

Ramblers Association

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List of the historical records
of the
Ramblers' Association

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A brief history of the Ramblers' Association

It is probably true to say that organised rambling began in the late nineteenth century with formation of the Manchester YMCA Rambling Club in 1880. Many other rambling clubs were formed subsequently, but especially in the larger towns and cities of the north of England, North Wales and the North Midlands. One particularly influential group was the Sheffield Clarion Ramblers which was founded in 1900 by G B H Ward. The numbers of clubs and of individual walkers slowly increased up to the mid 1920s and federations of rambling clubs were also formed. The first of these was the London Federation, which was founded in 1905 by Sir Lawrence Chubb and J A Southern, and others followed in Liverpool (1922), Manchester (1923), Sheffield (1926) and elsewhere. In 1930, a meeting was held at Hope (Derbys) of representatives of the various regional groups where it was agreed to establish a National Council of Ramblers' Federations. The Council was superseded by the Ramblers' Association in 1934-35 which all the federations except one immediately joined.

Today the Ramblers' Association exists as a voluntary association and a recognised charity, with a membership of over 20,000 and with several hundred rambling clubs affiliated to it. It is organised on a simple three tier basis. It is controlled by a National Executive Committee, under which are the area executive committees, (one in each of the 23 administrative areas). These send delegates to a National Council, which elects the National Executive. Finally, numerous groups exist at the local level. These local groups vary greatly both in their interests and in their relations with the area executive committees. Many, especially the older ones, are primarily rambling clubs, while the more recently established groups tend to be concerned with footpaths, access and amenity matters. The objects of the Ramblers' Association as stated in the Countryside Commission Information Directory, are 'to foster a greater knowledge, love and care of the countryside, to work for the preservation of footpaths, and to press for the preservation and enhancement of natural beauty and the preservation of public access to open country'.

However, its role of protection has always been subsidiary to its desire to promote public right of access to large areas of the countryside. Demands for general public access to uncultivated moorland and mountains had been a longstanding issue dating from at least 1884, when the first Access to Mountains Bill, presented to the House of Commons by James Bryce, was rejected. There were several attempts at legislation, all again unsuccessful. But by the 1930s the situation was beginning to change, with the general growth of an idea that the countryside was the property of the nation, that areas of beauty should be protected from development, and that the public should be allowed more general access. Various voluntary bodies grew up in the fight for such causes: for example, the National Trust (1895), the Society for the Promotion of Nature Reserves (1912) and the Council for the Preservation of Rural England (1926). During the late 1920s and early 1930s there was also a dramatic increase in the numbers of clubs and walkers, and by 1931 the Federation of Rambling Clubs had over 40,000 members. Yet rambling activities were still restricted by lack of access to open spaces, especially in the North Pennines where the moors were regularly closed for grouse shooting and this often led to conflict between ramblers and land owners. Consequently various amenity bodies, such as the Ramblers' Federation (and later the Ramblers' Association) and the CPRE,

put increased pressure on the Government to introduce legislation opening large tracts of the countryside to the public. As part of their lobbying activities, ramblers held annual rallies at Winnats Pass near Castleton (which resulted in clashes with the police on at least on occasion, in 1932). In 1934, the Federation also joined forces with the Youth Hostels Association, the Camping Club, the Cooperative Holidays Association and the Holiday Fellowship in setting up a Joint Committee of Open Air Organisations as a forum for discussing matters of common interest. However, it is not clear what contribution if any this Committee made to the access lobby; and indeed, there is at present no evidence to suggest that the YHA, CHA or HF actively supported the Ramblers' Association in this matter. The Ramblers' Association was also represented on the Standing Committee on National Parks, set up in 1935. This played a key role in securing support not only for National Parks but also for a general improvement in public access to the countryside. In 1939 an Access to Mountains Bill was finally passed and came into force in 1940. However, it was a totally inadequate measure, in that it provided only the machinery to obtain access to specific areas and left the financial burden involved to fall on rambling clubs. In fact, the Act was suspended in 1940 following the outbreak of war. Consequently the Ramblers' Association and other countryside bodies remained dissatisfied. Indeed, the opening up of many areas had to await the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act of 1949. This Act achieved much of what the voluntary bodies had been campaigning for in force since the late 1920s, and it owed a great deal to their efforts, especially to the well organised lobby of the Standing Committee on National Parks.

One reason for its lack of success in gaining adequate legislation regarding access until 1949 may to some extent be explained by the end of the rambling boom in the mid 1930s. This is not to suggest that rambling was no longer a popular recreation, but that other outdoor pursuits such as youth hostelling, camping, cycling etc gained in popularity at the expense of rambling. The militancy of at least some ramblers may also have lost them the support of the more conservative bodies such as the National Trust, the Council for the Preservation of Rural England and the Commons, Open Spaces and Footpaths Preservation Society in the fight for greater access to the countryside.

The Association suffered another decline in membership of c 2000 between 1955 and 1960 (and a consequent loss of income) and this loss had scarcely been made up by 1965. Despite such setbacks, however, it seems that in more recent years rambling has gained much increased support, probably to a great extent as a result of the gradual completion of a number of long-distance paths. Some of these have suffered long delays and many are not even yet continuous rights of way. Eleven have been designated so far; they include the Pennine Way, the South Downs Way, Offa's Dyke Path and coastal paths in Pembroke, Yorkshire, and Cornwall. They vary between 80 and 150 miles in length and pass through first class scenery, providing not only physically demanding routes but stretches that are also suitable for the casual walker. The Ramblers' Association has made a very important contribution to the planning and establishment of these paths.

Yet all this is not to deny that the Ramblers' Association has concerned itself with the preservation of the countryside, for it has long recognised that there is no value in the right to wander freely in the countryside if that countryside itself disappears as a result of development and land

use changes. Consequently, the Association has given assistance in fighting such amenity cases as the siting of industrial works, nuclear power stations and electricity transmission lines in National Parks. Nevertheless, the main concern of the Ramblers' Association now does seem to be a question of access and related problems. For example, it has chiefly concerned itself with the preservation of existing footpaths and bridleways and resultant enquiries into rights of way; the problems of footpath diversions due to creation of reservoirs, etc; the creation of new footpaths (whether by planning for the long distance routes already mentioned, or by conducting investigations into the possibility of using towpaths and disused railways as paths); and the need for adequate signposting of footpaths. The Ramblers' Association is also represented on the Central Rights of Way Committee, together with other amenity bodies such as the CPRE and CPRW, the Commons Society, and the National Council for Social Services. This Committee, set up as a result of the National Parks Act, has played an important role in carrying out surveys of rights of way and of footpaths and bridleways. In recent years, the Ramblers' Association has been increasingly concerned with the declining public transport facilities in rural areas, which directly affect ramblers' access to remoter parts of the countryside.

The Ramblers' Association has strong relations with a number of important organisations and influential persons. Several Government Departments have co-operated with the Association, and close relations have always been maintained with many amenity bodies, especially with the Commons, Open Spaces and Footpaths Preservation Society. This organisation has similar aims to the Ramblers' Association in promoting access to the open country and preserving open spaces, and in some ways can be regarded as the forerunner of the Ramblers' Association. The Association has also enjoyed close co-operation with a number of MPs, for example, Barbara Castle and Arthur Blenkinsop (the latter becoming a president of the Association). Other distinguished Presidents include Lord Dalton, Lord Chuter Ede and John Dower. Co-operation and support has also been ensured by the numerous officials shared in common by the Ramblers' Association and other amenity bodies. For example, T Arthur Leonard, who was the founder of the Countrywide Holiday Association and Holiday Fellowship, was an early President of the Ramblers' Association; while Lt Col G G Haythornthwaite, again a President of the Ramblers' Association, also did much work for the CPRE.

Sources

Archive and publications of the Ramblers' Association
D Prynn, 'The Clarion Clubs, Rambling and Holiday Associations in Britain since the 1890s', Journal of Contemporary History, 11, 1976, 65-77

Notes on the historical records

There is a great deal surviving of the historical records of the Ramblers' Association, some of which date from the setting up of the Association in 1935. Some records even predate this and relate to the National Council of Ramblers' Federation, although the amount of such material is minimal.

The more formal records of the Association include a complete run of general minute books from 1930 to the present day. These contain minutes of the National Council of Ramblers' Federations up to 1935, then minutes of the Executive Committee, National Council, and various committees and sub-committees, and annual reports and financial statements, all from 1935 onwards. For knowledge of the Association's early years, these are often the only surviving records, and therefore their value cannot be underestimated. In more recent years a number of separate minute books have been created for some of the committees.

The bulk of the Ramblers' Association's surviving records, however, are of post war date. No financial records survive from before 1965. Sets of files containing such material as Executive Committee agenda, minutes, appendices, reports and circulars, National Council circulars, Publicity and Footpaths Committee circulars, and area circulars only date from the late 1940s at the earliest; and files of press releases, bulletins, and area news from only the 1960s onwards. Similarly, the surviving correspondence and administrative files are generally (although not exclusively) post war in date. These include files of correspondence with the various administrative areas of the Ramblers' Association, but which also often contain area minutes, annual reports, balance sheets, newsheets, etc (1952-); files of correspondence, printed material etc relating to associated organisations, committees and individuals; subject files; and administrative files containing papers relating, for example, to the organisation of conferences and meetings, publications, appointment of staff, etc.

Despite obvious loss of much early material, there is an abundance available for historical studies. The records can provide much information as to the tactics, influence and power of the Ramblers' Association as a pressure group in its various campaigns. These have included the fight for greater public access to areas of the countryside and for the establishment of National Parks, and against proposed development within their boundaries. They also illustrate the part it played in various public inquiries over closure and diversion of footpaths, designation of National Parks, and the disfigurement of the landscape resulting from statutory undertakings and other bodies. Files have survived for instance, containing papers relating to the creation of the Pennine Way long-distance footpath and the Pennine Way Association; to various public inquiries over rights of way (1937-1950s); and to a public inquiry over access in the West Riding of Yorkshire.

Of especial importance are papers collected together under the subject headings of 'Access' and 'Ramblers' Association History'. The former include early material (such as correspondence, bills, reports, press cuttings, and even photographs) on the subject of access and provide details as to the Ramblers' Association rallies in the 1930s, the Access to Mountains Bill of 1938, a Conference on 'Access to the Mountains' 1931, and the setting up of the Standing Committee on National Parks. The latter include early correspondence concerning the formation of the National Federation (1929-1932) and early correspondence with the Youth Hostels Association and the Holiday Fellowship.

There is also much in the records of the Ramblers' Association about its relations with the media, politicians, and government bodies; about its access to information; about the extent of its co-operation with

numerous other amenity bodies; and about the general prestige and influence it has had as a pressure group. The archive also provides material relating to the internal administration of the Association: It includes papers for example, relating to its finances, membership and relations with its administrative areas; to its publications; and to its preparations made for events such as National Footpath Week, Ramblers' Week, and its conferences.

Other records worthy of mention include a number of logbooks recording rambles, from 1926 onwards; valuable volumes of press cuttings (1922-1953), the majority of which relate to the Liverpool District area, and contain articles written by 'Alfresco' and 'Montana' (? pseudonym for Andrew Blair) for the local press. Other files of cuttings concern the establishment of National Parks (1952-1956), Ramblers' Week (1961), National Footpath Week (1970) and the National Council of the Ramblers' Association (1961-1966). The Association has also retained copies of many of its own publications.

The archive also includes a large collection of now obsolete Ordnance Survey maps, old footpath and tourist maps, and a miscellaneous collection of ramblers' guides and journals, many of which date from the 1930s or earlier. While the majority of these can be consulted in the Department of Printed Books at the British Library and other copyright libraries, the holdings there do not include copies of all those held by the Ramblers' Association. For example, the Association has a complete set of the Manchester Federation Ramblers' Handbook, which the Bodleian, Cambridge University and British Libraries do not. None of these libraries hold copies of the Progressive Rambler of which the Association has copies for 1940-1945. However, the libraries do possess most of the early books and guides held by the Ramblers' Association, as well as quite a number of others which the latter does not have. This, however, does not detract from the value of the separate Ramblers' Association's collection which complements its archive.

Archival note

The aim of this list has been to provide a general guide to the Ramblers' Association records which is in sufficient detail and explanation to indicate to researchers their content and usefulness. Therefore items have been described in a summary fashion and not in great depth or completely. The Association has been allocated its own individual identity code (RA), and the records have been listed as far as possible according to function; (that is, they have been divided into financial records, administrative records, publications, social and personal material and maps). The records have been given a running number for retrieval and information purposes.

Location and access

The archive of the Ramblers' Association is retained at its headquarters, 1/5 Wandsworth Road, London SW8 2LJ. The Association is not normally able to make its archives available for academic research and in no circumstances may archival material be removed from the Association's office. However, applications from research workers known to the Association, or introduced by persons known to the Association, will normally be given sympathetic consideration.

Papers of Herbert Gatliff

The private papers of Mr Herbert Gatliff, which consist of 201 boxes of mainly manuscript, duplicated and printed material, have recently been deposited in the Bodleian Library, Oxford. They include material relating to the Ramblers' Association, the Youth Hostels Association, the Joint Committee of Open Air Organisations, the Council for the Preservation of Rural England, the National Trust and other similar bodies.

A FINANCIAL RECORDS

I Cash Books

- 1 Cash Book, No 1 Account, Oct 1969-Sep 1971
- 2 Cash Book, No 2 Account, Oct 1965-Sep 1971; and National Giro Account, May 1969-Sep 1971

II Journals

- 1 Purchases Day Book, Oct 1967-Sep 1971
- 2 Sales Day Book, May 1967-Sep 1971
- 3 Bills Receivable Journal, Dec 1966-May 1969
- 4 Bills Receivable Journal, Jun 1969-May 1971
- 5 Bills Receivable Journal, May 1971-Mar 1973

III Other

- 1 File of bank statements of Nos 1 and 2 Accounts, Oct 1966-Sep 1970
- 2 File of bank statements of Nos 1 and 2 Accounts, Nov 1970-Sep 1973
- 3 Bundle of National Giro account statements, 1973
- 4 File of receipts and cheques, Sep 1971-Feb 1972
- 5 File of receipts and cheques, Jun-Sep 1972
- 6 File of receipts and cheques, Oct-Dec 1972
- 7 File of receipts and cheques, Jan-Feb 1973
- 8 File of receipts and cheques, Feb-May 1973
- 9 File of receipts and cheques, Jun-Sep 1973
- 10 File of receipts and cheques, Oct 1973-Feb 1974
- 11 Publications invoice book, Jul-Aug 1974
- 12 Publications invoice book, Dec 1974-Feb 1975
- 13 Publications invoice book, Feb-Mar 1975
- 14 Publications invoice book, Mar-Apr 1975
- 15 Publications invoice book, Apr-May 1975
- 16 Publications invoice book, May-Jul 1975
- 17 Publications invoice book, Jul-Sep 1975
- 18 Bundle of invoices, Nov 1971-Jul 1973
- 19 File of vouchers, Oct 1969-Jul 1971
- 20 File of vouchers, Jul 1971-Sep 1973
- 21 File of vouchers, Oct 1973-Feb 1975
- 22 Bundle of petty cash vouchers, Oct 1972-Sep 1973
- 23 Bundle of petty cash vouchers, Oct 1973-Jun 1974
- 24 3 bundles of bank Giro credit forms, Oct 1972
- 25 Bundle of completed Deed of Covenant forms, 1967
- 26 Bundle of completed Deed of Covenant forms, 1968
- 27 File of final return sheets from area groups, giving membership certificates, cumulative cash report and settlement with Area Treasurer, Nov 1973-Sep 1974
- 28 File of correspondence, statements, etc with Barclays/Martins Bank, 1967-1972

B ADMINISTRATIVE RECORDS

I General Minute Books

In addition to the minutes of the Executive Committee and the National Council, these volumes contain minutes of other committees and subcommittees; for example, the Finance and General Purposes Committee, Membership and Publicity Committee, Rights of Way Committee, Access to Mountains Subcommittee, etc. Some annual reports and financial statements are also included with the minutes.

The Ramblers Association was not founded until 1935; consequently, the first volume of minutes (covering the period 1930-1938) includes not only those of the Ramblers Association but also those of the National Council of the Ramblers Federation.

- 1 General Minute Book, 1930-1938
- 2 General Minute Book, 1938-1939
- 3 General Minute Book, 1940-1943
- 4 General Minute Book, 1943-1946
- 5 General Minute Book, 1946-1954
- 6 General Minute Book, 1954-1958
- 7 General Minute Book, 1958-1961
- 8 General Minute Book, 1961-1964
- 9 General Minute Book, 1964-1967
- 10 General Minute Book, 1968-1970
- 11 General Minute Book, 1970-1973
- 12 General Minute Book, 1973-1977
- 13 General Minute Book, 1977-

II Committee and Subcommittee Minute Books

- 1 Minute Book, Countryside Fund, Jul 1964-
- 2 Minute Book, Footpaths Subcommittee, Jul 1974-
- 3 Minute Book, Welsh Council, Sep 1974-
- 4 Minute Book, Finance and Administration Subcommittee, Jul 1975-

III Files containing agenda, minutes, appendices, circulars and reports of the Executive Committee and of other subsidiary committees, balance sheets and budget and membership figures etc

- 1 File of Committee papers, etc, 1949-1953
- 2 File of Committee papers, etc, 1954-1956
- 3 File of Committee papers, etc, 1957-1958
- 4 File of Committee papers, etc, 1959-1960
- 5 File of Committee papers, etc, 1961
- 6 File of Committee papers, etc, 1962
- 7 File of Committee papers, etc, 1963
- 8 File of Committee papers, etc, 1964
- 9 File of Committee papers, etc, 1965
- 10 File of Committee papers, etc, 1966
- 11 File of Committee papers, etc, 1967
- 12 File of Committee papers, etc, 1968
- 13 File of Committee papers, etc, 1969
- 14 File of Committee papers, etc, 1970
- 15 File of Committee papers, etc, 1971
- 16 File of Committee papers, etc, 1972

- IV Files containing papers of Tom Stephenson (a former secretary of the Ramblers Association). These include Executive Committee agenda, minutes, appendices and circulars, Publicity and Footpaths Committee circulars, area circulars and National Council circulars

- 1 File containing Tom Stephenson's Committee papers, etc, 1956
- 2 File containing Tom Stephenson's Committee papers, etc, 1957
- 3 File containing Tom Stephenson's Committee papers, etc, 1958
- 4 File containing Tom Stephenson's Committee papers, etc, 1959
- 5 File containing Tom Stephenson's Committee papers, etc, 1960
- 6 File containing Tom Stephenson's Committee papers, etc, 1961
- 7 File containing Tom Stephenson's Committee papers, etc, 1962
- 8 File containing Tom Stephenson's Committee papers, etc, 1963
- 9 File containing Tom Stephenson's Committee papers, etc, 1964
- 10 File containing Tom Stephenson's Committee papers, etc, 1965
- 11 File containing Tom Stephenson's Committee papers, etc, 1966
- 12 File containing Tom Stephenson's Committee papers, etc, 1967
- 13 File containing Tom Stephenson's Committee papers, etc, 1968

V Area circulars

These are mainly informational circulars sent out by the Association to the various administrative areas about publications, weekend schools, etc

- 1 File containing area circulars, 1948-1955
- 2 File containing area circulars, 1956-1961
- 3 File containing area circulars, 1962-1967
- 4 File containing area circulars, 1968-1970
- 5 File containing area circulars, 1971-1972

VI Area news

- 1 File containing area news, Apr 1967-Oct 1969
- 2 File containing area news, Jan 1970-Oct 1971

VII Press releases

- 1 File containing press releases, Jan 1969-Feb 1971
- 2 File containing press releases, Mar 1971-Jul 1972
- 3 File containing press releases, Jan 1972-Dec 1973

VIII Files containing circulars, briefs, press releases and bulletins, area news, committee minutes, etc

- 1 File of circulars, press releases, bulletins, area news, etc, Oct 1967-May 1968
- 2 File of circulars, press releases, bulletins, area news, etc, May-Dec 1968
- 3 File of circulars, press releases, bulletins, area news, etc, Jan-May 1969
- 4 File of circulars, press releases, bulletins, area news, etc, Nov 1969-Feb 1970
- 5 File of circulars, press releases, bulletins, area news, etc, Feb-May 1970

- 6 File of circulars, press releases, bulletins, area news, etc,
May-Nov 1970

IX Additional administrative material duplicating that in some of the
above sections

- 1 Parcel containing press releases, press bulletins, executive
bulletins, area news and National Council minutes, 1969
- 2 Parcel containing press releases, Sep 1972-Dec 1973
- 3 Parcel containing Executive Committee minutes and appendices,
1971 and Publicity Committee agenda, minutes and appendices,
1969-1970

X Correspondence and administrative files and papers

The following list comprises a wide variety of material, including
correspondence, printed matter, press cuttings, maps, photographs, etc.
As far as possible files and papers have been given a running number
for retrieval and information purposes. They can be divided into 3
basic sections:

Nos 1-89 comprise files of correspondence, etc with the various
areas of the Association, files of correspondence, etc with other
organisations and institutions and subject files (listed together
in alphabetical order) and files of correspondence with individuals;
Nos 90-236 comprise the continuation fields of the above (dating
from the late 1960s);

Nos 237-255 comprise miscellaneous papers relating to various
inquiries, Ramblers' Association history, events, publications,
conferences, etc

- 1 File of correspondence, etc with the Devon and Cornwall area,
1963-1967
- 2 File of correspondence, etc with the Derbyshire area, 1957-
1967
- 2/1 File containing minutes of the Derbyshire area AGM and
Council, and annual reports, 1959-1967
- 3 File of correspondence, etc with the East Midland area, 1960-
1967
- 4 File of correspondence, etc with the East Riding of Yorkshire
area, 1955-1967
- 5 File of correspondence, etc with the East Riding of Yorkshire
area, 1968-1970
- 6 File of correspondence, etc with the Gloucester and Swindon
area, 1966-1967
- 7 Files of correspondence, etc with the Lake District area,
1960-1967
1968-1971
- 7/1 File containing minutes of the Lake District area executive,
annual reports, balance sheets and area news, 1958-1967
- 8 File of correspondence, etc with the Lincolnshire area, 1954-
1967
- 9 File of correspondence, etc with the Liverpool District and
North Wales area, 1960-1967

- 9/1 File containing minutes of the General Committee and annual reports of the Liverpool District and North Wales area, 1958-1963
- 10 File of correspondence, etc with the Manchester area, 1952-1967
- 11 File of correspondence, etc with the Midland area, 1960-1967
- 12 File of correspondence, etc with the North East Lancashire area, 1963-1967
- 13 File of correspondence, etc with the Northern area, 1961-1967
- 14 File of correspondence, etc with the North Staffordshire area, 1959-1967
- 15 File of correspondence, etc with the North Yorkshire and South Durham area, 1962-1967
- 16 Files of correspondence, etc with the Scottish area, 1965-1967
1967-1971
- 17 File of correspondence, etc with the Sheffield area, 1961-1967
- 18 File of correspondence, etc with the Southern area, 1961-1967
- 18/1 Files containing minutes of the Council, Executive, AGM, Countryside Committee and annual report of the Southern area, 1967-1969
1970
- 19 File of correspondence, etc with the South Wales area, 1961-1967
- 19/1 File containing minutes of the Committee and AGM of the South Wales area, 1955-1970 (with some correspondence, 1968-1970)
- 20 Files of correspondence, etc with the Wessex area, 1966-1968
1969-1970
- 20/1 File containing minutes of Council and Executive, annual reports, newsletter and balance sheets of the Wessex area, 1962-1968
- 21 Files of correspondence, etc with the West Riding of Yorkshire area (including some early minutes of area Council and AGM, 1956-1962), 1958-1967
1968-1970
- 22 File of area annual reports, 1966-1969
- 23 File of correspondence, etc with affiliated bodies, together with some reports, newsheets, programmes, etc, 1961-1967
- 24 File of correspondence, etc with the Alliance Internationale de Tourisme, 1967
- 25 File of correspondence, etc with the British Mountaineering Council, 1951-1967
- 26 File of correspondence with the British Transport Committee, 1952-1964
- 27 File of correspondence with the British Travel Association, 1963-1967
- 28 File of correspondence with the Central Council of Physical Recreation, 1965-1967
- 29 Files of correspondence with the Central Rights of Way Committee, together with some agenda, minutes, secretary's reports, etc, 1948-1952
1954-1967
- 29/1 File containing agenda and minutes of the Central Rights of Way Committee, 1950-1960
- 30 File of papers relating to the Charing Cross Exhibition, 1954-1956
- 31 File of correspondence, etc with the Commons, Open Spaces and Footpaths Preservation Society, 1951-1967
- 31/1 File of correspondence relating to the Commons, Open Spaces and Footpaths Preservation Society Centenary, 1965

- 32 File of correspondence, etc with the Council for Nature, 1965-1967
- 33 File of correspondence, etc with the Council for the Protection of Rural England, 1967-1970
- 33/1 Files containing minutes of the Executive Committee and Finance and General Purposes Subcommittee, Annual and National Conference reports and accounts of the CPRE, 1967-1970
1971
1972
- 33/2 File containing CPRE Annual Conference reports, 1956, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1963-1966
- 34 File of correspondence, etc with the Council for the Protection of Rural Wales, together with some newsletters, annual reports, accounts, etc, 1963-1967
- 35 File of correspondence, etc with the Countryside Commission, 1968-1971
- 36 File of papers relating to the Dartmoor National Park, and including material relating to the North Devon Water Order, various petitions, etc, 1952-1968
- 37 File of papers relating to the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme, 1956-1967
- 38 File of correspondence, etc with the Educational Production Ltd, concerning the publication Know the Game : Rambling and Youth Hostelling, 1966-1968
- 39 File of correspondence, etc with the Field Studies Council, 1955-1967
- 40 File containing Film Strip Notes (a circular of the Ramblers Association), 1968
- 41 File of papers relating to footpaths and rights of way, including minutes of the Footpaths Subcommittee, reports, replies concerning a footpath survey from County Councils (1959), 1957-1961
- 42 File of papers relating to miscellaneous footpath inquiries, 1955-1967
- 43 File of correspondence, etc with the Friends of the Lake District, 1956-1967
- 44 File of correspondence, etc with the Holiday Fellowship, 1959-1967
- 45 File of papers relating to the proposed withdrawal of passenger services from the Hope Valley Railway Line (between Manchester and Sheffield), 1965-1967
- 46 File of papers relating to illegal motor cycling, 1956-1964
- 47 File of correspondence with the Inland Waterways Association, 1956-1967
- 48 File of papers relating to innkeepers, including press cuttings, bills and correspondence concerning their refusal to serve ramblers, 1956-1966
- 49 File of papers relating to itineraries, 1956-1968
- 50 File containing letters to the press, 1958-1966
- 51 'M' general correspondence file including correspondence with the Mountain Bothies Association, Morning Star Municipal Engineering, 1965-1967
- 52 File of correspondence, etc with the Ministry of Housing and Local Government, 1955-1967
- 52/1 File containing circulars of the Ministry of Housing and Local Government, 1958-1967

- 53 File of correspondence, etc with the Ministry of Land and Natural Resources, especially concerning the recreational use of land, 1954-1966
- 54 File of correspondence, etc with the Mountaineering Association, 1964-1968
- 55 Files of correspondence, etc with the National Parks Commission including minutes, reports, etc concerning the setting up of National Parks, and planning controls within them, 1950-1953
1956-1967
- 56 Files of papers relating to amendments to the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act, 1955-1962
1959
- 57 File of correspondence, etc with the National Trust, 1954-1967
- 58 File of correspondence, etc with the North Wales (Hydro-Electricity) Protection Committee, 1949-1963
- 59 File of correspondence, etc with the Ordnance Survey, 1954-1967
- 60 'P' general correspondence file including correspondence with the Pennine Paths Preservation Society and the Physical Education Association, 1967
- 61 File of papers relating to the Peak District National Park, 1954-1965
- 62 File of papers relating to the creation of the Pennine Way, 1937-1939
- 62/1 File of press cuttings relating to the Pennine Way, 1937-1951
- 63 File of papers relating to the opening of the Pennine Way, 1958-1966
- 64 File of papers relating to the conference at which the Pennine Way Association was set up, and early correspondence with the Association, 1936-1939
- 65 File of correspondence, etc with the committee members of the Pennine Way Association, 1937-1952
- 65/1 File containing a copy of the memorandum submitted by the Pennine Way Association to the (Scott) Committee on Land Utilisation of Rural Areas, 1942
- 66 'R' general correspondence file including correspondence with RoSPA, RSPB, Royal Society of Arts, 1965-1967
- 67 File of papers relating to railway closures, 1959-1965
- 68 File of papers of the Ramblers' Association Services Ltd, including financial statements, progress reports, minutes of committees and board meetings, 1964-1967
- 69 File of papers relating to the Ramblers' Association diary, 1952-1953
- 70 File of papers relating to the Ramblers' Association Membership Survey, 1963
- 70/1 Series of charts compiled as a result of the survey giving personal data of the members, holiday habits, etc
- 71 'S' general correspondence file including correspondence with the Sussex Downsmen, Shell, 1966-1967
- 72 File of papers relating to service training areas, 1950
- 73 File of correspondence, etc with the Standing Committee on National Parks, together with some minutes, reports and publications, 1965-1968
- 74 File of correspondence, etc with the Sports Council, 1965-1968

- 75 'T' general correspondence file including correspondence with the Thames Association, 1958-1968
- 76 File of papers relating to turbary common, especially concerning the Bournemouth (Turbary Common) Appropriation Order
- 77 'W' general correspondence file including correspondence with the WEA, 1966-1968
- 78 'X Y and Z' general correspondence file including correspondence with the YMCA, the Yorkshire Mountaineering Club, Zoological Society, 1961-1968
- 79 Files of correspondence with P Daley, a National Chairman of the Ramblers' Association, 1952-1967
1968-1971
- 80 File of correspondence with J Latin, honorary solicitor of the Ramblers' Association, 1952-1968
- 81 File of correspondence with A Embleton, a Chairman of the Ramblers' Association, 1954-1961
- 81/1 File of correspondence relating to the Embleton memorial, 1961-1963
- 82 File of correspondence with H H Symonds, a Chairman of the Ramblers' Association, 1955-1958
- 83 File of correspondence with P Whitworth, a Chairman of Ramblers Association Services Ltd, 1955-1963
- 84 File of correspondence with S Jeeves, Secretary of the Lancashire Branch of the CPRE, 1955-1967
- 85 File of correspondence with J S Edbrooke, Secretary of the Holiday Fellowship, 1957-1960
- 86 File of correspondence relating to the Mitchell Memorial (the first Secretary of the Ramblers' Association), 1958
- 87 File of correspondence with J W Smith, Honorary Treasurer of the Rambler's Association, 1958-1967
- 88 File of correspondence with F S H Head, a Chairman of the Ramblers' Association, 1960-1967
- 89 File of correspondence with A T Roberts, a Chairman of the Ramblers' Association, 1962-1968
- 90 File containing correspondence, etc with the Cornwall area, 1968-1972; the Scotland area, 1972; and the Sheffield area, 1960-1972
- 91 File containing correspondence, etc with the Derbyshire area, 1967-1972; the Devon area, 1960-1972; and the East Midlands area, 1965-1973
- 92 File containing correspondence, etc with the East Riding of Yorkshire area, 1971-1972; the Gloucester/Swindon area, 1966-1972; and the Midland area, 1958-1972
- 93 File containing correspondence, etc with the Lake District area, 1971-1973; the Lincolnshire area, 1957-1972; the Liverpool area, 1968-1972; and the Manchester area, 1965-1972
- 94 File containing correspondence, etc with the North East Lancashire area, 1955-1972; the Northern area, 1957-1972; and the North Staffordshire area, 1959-1972
- 95 File containing correspondence, etc with the North Yorkshire/South Durham area, 1960-1972; and the Nottinghamshire area, 1957-1972

- 96 File containing correspondence, etc with the Somerset and Bristol Avon area, 1967-1972; the Southern area, 1968-1972; the South Wales area, 1972; the Wessex area, 1971-1972; and the West Riding of Yorkshire area, 1971-1972
- 97 File containing area annual reports, 1970-1971
- 98 File containing area constitutions, 1961-1969
- 99 File of papers relating to A66 trunk route between Workington and Barons Cross, 1971-1972
- 100 File of papers relating to access in Teesdale, 1964-1971
- 101 File of papers relating to access in Bowland, Scotland and Snowdonia, 1949-1972
- 102 File of papers relating to accommodation, eg residential centres, etc, 1972-1973
- 103 File of correspondence, etc with affiliated clubs, 1968-1969
- 104 File of correspondence, etc with Alliance Internationale de Tourisme, 1968-1971
- 105 File of papers relating to the Avebury footpaths and ridgeway, 1971-1972
- 106 'B' general correspondence file, including correspondence with British Tourist Authority, British Standards Institute, Arthur Blenkinsop MP, British Horse Society, British Mountaineering Council, British Rail, 1954-1972
- 107 File of papers relating to badges produced by the Ramblers' Association, 1967-1970
- 108 File of papers relating to birds, 1970-1972
- 109 File of correspondence, etc with the Bridleways Action Group, 1971
- 110 File of correspondence, etc with the British Tourist Authority, 1969-1972
- 111 'C' general correspondence file including correspondence with the CECB, CLA, Conservation Society, Barbara Castle, 1970-1971; and including papers relating to the Cambrian Way, 1969-1972, and the Cambrian Mountains National Park, 1970-1973
- 112 File of papers relating to the Cambrian Railway closure, 1970-1972
- 113 File of correspondence, etc with the Camping Club, 1955-1969
- 114 File of correspondence, etc with the Carnegie UK Trust, 1961-1972
- 115 File of correspondence, etc with the Central Council for Physical Recreation, 1969-1972
- 116 File of correspondence with the Central Rights of Way Committee, 1967-1969; and the Chiltern Society, 1970-1972
- 117 File of papers relating to changes in farming, 1971-1972
- 118 File of papers relating to charity walks, 1969-1971
- 119 File of correspondence with the Civic Trust, 1957-1972; the Commons, Open Spaces and Footpaths Preservation Society, 1968-1970; the Comite National des Sentier de grande randone, 1971-1972; and the Countrywide Holiday Association, 1967-1969
- 120 File of papers relating to Commission on Mining and the Environment, 1971-1972
- 121 Files of correspondence, etc with the Committee for Environmental Conservation (CoEnCo), 1970
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- 121/1 File of papers relating to CoEnCo Coastal Subcommittee, 1971-1973
- 121/2 File of papers relating to CoEnCo Subcommittee on urban pressure on the countryside, 1971-1973
- 122 File of correspondence, etc with the Council for Nature, 1968
- 123 File of correspondence, etc with the Council for the Protection of Rural England, 1969-1972
- 124 File of correspondence, etc with the Council for the Protection of Rural Wales, 1968-1972
- 125 File of papers relating to the Countryside Assembly, 1972
- 126 File of papers relating to the Countryside Bill, 1968
- 127 File of papers relating to the Countryside Club, 1972
- 128 File of papers relating to Countryside in 1970 Conferences, 1968-1970
- 129 File of papers relating to an inquiry over footpaths on the Crichel Estates, 1969-1972
- 130 File of correspondence with Cyclists Touring Club, 1967-1972
- 131 File containing 'D' general correspondence, including correspondence with the Devon Conservation Trust, 1969-1972; and also papers relating to the Dales Way, 1970; the Dartmoor/Exmoor National Park, 1971-1972; the Dartmoor Preservation Association, 1969-1972; and the Department of the Environment, 1970-1973
- 132 File containing Department of the Environment circulars, 1971-1972; papers relating to disused pylons, 1970; papers relating to disused railways, 1969-1972; 'E' general correspondence, 1969-1972; papers relating to Enterprise Neptune, 1964-1972; and papers relating to Europa Nostra, 1971-1972
- 133 File of papers relating to Farndale reservoir, 1968-1971
- 134 File of papers relating to the Fighting Fund, 1971-1973; and to footpaths in general, 1968-1972
- 135 File of correspondence with various officials, including Mrs Franks, North East Lancashire area secretary, 1968; K R Ashby, Northern area secretary, 1956-1972; B Riddell, 1969-1970; F E Ritchie, Vice President, 1952-1972; A T Roberts, Liverpool District and N Wales, 1968-1972; and D Rubinstein, East Riding of Yorkshire area secretary, 1962-1972
- 136 File of correspondence, etc with the Friends of Quantock, 1953-1966
- 137 File of papers relating to the ploughing of footpaths, 1969-1971; papers relating to forestry, 1970-1971; correspondence, etc with the Forestry Action Group, 1970-1972; and 'G' general correspondence, 1969-1972
- 138 File of papers relating to the Gatliff Trust, 1962-1968
- 139 File of papers relating to the Gorran Haven china clay industry in Cornwall and Devon, 1969-1970
- 140 File of correspondence, etc with Gower Society, 1959-1970
- 141 File of papers relating to a Group activities questionnaire, 1971
- 142 File of papers relating to the Groups Subcommittees, 1973-1974
- 143 File of papers relating to the Hassop reservoir investigation, 1971-1972
- 144 File of correspondence with Lt Col and Mrs Haythornthwaite and the Sheffield branch of the CPRE, 1955-1971
- 145 File of papers relating to heavy lorries, 1972-1977

- 146 File of papers relating to the Highways Bill, 1970-1971
- 147 File of papers relating to the Hope Valley Railway Line revised passenger services, 1968
- 148 File of papers relating to the Humber Bridge Bill and Act, 1971
- 149 File containing 'F' general correspondence, 1966-1972; correspondence with the Fabian Society, 1970-1972; papers relating to farm trials, 1970-1972
- 150 File containing papers relating to green lanes, 1971-1972; 'H' general correspondence, 1968-1972; correspondence with the Holiday Fellowship, 1972; and 'I' general correspondence, 1967-1973
- 151 File of papers relating to the proposed Irthing Reservoir, 1971
- 152 File containing 'J' general correspondence, 1962-1972, 'K' general correspondence, 1966-1972; and correspondence with the Keep Britain Tidy Group, 1964-1967
- 153 File containing 'L' general correspondence, 1968-1972; correspondence with Leicester printers, 1968-1972; and letters to the press, 1969-1972
- 154 File of correspondence with the Lake District Accident Association, 1965-1968
- 155 File of papers relating to the Land Compensation Bill, 1972
- 156 File of papers relating to the Law Commission, 1969-1972
- 157 File of papers relating to the proposed china clay working on Lee Moor, Devon, 1969-1972
- 158 File of papers relating to the Local Government Bill, 1973
- 159 File of papers relating to a local group questionnaire, 1973
- 160 File of papers relating to proposed engineering works at Loch Corvisk, Isle of Skye, 1968-1970
- 161 File of papers relating to long distance paths, 1971-1972
- 162 File containing 'M' general correspondence, 1968-1972; correspondence with Stan Marriot, the Honorary Ordnance Survey Adviser, 1951-1972; and correspondence with the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, 1955-1972
- 163 File of papers relating to the Manchester Rally against motorways, 1973
- 164 File of papers relating to Manchester water supplies, 1961-1972
- 165 File of papers relating to Manx racing tracks, 1972-1973
- 166 File of papers relating to Mapreading for the Countrygoers (publication of the Ramblers' Association), 1961-1965
- 167 File of papers relating to Marlow by-pass, 1973
- 168 File of papers relating to a membership survey, 1969
- 169 File of correspondence, etc with the Ministry of Housing, 1970
- 170 File of correspondence, etc with the Ministry of Power, 1955-1968
- 171 File of correspondence, etc with the Ministry of Transport, 1957-1970
- 172 Files of papers relating to the Motorway M40, 1969
1970-1971
1972-1973
- 172/1 File containing maps relating to the M40
- 172/2 File containing newspaper cuttings relating to the M40
- 172/3 File containing spare appendices for submission to the Ombudsman relating to the M40

- 173 File of papers relating to the Mountain Safety Committee, 1953-1972
- 174 File of papers relating to the Municipal and Public Services Journal, 1970-1971
- 175 'N' general correspondence file, 1967-1972
- 176 File of correspondence, etc with the National Association of Boys' Clubs, 1967-1971
- 177 File of correspondence, etc with the National Association of Local Councils, 1970-1972
- 178 Files of papers relating to the National Council meeting for 1969, containing resolutions, correspondence regarding arrangements, correspondence with the Presidents, motions and circulars
- 179 Files of papers relating to the National Council meeting for 1970, containing correspondence regarding arrangements, resolutions and follow up correspondence
- 180 Files of papers relating to the National Council meeting for 1971, containing correspondence and circulars, booking forms, resolutions and motions
- 181 Files of papers relating to the National Council meeting for 1972, containing correspondence regarding arrangements, etc, circulars, agenda, motions, resolutions and letters and replies concerning these
- 182 Files of papers relating to the National Council meeting for 1973, containing correspondence, logistics, resolutions and lists of attenders
- 183 File of correspondence, etc with the National Council of Inland Transport, 1967-1971; and the National Council of Social Services, 1967-1972
- 184 File of papers relating to the National Footpaths Week, 1970
- 185 File of papers relating to National and Model Constitutions, 1969-1972
- 186 File of papers relating to the administration of National Parks, 1970-1972
- 187 Files of papers relating to individual National Parks and to the Standing Committee on National Parks; Brecon Beacons National Park, 1962-1972; the Dartmoor National Park, 1968-1972; the Exmoor National Park, 1963-1972; the Lake District National Park, 1967-1972; the North Yorkshire Moors National Park, 1960-1970; the Peak District National Park, 1968-1972; the Snowdonia National Park, 1962-1972; the Yorkshire Dales National Park, 1959-1970 and the Standing Committee on National Parks, 1969-1972
- 188 File of papers relating to the National Park and Local Government Bill
- 189 Files of papers relating to the National Parks Campaign Day
- 190 File containing correspondence with the National Trust, 1968-1972; the Nature Conservancy Council, 1957-1972; and the Naturfreunde International, 1967-1971
- 191 File of correspondence, etc with Northern Ireland Society for the Protection of the Countryside, 1964-1968
- 192 File of papers relating to North London Orbital trunk road, 1969-1970
- 193 File of correspondence, etc with the North Pennines Rural Development Board concerning afforestation in Langstrothdale, 1969-1970

- 194 File of papers relating to the North Wessex Downs Area of Natural Beauty, 1969-1971
- 195 File containing correspondence with North Wales Hydro-Electric Protection Committee, 1972-1973; correspondence with the Noise Abatement Society, 1963-1971; 'O' general correspondence, 1964-1972; and correspondence with the Scottish Countryside Activities Council, 1968-1972
- 196 File of papers relating to a publication relating to Offa's Dyke, 1966-1970
- 197 Files of papers relating to Ordnance Survey maps, etc, 1968-1970
1971-1972
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- 198 File of correspondence, etc with other government departments without their own files, 1960-1969
- 199 File containing 'P' general correspondence; correspondence, etc with the Peak District and Northern Footpaths Preservation Society, 1952-1970; correspondence, etc with the Pedestrians Association for Road Safety, 1960-1972; and correspondence, etc with the Pennine Way Council, 1970-1972
- 200 File of papers relating to a Pennine Way Guide Book, 1970-1972
- 201 File of papers relating to the Pennine Way Lake District extension, 1970-1971
- 202 File of papers relating to a Pennine Way User Survey, 1970-1971
- 203 File of papers relating to army ranges in the Pentland Hills, Scotland, 1969-1970
- 204 File of papers relating to Plymouth and South Devon water resources, 1969-1971
- 205 File of correspondence with R S W Pollard, honorary solicitor, 1960-1967
- 206 File containing replies to a questionnaire about press bulletins, 1972
- 207 File of papers relating to general publicity, 1968-1969
- 208 File of correspondence with A Raistrick, a chairman of the Ramblers' Association, 1962-1973
- 209 Files of general papers relating to regional weekend schools, 1970-1971
1971-1972
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- 209/1 File of papers relating to a regional weekend school at Barton, 27/28 Jan 1973, 1972-1973
- 209/2 File of papers relating to a regional weekend school at Grantham, 20/21 Jan 1973, 1972-1973
- 209/3 File of papers relating to a regional weekend school at Harlow, 10/11 Feb 1973, 1972-1973
- 209/4 File of papers relating to a regional weekend school at Edale, 17/18 Mar 1973, 1972-1973
- 210 File of papers relating to the Rio Tinto Zinc Company in Snowdonia, 1970-1972
- 211 File of papers relating to rural transport in crisis, 1972-1973
- 212 File of papers relating to a Scottish oil conference, 1973
- 213 File of papers relating to Services land inquiry concerning the military use of beauty spots, 1970-1972
- 214 File of papers relating to the Shropshire Footpath Working Party, 1971-1972

- 215 File of papers relating to the signposting of footpaths including replies from County Councils as a result of a questionnaire, 1969-1972
- 216 File of papers relating to the Snowdonia National Park Voluntary Work Camp, 1970-1971
- 217 File of correspondence with Tom Stephenson, secretary of the Ramblers' Association, 1969-1974
- 218 File of papers relating to the strategic plan for the North West, 1971-1972
- 219 File containing papers relating to the Offa's Dyke path, 1966-1972; Ordnance Survey circulars, 1968-1972; papers relating to the South Downs Way, 1968-1972; and correspondence, etc with the Sports Council, 1968-1972
- 220 File containing 'R' general correspondence, 1968-1972; papers relating to Transport and the Environment, 1972; and papers relating to the Transport Users Consultative Committees, 1970-1972
- 221 File containing papers relating to Rucksack (the publication) 1971-1972; papers relating to rural transport in crisis, 1970-1971; and 'S' general correspondence, 1969-1972
- 222 File containing 'T' general correspondence, 1969-1972; correspondence with the Town and Country Planning Association, 1969-1972; and 'V' general correspondence, 1964-1972
- 223 File of papers relating to the Teesdale reservoir, 1965-1967
- 224 File of papers relating to the Thames towpath long distance route, 1972
- 225 File of papers relating to the Towy Brianne reservoir, 1966-1968
- 226 File of papers relating to the Transport Users Consultative Committees, 1967-1969
- 227 File of papers relating to footpath inquiry at Turville, Bucks, 1970-1973
- 228 File of correspondence with W S Tysoe, a chairman of the Ramblers' Association, 1968-1971
- 229 File of papers relating to urban signposting, 1973
- 230 File of papers relating to an Urban Studies Conference, 1971
- 231 File of papers relating to a proposed Viking Way, 1971
- 232 File containing 'W' general correspondence, 1969-1972; papers relating to waymarking, 1969-1972; and correspondence with the Youth Hostels Association, 1969-1972
- 233 File of papers relating to waymarking, 1959-1969
- 233/1 File of papers relating to a Waymarking Study Group, 1973-1974
- 233/2 File containing replies to circulars on waymarking and the waymarking booklets of the Ramblers' Association, 1973
- 234 File of papers relating to West Sussex paths, 1970-1971
- 235 File of correspondence, etc with the Woodcraft Folk, 1971-1972
- 236 File containing papers relating to the Welton Dale Footpath, 1969-1972; and 'X Y and Z' general correspondence, 1969-1970
- 237 Papers relating to access. These comprise correspondence, publications, bills, reports, press cuttings, and even some black and white negatives of Association rallies; files on the general subject of access, Access to the Mountains Bill, 1938, and the concept of National Parks, 1935-1946; and correspondence with Ernest A Baker, author of various books on the subject of access and rambling, together with reports and newspaper articles written by him, 1930s

- 238 Papers relating to various amenity cases. These comprise correspondence, reports, etc regarding the Ramblers' Association's interest in the following amenity cases: Clywedog Reservoir Bill, 1963; Edern Nuclear Power Station, 1958; Forest of Bowland Area of Natural Beauty, 1960; Peak District road racing circuit, 1955; Rheidol Hydro-Electric scheme and the North Wales Hydro-Electrical Power Bill, 1952-1960; and the Teesdale reservoir, 1956-1957
- 239 Papers relating to appointments. These comprise correspondence, application forms, etc concerned with appointments within the Ramblers' Association of Field Officers, 1967-1968, 1970; Secretaries, 1968; Assistant Secretaries, 1965-1969; and a bookkeeper, 1970; and also general staff papers, 1970; and a file of correspondence with J Newnham Field Officer, 1970
- 240 Papers relating to common land. These comprise the report of the Royal Commission on Common Land, correspondence, press cuttings, other reports and printed matter, 1954-1958; minutes of evidence submitted by various organisations to the Royal Commission; notes (probably of H H Symonds) on and extracts from the 1876 and subsequent Acts relating to common land, and its registration, etc; papers relating to the common land research survey sponsored by the Nuffield Foundation, 1961-1967; and minutes of the Central Committee on Commons Registration, 1966-1969
- 241 Papers relating to Conferences (1). These comprise papers relating to the Ramblers' Association National Council meetings for 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966 and 1968; the National Parks Conferences of the Ramblers' Association in 1953, 1956 and 1963; the Publicity Conferences of the Ramblers' Association in 1955 and 1960; and a Footpath Conference, 1953
- 242 Papers relating to Conferences (2). These comprise papers relating to the Area Conference for 1967; the report of the Scottish Area Conference, 1967; the Ordnance Survey Map Users Conferences, 1962-1967; and the Countryside in 1970 Conferences, 1964-1966
- 243 Papers relating to the Footpaths Committee. These comprise, draft reports, 1968; committee papers, 1967; minutes, 1967-1968; and correspondence, 1965-1967
- 244 Papers relating to important footpath cases. These comprise, reports, etc relating to the following cases: Caernarvonshire footpaths, 1957-1958; the Cynwyd Forest path, 1958-1959; the East Holne and East Lulworth Enquiry, Dorset, concerning war department ranges, 1960-1961; the Manifold Valley footpath, Staffs, concerning its proposed conversion into a road, 1959; rights of way over the Redesdale Range, Nthmb, 1950-1958; the Spring Gun Case, Sussex, between Crewdson and Gregory, 1953-1953; the Sutton Cheney footpath, Leics, 1957-1960; and the West Malling footpaths, Kent, concerning their use by motorcyclists, 1964
- 245 Papers relating to the National Footpath Week, May 1971. These comprise papers relating to the European Conservation Year, and the Ramblers' Association's contribution to the National Footpath Week, 1969-1970; general correspondence relating to the National Footpath Week, 1970; progress reports; details of area efforts towards the occasion; and area order forms for leaflets, posters and stationery

- 246 Papers relating to Pennine Way inquiries (1). These comprise correspondence, reports, evidence, etc relating to the Kinder Scout inquiry, 1951-1952; and correspondence, reports, evidence, etc relating to the Redesdale inquiry, Nthmb, 1958-1965
- 247 Papers relating to Pennine Way inquiries (2). These comprise correspondence, evidence, press cuttings, maps, etc relating to the Longendale inquiry over the battle with Manchester Corporation and the question of the purity of the water supplies, 1954-1955; and correspondence, reports, evidence, press cuttings, etc relating to the Holmfirth inquiry against the Huddersfield Corporation over the objection to the Wessenden Head/Black Hill Path, 1954
- 248 Papers relating to various public inquiries (1). These comprise correspondence, reports, evidence, cuttings, etc relating to the following public inquiries: the enclosure of Allendale and Hexhamshire Commons, Nthmb, 1951; the Bakewell by-pass, Derbyshire, 1956-1960; the Blakeholme caravan site in the Lake District, 1956-1957; public access to Boulsworth Moor, Lancs, 1956; the Bradford-Darwen electricity line, 1966-1967; the closure of the footpath over Bulkeley Hill, 1959-1960; and the china clay workings on Dartmoor, 1956-1958
- 249 Papers relating to various public inquiries (2). These comprise correspondence, reports, evidence, cuttings, etc relating to the following public inquiries: the Barnard Castle to Penrith train service and the Tebay railway line, 1960-1961; the boundaries of Exmoor National Park, 1954; the Martindale overhead electricity line in the Lake District, 1960-1961; the designation of the North Yorkshire Moors as a National Park, 1952; the motor hill climb at Pengenffordd near Talgarth in the Brecon Beacons National Park, 1963-1964; the Plymouth Corporation (Harrowbeer Aerodrome) Bill and the possible injury to the Dartmoor National Park, 1960-1961; the proposed nuclear power station at Trawsfynydd in the Snowdonia National Park, 1958; and the designation of the Yorkshire Dales as a National Park, 1954
- 250 Papers relating to access in the West Riding of Yorkshire. These comprise correspondence, reports, and evidence relating to an inquiry held regarding the opening of land to the public by the West Riding of Yorkshire County Council, 1955-1966; and maps and press cuttings relating to the inquiry, 1953-1960 and press cuttings relating to the Ilkley Rally held in 1958
- 251 Papers relating to Ramblers' Week, 1961. These comprise correspondence with areas, 1961; correspondence with affiliated societies, 1961; correspondence with voluntary societies not affiliated, 1961; papers relating to Ramblers' Week general publicity, 1961; letters to and replies from advertisers, 1960-1961; messages from VIPs, 1961; area publicity material, 1961; details of area finances for 1961; and area reports
- 252 Papers relating to Ramblers' Association History. These comprise a range of miscellaneous material relating not just to the Ramblers' Association but also to other bodies including the Ramblers' Federation and the Youth Hostels Association. The material includes correspondence, newspaper cuttings, etc on the subject of access, 1930-1966;

- correspondence, newspaper cuttings, reports, etc relating to National Parks with special reference to the setting up of the Standing Committee on National Parks, 1930-1956; correspondence relating to the formation of a National Ramblers' Federation, 1929-1931; a programme for the National Conference for the Preservation of the Countryside, 1929; material relating to a conference concerned with the setting up of the Youth Hostels Association, 1930; notes on activities, members, officials, 1960s; circular letters, annual reports, press cuttings, constitutions, memoranda, reports, etc, 1920s-1940s; material relating to a conference on 'Access to the Mountains', 1931, including correspondence with the Country Landowners Association and the British Waterworks Association; early leaflets and correspondence with the Holiday Fellowship and the Youth Hostels Association, 1930s, including papers relating to the setting up of the latter
- 253 Ramblers' Association leaflets and posters, etc comprising old publications sent in by members, mainly 1940s; a collection of leaflets and posters used for mounting; and folders containing miscellaneous leaflets, etc, issued by the Ramblers' Association, mostly 1940s or later
- 254 File copies of Ramblers' Association publications, comprising a wide variety of booklets, leaflets, though mainly 1950s and 1960s in date
- 255 Copies of a number of Ramblers' Association circulars, lists, notes, etc: list of Area Secretaries, 1970; lists of members of the Executive Committee, 1969/1970, 1970/1971; circular on the Beeching Report, 1963; circular on coastal preservation, 1967; circular on the control of noise on National Parks, 1963; circular on Country Parks, 1969; note on exhibition screens, 1966-1970; circular on footpath work in areas, 1968; circular on how to form a rambling club, 1968; lecture notes on 'Paths, Peaks and People : the Story behind the National Parks Act, 1968'; circular on publicity lectures, 1968; circular on the Ramblers' Association and the Government, 1968; circular on the registration of commons and village greens, 1969; and circular on signposting and waymarking, 1961

XI Log Books of Rambling and Walking Tours

These log books are all written up in the hand of G H Ravenor. They record date, maps used, party, mileage, route, public transport used, catering and accommodation, etc.

- 1 Log Book of Rambling and Walking Tours, Summer 1926-13 Apr 1941, nos 1-150
- 2 Log Book of Rambling and Walking Tours, 3 May 1941-13 Jul 1952, nos 151-350
- 3 Log Book of Rambling and Walking Tours, 2 Aug 1952-26 Aug 1959, nos 351-450
- 4 Log Book of Rambling and Walking Tours, 31 Aug 1959-8 Feb 1969, nos 451-575
- 5 Log Book of Rambling and Walking Tours, 22 Feb 1969-27 Aug 1972, nos 576-619
- 6 Index volume

XII Files of selected items from Hansard

These files have been alphabetically divided according to subject, and date from 1946-late 1960s.

The extracts cover such topics as National Parks, footpaths, water resources, leisure, sport and recreation.

- 1 Hansard Selections, Vol I, A-G
- 2 Hansard Selections, Vol II, H-National Parks
- 3 Hansard Selections, Vol III, N-V
- 4 Hansard Selections, Vol IV, Water Resources Bill, 1963
- 5 Hansard Selections, Vol V, W-Z

XIII Branch records

- 1 Minute Book, Bristol District Committee, May 1953-Mar 1960
- 2 Minute Book, Bristol District Committee, Apr 1960-Jul 1965
- 3 File containing minutes of the Liverpool and District Federation, and the Liverpool District and North Wales Federation, 1934, 1936-1939, 1941-1956
- 4 File containing minutes of the Liverpool District and North Wales Federation General Committee, Mar 1947-Apr 1952
- 5 File containing Liverpool and District Federation Monthly Bulletins, Sep 1931-Apr 1946
- 6 File containing Liverpool District and North Wales Federation Monthly Bulletins and Newsletters, Oct 1946-Aug 1957
- 7 File containing the Annual Reports of the Liverpool and District Ramblers' Federation, 1922, of the Liverpool and District Federation, 1937, 1939, 1943, 1944, 1945; and of the Liverpool District and North Wales Federation, 1946-1960

C PUBLICATIONS

I Ramblers' Association publications

- 1 Ramblers' News (Journal of the Ramblers' Association), nos 1-34, Summer 1949-Winter 1959-1960 (Library)
- 2 Rucksack (Journal of the Ramblers' Association), vol 1 no 1, Spring 1960- (Library)
- 3 Other publications (see also B X 253-254 for file copies)
 - 1 Annual Reports, 1946, 1948, 1949, 1952-1957
 - 2 Printed constitution, 1930s
 - 3 Ramblers' Diary for 1937
 - 4 A memorandum on the amended Access to Mountains Bill, 1938
 - 5 Rights of Way. Various editions, 1944, 1945, 1956
 - 6 Report on Country Footpaths, nd
 - 7 Proposed Post-War Country and Town Planning with reference to Access, National Parks and Footpaths, 1945
 - 8 Parks for the Nation, c 1955
 - 9 Save our Commons. Evidence submitted by the Ramblers' Association to the Royal Commission on Common Lands, 1956
 - 10 The Growing Demand for Water. Submitted by the Ramblers' Association to the Minister of Housing and Local Government as comments on the Final Report of the Subcommittee on Growing Demands for Water and the White Paper on Water Conservation in England and Wales, 1962
 - 11 2 early posters

II Ramblers' Association Area publications

- 1 The Lakeland Rambler (Official Year Book of the Ramblers' Association, Lake District Area)
Nos 5, 12, 14, 17, 21-24, 26, 30, 32, 1937-1971 (Library)
Nos 26, 28-33, 1965 and 1967-1972
- 2 South Eastern Rambler (Magazine of the Ramblers' Association Southern Area) vols 1-2, Summer 1970-Spring 1974 (although not continuous)

III Rambling journals and handbooks

- 1 The Sheffield Clarion Ramblers' Handbook, 1914/15, 1916/17, 1922/23-1959/60, 1961/62, 1963/64 (Library)
- 2 The Manchester Federation Ramblers' Handbook, 1923-1939 (Library)
- 3 The Midland Federation of Ramblers' Yearbook, 1930-1936
- 4 The Hiker and Camper (which contains official notes and gossip of the Federations of Rambling Clubs and the Camping Club of Great Britain and Ireland)
Vol I nos 1-12, Feb 1931-Jan 1932 (bound)
Vol II nos 1-12, Feb 1932-Jan 1933 (bound)
Vol III nos 1-12, Feb 1933-Jan 1934 (unbound; nos 10 and 12 missing)
Vol IV nos 1 and 2, Feb-Mar 1934 (unbound)
- 5 Progressive Rambler, issued monthly as a forum for the Open Air Movement
Nos 63-76, Mar 1940-Sep 1941
Nos 78-85, Dec 1941-Sep 1942

- Nos 87-88, Oct 1942-Nov/Dec 1943
 No 2, vols 2, 3 and 4, Spring 1944, Summer 1944, Easter 1945
 6 Out of Doors, Journal of the Open Air
 Vol 10, nos 1-6, 1948
 Vol 11, nos 1-5, 1949

IV Publications of other societies and organisations

- 1 Journal of the Commons, Open Spaces and Footpaths Preservation Society, Vols 1-14 and 17, 1929-1966
- 2 Other miscellaneous pamphlets, leaflets, etc of the Commons, Open Spaces and Footpaths Preservation Society, 1930s-
 These include:
What Commons are and how they are protected
Public Paths and Public Ways
Maps and surveys and public rights of way
National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act, 1949
Rights of Way Act, 1932
Dedication of highways, commons, village greens and other open spaces
Fencing of quarries and dangerous places near highways
Closure or diversion of highways by order of Quarter Session
Closure and diversion of public paths
Power and duties of Parish Councils concerning public rights of way
Memorandum of written evidence submitted to the Royal Commission on Common Land
The future of common lands
The Registration of Common Land and Rights of Common
- 3 Annual Reports of the Kent and Surrey Committee of the Commons, Open Spaces and Footpaths Preservation Society for 1898-1899, 1900-1910 and 1902-1903
- 4 Merseyside Regional Group YHA News, Aug 1946-Mar 1952
- 5 A Road Policy for the Lake District, issued by the Friends of the Lake District, 1930s
- 6 Access to Moorland in the Peak District, prepared by P A Barnes for the CPRE, 1933. Includes 7 maps

V Early rambling books and guides

- 1 A series of 9 Field Path and Rustic Rambles about Kent and Surrey by Walker Miles, c late 1890s and early 1900s
- 2 Walker Miles, Field Path Rambles around Oxted. New series, 1914
- 3 Walker Miles, Tramway Trips and Rambles, nd
- 4 A series of 5 rambling books written by Hugh E Page and published by the Great Western Railway : Rambles in South Devon, 1932; Rambles and Walking Tours in South Devon, 1939; Rambles in the Chiltern Country, 1949; Rambles in Somerset, 1951; Rambles around the Cambrian Coast, 1951
- 5 4 Geographia Rambler Guides : Eastbourne District, Guildford and its environs; Reigate and its environs; Field paths in Kent; 1920s
- 6 A series of 4 London Transport Guides of Country Walks, 1930s
- 7 A series of 5 London and North East Railway Guides : Rambles in the West Riding of Yorkshire; Rambles in Epping Forest; Rambles in the Cleveland District of Yorkshire; Rambles in Caegwrlle; Rambles in Nottinghamshire, ?1930s

- 8 A series of 6 Fieldfare Guides published by the London Evening News, c 1950 : 20 Walks in Essex; 20 Walks in Hertfordshire; 20 Walks in Buckinghamshire; More Walks with Fieldfare; Walking Again with Fieldfare; New Walks with Fieldfare
- 9 Countrygoer Books Vols 1-19, ed Cyril Moore, 1944-1949
- 10 60 Country Walks within easy reach of Manchester, published by the Manchester Evening Chronicle, 1928
- 11 A Blair, Across the Fields of the Wirral, 4 editions, 1922-1936
- 12 A Blair, Ramblers Outings from Merseyside, 1939
- 13 A Blair, Wirral Field paths and By ways, 1941
- 14 The Star Rambles South of the Thames, published by The Star, nd
- 15 Rambles in Glamorgan and Monmouthshire, 1957
- 16 N Weston, New Ramble Routes in Middlesex and Hertfordshire, nd

VI Books

The Ramblers' Association possesses a small library of books on a wide variety of topics and outdoor pursuits

D SOCIAL AND PERSONAL MATERIAL

I Press cuttings

- 1 2 files of local newspaper cuttings containing articles written by 'Alfresco', relating to the Liverpool and District area, Apr 1922-Nov 1924
Nov 1924-Sep 1927
- 2 A general file of press cuttings with some national cuttings, though the later cuttings relate to the Liverpool and District area, Jan 1926-Jul 1929
- 3 4 files of press cuttings containing articles written by 'Montana', also covering the Liverpool and District area, taken from local papers, eg Liverpool Echo, Jan 1930-May 1936 (indexed according to subject)
May 1936-Jun 1938
Jun 1938-Dec 1942
Jan 1943-Jun 1953
- 5 File of press cuttings relating to the establishment of National Parks, Jul 1952-Apr 1956
- 6 Boxfile of press cuttings relating to the National Council of the Ramblers' Association, 1961-1966, Apr 1960-Apr 1966
- 7 File of press cuttings relating to Ramblers' Week, 3-11 Jun 1961
This file also includes the various publications and posters etc, Jan 1961-Jun 1961
- 8 Press cuttings relating to National Footpath Week, May 1970, filed according to the following geographical areas:
Cornwall, Derbyshire, Devon, East Midlands, East Riding of Yorkshire, Gloucester/Swindon, Lake District, Liverpool/North Wales, Manchester, Midlands, North East Lancashire, North Staffordshire, Northumbria, North Yorkshire/South Durham, Scotland, Sheffield, Somerset/Bristol Avon, Southern, Wessex, West Riding of Yorkshire

There is also a national file, and a file concerned with relations with the National Farmers' Union.

II Printing blocks

Box of now obsolete printing blocks relating to a wide variety of subjects: individuals (eg A Embleton, E Ambler, W S Tysoe); advertising (eg Ramblers' News (cover), Ramblers' Association badges, 'Introducing you to Rambling'); scenery (eg Redruth (Cornwall), Offa's Dyke, Lake District route, Kinder, Illkley Moor, Bolton Bridge); and miscellaneous (eg Welsh Highland Railway, Country and Travel)

III Historical notes

10 copies of Tom Stephenson's 'The Campaign for Countryside Legislation, 1929-1968' (unpublished)

E MAPS

I Ordnance Survey maps (folded)

- 1 1 inch OS maps, 5th edition, 1902s-1930s (paper)
Sheet numbers : 96, 107, 113, 115, 118, 119, 123, 127, 128, 130, 137, 138, 140, 143, 145
- 2 1 inch OS maps, popular edition, 1945-1947 (cloth and paper)
Sheet numbers : 47, 54, 64, 65, 67, 73, 74, 75, 80, 85, 86, 91, 92, 107, 122, 124, 125, 126, 127, 148, 163, 164, 165, 180, 181,
- 3 1 inch OS maps, 7th series (cloth and paper)
Sheet numbers : 1-43, 45-104, 106, 107, 109-140, 142-151, 153, 154, 156-159, 160-163, 165-176, 178-190
- 4 1 inch OS contoured road maps, popular edition, late 1910s, early 1920s (paper)
Sheet numbers : 9, 19, 27, 57, 64, 66, 75, 76, 85, 95, 98, 99, 104-108, 112, 114-117, 120-126, 129-135, 139-142
- 5 1 : 25,000 OS maps, (c 2½ ins to 1 mile), late 1940s (paper)
Sheet numbers : NY 20, 23, 30
SE 37, 38, 48
SJ 41, 51, 52
SK 18, 76, 80, 81, 90, 91
SP 22, 41
SU 26, 36, 77, 82, 84, 87, 92, 93, 94
TF 00
TG 10, 11
TL 23, 24, 28, 33, 34, 38, 43, 44, 53, 54, 95
TM 04, 05
TQ 01, 41, 70, 82, 84, 85, 94, 95
44/47
- 6 1 inch OS tourist map of the Lake District, 1925
- 7 1 inch OS maps, 5th edition, 1920s-1930s, mounted for London Region Youth Hostels Ltd.
Sheet numbers : 136, 144, 146
- 8 1 inch OS maps, popular edition, 1945-1947, mounted for London Region Youth Hostels Ltd.
Sheet numbers : 74, 86, 97
- 9 1 inch OS maps of Northern Ireland, popular series, 1938 (linen)
Sheet numbers : 10 (Mid Down) and the Sheet for The Mourne Mountains
- 10 OS South Sheet of Ancient Britain. 1 : 625,000, 1951 (linen)
- 11 OS Quarter Inch map of Great Britain. Sheet 9, 1960

II Ordnance Survey maps (loose sheets)

- 1 1 inch OS maps, popular edition, 1946-1947 (paper)
Sheet numbers : 76, 77, 78, 89, 90, 91, 92, 95, 101, 102, 111, 132, 133, 144, 145, 156, 157
- 2 1 inch OS maps, popular edition, 1925 (cloth and paper)
Sheet numbers : 15, 16, 18, 21, 92
- 3 1 inch OS maps, popular edition, war time revision sheets, 1940 (cloth and paper)
Sheet numbers : 8, 23, 28, 31, 33, 87, 89, 124

III Early British footpath maps

- 1 Footpaths etc map of North Wirral published for the Wirral Footpaths and Open Spaces Preservation Society, 1903. Scale : 3 ins to 1 mile
- 2 Footpath map of North Wirral published for the Wirral Footpaths and Open Spaces Preservation Society, 1931. Scale : 3 ins to 1 mile
- 3 Footpath map of Central Wirral published for the Wirral Footpaths and Open Spaces Preservation Society, 1935. Scale : 3 ins to 1 mile
- 4 Fieldpath map of the Watford District prepared by the Watford Fieldpath Association, 1937. Scale : 2ins to 1 mile
- 5 Map of Footpaths and Bridleroads in the Charnwood Forest published by the Leicester Footpaths Association, 1930. Scale : 3 ins to 1 mile
- 6 Geographia footpaths map, number 9, covering Guildford, Midhurst, Reigate, Horsham, Cuckfield, nd. Scale : $\frac{5}{8}$ inch to 1 mile
- 7 Annotated map of Anglesey, showing roads, sea passages, footpaths and railways published by Philip, Son and Nephew, agents for Admiralty charts and Ordnance maps, first published 1841. Scale : 1 inch to 1 mile

IV British tourist and other maps

- 1 Bartholomews revised half inch contoured maps, nd
Sheet numbers : 3, 15, 21
- 2 Bartholomews one inch map of the Lake District, nd
- 3 Bartholomews contoured road map of Scotland, nd
- 4 Geographia large scale road map of Central Wales, nd
- 5 Sheet map of Great Britain published by the National Geographic Society, 1949
- 6 Large number of street maps of various places, mainly of holiday resorts, 1940s-1970s
- 7 Modern touring maps of South England and Wales

V Foreign tourist, footpath and other maps

- 1 Tourist map of Switzerland published by the Publicity Office of the Swiss Federal Railways, Berne, 1922. Scale : 1 : 450,000
- 2 Schulkarte of Switzerland, nd. Scale : 1 : 600,000
- 3 Five landeskarten of areas of Switzerland : Stans, Interlaken, Sustenpass, Wildstrubel, Jungfrau, 1950s. Scale : 1 : 50,000
- 4 Two landeskarten of areas of Switzerland : Innsbruck, Stubaier Alpen, 1950s. Scale : 1 : 100,000
- 5 Tourist map of Arosa, nd. Scale : 1 : 25,000
- 6 Tourist map of Brand, nd. Scale : 1 : 35,000
- 7 Wegkarte (footpath map) of Schwarzwald, nd. Scale : 1 : 200,000
- 8 Map of France, nd. Scale 1 : 265,000
- 9 Map of St Jean-de-Maurienne, 1930. Scale : 1 : 50,000
- 10 Map of La Grave, 1933. Scale : 1 : 50,000
- 11 Tourist map of the Savoy Alps, 1953. Scale : 1 cm to 2 km
- 12 Maps of Italy published by the Touring Club, 1959. Scales : 1 : 50,000 and 250,000
- 13 Modern tourist maps of Italy
- 14 Modern tourist map of Greece
- 15 Map of Assam, India. 1936-1937. Scale : 1 inch to 1 mile