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WOMEN ON RED CLYDESIDE

1910-1920

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- The Gallacher Memorial Library (**GML**)
- The Myra Baillie Archive (**MB**)
- The Norman and Janey Buchan Collection (**BC**)

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Introduction

The period known commonly as 'Red Clydeside', between 1910 and 1920, was an important era of political radicalism. During the First World War the Clyde, and its surrounding area, became an epicentre of ship building and munitions factories. In parallel with these progressions, the area also became the centre of Glasgow's Labour movement. Male workers on the Clyde were increasingly involved in political activity, such as strikes, rallies and trade unionism.

Until recently the role of women within this period of history has been somewhat overlooked. However, the role that many women played within this era was equally groundbreaking and of historical importance. Women were becoming increasingly politicised, and charismatic figures such as Mary Barbour, Helen Crawford and Agnes Bolland fought for both women's and men's political and social rights.

Due to male absences during the war years, women were able to move both into male-dominated areas of work, and male-dominated areas of politics. They came together due to collective grievances and sought to change social and political problems affecting both women and men. It was a culmination of community activism, support for the Independent Labour Party, and the voices of munitions workers, of which women played the vital role.

The 'Rent Strikes', the 'Peace Crusade', and the 'Women's Labour Movement' were all factors which shaped the political and social changes of the era. Many of the women involved in these aspects became prominent political figures and some eventually went on to fight with the Suffragettes to gain votes for women. This period of history understandably deserves more research. With the use of this finding aid, we hope that such further research may be encouraged.

General Material

(This material will give the reader a contextual overview of the period from 1910-1920. Unless stated, the materials listed below, and throughout this finding aid, are books.)

A History of the Working Classes in Scotland.

T. Johnston, (1946), Unity Publishing, (Location Unknown)

(BC)

(SC3668)

Bonnie Fechtens-Women in Scotland 1900-1950.

S. Livingstone, (1994), Scottish Library Association, Motherwell.

Pages 23-27.

(GML)

Clydeside Action

(1977?), (Publisher and Location Unknown)

SC281670

(BC)

Glasgow 1919: The Story of the 40 Hour Strike with an introduction by Harry McShane.

(Author, Date, Publishers and Location Unknown)

(Collection of newspaper clippings.)

Pages 62 and 98

(CC)

(SC209897)

Hidden From History.

S.Rowbotham, (1985), Pluto Press Limited, London.

Pages 112, 113, 116, 166.

(GML)

Labour Monthly

August 1990

‘Women in Unrest’ – B. Stanley

(Journal)

(GML)

Out of Bounds: Women in Scottish Society 1800-1945.

E. Breitenbach and E. Gordon, (eds.), (1992), Edinburgh University Press, Edinburgh.

Chapter Eight- ‘Rents, Peace, Votes: Working-Class Women and Political Activity in the First World War’ – J.J.Smyth.

Pages 174-196.

(GML)

Red Skirts on Clydeside.

Scottish Screen Archive, (1983), Hillington Park, Glasgow.

(Video with accompanying notes by Audrey Canning)

(GML)

Revolutionary Movement in Britain

W. Kendall, (1969), Lowe and Brydone, London.

Chapter seven – ‘Clydeside in Wartime’

Page 115- 141

(GML)

Socialism in Scotland: Its Rise and Progress

W.M. Haddow (Date Unknown) Reformers’ Bookstall Ltd, Glasgow

(photocopy from original in the Mitchell Library)

(GML)

The Clydesiders- A Left-Wing Struggle for Parliamentary Power.

R.K.Middlemas, (1965), Hutchinson + Co., London.

Page 61

(Although pages 58-83 are good for background context)

(CC)

(SCH228258)

The Clyde in War time: sketches of a stormy period.

W. Gallacher, (Date Unknown) Collet’s Bookshop, Glasgow

(GML)

The Hidden History of Glasgow’s Women: The Thenew Factor.

E. King, (1993), Mainstream Publishing, Edinburgh.

Chapter nine- ‘Twentieth-Century Concerns’

Pages 133-154

(GML)

The Rousing of the Scottish Working Class.

J.D.Young, (1979), Croom Helm Publishing, London.

Pages 190 + 201.

(GML + CC)

(SC227771)

The Working Class in Glasgow 1750-1914.

R.A.Cage, (ed.), (1987), Croom Helm Publishing, London.

‘Glasgow Working Class Politics’ – I.G.C.Hutchinson.

(General overview of the period)

(CC)

(SC209424)

We Shall Be All: Recent Chapters in the History of Working Class Struggle in Scotland.

L.Flynn (ed.), (1978), Bookmarks, Glasgow.

Chapter Two- 'We Shall Not Be Removed' – A. Flynn and V. Flynn,

Pages 18-33.

(Includes some useful pictures)

(GML)

Women at War.

A. Marwick, (1977), Fontana Press, London.

(BC)

(SC156266)

Women in Struggle: A Study of the Political Activity of Working-Class Women in Glasgow During the First World War.

J. J. Smyth, March 1980

(Dissertation)

(GML)

Helen Crawford

Communist Party of Scotland

Bulletin 108 (2003)

A. Canning, 'The Helen Crawford-Anderson Collection'

(Pages 10 – 16)

(Journal)

(GML)

Communist Party of Scotland

Bulletin 117 (2004)

A. Canning, 'Helen Crawford Internationalist'

(Pages 7- 14)

(Journal)

(GML)

Harry McShane: No Mean Fighter

H. McShane and J. Smith, (1978), Pluto Press, London.

Pages 33-35

(GML)

Helen Crawford: A Life History

C. Togher, (Date, Publisher and Location Unkown)

(Dissertation)

(GML)

Helen Crawford's Autobiography

c.1950, unpublished.

(GML)

Helen Crawford Communist Candidate

20th (Govan) Ward, (1921) D. Kilpatrick Election Agent

Original and copies of Election Campaign Pamphlet

(In the 'Helen Crawford' Box)

(GML)

John MacLean.

N. Milton, (1973), Pluto Press, Bristol

Pages 152-153

(GML)

Pioneering Days.

T. Bell, (1941), Lawrence and Wishart Limited, London.

Page 258

(GML)

Radical Glasgow: A Skeletal Sketch of Glasgow's Radical Tradition

J. Couzin, (2003), John Couzin Publishing, (Location Unknown)

Helen Crawford (pages 28-30)

(GML + CC)

(CSC302710)

Revolt on the Clyde.

W.Gallacher, (1940), Lawrence and Wishart Limited, London.

Pages 152, 157, 158, 183, 202, 220.

(GML)

Scottish Labour Leaders 1918-1939, A Biographical Dictionary.

W. Knox, (Ed) (1984) Mainstream Publishing, Edinburgh.

Crawford pages 40, 46-7, 67, 79, 81-6,89,136

(GML)

The Biographical Dictionary of Scottish Women

E. Ewan, S. Innes, and S. Reynolds (Eds.) (2006) Edinburgh University Press,
Edinburgh.

Pages 84-85

(GML)

(Various)

(Letters, biographical material, newspaper articles from the period 1910- 1920.)

(In the 'Helen Crawford box)

(GML)

(Various)

(portrait photographs of *Helen Crawford* from 1914 onwards and photographs of her
suffrage work in the UK and overseas)

(In the 'Helen Crawford' box)

(GML)

Mary Barbour

Harry McShane: No Mean Fighter

H. McShane and J. Smith, (1978), Pluto Press, London.

Pages 33-35

(GML)

John MacLean

J. Brown, (1973), MacDonald Publishing, Loanhead, Scotland.

Pages 56 + 65

(BC)

(SC203473)

Mary Barbour.

A. Canning, (unpublished).

(Short Essay in 'Rent Strikes' Folder)

(GML)

'Newspaper Obituaries' - Govan Press.

April, (1958).

(Photocopied newspaper clippings in 'Mary Barbour' Box)

(GML)

'Municipal Election- The Labour Candidates'

Fairfield, 31st Ward, J. Brown Publishing, Govan. (c. 1916)

(Original pamphlet)

(GML)

Not Forgotten.

N.Oliver, (2005), Hodder & Stoughton, London,

Chapter 29- 'Mrs Barbour's Army'

Pages 143-147

(GML)

Radical Glasgow: A Skeletal Sketch of Glasgow's Radical Tradition

J., Couzin, (2003), John Couzin Publishing, (Location Unknown).

Mary Barbour (pages 26-27)

(GML + CC)

(CSC302710)

Red Clydeside.

A. Hulett, (2002) Red Rattler

Song 3- Mrs Barbour's Army.

(Audio CD)

(CPS)

Scottish Labour Leaders 1918-1939, A Biographical Dictionary.

Knox, W. (Ed) (1984) Mainstream Publishing, Edinburgh

Barbour pages 47, 84

(GML + BC)

(SC8036)

The Biographical Dictionary of Scottish Women

Ewan, E. Innes, S. Reynolds, S (Ed) (2006) Edinburgh University Press, Edinburgh.

Mary Barbour Pages 28-29

(GML)

Untitled Pictures of Mary Barbour

(In large envelope titled 'Please do not bend')

(GML)

'Women and Housing'- The Pioneer

No. 3, Vol. 1, June, (1919).

(Photocopied pamphlet in 'Mary Barbour Box')

(GML)

Other:

(This material is more specific and specialised than the material in the 'General Material' section, and may be of use to students studying particular areas with the 'Red Clydeside' era.)

Educating Girls and Women: Investing in Development

E. M. King, (1990) The World Bank, (Location Unknown)

(BC)

(SC217762)

Women on Red Clydeside

Bailey, M., Box 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, (2002), (Unpublished)

(Research material for a thesis)

(MB)

Scottish Labour Leaders 1918-1939: A Biographical Dictionary.

W. Knox, (Ed) (1984) Mainstream Publishing, Edinburgh.

Pages 82-3, 89, 94, 106, 149, 217, + 233 (Women's suffrage)

(GML)

Scottish Marxist Voice

Issue 2 (1994)

Page 11 (Suffrage)

(Journal)

(GML)

The Biographical Dictionary of Scottish Women

E. Ewan, S. Innes, and S. Reynolds, (Eds.) (2006) Edinburgh University Press, Edinburgh.

Pages 98-99 (Agnes Dollan)

(GML)

The Origins of British Bolshevism

R. Challinor, (1977), Croom Helm, London.

Chapter 6 – 'The First World War'

Pages 133 – 146

(GML)

The Women of Red Clydeside: Women Munitions Workers in the West of Scotland During the First World War.

Myra Baillie, (2002), (Unpublished)

(Especially pages 147-155)

(Unpublished thesis)

(MB)

Women in War Jobs

Labour Research Department (1942), (Location Unknown).

WT218655L4/4

(BC)

Rent Strikes

Essays in Scottish Labour History.

I. MacDougall, (ed.), (Date Unknown), John Donald Publishers, London.

'Working-Class Housing in Glasgow 1900-1939'- J. Butt

Pages 143-170

(BC)

(SC6597)

'Fifteen Thousand Glasgow Tenants on Strike...'- The Forward Newspaper.

(30/11/1915), Civic Press Ltd, (Location Unknown).

(Copy of a newspaper clipping located in 'the Forward Newspaper' box)

(GML)

'From the Tenant's Trenches...'- The Forward Newspaper.

(13/11/1915), Civic Press Ltd, (Location Unknown)

(Copy of a newspaper clipping located in 'the Forward Newspaper' box)

(GML)

'Govan Tenant's Victory...'- The Forward Newspaper

(12/6/1915), Civic Press Ltd., (Location Unknown)

(Copy of a newspaper clipping located in 'the Forward Newspaper' box)

(GML)

'Glasgow Women's Housing Association...'- The Forward Newspaper,

(29/5/1915), Civic Press Ltd., (Location Unknown)

(Copy of a newspaper clipping located in 'the Forward Newspaper' box)

(GML)

'Great Housing Conference...'- The Forward Newspaper.

(9/1/1915), Civic Press Ltd., (Location Unknown)

(Copy of a newspaper clipping located in 'the Forward Newspaper' box)

(GML)

'Great Protest Demonstration...'

Glasgow Labour Party Housing Committee, (Date and Location Unknown)

(Photocopied pamphlet)

(GML)

History of the Kinning Park Co-operative Society Limited

P. J. Dollan, (1923) Kinning Park Co-operative Society Ltd

Chapter 11-'Co-operation in War: 1914-1918'

Pages 89-104 (with specific information on Rent Strikes on page 93)

(GML)

James Maxton.

W. Knox, (1987), Manchester University Press, Manchester.

Pages 20-21

(GML)

John MacLean.

N. Milton, (1973), Pluto Press, Bristol.

Pages 88-90.

(GML)

John MacLean: A Fighter For Freedom.

T. Bell, (1944), Kirkwood Printers, Glasgow.

Pages 50-55.

(GML)

John Wheatley.

I. Wood, (1990), Manchester University Press, Manchester.

Pages 53-59.

(GML)

'Meeting of Women...'

Glasgow Women's Housing Association, (Date and Location Unknown)

(Photocopied pamphlet)

(GML)

Pioneering Days.

T. Bell, (1941), Lawrence and Wishart Limited, London.

Pages 110, 111

(GML)

Radical Glasgow: A Skeletal Sketch of Glasgow's Radical Tradition

J. Couzin, (2003), John Couzin Publishers, (Location Unknown)

Rent Strikes (pages 31-33)

(GML + CC)

(CSC302710)

Rent Strikes, 1890-1916.

J. Melling, (1983), Polygon, London.

(GML)

'Rent Strikes- Against Increases'

(Copy of a poster used by Glasgow Women's Housing Association to advertise the Rent Strikes)

(From a large envelope entitled 'Please do not bend')

(GML)

Rent Strikes: People's Struggle for Housing in West Scotland 1890-1916.

J. Melling, (1983), Polygon Books, Edinburgh.

Especially Chapters three, seven and ten.

(GML)

'Rent Strike Scenes in Glasgow...'- The Forward Newspaper

(27/11/1915), Civic Press Ltd., (Location Unknown)

(Copy of a newspaper page located in 'the Forward Newspaper' box)

(GML)

Rent Strike! The Clydebank Rent Struggles of the 1920s.
S. Damer, (1982), Clydebank District Library, Clydebank.
Pages 2, 3, + 4
(GML)

Revolt on the Clyde: An Autobiography.
W. Gallacher, (1949), Lawrence and Wishart Limited, London.
Pages 52-59
(GML + BC)
(SC188901)

Social Class in Scotland: Past and Present.
A. Allan. MacLaren, (Date Unknown), John Donald Publishing, (Location Unknown)
(BC)
(SC3181)

Scottish Marxist.
No. 2, Winter (1972)
Horne, B., - 'The First Rents Victory'
(Journal)
(GML)

Scottish Labour Leaders 1918-1939, A Biographical Dictionary.
W. Knox, (Ed) (1984) Mainstream Publishing, Edinburgh
Rent Strikes pages 16, 40, 46-8, 51, 83-4, 90, 94, 172, 184, 203, 212, 256, 278
(GML)

The History of Clydebank.
J. Hood., (1988), Parthenon Publishing, Carnforth, UK.
Pages 79- 86.
(GML)

The Legend of Red Clydeside.
I. McLean, (1983), John Donald Publishers, Edinburgh.
Chapter Two- 'The Rent Strikes'
Pages 17-37
(The GML + CC)

The Life of John Wheatley.
Hamman, J., (1988), Spokesman Publishing, Nottingham.
Pages 44-45,
(GML)

The Strike Bulletin (H-J section)
Joint Strike Committee Glasgow (Date, Publishers and Location Unknown)
(GML)

'When the Slums Rose in Revolt' - The Scotsman.

Saturday, March 18, (1989)

(Newspaper clipping)

(GML)

'Women and Housing' - The Pioneer

No. 3, Vol. 1, June, (1919).

(Photocopied pamphlet in 'Mary Barbour Box')

(GML)

Women In Scotland

J. Mitchell, (Date Unknown)

(Dissertation)

(GML)

Revolt on the Clyde.

W.Gallacher, (1940), Lawrence and Wishart Limited, London.

Pages 52-58,

(GML)

Women's Labour Movement

A Century of the Scottish People 1830-1950

T.C. Smout, (1986), William Collins, London.

Chapter Eleven – 'The Rise and Fall of Socialist Idealism'

Pages 268-270

(GML)

A History of the Labour Party from 1914.

G.D.H.Cole, (1948), Routledge, London.

Pages 141-144

(CC)

(SC208936)

Dames of Honour, Councillor Mrs Agnes Dollan

May 23, (1925), (Newspaper title obscured)

(Newspaper Article)

(GML)

Essays in Labour History.

A. Briggs + J. Saville (eds.), (1971), Macmillan publishing, Edinburgh.

Pages 165, 172, 173, 180 (for the Independent Labour Party)

Pages 214 + 215 (for the Women's Labour League)

(BC)

(SC12356)

'Jessie Findlay Folder'

(Contains newspaper articles, photocopies of pictures, Audrey Canning's notes.)

(GML)

Labour in Glasgow 1896-1936: Socialism, Suffrage, Sectarianism.

J.J.Smyth, (2000), Tuckwell Press, East Lothian.

Chapter Five- 'Labour's Women'

Pages- 155-189.

(GML)

Labour In Scotland

I. McDougall, (ed) (1985) Mainstream Publishing Company. Edinburgh.

Pages 184-186

(GML)

Leisure and The Labour Movement in Glasgow, 1918-1939

M. Taylor, (1992)

(Thesis)

(GML)

My Granny Made Me an Anarchist
S., Christie, (2002) Christiebooks
Pages 39, 100, 101, 103-133, 117, 142,
(CC)
(CSC285217)

Scottish Labour Movement: Women Pioneers
(C.D. of a 5-board display from the GML)
(GML)

'Scottish Labour Women...' - The Forward Newspaper.
(16/1/15), Civic Press Ltd., (Location Unknown)
(Copy of a newspaper clipping located in 'the Forward Newspaper' box)
(GML)

Springburn Ward bye-Election, 1921. Election Address of Agnes Dollan: The Labour Candidate.
(Original election campaign address pamphlet.)
(GML)

The ILP on Clydeside 1893-1932: from foundation to disintegration
M., McKinlay, (Ed), 1991) Manchester University Press
Chapter Four- 'Work, culture and politics on Red Clydeside: the ILP during the First World War' - J. Melling
Pages 83-122
(BC + CC)
(SC106473)

The Scottish Nation
T. M. Devine, (1999), Penguin, London.
Chapter twenty two – 'Scottish Women: Family, Work and Politics'
Pages 537 – 542
(CC)

Scottish Labour History Society
No. 31 (1996)
(Journal)
(GML)

William Gallacher 1881-1965
J. McKay, (1993) publisher unknown
(Part one contains information up until 1919)
(GML)

Women and the Labour Movement in Scotland 1850 – 1914
E. Gordon, (1991), Clarendon Press, Oxford.
Chapter seven - "Women and Working Class Politics 1900 – 1914"
Pages 269-284
(GML)

Women in the Labour Movement.

L., Middleton, (ed.), (1977), Croom Helm Publishing., London.

(BC)

(SC 15216)

Women's Peace Movement

John MacLean.

N. Milton, (1973), Pluto Press, Bristol

Pages 152-153

(GML)

Most Dangerous Women: Feminist Peace Campaigners of the Great War.

A. Wiltsher, (1985), Pandora Press, London.

Pages 5, 6, 130, 133, 148-153, 184,

(GML)

Radical Glasgow: A Skeletal Sketch of Glasgow's Radical Tradition

J. Couzin, (2003), John Couzin Publishers, (Location Unknown).

World War One Peace Movement (pages 51-53)

Fight For Free Speech On The Green (pages 62-65)

(GML + CC)

(CSC302710)

Revolt on the Clyde.

W. Gallacher, (1940), Lawrence and Wishart Limited, London.

Pages 152, 157, 158.

(GML)

Scottish Marxist Voice

Issue 2 (1994)

Page 12

(Journal)

(GML)

The Long Road to Greenham: Feminism and Anti-Militarism in Britain Since 1820.

J. Liddington, (1989), Virago Press, London.

Pages 110-117, 120, 122, 123, 128, 129,

(GML)

Women & the War

Brown, I. (1940) Communist Party of Great Britain, (Location Unknown)

(GML)

'Women's Peace Crusade' - The Tribunal

Thursday, August 23rd, 1917

(Photocopied newspaper clipping in folder labelled 'Mrs A. Canning')

(The GML)