

U DX/283

**Papers and Publications relating to
Winifred and Frank Horrabin**

1916-1955

Biographical Background:

Winifred Horrabin was born in 1887, the daughter of Arthur John Batho and Lilian Outram. Her father died when she was a child. She came from a nonconformist (congregational) background in Sheffield and attended the Sheffield School of Art where she met her husband, Francis (Frank) James Horrabin, whom she married in 1911. Frank Horrabin gained employment on the Sheffield Telegraph and went on to become a political cartoonist of considerable note with several newspapers. He and Winifred Horrabin shared socialist political principles. They were friendly with H G Wells and Frank Horrabin illustrated Wells's Outline of History, which appeared in 1920. Winifred Horrabin spent the early years of her marriage working on a number of writing projects, the most significant being her book on the socialist historian, Olive Schreiner, whose nonconformist background (Quaker) had been similar to her own (Dictionary of National Biography).

Winifred Horrabin was involved with her husband in the Labour Colleges Movement and he was the first editor of The Plebs, the journal of the National Council of Labour Colleges, and her diaries and letters have information about this work. Frank Horrabin served during the First World War and after the war he was briefly Labour MP for Peterborough and became involved in anti-imperialist politics, collaborating with Rita Hinden and Arthur Creech Jones in creating the Fabian Colonial Bureau. In 1942 Frank Horrabin left Winifred Horrabin. He remarried in 1948 and died in 1962. Winifred Horrabin died in 1971.

Custodial history:

Donated by Bernard Barker, Peterborough, 19 November 2001

Description:

This small collection supplements that main Winifred Horrabin collection (see Related Material). It includes five letters from Frank Horrabin to Winifred, sent while she was on holiday in Russia in 1926, as well as a letter from Myfanwy Westrope sent to Frank Horrabin in 1926. There is also a map drawn by Frank showing German and Italian penetration of the Balkans and a pay packet belonging to Winifred for making spitfire parts in 1943. There are various pamphlets and cuttings relating to Labour issues, conscription and conscientious objectors including Annual Reports for the Central Board of Conscientious Objectors. There is also a newspaper cutting on Frank's nomination as Labour candidate for Peterborough and a membership book for the British Communist Party.

Extent: 18 items

Related material:

Papers of Winifred Horrabin [U DWH]

Research papers relating to Winnifred Horrabin [U DX398]

Papers of Frank and Myfanwy Westrope [U DX/135]

Access conditions:

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| U DX/283/1 | Letters (ALSs) from Frank Horrabin, in London and York, to Winifred Horrabin (on holiday in Russia). Her holiday in Russia; articles for Plebs and elsewhere; strike meetings attended in Peterborough, Newark, Worksop, Retford, Rotherham, York, Darlington, Stockton, Darlington, Hartlepool and Middlesbrough, Oxford (GDH Cole), Banbury, Woodford, Coventry, Cannock, Hednesford, Walsall, Wolverhampton, Stafford, Weston and Crewe, Norwich and Wrexham and Shrewsbury; on to Hereford and Worcester; to attend election adoption meeting in Peterborough. 5 items | May 1926 |
| U DX/283/2 | TLS. Myfanwy Westrope, in Aberystwyth, to Frank Horrabin. Aftermath of strike; poor outlook for Labour Party; Ellen Wilkinson and others to be invited to public meeting in Aberystwyth in October. 1 item | 22 May 1926 |
| U DX/283/3 | Map. 'German & Italian penetration of the Balkans', by Frank Horrabin 1 item | 1939 |
| U DX/283/4 | Envelope. 'Mrs W. Horrabin. Pay packet Feb. 1943. £1.1.4' Making Spitfire parts 1 item | Feb 1943 |
| U DX/283/5 | Pamphlet. Conscription and motherhood, by J.W. Kneeshaw (London: The National Labour Press) 1 item | c.1916 |
| U DX/283/6 | Cutting. J.F. Horrabin adopted as Labour Party candidate for Peterborough 1 item | 18 May 1926 |
| U DX/283/7 | Article. 'Class war casualties: a journey into Poland', by Winifred Horrabin. Cutting from Lansbury's Labour Weekly. Annotated (by WH?) 1 item | 19 Mar 1927 |
| U DX/283/8 | Article. 'A hundred years of workers' struggle – I', by 'Historicus. Cutting from The Miner 1 item | 16 Apr 1927 |
| U DX/283/9 | Pamphlet. Court-martial guide for conscientious objectors (London: Central Board for Conscientious Objectors) (12 pages) 1 item | Nov 1942 |

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| U DX/283/10 | Pamphlet. Questions to C.O.s by the tribunals (London: Central Board for Conscientious Objectors) 1 item | Nov 1949 |
| U DX/283/11 | Central Board for Conscientious Objectors, 12th annual report, 1st April 1950 to 31st March 1951 1 item | 1951 |
| U DX/283/12 | Central Board for Conscientious Objectors, 15th annual report 1 item | 1954 |
| U DX/283/13 | Central Board for Conscientious Objectors, 16th annual report 1 item | 1955 |
| U DX/283/14 | Membership book. The Communist Party of Great Britain. Details blank, but with annotations on the Party's Aims and Constitution by Winifred Horrabin 1 volume | early 20th cent |