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Minute books and other papers, 1874-1987, from the Edinburgh headquarters office of the Scottish Liberal Democrats, consisting mainly of older records of the Scottish Liberal Party prior to its union with the Social Democratic Party and the creation of the Scottish Liberal Democrats, and including records of the Scottish Liberal Club and the Scottish Reform Club. The volumes and files numbered 1-49 in this inventory were previously deposited in the Department of Special Collections and Archives, Edinburgh University Library. The running order of this series as listed in EUL has been preserved generally (with a few adjustments to restore chronological order), and papers received directly by NLS from the Party follow on the earlier series.

Other Scottish Liberal Party records held by the Library are: minutes of the South Edinburgh Association, 1885-1922 (Acc.9080) and of the Kinross-shire Association 1889-1931 (Acc.9491), and correspondence and papers of the Liberal League, headed by Lord Rosebery, in the latter's papers (MSS.10168-72). Additional records of the Scottish Liberal Club, Edinburgh, can be found in Dep.275.

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Summary of principal groups of records in this collection:

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| 1-16  | <b>Minutes &amp; papers of the Central Committees of the East of Scotland Liberal Association &amp; the Scottish Liberal Association/Federation, 1877-1945</b> |
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| 45-48 | <b>Scottish Liberal Party, Liberal Party [UK] &amp; Liberal Party Organisation papers &amp; leaflets, 1931-1951</b>  |
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### **SCOTTISH LIBERAL ASSOCIATION/SCOTTISH LIBERAL FEDERATION**

1. Minutes and other papers (pasted into volume) of the East and North of Scotland Liberal Association from its establishment at a meeting on 3 February 1877 to 25 July 1881 when amalgamation with the West of Scotland Association was proposed: includes drafts of the constitution and rules of the Association, 1877, printed billets, and cuttings of press reports of Association meetings.
2. A similar volume of minutes, reports of meetings and other papers of the Scottish Liberal Association's (SLA) annual meetings, general council, and executive committee, from its inaugural meeting in Glasgow, 12 October 1881, to 5 April 1893. The Association was the result of the union of the East and North, and Western Associations of the Party.
3. Minute book of the Executive Council of the SLA from its inauguration, 27 December 1886 – 3 February 1893.
4. Minute book containing records of meetings of the SLA Executive and General Councils and of its Finance and Standing Committees (East and West), 24 January 1887 – 2 June 1892; with a committee meeting index at the front of the volume.
5. Minute book of committees of the SLA, 2 June 1892 – 30 April 1897. The principal committees represented are: the General and Executive Councils, Finance Committee, Eastern and Western Executives [former Standing Committees East and West], and the Organising Committee; with a meetings index at front of volume.
6. Minute book, 26 January 1893 – 5 January 1900, of the SLA Executive Council, Western and Eastern Executives, Circular Committee, Registration Committee, Finance Committee, Joint [Eastern & Western

districts] Committee, and the Organising Committee; meetings index at front of volume.

7. Minute book of the General Council [annual meetings], 9 February 1897 – 19 May 1904, but including minutes of the Executive Council, and the Finance, Eastern Organising and Literature Committees: meetings index at back of volume.
8. Minute book, 13 September 1899 – 30 June 1908, containing mostly records of meetings of the Western Executive, Organising and Finance committees, and of Glasgow meetings of central SLA committees; no index.
9. Minute book mostly containing records of meetings of the SLA Organising Committee, 2 June 1904 – 20 May 1909, but including minutes of the Executive and General Councils, Finance Committee and Eastern district committees; meetings index at back of volume.
10. Minute book, 19 August 1908 – 2 February 1925, mostly of the SLA Western committees, but including Executive Council and other meetings in Glasgow and Edinburgh: meetings index in back board of volume.
11. Minute book, 2 June 1909 – 22 November 1920, mostly of the Executive Council and Organising and Finance committees, and other Eastern committees of the SLA; meetings index in back pages of volume. From 1918 the SLA and its companion women's association merged to form the Scottish Liberal Federation (SLF).
12. A continuation of the previous volume of SLF minutes, 21 November 1920 – 31 January 1930; meetings index at back of volume.
13. SLF central committees minute book, 31 January 1930 – 30 March 1938; meetings index in back pages of volume.
14. SLF minutes, 11 May 1939 – 26 March 1946; no index.
15. A volume containing [pasted-in] printed agenda and resolutions before the SLF General Council, 14 September 1928 – 16 March 1946, with manuscript annotations of movers and motions before the Council or Annual Conferences passed by the meetings and, *passim*, lists of office-bearers and members of the Council; not indexed.
16. Volume containing minutes of the Executive and various other committees of the SLF, 22 July 1935 – 30 May 1945.

## **ELECTION ADDRESSES**

- 17-19. A series of press cutting books containing General Election addresses of Liberal, Labour, Unionist and other candidates, 1906-1910; arranged alphabetically by name of constituency, with constituency indexes at the front of each volume.
- 17. General Election, January 1906.
  - 18. General Election, December 1909 – January 1910.
  - 19. General Election, December 1910.

## **SCOTTISH WOMEN'S LIBERAL FEDERATION**

- 20-28. Minute books, numbered 1-9, of the Executive Committee of the Scottish Women's Liberal Federation from its establishment in April 1891 to November 1918, when it merged with the Scottish Liberal Association to form the Scottish Liberal Federation.
- 20. SWLF minute book no.1, 6 April 1891 – 5 April 1895.
  - 21. SWLF minute book no.2, 21 May 1895 – 25 February 1898.
  - 22. SWLF minute book no.3, 23 March 1898 – 9 November 1900.
  - 23. SWLF minute book no.4, 8 January 1901 – 13 November 1903.
  - 24. SWLF minute book no.5, 15 January 1904 – 14 March 1906.
  - 25. SWLF minute book no.6, 10 April 1906 – 8 May 1908.
  - 26. SWLF minute book no.7, 11 September 1908 – 13 January 1911.
  - 27. SWLF minute book no.8, 17 February 1911 – 14 November 1913.
  - 28. SWLF minute book no.9, 14 November 1913 – 20 November 1918.
- 29-32. Minute books of various other committees of the SWLF.
- 29. SWLF Eastern Executive and By-Election Committees, 13 May 1891 – 2 April 1914.
  - 30. SWLF Organisation Committee, 11 November 1898 – 8 May 1914.
  - 31. SWLF Library Committee, 14 November 1903 – 12 September 1913.
  - 32. SWLF Finance Committee, 22 May 1891 – 8 May 1914.
33. Minute book of the SLF Women's Council, 4 April 1934 – 21 April 1939.

## **SCOTTISH REFORM CLUB & SCOTTISH LIBERAL ASSOCIATION**

34. A register of meetings held by the Scottish Reform Club, 1896-1912; the constituencies, names of speakers and other details are tabulated.
35. Leaflet book of the SLA, 1855-91, containing notices of meetings and demonstrations, subscription lists, etc. A few notices of other organisations (eg the Scottish Home Rule Association) are also included.

## **DUMBARTONSHIRE LIBERAL ASSOCIATIONS**

- 36-44. Minutes and other records of the Dumbartonshire and West Dumbartonshire Liberal Associations, 1874-1981.
  36. Minute book, 8 April 1874 – 24 January 1889, of the Dumbartonshire Liberal Association (DLA).
  37. DLA minute book, 29 January 1889 – 23 March 1918.
  38. Minute book of Helensburgh & District Liberal Association, 29 November 1901 – 26 April 1948.
  39. Minute book of the West Dumbartonshire Liberal Association, 21 March 1962 – 11 June 1981.
  40. DLA press-cuttings book, 1907-9.
  41. DLA press-cuttings book, November-December 1910.
  42. DLA press-cuttings book, 1910-13.
  43. Miscellaneous financial statements and other financial papers of Helensburgh & Gareloch Liberal Association, 1933-48.
  44. Meetings and speakers register probably kept by the Secretary of the West Dumbartonshire Liberal Association, ca. 1945-50.

## **SCOTTISH LIBERAL PARTY/LIBERAL PARTY REPORTS & PAPERS**

45. Scottish Liberal Federation and Scottish Liberal Party reports, conference and policy papers and some committee minutes, etc (duplicated or printed copies), 1938-50, but mostly SLP papers, 1949-50.
46. Liberal Party Organisation minutes and papers: a similar file of duplicated documents, 1949-50.
47. Miscellaneous Liberal Party printed policy documents, reports, studies and election literature, 1931-51.

48. A file of non-Liberal printed political literature, ca. 1945-50; some relate to land values and proportional representation, and the file includes some Conservative pamphlets.
49. A microfilm of SLA minutes, 1903-6.

#### **MIDLOTHIAN LIBERAL ASSOCIATION**

50. A volume of minutes and papers, including press-cuttings, leaflets and pamphlets, of the Midlothian Liberal Association, 1878-1880, assembled by its Secretary, Ralph Richardson, and covering Mr Gladstone's celebrated election campaign in the constituency.

#### **SCOTTISH LIBERAL FREE TRADE COMMITTEE**

51. Minute book of the Committee, 11 August 1903 – 23 November 1904.
52. Free Trade Committee lecture register, 17 September 1903 – 15 November 1904.

#### **SCOTTISH LIBERAL PARTY GENERAL COUNCIL & EXECUTIVE**

- 53-60. Minutes and related papers [duplicated copies] of the Council and Executive of the Party, and Annual Conference papers [printed or duplicated], 1946-87.
  53. General Council minutes, 1946-50.
  54. General Council minutes, 1951-55.
  55. General Council minutes, 1956-67.
  56. Executive Committee minutes, 1946-54.
  57. Executive Committee minutes, 1954-58.
  58. Annual Conference papers, 1966-76.
  59. Annual Conference papers, 1977-82.
  60. Annual Conference papers, 1983-87.

#### **SCOTTISH LIBERAL FEDERATION/PARTY SUBSCRIPTION RECORDS**

61. SLF/SLP Eastern Subscription Book, 1928-56.
62. SLF/SLP Subscription Book [West], 1935-48.
63. SLF indexed subscription register ['Subscription Index East'], 1939-44.

- 64. SLF indexed subscription register ['East', in continuation], 1945-50.
- 65. SLP 'Subscription Index', 1951-56.
- 66. A volume (lacks covers) containing a record of individual and Associations' subscriptions and donations, 1956-65.

### **GENERAL FINANCIAL RECORDS**

- 67. SLF/SLP Eastern Subscription Book, 1928-56.
- 68. SLP Cash Book, 1949-59.
- 69. SLP Cash Book, 1959-62.
- 70. Scottish Liberal Guarantee Fund register, 1946-51.
- 71. Salaries Stabilisation Fund book, 1951-58.
- 72. Literature accounts book [with local associations], 1966-67.
- 73. Cash Book of the Scottish Liberal Organisers' Benevolent Fund, 1949-51.

### **J M HOGGE COLLECTION**

- 74-91. A collection of articles, a few letters, testimonials and general political press cuttings relating to his political career assembled by James Myles Hogge (1873-1928), Liberal MP for East Edinburgh, 1912-24 and social campaigner, particularly on behalf of war pensioners.
- 74. Testimonial (illuminated) to Councillor J M Hogge, 1909, in tribute for his work towards the establishment of an electric tramway system in the city of York.
- 75. Illuminated address thanks, 1919, from the National Federation of Discharged and Demobilised Sailors and Soldiers, East Midlands Council, to J M Hogge MP for his efforts on their behalf.
- 76. A volume presented to J M Hogge, 1 December 1924, signed by many ex-servicemen civil servants in appreciation of his campaigning on their behalf.
- 77. Camlachie bye-election cuttings book, December 1910; includes JMH election address and 3 letters.
- 78. East Edinburgh elections cuttings book, vol.1, January 1912 – January 1916; includes some leaflets.

- 79. East Edinburgh cuttings, vol.2, January-December 1916.
  - 80. East Edinburgh scrapbook of photographs, letters and leaflets, May 1917 – January 1919.
  - 81. East Edinburgh cuttings, 1923-24.
  - 82. Cuttings of 'Articles by JMH' no.1, 1915-16.
  - 83. Articles by JMH no.2, 1916-17.
  - 84. Cuttings of "Week in Parliament" articles by JMH (for *Edinburgh Evening News*), 1912-16.
- 85-87. 'Mr Hogge's Pension Replies': cuttings of JMH's regular newspaper column, answering specific war pensions enquiries, 1917-19.
- 85. March-December, 1917.
  - 86. December 1917 – November 1918.
  - 87. December 1918 – July 1919.
  - 88. 'JMH Personal': cuttings of articles of or concerning J M Hogge, February 1915 – October 1916.
  - 89. Cuttings, August 1913 – December 1916, mostly incorporating pictures of caricatures of JMH and other politicians.
  - 90. Cuttings, mostly of articles by JMH, 1913-19.
  - 91. 2 original cartoons, 1905, n.d., relating to JMH's involvement in municipal politics in York.

### **SCOTTISH REFORM CLUB**

- 92. Minute book of the Scottish Reform Club from its foundation, 3 April 1895, to its winding-up, 27 February 1952.
- 93. Club campaign speakers expenses cash book, 1899-1915.
- 94. Club working expenses account, 1899-1915.
- 95. Club balance-sheet book, 1898-1915.

### **SCOTTISH LIBERAL CLUB**

- 96-105. Minutes, membership and subscription records of the Scottish Liberal Club, Edinburgh, 1934-1983. For other records of the Club received previously in the Library, see Dep.275.
- 96. Minutes of the AGMs and of the General Committee of the Club, 30 January 1967 – 26 April 1971.

- 97-98. Annual Subscription Registers of Town Members [indexed volumes], 1934-55.
- 97. 1934-44.
  - 98. 1945-55.
- 99-100. Annual Subscription Registers of Country Members, 1934-55.
- 99. 1934-44.
  - 100. 1945-55.
101. General Club Register of Admissions, Resignations, Deaths and Transfers, 1 January 1929 – June 1976.
102. Register of Admissions, Resignations, Deaths and Transfers, 1 July 1976 – 1979.
103. Subscription Register, 1956-64.
104. Subscription Register, 1971-83.

#### **GEOFFREY TAYLOR COLLECTION**

- 105-108. Press cuttings, with associated letters and papers, assembled by Colonel Geoffrey Taylor FRCP, Liberal activist in Somerset and Campaigner for awareness of the effects of nuclear bomb tests in the atmosphere on human health.
- 105. Cuttings album, 1957; includes some letters from journalists, scientists and politicians.
  - 106. Cuttings album “mostly Bomb”, 1957-58.
  - 107. A similarly entitled cuttings album, 1958-59.
  - 108. Miscellaneous letters and papers of Colonel Taylor, 1957, n.d.

#### **HAYMARKET WARD LIBERAL ASSOCIATION, EDINBURGH**

109. Minute book of the Association, 29 January 1904 – 22 March 1934.
110. Three orange Liberal election rosettes, n.d.