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A collection of the surviving papers, ca. 1910-30, of B. Skene Mackay (1883-1930), a native of Elgin, ILP organiser, Organising Secretary of the National Union of Vehicle Builders, a Labour municipal councillor in London burghs, and a parliamentary candidate in various elections from 1918.

Presented, 1988, by Edward Skene Esq, South Queensferry, nephew of B.S. Mackay.

1. A commonplace book entitled 'Scraps of Gold', 1909-30.
2. Early political speeches/lectures (2) on socialism, Elgin, 1909-10.
3. (i) Letters of Skene Mackay to his nephew, Edward, 1920, 1922, 1925, 1928-9.
(ii) Election address, Hitchin [?1923].
(iii) Three poems by BSM's mother ca. 1915.
(iv) Letters and press cutting, and tributes to BSM in the NUVE's *Quarterly Journal*, 1930; includes copy of a letter of J Ramsay MacDonald, 3 Jan, 1930, to Mrs Skene Mackay.
4. Copies of press articles and related letters, 1923-5, n.d. on agriculture and fisheries.
5. Other political articles and letters to editors, 1923-5.
6. Political campaigning notes, 1924-9.
7. Photographs (4) of Skene Mackay.
8. (i) Photograph of J Keir Hardie, 1912.
(ii) Photograph of Keir Hardie with a group of ladies including Mary MacArthur and Mrs Cavendish Bentinck.
(iii) A signed but undated photograph of J Ramsay MacDonald.
(iv) Photograph of the miners' leader, Robert Smillie, 1912.
(v) A postcard photograph (captioned) of the Labour Cabinet, 1929.