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CP/IND/GALL William Gallacher (1881 - 1965) papers

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Handlists produced by CPGB Archive workers in 1982 and 1989/90 - listing the main categories of WG papers in the archive in 1982, and the letters available in 1989/90. These lists are now partly superseded, but still contain useful reference information.

Creation dates: 1982 - 1990

SERIES: Correspondence

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Family and personal letters, including to his nephew Phil Stein, and to Ivor Montagu. Includes a collection of greetings cards, as well as Gallacher's membership cards for various bodies, and miscellaneous personal papers.

Creation dates: 1950 - 1964

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Letters from Bob McIlhone concerning his researches into Gallacher's attitude towards electoral work, etc. around and before the CPGB's formation, as reflected in the columns of 'Forward'.

Creation dates: 1964

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Letters to and from Robin Page Arnot, mainly concerning WG's manuscripts and memoirs.

Creation dates: 1963 - 1964

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Letters to and from Margot Parish (WG's secretary), and some letters to MP from 3rd parties.

Creation dates: 1949 - 1955

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Correspondence with Michael Shapiro, Dave and Janet Springhall, Alan Winnington and others in China.

Creation dates: 1950 - 1963

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Publishing correspondence - with Lawrence and Wishart re drastic editing of WG's book, and with Edizioni Rinascita on Italian 'Revolt on the Clyde'.

Creation dates: 1952 - 1954

CP/IND/GALL/01/08

Letters from well-wishers, friends and various members of the public.

Creation dates: 1943 - 1964

CP/IND/GALL/01/09

Letters received by WG after his defeat in the 1950 General Election.

Creation dates: 1950

CP/IND/GALL/01/10

Letters to Willie Gallacher from abroad and from representatives of socialist countries resident in GB.

Creation dates: 1952 - 1964

CP/IND/GALL/01/11

Letters from WG to persons abroad (not CPGB members temporarily resident abroad).

Creation dates: 1949 - 1956

CP/IND/GALL/01/12

International correspondence involving but not directly addressed to WG.

Creation dates: 1951 - 1955

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Miscellaneous letters to WG requesting his assistance in one form or another.

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Creation dates: 1950 - 1963

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Correspondence with US Embassy, and other persons re WG's request for a visa to visit - his sister, along with press cuttings on the visit.

Creation dates: 1963

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Requests to WG from CPGB branches and other organisations to speak or debate, along with details of meetings, letters of thanks from meeting organisers, etc.

Creation dates: 1952 - 1964

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Letters to and from other MPs and other prominent public figures on various topics.

Creation dates: 1943 - 1963

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Correspondence re WG's book 'Rise Like Lions', and various reviews.

Creation dates: 1950 - 1951

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Miscellaneous correspondence - mainly with labour movement organisations, also on party and personal matters, etc. Includes fragments of manuscripts that do not fit in anywhere else.

Creation dates: 1920 - 1963

SERIES: Correspondence with the press

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Correspondence with the Sunday Express, especially with John Junor and John Gordon.

Creation dates: 1951 - 1963

CP/IND/GALL/02/06

Correspondence with the Paisley Daily Express, and polemics in the letters column.

Creation dates: 1957 - 1963

CP/IND/GALL/02/07

Correspondence with other papers, including the Scottish Daily Express, Evening Times, Reynolds News, Tribune, Guardian, Observer, etc.

Creation dates: 1950 - 1963

CP/IND/GALL/03/01

Letters to Sunday Express and other media organs on questions of religion, materials relating to this, including biblical extracts chosen by WG for use in his anti-religious cases.

Creation dates: circa 1960

SERIES: Correspondence with the CPGB and party bodies

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Letters to CP centre and the Daily Worker, on Titus Oates, colonialism, Ulbricht and the 20th CPSU congress, Yugoslavia, China, defectors from the CPGB, etc.

Creation dates: 1950 - 1964

CP/IND/GALL/03/03

Notes and statements to the CPGB EC/PC on the need for a CPGB conference, Steve Nelson of the CPUSA, etc.

Creation dates: 1954

CP/IND/GALL/03/04

Letters and statements from WG to the CP EC and PC in the spring of 1956, concerning the 20th CPSU congress, the role of Stalin, etc.

Creation dates: 1956

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MICROFORM ACADEMIC PUBLISHERS

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Letters to CP centre and leading CPGB bodies on articles submitted to party press, the ETU, China, Yugoslavia, etc.

Creation dates: 1948 - 1965

SERIES: Press - articles, coverage and cuttings

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Press reports of WG - including 'Forward', 1952, on whether WG attended royal garden party, and DW.

Creation dates: 1950 - 1952

CP/IND/GALL/03/07

Misc. papers retained by WG, including Forward 1918, Freethinker, CPUSA papers, and Dunoon Observer and Argyllshire Standard (letter from Helen Crawford).

Creation dates: 1918 - 1963

CP/IND/GALL/03/08

Articles by and about WG in Soviet and East European papers, including Pravda, Komsomol'skaya Pravda, Novaya i noveyshaya istoriya, Mezhdunarodnaya zhizn', Freies Wort along with document from some Hungarian ministry to WG.

Creation dates: 1948 - 1960

CP/IND/GALL/03/09

Articles by WG on history, religion, Palestine, Titus Oates and Douglas Hyde, etc.

Creation dates: 1949 - early 1950s

CP/IND/GALL/03/10

Speeches made by WG in 1940s - notes, printed versions, etc.

Creation dates: 1941 - 1949

CP/IND/GALL/03/11

Notes for meetings on Burns, BRS, Labour/CP unity, etc.

Creation dates: 1950s

CP/IND/GALL/04/01

WG in parliament - CPGB analyses and accounts of its MPs' activities 1947 - 1949, reports of Gallacher's speeches, etc.

Creation dates: 1941 - 1949

CP/IND/GALL/04/02

Biographical notes on WG produced by CPGB centre.

Creation dates: 1954 and 1962

CP/IND/GALL/04/03

WG's trip to Australia via Italy, 1952. Press reports, letters home, MS account of the trip Diary.

Creation dates: 1952

SERIES: Manuscripts

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'The Opium of the People' WG's manuscripts of an anti-religious study, and letter to James [Klugmann?].

Creation dates: 1962

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Memoirs. Chapters 1 - 5.

Creation dates: 1960s

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Memoirs. Chapters 6 - 12 (including 10a).

Creation dates: 1960s

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Memoirs. Chapters 13 - 18 (including 17a).

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Creation dates: 1960s

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Memoirs. Chapters 19 - 24 (including insert for Chapter 18 or 19, continuation of Chapter 24, letter to Robin Page Arnot and press cutting).

Creation dates: 1960s

CP/IND/GALL/04/09

Memoirs. Chapters 25 - 31 (including 3 inserts, and letter to Robin Page Arnot).

Creation dates: 1960s

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WG's detective story.

Creation dates: n.d.

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Fragment of manuscript in WG's hand, apparently a work of fiction on a religious theme.

Creation dates: n.d.

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'Our Town of Paisley' - original Ms, along with three chapters which made up part of 'Last Memoirs'.

Creation dates: 1960s

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'Our Town of Paisley' - photocopy of MS, along with three chapters which made up part of 'Last Memoirs'.

Creation dates: 1960s

SERIES: Tributes and greetings

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WG's 70th birthday - souvenir brochure, messages of greetings from foreign CPs, etc.

Creation dates: 1951

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WG's 80th birthday - entertainment by Honor Arundel; programme for event organised by Scottish CPGB, 24 December 1961.

Creation dates: 1961

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WG's death, funeral and obituaries, with party correspondence concerning WG memorabilia.

Creation dates: 1965 - 1966

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Scottish Committee CPGB correspondence re collections of WG memorabilia.

Creation dates: 1970

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WG centenary coverage - press cuttings, tributes, souvenirs, etc.

Creation dates: 1981

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Card index file of questions raised by WG and Phil Piratin in the House of Commons.

Creation dates: 1947 - 1949

Tributes and greetings

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Gallacher's 70th birthday - letters and telegrams of greetings from individuals, CPGB, labour movement and foreign communist organisations.

Creation dates: 1951

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Gallacher's 80th birthday - letters and telegrams of greetings from individuals, CPGB, labour movement and foreign communist organisations.

Creation dates: 1961

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Plays, sketches and suchlike writings by Gallacher. TS, duplicated and MS.

Creation dates: Undated

CP/IND/GALL/07/04

Verse by Gallacher - TS, MS and duplicated. Also copy of poetry pamphlet by Matt McGunn "Poems for Working Men" dedicated to WG by author.

Creation dates: Undated

CP/IND/GALL/07/05

German police report on Gallacher, requesting that he be observed closely (in German, photocopy).

Creation dates: 1922