

Indian Freedom Movement, Independence and Partition: Guide to Collections held by institutions other than the British Library

The British Library holds significant collections relating to the Indian independence struggle, and the partition of pre-1947 India into the independent states of India and Pakistan.

However, there are also collections of records on this subject in other libraries and archives around the UK. The following is a list of the more significant institutions holding relevant collections, as well as examples of some of the smaller collections to be found in local archives, libraries, and record offices.

The main online catalogues and guides for searching UK institutions for relevant collections are:

- [Archives HUB](#)
- [AIM25](#)
- [The National Archives \(TNA\) Discovery](#)
- [Scottish Archive Network \(SCAN\)](#)
- [Library Hub Discover](#)
- [Social Networks and Archival Context](#)
- [Making Britain](#)
- [South Asia Archive & Library Group \(SAALG\) Blog](#)
- Individual institutions often have their own online catalogues and collection guides. A list of UK archives can be found with the National Archives' [Find an Archive service](#).

A useful published guide to political archives is “The Routledge Guide to British Political Archives: Sources since 1945” edited by Chris Cook (Routledge, 2006).

List of Institutions and relevant collections:

[Ahmed Iqbal Ullah Race Relations Resource Centre, University of Manchester](#)

Related collections include the [Memories of Partition Project Archive](#), an 18-month project, run by Manchester Museum, which aimed to capture the collective memory of those affected by the 1947 Partition of India into independent nations of India and Pakistan (and subsequently Bangladesh in 1971).

[Bishopsgate Institute Special Collections and Archives](#)

Bishopsgate Institute holds the papers of Muriel Lester (1878-1991), Christian pacifist, under the collection reference LESTER. Muriel Lester travelled to India in 1926 to meet Gandhi, and in 1931 she attended the Round Table Conference in London.

[Bodleian Library, Archives and Manuscripts](#)

The Bodleian holds a number of collections relevant to the study of Indian Independence and Partition, including:

- 'End of Empire' transcripts: xerox copies of transcripts of filmed interviews with contributors to the Channel Four programme, 15th April-15th July 1985, which used a series of interviews to chart the events leading to Great Britain's withdrawal from an imperial role in Africa, Asia and the Middle East. [36 volumes].
- Papers of Clement Richard Attlee (1883-1967), British Prime Minister 1945-1951.
- The Indian States Enquiry Committee Papers of John Colin Campbell Davidson, 1931-1939.
- Papers relating to Charles Freer Andrews, including a few letters from Mohandas Gandhi and Rabindranath Tagore, 1919-1940.
- Papers of John Morley, 1st Viscount Morley of Blackburn (1838-1923), as Secretary of State for India, 1905-10; Sir Louis Stuart (1870-1949) Indian Civil Servant 1891-1930; R.A. Butler (1902-1982), Chairman of the Conservative Research Department (1945-61), including files on India 1940-1945; John Sankey, Viscount Sankey of Moreton (1866-1948), including his India papers 1930-1943; Sir Stafford Cripps (1889-1952), lawyer and British politician; Sir Reginald Coupland (1884-1952), member of the Cripps Mission to India 1942; Sir Laming Worthington-Evans (1868-1931), Acting Secretary of State for India 1922.

[Borthwick Institute for Archives, University of York](#)

Relevant collections include the papers of Edward Frederick Lindley Wood, Earl of Halifax (1881-1959), as Viceroy of India 1926-1931, under collection reference HALIFAX.

[British Film Institute \(BFI\), Reuben Library](#)

Relevant collections include:

- Unedited filmed interviews for the Granada Television documentary series End of Empire, shown in 1985.
- Newsreel film of the arrival at Delhi of Shri Chakravarty Rajagopalachari, the first Indian Governor General of India, and the departure of Lord Mountbatten, 20-21 June 1948.
- Amateur film showing Muslim refugees arriving in Pakistan from India and at Lahore station, 1947
- Films, photographs, press cuttings, and other visual material relating to Gandhi, Nehru, Jinnah, Rabindranath Tagore, Mountbatten, Dr Ambedkar and other figures prominent in the years leading up to Independence.

[Heritage Quay, University of Huddersfield](#)

Relevant collections include the Here, There, Then, Now Oral History Project, under collection reference TWL. This Heritage Lottery Fund heritage project explored the experiences of those living through the partition of India and Pakistan in 1947. Oral history interviews were carried out with people who eventually migrated to Huddersfield to record their memories of pre-Partition, the Partition era and what happened afterwards.

[Hull University Archives, Hull History Centre](#)

Relevant collections include:

- Papers of Dr V.N. Sharma, Director General of Hospitals in India: photocopies of letters and photographs sent to him by Subhas Chandra Bose (1897-1945), Indian Nationalist leader, 1933-1937, under collection reference U DX223.
- Pamphlets relating to Indian independence can be found in the records of the Union of Democratic Control [collection reference U DDC/5, Printed Material, 1914 - 1963] and in the records of John Saville (1916-2009) [collection reference U DJS/4/19].
- Papers of Reginald Francis Orlando Bridgeman 1884-1968, political activist, includes the Meerut Conspiracy Case 1930-31, collection reference U DBN/19/1; and papers relating to India, India League, All-India Trade Union Congress, and Workers' Welfare League of India 1943-44, collection reference U DBN/27/6.

[Imperial War Museum, Department of Documents](#)

The IWM holds the private papers, such as letters and memoirs, of mostly British military servicemen who were stationed in India at the time of independence and partition. The Museum also holds items in other formats, such as photographs, books, and posters, relating to India during the period of the struggle for independence.

[The Keep Archive Centre: East Sussex Record Office, Brighton and Hove City Council, and the University of Sussex](#)

Relevant collections include:

- The Rees Papers: photocopies of autograph, typescript and printed papers, official papers, conference notes, instructions, letters, logs, reports, and situation reports accumulated by Major-General Thomas Wynford Rees (1898-1959) in August and September 1947, when commanding the Punjab Boundary Force. Collection reference SxMs16.
- The Mirabehn Letters: A collection of autograph letters signed by Gandhi to Mirabehn (Madeleine Slade) and related papers. Most of the letters are written by Gandhi during his imprisonment at Yeravda Central Prison, and include letters written during his period of fasting. As well as correspondence, the collection also includes a handwritten manuscript by Gandhi on the Equality of Religion and 2 handwritten documents by Mirabehn. Collection reference SxMs193.
- Archive of Martin Basil Kingsley (1897-1969) political journalist and journal editor, including his files and notebooks relating to India and Pakistan, collection reference SxMs11.

[Labour History Archive and Study Centre, People's History Museum](#)

The centre holds the archives of the national Labour Party and Communist Party of Great Britain.

[Lambeth Palace Library](#)

Relevant collections include:

- Papers of William Temple (1881-1944), Archbishop of Canterbury 1942-44: papers concerning the political situation in India, particularly the Quit India Movement and its aftermath, 29 July 1942-10 Aug 1944, collection reference W.Temple 27.
- Papers of George Kennedy Allen Bell (1883-1958), Bishop of Chichester: correspondence on the independence movement in India, and Gandhi's visit to England for the Round Table Conference in 1931, collection reference Bell 95.
- Leonard Schiff- transcripts of letters to the Christa Seva Sangha, Poona, 1939, collection reference SSF/C/4/3. Subjects include detailed accounts of the political situation in Tripuri, the election of Subhas Chandra Bose as president of the Indian National Congress, the All India Congress Committee in Calcutta in April 1939, the political orientation of Jawaharlal Nehru and Gandhi as well as the political and religious tensions in India, especially between Hindus and Muslims. Schiff's tour of India is also described, which included visits to Madras, Cochin, Travancore, Mysore, Bangalore, Aundh, Hyderabad and Bombay.

[Library of Birmingham](#)

Relevant collections include:

- Diary notes, correspondence, copies of international appeals and news cuttings relating to Elizabeth Taylor Cadbury's experiences visiting India in 1936 for the World Congress of the International Council of Women (World Conference of Women) and her involvement in philanthropic and political work concerning India throughout the 1930s and 1940s. Collection reference MS 466/1/1/13.
- A series largely comprising photocopies of British government files on Udham Singh, consisting of the Metropolitan Police file produced following his arrest for the murder of Sir Michael O'Dwyer in March 1940; the Home Office file containing information about Udham Singh's detention in prison, the appeal against his sentence of execution for the murder, and his treatment and behaviour in prison; the Prison Commission file which contains further information about Udham Singh's experiences in prison, and the process leading to his execution in July 1940; and papers from the Public and Judicial Department of the India Office, containing information relating to Udham Singh and his activities from the early 1930s until his death in 1940. These papers were released in 1997 and 1998 following a long-running campaign by the Indian Workers Association and the Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Trust. Catalogue reference MS 2142/B/3.

[Library of the Society of Friends, London](#)

Relevant collections include:

- Papers of the India Conciliation Group, 1931-1950, collection reference TEMP MSS 41-52. The group was founded in 1931 to raise support among the British public for the cause of Indian Independence.
- Papers of Horace G Alexander (1889-1989), Quaker envoy and mediator, co-founder of the India Conciliation Group. Collection references TEMP MSS 971 and TEMP MSS 577.
- Papers of Agatha Mary Harrison (1885-1954), Quaker and activist, and co-founder of the India Conciliation Group. Collection reference TEMP MSS 883.

[Liddell Hart Centre for Military Archives, King's College London](#)

Relevant collections include:

- Papers of Sir John Theodosius Burnett-Stuart (1875-1958), General Officer Commanding, Madras District, India, 1920-1922; regarding the suppression of the Moplah Rebellion, Malabar, India, 1921-1922.
- Anti-British propaganda leaflet, in Arabic, Hindi, and Urdu; anti-British propaganda leaflet calling for the Indian Independence League in East Asia to assist the Japanese in ridding Asia of all British influences.

- Microform: The MAGIC Documents: Summaries and Transcripts of the Top-Secret Diplomatic Communications of Japan, 1938-1945. Included in the collection are deciphered messages concerning Japanese perceptions of Indian nationalism and the Indian Independence League.

[London School of Economics Library, Archives and Special Collections](#)

Relevant collection items:

- Papers of Sir Gilbert James Morley Longden (1902-1997), British Politician, contains papers relating to Gandhi, and photocopies of a transcript of Longden's interview with Gandhi concerning 'the Indian question' on 26 May 1945. Collection references LONGDEN/9/34 and LONGDEN/9/35.
- Papers of Arthur George Bottomley (1907-1995), British politician; contains a diary of the Parliamentary Delegation to India in 1946. Collection reference BOTTOMLEY.

[London School of Economics, Women's Library](#)

Relevant collection items:

- Papers of Eleanor Florence Rathbone (1872-1946), social reformer: the archive consists of correspondence and papers relating to Rathbone's work raising the status of women in India. Her correspondents include some of the key women activists in India in the 1920s and 1930s. Collection reference 7ELR.
- Papers of Agnes Maude Royden (1876-1956), suffragist and preacher, includes a small collection of photographs of Indian politicians and freedom campaigners such as Gandhi, Aruna Asaf Ali, Sarojini Naidu, Begum Jahanara Shah Nawaz and Miraben, taken while visiting India in 1934. Collection reference 7AMR/3/01.
- Unpublished memoirs (spanning 1919-1945) of Kathleen Duffin Mahony covering her time spent in India with her husband George, an officer in the IMS. Topics covered include the second Afghan war, Lady Hardinge Medical College, local customs, Gandhi's civil disobedience campaign, the 'Quit India' campaign and the Second World War in Asia and Europe. Collection reference MAHONY.
- Papers of Maud Dickinson relating to the Liaison Group in Great Britain cooperating with the All-India Women's Conference. Includes papers concerning the effects of partition on Indian women and children; ref WCL/08. This is part of the records of The Women's Council, a pioneer non-governmental organisation (NGO) which had its beginnings in 1931 with the rise in the Indian Independence movement. Collection reference WCL.

[Marx Memorial Library](#)

Relevant collections include:

- India Collection: a collection of newsletters, reports, academic publications, pamphlets, and maps published between 1921 and 1947, all oriented around the issues of Indian independence and self-government, with a particular focus on the repression

of civil liberties, working conditions, education and student rights, and poverty.
Collection reference IC.

- The Marx Memorial Library also holds a significant collection of printed material on the history of the Indian Nationalist Movement, and the fight for independence.

[The National Archives](#)

The official archive and publisher for the UK Government, and for England and Wales. Records relating to Indian Independence can principally be found in the archives for the following Departments:

- Foreign and Commonwealth Office and predecessors (FCO)
- Colonial Office (CO)
- Dominions Office (DO)
- War Office, Armed Forces, Judge Advocate General, and related bodies (WO)
- Cabinet Office (CAB)
- Prime Minister's Office (PREM)

[National Army Museum, Templar Study Centre](#)

Holds the papers of military men who served in India at the time of independence and partition, for example the papers of General Sir Rob Lockhart (1893-1981), Indian Army, 1914-53, covering service in the North West Frontier Province and the Punjab Frontier Force. Collection reference 8310/154.

The museum also holds oral history interviews relating to partition, for example an oral history interview with Gulzar Ahmad conducted by Jasdeep Singh, 9 Oct 2017, on Gulzar's experience of the Partition of India when he was 12 years old, coll ref NAM. 2017-10-4.

A selection of the museum's prints, photographs and objects are available to view online via the [collection portal](#).

[National Library of Wales](#)

Relevant collections include:

- Papers of Wynford Vaughan-Thomas (1908-1987) (full name Lewis John Wynford Vaughan-Thomas), broadcaster and author, contains his despatches and newscasts from India in 1947. Collection reference WYNMAS.
- There are also copies of the Lloyd George Papers at the Parliamentary Archive, 1930-1936 in the Gareth Vaughan Jones Papers, collection reference GARNES.

[National Records of Scotland](#)

Relevant collections include:

- Private and political Papers of Philip Kerr, 11th Marquess of Lothian, including as Under Secretary of State for India and Chairman of the Indian Franchise Committee, on Indian affairs. Collection reference GD40/17.
- Letters from Sir Fulque Agnew to Lady Swanzie Agnew: written from India at the time of the partition of India, 1947-48. The letters contain descriptions about life in India at that time. Sir Fulque had some dealings with Mahatma Gandhi, mention of which may be made in some of the letters. Collection reference GD154/1108. [Extracts from some of these letters were published in G Martin, 'Witness to the Partition: India and Pakistan 1947-48. The Letters of Sir Fulque Agnew of Lochnaw Bt' (Edinburgh, 2001)]

[Royal Geographical Society](#)

Relevant collections include:

- India-Pakistan boundaries as fixed by the Boundary Commission 17 August 1947 (London: War Office, 1947), 2 maps: Bengal and Assam (OR 5682) and Punjab (OR 6409), scale 1:2 000 000.
- Map showing the distribution of Mohammedans in India (Washington: O.S.S., 1942), scale 1:11 404 800, collection reference rgs537038.
- OHK Spate, Partitions of Punjab and Bengal, 1947: typed summary of the article and a duplicated, corrected version. Correspondence: Spate; E S Lindley; RGS. Discussion notes including the first and the corrected versions of remarks of Mushtaq Ahmed Bajwa, Imam of the London Mosque. Published GJ vol. 110. Collection reference rgs810438.
- Proposals for post-independence India. FO/CO Research Department, August 1968. Collection reference rgs533322. Contents: 3 maps; each 16 x 19 cm on 1 sheet 51 x 21 cm:
 - A: India divided into Hindu & Muslim 'Cultural Zones'. Proposed by Syed Abdul Latif: 1938.
 - B: India: a 'Quinquupartite Confederation'. Proposed by 'A Punjabi': 1938.
 - C: India: divided into Hindustan, and independent Pakistan, Bang-I-Islam and Usmanistan. Proposed by C. Rahmat Ali: 1940.
- Salt satyagrahis, Chowpati Sands Bombay: black & white photograph showing crowd of Indians on beach at Bombay (1930's).
- Pamphlet "The Myth of Pakistan" by Khwaja Ahmad Abbas, 1943, collection reference rgs244368.

[Royal Society for Asian Affairs](#)

The RSAA holds a large collection of printed material relating to Indian nationalism and the campaign for independence, for example:

- Typescript copy of a letter, 16 August 1947, from EA Hutchison to Jay [Spencer, sister-in-law]. The letter provides a first-hand account of the first Day of Indian Independence from the perspective of James Finlay & Co, Ltd., Calcutta (tea merchants), beginning with a roof flag-raising ceremony at 8.25 a.m. Collection reference RSAA/M/137.

[School of Oriental and African Studies \(SOAS\) Archives](#)

The archive collections include original unpublished primary sources, including correspondence, minutes, diaries, reports, photographs, slides, maps, plans, posters, leaflets, drawings, engravings, film footage, and sound recordings created or collected together by missionaries and missionary organisations; NGOs, charities and campaigning organisations; businesses and commercial bodies; and individuals whose lives and works relate to Africa, Asia, and the Middle East (for example administrators, activists, diplomats, anthropologists, historians, linguists, lawyers, medical practitioners, and journalists).

Relevant collections include:

- India: A People Partitioned Oral Archive: Comprises 205 oral history interviews conducted by Andrew Whitehead (with a small number by other interviewers) as research for BBC World Service radio series 'India: A People Partitioned' (1997; 2000); the BBC Radio 4 programme 'An Incident in Kashmir' (2003); and Whitehead's published history 'A Mission in Kashmir' (Viking Penguin, 2007). Interviews focus on the lived experience of Partition and the events of 1947 among ordinary people of Hindu, Muslim and Sikh heritage. Collection reference OA3.
- Papers of Dr Bishwa Nath Pandey (1929-1982), historian, including his correspondence, photographs and notes, mainly relating to his book *Nehru* (1976), as well as early manuscript and typescripts drafts of the work itself. Collection reference PP MS 22.
- Rajshahi (East Bengal/Pakistan) copy correspondence from missionaries to Women's Missionary Association in London 1945-1949, includes eye-witness accounts of partition. Collection reference PCE/WMA/07/01/09.
- Correspondence and research materials of Henry Vincent Hodson (1906-1999), economist and editor, relating to his book "The Great Divide: Britain-India- Pakistan" (1969) on the partition of India. Collection reference PP MS 39.

[Stirling University Library Special Collections](#)

Holds the papers of Alexander Inglis (1894-1954), journalist, *The Times* correspondence in India 1934-42, including newspapers cuttings and correspondence while in India 1931-42, collection reference GB559/MSS 52-53.

[Suffolk Record Office](#)

Holds the archives of the Suffolk Regiment, including service in India during the Malabar (Moplah) rebellion: war diary of 'D' Company with the Malabar Forces, scrap book and photographs, 1920-21.

[UK Parliamentary Archives](#)

The official archive of the House of Commons and House of Lords (UK Parliament).

Relevant collections include:

- Papers of David Lloyd George (1863-1945), British Prime Minister 1916-1922.
- Papers of Andrew Bonar Law (1858-1923), British Prime Minister 1922-1923.
- Papers of Reginald William Sorensen (1891-1971), British Politician, including papers on the British Parliamentary Delegation to India (1946), the Indian Constitution (1940-47), Hansard cuttings, and articles by Sorensen on India.
- Papers of Herbert Louis Samuel (1870-1963), British Politician, including papers on his visit to India, with letters from Gandhi, Nehru and the Dewan of Mysore, reports and pamphlets, and Samuel's speeches and articles on India.
- Records of the Leader of the House of Lords: Indian Independence Bill (1947).

[University of Birmingham, Cadbury Research Library, Special Collections](#)

Relevant collections include:

- The papers of Neville Chamberlain (1869-1940), British Prime Minister 1937-1940, including family and political correspondence, and his political diaries and journals, 1913-40. Collection reference NC.
- The personal and official papers of Rt. Hon. Sir Austen Chamberlain (1863-1937), Secretary of State for India 1915-1917 and Foreign Secretary, 1924-1929. Collection reference AC.
- Mahatma Gandhi's written answers to questions posed by Rev K. W. S. Jardine, November 1938. Collection reference CMS/Z 44.
- Diaries and miscellaneous papers of Lois Carden (1903-2000), relating to her personal and social life in India where her husband, Derick Walter Carden (1902-1984), was employed by the Dunlop Rubber Company, 1936-69. Collection reference MS119.
- Church Missionary Society Unofficial Papers, contains papers relating to missionaries working in India in the period up to independence and partition. Collection reference CMS/ACC.

[University of Bradford Special Collections](#)

Holds the papers of Barbara Bruce (1906-1976), a nurse working in India 1939-76, collection reference Cwl BBR. The collection includes a series of letters received by Barbara Bruce from friends and co-workers during and after the years she spent living and working in India, 1939-1976; and a series of letters written by Barbara Bruce to her parents and close family during her time in India, 1939-1947. The letters give an insight into the political situation in India from the point of view of an English woman sympathetic to the Congress Party and demands for independence.

[University of Cambridge, Centre for South Asian Studies](#)

The Cambridge South Asian Archive covers a period of over 200 years of British India and the early decades of post-colonial South Asia. On the subject of Independence, the Centre holds the private papers and memoirs of:

- Members of the India Civil Service and their families.
- Officers and other ranks who served in the Armed Forces.
- Private commercial enterprises such as tea and rubber planters.
- Indian Railway employees.

It also holds maps, photographs, newspapers, microfilms of Government records, audio, and films, for example the Hasan Papers: various maps of Punjab relating to the decision regarding Partition, plus maps submitted by Congress and the Muslim League.

[University of Cambridge, Churchill Archives Centre](#)

Relevant collections include:

- Sir Winston Leonard Spencer Churchill (1874-1965), Prime Minister 1940-45, 51-55.
- Leopold Amery (1873-1955), Secretary of State for India 1940-45. Collection reference AMEL.
- Sir Percy James Grigg (1890-1964), Secretary of State for War, 1942-45. Collection reference PJGG.
- George Ambrose Lloyd, Lord Lloyd of Dolobran (1879-1941), Governor of Bombay 1918-23. Collection reference GLLD.
- Albert Victor Alexander (1885-1965), politician, member of the Cabinet Delegation to India 1946. Collection reference AVAR.

[University of Cambridge Library](#)

Relevant collections include:

- Political papers of Stanley Baldwin (1867-1947), relating to relate to Baldwin's first and second administrations as British Prime Minister: May 1923 to January 1924 and November 1924 to May 1929. Collection reference MS.Baldwin.
- Papers of Robert Offley Ashburton Crewe-Milnes, 1st Marquess Crewe (1858-1945), Secretary of State for India 1910-15. Collection reference MS.Crewe.
- Papers of Charles Hardinge, 1st Baron Hardinge (1858-1944), Viceroy of India 1910-16. Collection reference MS.Hardinge.

[University of Cambridge, King's College Archive Centre](#)

Relevant collections include:

- Papers of Professor Joan Violet Robinson (1903-83), economist: correspondence with Geoffrey Theodore Garratt (1888-1942), author and political activist, including on Indian politics and Gandhi. Collection reference JVR/7/154.

[University of Cambridge, Trinity College Library](#)

Relevant collections include:

- Papers of Frederick William Pethick-Lawrence, 1st Baron Pethick-Lawrence (1871-1961), Secretary of State for India 1945-47.
- Papers of Edwin Samuel Montagu (1879-1924), Secretary of State for India 1917-22.
- Papers of Richard Austen Butler (1902-1982), British politician, Under-Secretary in the India Office 1932-37.

[University of Glasgow, Archives and Special Collections](#)

Relevant collections include:

- India and the British Empire: 4 pamphlets created by the "Indian Empire Society" and the "Daily Mail" on the nationalist disturbances led by Mahatma Gandhi in India in 1931 and the efforts of the British Empire to maintain their position in the Indian sub-continent. Collection reference: UGD 22/7/2.
- Papers of George Murray Davidson Short (1890-1978), Chaplain in the Indian Ecclesiastical Establishment, collection reference UGC 049. They contain the following papers relating to Gandhi: photograph of Gandhi and Rev Short (1927); Press cutting photograph of Gandhi (1927); and Holograph letter from Gandhi to Rev Short thanking him for a poem he had written (9 Jan 1927).

[University of Leeds Special Collections](#)

Holds miscellaneous papers concerning the Amritsar Riots, compiled by the military historian Dr Peter Liddle, collection references LIDDLE/WW1/IND/10 and LIDDLE/WW1/IND/15.

[University of Liverpool, Special Collections & Archives](#)

Holds correspondence between Jawaharlal Nehru and Eleanor Rathbone, May-Nov 1941, Collection reference RP XIV.4.19-22. This includes:

- Copy of "An open letter to some Indian friends" from Eleanor Rathbone re questions of Indian self-government and arguing against Indian non-co-operators' in the war.
- Detailed letter from Nehru to Eleanor Rathbone from Dehra Dun district jail in reaction to her open letter, presenting Indian side of self-government question and defending attitude of Indian non-co-operators'.
- Typescript copy of Eleanor's response to Nehru's arguments.
- Letter of further discussion on the subject from Nehru.

[University of London, Senate House Library](#)

The [Political Pamphlets Archive collection](#) contains printed material relating to Indian independence, for example:

Pakistan: Political Parties, Pressure Groups and Trades Unions Material, collection reference PP.PK. Consisting of pamphlets, leaflets, speeches, reports, conference reports, letters, newsletters, and miscellaneous materials. Although most of the material is post-1947, the collection does contain some political pamphlets from the pre independence/partition period.

[University of Manchester Library](#)

Relevant collections include:

- Papers of Field Marshal Sir Claude Auchinleck (1884-1981), Commander in Chief, India 1943-1947, collection reference AUC.
- Correspondence and papers of James Ramsay MacDonald (1866-1937), British Prime Minister 1924, 1929-1935, collection reference RMD.
- Correspondence between C P Scott (1846-1932), newspaper editor and proprietor, and Charles Freer Andrews (1871-1940), author and campaigner for Indian independence, relating to letters and articles written by Andrews for the *Manchester Guardian* on the social and political situation in India, 1922-40, collection reference GDN/A/A30. There is also correspondence from 1928 with Dewan Bahadur M. Ramachandra Rao, civil servant

and activist, relating to coverage of the political situation in India, collection reference GDN/A/R4; and with Sir Kurma Venkata Reddi Naidu (1875-1942), politician, on the same subject, collection reference GDN/A/R18. There is also correspondence with Geoffrey Theodore Garratt (1888-1942), author and political activist, on India 1927-42, collection reference GDN/A/G11.

[University of Southampton](#)

Collection reference includes:

- Papers of Louis, Earl Mountbatten of Burma, and Edwina, Countess Mountbatten of Burma, collection reference MS 62 Broadlands archives.
- Papers of Lieutenant Colonel Nawab Sir Malik K H Tiwana relating to the Punjab and its partition, collection reference MS 210.

[University of Warwick, Modern Records Centre](#)

The Modern Records Centre is the main British repository for national archives of trade unions and employers' organisations, and has strong collections relating to pressure groups, fringe political parties and transport.

Relevant collections include:

- Trades Union Congress file on India: Constitutional reform, 1940-1947 - Correspondence, circulars, resolutions, memoranda, etc. Subjects include independence proposals, political prisoners, Labour Party policy on Indian independence. Documents include: letter from the Imam of London Mosque protesting against Government response to massacres of Muslims during partition, 1947; 'India' by George Ridley MP, Labour Party pamphlet, 1942; 'A national government for India', by V.K. Krishna Menon, The India League, 1942. Collection reference MSS.292/954/23. Also, three files on India 1925-1931, 1935-1944 and 1944-1948, collection references MSS.292/954/1-3, which includes independence related papers.
- Two demonstration leaflets produced by the India League, January 1938, collection references MSS.292/954/30/3-4, available online via the MRC catalogue.
- The Maitland Sara Hallinan collection contains pamphlets relating to Indian independence, some available online via the MRC catalogue.
- Dr Gurharpal Singh archive: Communist Movement in the Punjab.
- Papers of Sir Leslie Scott MP (1869-1950), judge and Conservative politician, includes a file of correspondence regarding India 1922-47, particularly about the Indian Princes, collection reference MSS.119/3/S/IN/1-25.

[West Glamorgan Archive Service](#)

Relevant collections include:

- Poster: Quit India, by Mahatma Gandhi (Bombay, 1942), collection reference D/D Z 166/16.
- Printed booklet: India's Demand for Freedom, published by the University Labour Federation, London. n.d., c.1944, collection reference D/D HSV/64.
- The Case for India: The Presidential address delivered by Annie Besant at the 32nd Indian National Congress, 1917, collection reference SL WL 2/2/1-3.