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Name of group/collection J.H. ROBERTS, CAERNARFON, REPORTER/
SHORTHANDWRITER

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Papers of Mr. J.H. Roberts, Aely Bryn, Caernarfon, newspaper reporter (father of the donors):

Mr. Roberts was the Caernarfon and district representative of the Liverpool Evening Express and the Daily Post. He had also worked on the staff of the Genedl Gymreig and the North Wales Observer and Express. He was the official shorthand writer for the Caernarfon Assizes and the Quarter Sessions.

1-45.

Shorthand notebooks of Mr. J.H. Roberts containing notes on:

1.

'Reign of Common People' by H. Ward Beecher at Caernarvon, 20 Aug. 1886.
Caernarvon Board of Guardians, 21 Aug. 1886.
Caernarvon Borough Court, 23 Aug. 1886
Caernarvon Town Council (Special Meeting) 24 Aug. 1886.
Methodists' Association at Bangor, 25-26 Aug. 1886
Quarrymen's Meeting, Bethesda, 3 Sept. 1886.
Caernarvon Board of Guardians, 4 Sept. 1886
Bangor City Council, 6 Sept. 1886.

2.

Bangor Parliamentary Debating Society - Reports of Debates, 1886:
Nov. 26 - Adjourned Queen's Speech.
Dec. 10 - Adjourned Queen's Speech
Government Inquiry at Conway to the Tithes Riots at Mochdre and other places before J. Bridge, a Metropolitan magistrate. Professor John Rhys acting as Secretary and interpreter, 26-28 July, 1887.

3.

Interview with Col. West (agent of Penrhyn Estate, 1887).
Liberal meeting on Irish Question at Bangor.

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4. Sunday Closing Commission at Bangor 1889.

5. Land Commission (for Y Genedl) [1889].

6. Debate on The Church in Wales at Manchester
1 Nov. 1889. Sir W. Harcourt at Caernarvon,
1889.

Enclosed:

PROGRAMME: Debate on The Church in Wales
arranged by the Manchester Welsh National
Society, 1 Nov. 1889.

7. North Wales Liberal Federation - Lloyd George
and Lord Ripon on Disestablishment, 1891.

8. H.M. Stanley at Caernarvon, 1891.
Trial of Duncan for manslaughter of his wife
at Dolwyddelan.

9. Swansea Eisteddfod, 1891.
Pwllheli Sasiwn, 1891.

10. Penrhyn Strike - Importation of Police, Prosecution
for Disturbances [?1901-1902].

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11. Penrhyn Strike - Importation of military and
prosecution for riots. [?1901-1902].
Harbour Trust Inquiry (Official Notes).

12. Caernarvon Harbour Trust - Inquiry re Bar
and Channel (Official Shorthand Notes).

13. Lecture by Sir William Preece, 1902.
F.E. Smith at Caernarvon, 1902.

14. Memorial to Tom Ellis at Bala. [This was
unveilled 8 Oct. 1903].
Establishing King Edward Memorial Association.

15. Rhyl National Eisteddfod [?1904]
Lloyd George opening Menai Bridge Pier.

16. Swansea Eisteddfod 1907
F.E. Smith at Caernarvon.

17. Freedom of Caernarvon to Lloyd George [13
March 1908].

18. Llangollen Eisteddfod, 1908.
Lloyd George and Winston Churchill.

19. Lloyd George as Chancellor of the Exchequer
receiving deputation of slate industry. [1908-
1915].

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20. London Eisteddfod, 1909.
Balfour's Speech.

21. Smallholdings Inquiry at Clynnog, 21 Feb.
1910 and at Caegwyn 22 Feb. 1910.

Enclosed:

NOTICE re the holding of an inquiry into the matter of an order (under the Smallholdings Act 1908) submitted by Caernarvonshire County Council to the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries for the compulsory purchase of smallholdings of land in pa. Clynnog to be held 21 Feb.1910.

22. Smallholdings Inquiry at Caernarvon, 1910.

23. Disestablishment v Anti-Disestablishment meetings at Caernarvon, 1912.
Lloyd George.
Archbishop of Canterbury.

24. Wrexham Eisteddfod, [?1912]
Lloyd George and Suffragettes.

25. Opening of Lloyd George Institute at Llanystumdwy, 1916 [?1912].

26. Runciman at Opening of Madryn Farm School [21 June 1913].

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27. Lloyd George at non-party meeting on Recruiting during 1914-18.
28. Lloyd George at Caernarvon - Conference on removal of R.N.V.R. from the town. Conference on Disestablishment. Inquiry at Pwllheli reCilan Mountain 1916.
29. Birkenhead Eisteddfod - Bardic Chair in Mourning [1917].
30. Quarrymen's wages (Official notes), 20 Sept. 1918 and 3 Oct. 1918.
31. [Lloyd]George at Caernarvon, 9 Oct. - speech on the Black and Tans in Ireland. Quarter Sessions, 28 Oct. 1920 and 6 Jan. 1921.
32. Welsh Highland Railway Inquiry at Portmadoc, Sept. 1922.
33. Welsh Highland Railway Inquiry [?1922].
34. Lloyd George on Ireland. Pontypool Eisteddfod, 1924.

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35. Lloyd George at Caernarvon, 1926.
Neville Chamberlain at Caernarvon, 1926.
36. Lloyd George in Bangor, Llangefni and Bethesda,
1929.
Riley etc. v Dorothea Slate Quarry Co. - Judge-
ment at Caernarvon Assizes, 23 Jan. 1932.
37. Caernarvon Assizes - Chief Justice Lord Havant (?)
30 Jan. 1930.
38. Trial at Caernarvon Assizes of Saunders Lewis,
L.G. Valentine and D.J. Williams for setting
fire to Penrhos Bombing Station. Judge Lewis.
[13 Hyd. 1936].
39. Lloyd George - Celebration of fifty years in
Parliament. [12 April 1940].
40. Quarter Sessions, April --- [?c.1946].
41. Lloyd George at Welsh Independents Meeting
in Caernarvonshire.
42. Lloyd George and Archbishop of Wales.

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43.

Lloyd George election speeches.
Speech after declaration of the poll.

44.

Lloyd George - Political speeches.

45.

Lloyd George - Speech in Anglesey.

46.

1873-1907

SCRAP BOOK of Mr. J.H. Roberts, newspaper reporter containing newspaper cuttings and other material relating to:

(Newspaper cuttings unless described otherwise):

1. Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Lerpwl, 1884.
2. Taflen yn hysbysebu Eisteddfod Freninol Ynys Enlli (John Griffith, ('Sallwg'), ysgrifennydd mygedol, 33 New Street, Caernarfon), 1873.
3. National Eisteddfod, Wrexham, 1888
4. National Eisteddfod, Bangor, 1890
5. National Eisteddfod, Swansea, 1891
6. National Eisteddfod, Rhyl, 1892
7. National Eisteddfod, Caernarvon, 1894.
8. Royal Visit of Prince and Princess of Wales to North Wales, 1894.
9. National Eisteddfod, Llandudno, 1896
10. National Eisteddfod, Newport, 1897
11. National Eisteddfod, Blaenau Ffestiniog, 1898.
12. Royal Visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales to Wales, 1896.
13. Supplement to the Cambrian News re visit (as above) 1896.
14. Concert by Rhondda Glee Society Choir at Windsor Castle, 1898.
15. National Eisteddfod, Cardiff, 1899.
16. Concert by Caernarvon Male Voice Choir at Windsor Castle 1899.
17. Royal Visit of the Duke and Duchess of York to North Wales, 1899.
18. Queen Victoria's journey through North Wales en route for Ireland, 1900.

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19. Programme of the Royal Visit of the Duke and Duchess of York to Gwydyr Castle, 1899.
20. Programme of Royal Visit (as above) to the Borough of Conway, 1899.
21. Guide to Gwydyr Castle printed for the British Archaiological [sic] Association on the occasion of their visit to North Wales, 1897.
22. Programme of a concert at Llandudno Pier Pavilion on the occasion of the visit of the Duke and Duchess of York, 1899.
23. Welsh Eisteddfod in London, 1899.
24. National Eisteddfod, Liverpool, 1900.
25. National Eisteddfod, Merthyr Tydfil, 1901.
26. National Eisteddfod, Bangor, 1902.
27. Royal visit of Prince of Wales to North Wales, 1902
28. Supplement to the North Wales Chronicle re the Eisteddfod pavilion, 1902.
29. National Eisteddfod, Llanelly, 1903.
30. Rhaglen Cyhoeddi Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Caernarfon 1906.
31. National Eisteddfod, Caernarfon, 1906.
32. National Eisteddfod, Swansea, 1907.

47.

[1895

Nov.]

NEWSPAPER CUTTING: Obituary of the Rt. Rev. James Colquhoun Campbell, D.D., late Bishop of Bangor who died at Hastings, 9 [Nov. 1895] in his 83rd year.
(From the North Wales Chronicle).

48.

1903

Sept. 5

NEWSPAPER CUTTING re appointment of a new dean of Bangor, the Rev. Griffith Roberts, Canon-Missioner of Llandaff and Rector of Peterstone-super-Ely.

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1914

TAFLEN parthed Cymdeithas Ddramayddol y Garth (Pentyrch) a ddewiswyd fel un o'r ddau oreu allan o 19 o gwmniau i chwarae yn Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Bangor 1914.

1922

Feb. 17

NEWSPAPER CUTTING: Carnarvon Prison to be closed. (From the Caernarvon and Denbigh Herald and Merioneth News and Herald).

1923

[?March] 20

NEWSPAPER CUTTING containing an obituary of the Rev. Evan Rees ('Dyfed'), Archdruoid of the Gorsedd. He died at his residence, 6 Llandough Street, Cathays, Cardiff. (From the Daily Courier).

[c.1924]

NEWSPAPER CUTTING re David Davies, Llandinam, one of the pioneers of the Welsh coalfield. (From the Western Mail).

1925

Feb. 3

NEWSPAPER CUTTING: Election of the new Bishop of Bangor.

1925

Feb. 4

NEWSPAPER CUTTING re the new Bishop of Bangor, Canon Daniel Davies, a ged 62, a native of Llanddewi, co. Cardigan. (From the Daily Courier).

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55. 1926 Aug. 6 NEWSPAPER CUTTING: Freedom of Bangor for Lord Penrhyn (From The North Wales Chronicle).
56. 1929 Nov. 1 NEWSPAPER CUTTING re David J. Owen, general manager to the Port of London Authority. Mr. Owen was born in Liverpool of Welsh parents.
57. 1935 Dec. 21 NEWSPAPER CUTTING: Lord Davies of Llandinam honoured by a national presentation in Cardiff in recognition of his work for his country and for peace.
(From the Liverpool Daily Post)
58. 1936 Gorff. 30 TORIAD PAPUR NEWYDD: Canmlwyddiant Geni Daniel Owen - y dathlu yn yr Wyddgrug.
(O'r Brython).
59. n.d. NEWSPAPER CUTTING re hearing of an adjourned appeal at Caernarvonshire Quarter Sessions against an order made by the Caernarvon Borough Petty Sessional Court against the Caernarvon Borough Council in respect of the use of parking places in Castle Square, Caernarvon.
60. n.d. NEWSPAPER CUTTING re newspaper journalism in Caernarvon in the early part of this century. Mentions Beriah Evans and J.H. Roberts, the use of the press telegram to send news and its successor the telephone.

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Additional family papers of the depositor mainly those of her father Mr. J.H. Roberts, journalist, Ael-y-bryn, Caernarfon.

24-38.

Shorthand notebooks of Mr. J.H. Roberts, journalist, Ael-y-bryn, Caernarfon:

24.

General Election 1886 - Osborne Morgan's Meeting at Rhosllanerchrugog; G.O. Morgan's candidature meeting at Rhos, 24 June 1886; Sir Watkin W. Wynn's candidature - meetings at Brymbo Steel Works 22 June 1886; Osborne Morgan's candidature - meeting at Rhostyllen 26 June 1886.

25.

Caernarvon Eisteddfod 1886 No. 9.

26.

Colwyn Bay Eisteddfod 1910.

27.

School Inquiry at Menai Bridge 1912 - Official shorthand notes.

28.

Corwen Eisteddfod 1919.

29.

Corwen Eisteddfod.

30.

Caernarvon Eisteddfod 1921, Cambrian Archaeological Association in Denbighshire.

31.

Lloyd George at the C.M. Assembly, Portmadoc 1921.

32.

Bangor Eisteddfod 1931.

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Rhyl Eisteddfod, Education Revolt, Winston Churchill at Caernarvon.

Royal visit to Caernarvon Eisteddfod.

Eisteddfod Aberystwyth.

Sir Artemus Jones's first appearance at Caernarfon as County Court Judge.

Lloyd George at Conference on Women's Suffrage.

Eisteddfod, Caernarvon Town Council quarrel over election of Alderman, Inquiry re extension of Narrow Gauge Railway to Beddgelert.

39-86. 1890-1985

Newspaper cuttings:

39. 1890 Dec. 19 Enthronement of the Rev. Daniel Lewis Lloyd D.D. as Bishop of Bangor.
(from The North Wales Observer and Express).

40. 1891 Dec. Resignation of Dr. Roland Rogers as organist of Bangor Cathedral.
(from The North Wales Observer and Express).

41. 1894 Cambrian Archaeological Association's excursion to the parishes of Llanddeiniolen and Llanrug.

42. 1901 Jan. 26 SUPPLEMENT to the North Wales Chronicle re the death of Queen Victoria.

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- 1901 Feb. 9 NUMBER of the Penny Illustrated Paper with illustrated reports on the funeral of Queen Victoria and the accession of King Edward VII.
- 1905 Dec. Election of the Rev. Evan Rees ('Dyfed') as Archdruid of Wales by the Gorsedd. (from The North Wales Observer and Express).
- 1909 March Dinner at the Royal Sportsman Hotel, Caernarfon to celebrate the return to public life after a long and severe illness of Mr. H. Lloyd Carter of the firm of Carter Vincent, solicitors, Caernarfon. (from the Caernarvon and Denbigh Herald).
- 1911 June 5 Feature on Caernarvon as a touring centre in the year of the Investiture of the Prince of Wales.
- 1913 Nov. 25 Sir Edward Anwyl's appointment as Principal of the Monmouthshire Training College at Caerleon.
- [1913] Grant by Mr. Asquith from the Royal Bounty Fund to provide an annuity for the Rev. Owen Evans, D.D., Liverpool, aged 83.
- 1914 July 24 Death of Sir Harry Evans, musician and conductor, Liverpool, a native of Dowlais, Glamorgan.
- 1915 Mrs. Elizabeth Jones, relief lighthouse keeper and coast watcher, Llanddwyn Island.

Attached:

Mrs. Elizabeth Jones, lady bird sanctuary

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keeper, Llanddwyn Island, 2 Jan. 1935.

51. 1922 May 15 Death of the Rt. Hon. W. Abraham ('Mabon'),
the veteran Welsh miners' leader.

52. 1923 Jan. 12 Aerial photograph of Caernarfon.
(from The Western Mail).

53. 1923 Sept. 14 Movement for the restoration of Clynnog
church.
(from the Caernarvon and Denbigh Herald).

54. 1923 Oct. 13 Death of the ex-Archdruid of Wales, the Rev.
J. Cadvan Davies ('Cadvan').

55. [?1924] March 28 Preserving the old chest known as 'Cyff
Beuno' at Clynnog church.]
(from the Caernarvon and Denbigh Herald).

56. 1926 March 19 Dr. R.E. Mortimer Wheeler, the distinguished
archaeologist, present director of the
National Museum of Wales who has been
appointed Keeper of London Museum.
(from the Western Mail).

57. 1927 Chwef. 7 RHIFYN JIWBILI o'r Genedl.

58. 1932 Dec. 8 The 'Wild Wart' cure in the possession of two
cousins, Messrs. G. and Owen Griffiths of
Penygraig, near Pwllheli.
(from the Liverpool Echo).

59. 1934 May 18 Visit to North Wales (including Caernarvon)
by the Prince of Wales.
(from the Daily Mirror).

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60. 1934 July 16 Feature on Caernarfon town.
(from The Daily Express).
61. 1935 May 20 100th birthday in August of Dr. Griffith
Evans of Bangor, a pioneer of the veterinary
profession, who met Abraham Lincoln during
the American Civil War.
(from the Western Mail).
62. [1936] Centenary of Daniel Owen, the novelist, 1836-
1895.
63. 1945 Dec. Funeral of John Williams, oldest of the
Bardsey Island veterans, at St. Hywyn's,
Aberdaron.
(from the Liverpool Daily Post).
64. 1951 March 29 SOUVENIR EDITION of the Liverpool Echo: visit
of Princess Margaret to North Wales.
65. [1953] Preparations at Caernarvon for the visit of
the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh.
66. [1953] Speculation that the Queen will designate
Prince Charles as Prince of Wales when she
comes on a visit to Wales next week.
(from the ?Liverpool Daily Post).
67. 1958 July Creation of Prince Charles as Prince of Wales.
68. 1962 May 18 Princess Margaret and the Earl of Snowdon on
a tour of Caernarvonshire.
(from the Western Mail).

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69. 1963 Aug. 8 Royal visit of Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip to North Wales and speculation that the Queen may name the date of Charles's investiture.
(from the Liverpool Daily Post).
70. 1963 Aug. 10 Royal tour of North Wales - the Queen and Prince Philip visit Caernarfon.
(from the Western Mail).
71. 1963 Aug. 16 Royal visit of the Queen and Prince Philip to North Wales.
(from the Caernarvon and Denbigh Herald).
72. 1963 Aug. 16 The Queen declares Caernarvon a Royal Borough.
73. 1969 March 22 Arrival of a Swedish 18 pounder coast defence gun at Caernarvon Castle.
(from the Liverpool Daily Post).
74. 1969 April 21 Article on Prince Charles in the series 'To be a King' (Day One) by Dermot Morrah, Arundel Herald Extraordinary.
(from the Liverpool Daily Post).
75. 1969 June 23 Facelift for Caernarvon to improve its appearance for the Investiture; Mr. Tom Griffiths's painting of Prince Charles on display in a local shop.
(from the Liverpool Daily Post).
76. 1969 June 28 Visit of Lord Snowdon to Caernarvon Castle to check preparations for the Investiture.
(from the Liverpool Daily Post).

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17. 1969 June 30 Preparations for the Investiture - including security precautions.
(from the Liverpool Daily Post).
78. 1969 [pre July] New uniforms for postmen in Bangor, Caernarvon and Anglesey areas in time for the Investiture.
79. 1969 July 8 Explosion of a time-bomb at Caernarfon which injured a 10 year old boy. Police suspect a connection with the Investiture of the Prince of Wales.
(from the Liverpool Daily Post).
80. 1969 July 18 Son-et-Lumiere at Caernarvon Castle.
(from the Caernarvon and Denbigh Herald).
81. 1979 Aug. 28 Tributes to the late Lord Louis Mountbatten.
82. 1979 Aug. 28 Article on the late Lord Louis Mountbatten.
(from the Liverpool Daily Post).
83. 1981 Jan. SOUVENIR SUPPLEMENT to the Caernarvon and Denbigh Herald celebrating the 150th anniversary of the newspaper.
84. 1982 Sept. 3 Recollections of the 1911 Investiture at Caernarfon Castle written by Miss Irene Johnston aged 92 and now living in London.
(from the Caernarvon and Denbigh Herald).
85. 1985 Aug. 18 Interview with Charles, Prince of Wales.
(from the Sunday Times Review).
86. n.d. History of Bardsey Island (continuation).

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Miscellaneous:

87. 1879-1885

FILE containing the following pamphlets published by Fred Pitman, Phonetic Depot, 20 Paternoster Row, London and Isaac Pitman, Phonetic Institute, Bath:

Questions on Isaac Pitman's Manual of Phonography, 1879.

The Phonographic Reader: A Course of Reading in Phonetic Shorthand in the Corresponding Style by Isaac Pitman, 1882.

The Phonographic Phrase Book by Isaac Pitman, 1885.

Loose pages of exercises from a shorthand manual by Pitman, n.d.

88. 1899 Mai 23

RHAGLEN: Dadorchuddiad Colofn Goffa Enwogion Plwyf Llansannan sef Tudur Aled, William Salesbury, Henry Rees, Gwilym Hiraethog, Iorwerth Glan Aled.

89. 1908 Jan. 6

Souvenir Brochure: Centenary of the Liverpool Courier, 6 Jan. 1808 - 6 Jan. 1908.

90. 1909 June 14

PROGRAMME: Reception by the President of the Honourable Society of Cymmrodorion, Eisteddfod Section (The Rt. Hon. Viscount Tredegar) in honour of the National Eisteddfod (London) 1909 at the Galleries of the Royal Institute of Painters.

91. 1909 Dec. 1

LEAFLET criticising the Lords for refusing to pass the budget because of the proposed Land Value duties. A cartoon shows a member of the House of Lords holding back the workers from the land. Published by the Liberal Publication Department. (This was David Lloyd George's famous 1909 budget).

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92. 1932 OFFPRINT: Castle Building at Beaumaris and Caernarvon in the Early Fourteenth Century by Douglas Knoop, MA, and G.P. Jones, MA. (from the Transactions of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge).
93. 1979 Awst CATALOG: Arddangosfa, Pafiliwn Celf a Chreffft, Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Caernarfon a'r Cylch, 1979.