindley, at Chester Assizes. He served as deputy chairman of the Cheshire Quarter Sessions (1964–71) and of the Flintshire Quarter Sessions (1966–71). He took Silk in 1969.

Official Papers of Sir Ronald Waterhouse, 1958–83, including Political Papers, 1958–59, Quarter Sessions Records, 1964–71, Boundary Commission Records, 1971–83, Prevention of Terrorism Records 1974–78, Records relating to Free Wales Army 1969, Records relating to the Moors Murderers 1966, Aberfan Enquiry Records

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1966–67, Rabies Enquiry Committee Papers 1970–71, and Connah's Quay 'B' Power Station Enquiry Papers 1970–71.

### Flintshire Liberal Association

Minute book, 1924–37 (D/DM/512).

### Northop Liberal Association

Minute book, 1919–39 (D/DM/350).

### Shotton Liberal Association

Records, 1908–32 (D/DM/266).

### Sir Anthony Meyer MP Papers (D-AM)

Sir Anthony John Charles Meyer, 3rd Baronet (1920–2004) was a British soldier, diplomat, and Conservative and later Liberal Democrat politician, best known for standing against Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher for the Conservative party leadership. In spite of his staunch right-wing views on economic policy, his passionate support of increased British integration into the European Union led to him becoming increasingly marginalised in Thatcher's Conservative Party.

After being deselected as a Conservative parliamentary candidate for the 1992 general election, Meyer became policy director of the European Movement, and in 1998 he joined the Pro-Euro Conservative Party. After that disbanded in 2001, he became a member of the Liberal Democrats.

Papers of Sir Anthony John Charles Meyer, comprising papers on constituency affairs, 1979–90; general political papers, 1980–90; and papers on general Welsh Affairs, 1985–2006.

### Parliamentary election leaflets (D/DM/458/1)

Miscellaneous leaflets issued by Conservative, Labour, Liberal and Plaid Cymru candidates in the East and West Flint constituencies.

### Candidates' election addresses, papers, etc. for Alyn and Deeside District, May 1983 (D/DM/839/1)

Including: photograph of SDP/Liberal Alliance candidate with members of Council of Social Democracy, David Owen, Shirley Williams, Roy Jenkins, and Bill Rodgers.

### Letters of condolence on the death of Dr F. Llewelyn-Jones, Liberal MP for Flintshire (D/DM/471/1)

Letters addressed to Mr Humphrey Llewelyn-Jones, son of Dr F. Llewelyn Jones. 1929–1935 and January 1941.

### General election, Delyn SDP/Liberal Alliance records (D/DM/1770)

Papers, correspondence, election leaflets, brochures, posters, etc. re: the Delyn SDP/Liberal Alliance election campaigns, 1985–87; 1987; and 1992 (by

which time the party had changed its name to the Liberal Democrats).

### General election records, 2010 (D/DM/1672)

Election leaflets, brochures, addresses and posters relating to the general election of 6 May 2010.

### General election records, 2015 (D/DM/1766)

Election leaflets, newsletters, contact details relating to the general election of 7 May 2015.

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