MS 41 / TAIT & WATSON ARCHIVE MATERIAL:

Material relating to various left wing political parties / organisations (1880s – 1940s), particularly their Edinburgh branches. A small amount of this material has been catalogued as MS 41 and reference nos. are included where present. The bulk of the collection remains uncatalogued.

Democratic Federation (1883 - )
Minutes of meetings of Edinburgh branch, 1883-88 (MS 41 vol. 1)

Socialist League (1884 - )
Minutes of meetings of Edinburgh branch, 1883-88 (MS 41 vol. 1)

Socialist Land and Labour League (1884 - )
Minutes of meetings of Edinburgh branch, 1883-88 (MS 41 vol. 1)

Social Democratic Federation (1885)
Minutes of meetings of Edinburgh / Leith branches, 1896-1903 (MS 41 vols. 2-4)

Socialist Labour Party (1903 - )
Minutes of meetings of Edinburgh branch, 1903-12 (MS 41, vols. 5-7)
Letter book, 1911-12 (MS 41, vol. 37)
*The Socialist*, party newspaper
John Maclean, correspondence 1921-23 – uncatalogued
John Maclean, research material for Nan Milton’s biography – uncatalogued
2 boxes of uncatalogued party material including:

- Minutes of meetings / reports of public meetings and debates
- Conference material
- Membership material (including membership cards)
- Leaflets, circulars and reports
- Edinburgh branch correspondence
- Correspondence and papers re the expulsion of Edinburgh Branch and establishment of the BSISLP (1910-12)

*Additional material in Tait Miscellaneous (see below)*
MS 41 / TAIT & WATSON ARCHIVE MATERIAL:

British Section of the International Socialist Labour Party (1912 – 1937)

Minutes of meetings of branches and NEC, 1912-37 (MS 41, vols. 7-17)
Letter books, 1912-36 (MS 41, vols. 19-38)
Record of discussions held at a conference between representatives of BSISLP and SLP, Edinburgh 1918 (MS 41, vol. 40)
Volume of copies of correspondence between BSISLP and Socialist Labour Party of America, 1923-29 (MS 41, vol. 41)
Letters to L Gordon, National Secretary of BSISLP, from branches and members, 1920-26 (MS 41, bundles 13-19)
Letters to W Tait, National Secretary of BSISLP, from branches and members, 1927-34 (MS 41, bundles 1-12; 20-22)

British Revolutionary Socialist, party newspaper
The Proletariat, party newspaper

5 boxes of party conference papers, 1921-36 – uncatalogued
3 boxes of party material including the following:

BSISLP/ Box 1:

Correspondence Files:
- Misc. Correspondence
- B.S.I.L.P/ L. Cotton 1923 – 1929
- L. Cotton 1923 – 25
- Synopsis of Events Leading to Formation of B.S.I.S.L.P
- Report of Cotton’s Lecture in Edinburgh 20/10/1929
- B.S.I.S.L.P and the American S.L.P 1915-16, 1929
- James Gordon 1930 – 1935
- L. Cotton (Nat. Secretary for B.S.I.S.L.P) 1926 –
- Cotton/Gillespie/Gordon 1915 – 1932
- B.S.I.S.L.P (Misc. correspondence – in date order)
- B.S.I.S.L.P Correspondence & Party Material 1910s – 20s
- B.S.I.S.L.P W. Tait Correspondence 1930s

BSISLP/ Box 2:

- Minutes 1920, 21, 34
- Conference Reports 1919
MS 41 / TAIT & WATSON ARCHIVE MATERIAL:

- Debate Coverage 1929
- Leaflets 1913, 1918, 1929, 1931, 1936, 1939, Unknown
- Reports 1915, 1918, 1936
- B.S.I.L.P Manifesto
- Municipal Election Manifesto 1919
- Municipal Election Manifesto 1919 (St Leonard’s Ward)
- Municipal Election 1921
- Municipal Election Manifesto 1929
- Municipal Election Manifesto 1932
- Municipal Election Manifesto 1934
- Municipal Election Manifesto – Dates Unknown
- General Election Manifesto 1918/ Dates Unknown
- May Day Manifesto
- General Election Manifesto 1929
- Congratulatory Message to the Proletariat of Russia 1918
- Photographs
- Edinburgh Branch Sales Chart

BSISLP/ Box 3:

- Information Notebooks 1921 – 1939
- Letter Book (containing list of publications for the study of Marxism and newspaper clippings 1919 -1921, Resolutions of Worker’s Committee Movement 1929, Envelope containing clippings on back inside cover)
- Cash Book – Doncaster Branch 1932 – 1936
- Handwritten notes (also contains letter dated 3/9/1934
- ‘British Section International Socialist Labour Party’ Letter Stamp

*Additional material in Tait Miscellaneous; Tait Chronological Series

Revolutionary Socialist Party (1936 – 1941)

Letter book, 1936-37 (MS 41, vol. 38)

Workers Weekly, party newspaper

3 boxes of uncatalogued party material including:

- Minutes of EC
- Conference material
- Policy documents and party resolutions
- Leaflets and open letters
- Membership material
- Copies of Workers Weekly
MS 41 / TAIT & WATSON ARCHIVE MATERIAL:

- Edinburgh branch – accounts and correspondence
- F Maitland (Secretary, Edinburgh branch) – correspondence and writings / articles

*Additional material in Tait Miscellaneous; Tait Chronological Series

Militant Labour League (1937 – 1938)

1 box of uncatalogued material including:

- Reports of EC
- Conference reports
- Leaflets and pamphlets

Revolutionary Socialist League (1938 – 39)

1 box of uncatalogued material including:

- Minutes of meeting of committees and secretariat
- Correspondence
- Circulars
- Conference material
- Reports
- Internal bulletins, discussion papers and circulars
- Printing block

*Additional material in Tait Miscellaneous (see below)

Independent Labour Party (1893 - ) *RSP membs joined 1941


1 box of uncatalogued party material including:

- Conference material
- ILP letters to branches / members
- Scottish Divisional Council – letters to branches
- Reports and internal discussion papers
- Leaflets
- St Andrews / Edinburgh branch material

*Socialist Leader, party newspaper

*Additional material in Tait Miscellaneous; Tait Chronological Series

Revolutionary Communist Party (1944 – 1949)
MS 41 / TAIT & WATSON ARCHIVE MATERIAL:

5 boxes of uncatalogued party material including:

- Internal party publications – *Party Organiser, Industrial Bulletin, Speakers Information Service*
- Minutes of meetings (national and local)
- Conference material
- Internal bulletins, position papers and discussion documents
- Leaflets, circulars and open letters
- Edinburgh branch material – including correspondence (T. Meikle, Branch Secretary)
- W. Tait correspondence and notes

*Socialist Appeal*

*Workers International News*, party newspapers

*The Militant*

*Additional material in Tait Miscellaneous; Tait Chronological Series (see below)*

Additional uncatalogued material:

**Tait Miscellaneous:**

6 boxes of uncatalogued political papers

Box 1: Miscellaneous political / party papers including RSP, RSL, SWP, 4th International, SNP, c1936-48

Box 2: Frank Maitland – papers relating to Edinburgh bookshop, correspondence, writings and articles, 1930s

        Miscellaneous political papers including Scottish USSR Society, RSP, Labour Party, Anarchist Federation, 1940s

Box 3: Miscellaneous political / party papers including BSISLP, RSP, ILP, RCP, Communist Party of GB, SWP (USA), 1930s-40s

Box 4: Miscellaneous political / party papers including BSISLP, RSP, SLP, 4th International, SWP (USA), 1930s-40s

        Frank Maitland – writings and articles, 1930s

        W Tait – research notes
MS 41 / TAIT & WATSON ARCHIVE MATERIAL:

Box 5:  Miscellaneous political / party papers including 4th International, ILP, SWP (USA), RSP, RCP, SLP, 1930s-40s; Workers Industrial Union (1919)

        Frank Maitland – writings and articles, correspondence, 1930s

Box 6:  Miscellaneous political / party papers including Workers International Industrial Union (1921); RSP, ILP, 1930s-40s

        Frank Maitland – writings and articles, 1930s

Undated letters:

1 box containing uncatalogued correspondence

Correspondence (including W. Tait, W. Watson, F. Maitland) re party business [1930s]; correspondence re Industrial Workers of Great Britain, 1909

Tait Chronological Series:

Boxes of uncatalogued party material

1908-14 (Box 1): Industrial Workers of GB: correspondence, minutes, reports

        SLP: correspondence, minutes, conference reports

        BSISLP: correspondence, reports

1915-23 (Box 2): BSISLP: correspondence, minutes, accounts

1924-31 (Box 3): BSISLP: correspondence, minutes, reports

1932-33 (Box 4): BSISLP: correspondence, minutes, reports

1934-35 (Box 5): BSISLP: correspondence, minutes, reports

        F Maitland: correspondence

1936-38 (Box 6): BSISLP: correspondence, minutes
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F Maitland: correspondence
RSP: correspondence, minutes, reports

1939-42 (Box 7): RSP: correspondence
ILP: correspondence, reports

1943-48 (Box 8): ILP: correspondence
F Maitland: correspondence
RCP: correspondence, minutes of Edinburgh Group

Conscientious objection / conscription

Esperanto:

*Box with material filed by subject on Esperanto (1930s) and Conscientious objection (1939-45)*

Includes ILP and RCP material

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