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Collection of Geoffrey C Berry, (1914-1983)

Geoffrey C Berry was born in 1914. He took an MA degree at Oxford as Barrister-at-law and was employed by the Metropolitan Water Board (MWB) in the Clerk's Registry, the General Purposes Committee and the Statistical Section. In 1951 he was appointed Research Assistant, Statistical Section and later acted as archivist to the Board. In these roles Berry compiled much of the information which now forms the collection. He died in 1983. The collection consists of manuscripts and typescript notes on the history of water supply in the London area compiled by Berry from the MWB records, the Public Record Office, the City Record Office and the British Library. Berry's collection of printed books on the history and engineering of water supply was transferred to the Science Museum Library's book stock.

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 1. Vol 1 nos. 1-16
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 6. Vol 6 nos. 1-15
 7. Index volumes 1-6 for above notebooks and 1 name index for patents
 - 2 Historical information on the constituent companies of the MWB, collected and compiled by G C Berry [ms. and ts. in ring binder files]
 1. Vol A-C Biography, Chelsea Waterworks
 2. Vol D-E Date charts and historical outlines, East London Waterworks
 3. Vol F-H Forde's Waterworks, Grand Junction Waterworks Co., Hampstead Water Company
 4. Vol I-M Kent Waterworks, Lambeth Waterworks, London Bridge Waterworks, MWB
 5. Vol N-S New River Company, Oxford Street, Ordinances, Pipes and pipelines, Southwark and Vauxhall Water Company, Streatham
 6. Vol T-Z West Middlesex Waterworks Co., York Buildings Waterworks,

- 7. supplies to Wanstead, Wimbledon and Walthamstow
 - 8. Festival of Britain Exhibition. Historical material on water supply
 - 9. New River Company
 - 9. MWB
- 3 Historical information on the New River Company and the Grand Junction Waterworks Company [Ms. and ts. in spring binder files]
- 3/1 Accounts for the charges of bringing the river of water from Amwell and Chadwell towards London/ Hugh Myddelton [ts.]
- 1. 1608-1612
 - 2. 1612-1614
 - 3. 1614-1618
 - 4. 1618-1632
- 3/2 New River Company Compensation Receipts 1611-1692 [Ms. list compiled from MWB records]
- 3/3 Historical notes on the New River Company [3 vols]
- 3/4 The Grand Junction Waterworks
- 1. Historical notes
 - 2. Report - The Dolphin or Grand Junction Nuisance proving that seven thousand families in Westminster and its suburbs are supplied with water in a state offensive to the sight, disgusting to the imagination and destructive to health. 1827 [ts.]
- 4 Loose notes on various constituent companies of the MWB and various aspects of its work [Ms. and ts. In folders]
- 4/1 New River Company
- 1. Lecture notes of G C Berry
 - 2. Notes on the NRC Hornsey Works and on Wood Green
 - 3. Notes on New River Head [includes photographs and booklet, *Some descriptive notes on New River Head*, published by MWB, Oct 1927, 55p.]
 - 4. Booklet, Sir Hugh Myddelton and the New River, by G C Berry. 46p. illus. 1957 [paste up with amendments and a printed copy]
 - 5. Maps [printed] of the New River Company, Works and Estate 1872 [with annotations]
 - 6. History of water supply to the City of London
- 4/2 [Lambeth Waterworks Company]
- 1. Lecture notes on the history of water supply to Streatham
- 4/3 [West Middlesex Waterworks Company]
- 1. Notes on Hammersmith Waterworks
 - 2. Notes on Kensington, Camden Hill and Chelsea
- 4/4 [East London Waterworks Company]
- 1. Notes on West Ham Waterworks
- 4/5 Southwark and Vauxhall Company

1. Notes on the S & V Co. at Hampton from 1851 [Ms.]
- 4/6 Metropolitan Water Board
1. 2 files on the MWB foundation and history
 2. Plan of MWB showing principal distribution of board's supply [nd, H F Cronin, Deputy Chief Engineer]
 3. Printed plans of the MWB area [some dated 1884 and 1888] and plan of MWB 1967?
 4. List of bills affecting water supply to London from Journals of the House of Commons and notes from the minute books of the MWB constituent companies [Ms.]
 5. Trends in demands for water-supply 1911-1960 [Ms.]
 6. Booklet, extract from The Water Supply of London, 38p. Published by MWB, London 1961
- 4/7 Steam engines and pumping stations
1. Ms. list of the stationary steam engines used by the Water Companies 1811-1923 [gives location, type of engine, date of installation and b.h.p.]
 2. Notes on the Cornish engines at Hammersmith, Hampton Works, Hanworth Road, Kew Bridge, Lee Bridge, Turnford
 3. Notes on Lambeth Waterworks and the Watt Engine 1850
 4. Notes on Humphrey Pumps at Chingford 1913
 5. Notes on Chingford Mill. Turbines and the water supply to Chingford
 6. Kew Bridge pumping engines. Audio visual script and leaflets produced by Kew Bridge Engine Trust
- 4/8 Reservoirs, filters and distribution
1. Notes on reservoirs within the terms of the Reservoirs (Safety Provisions) Act 1930
 2. Notes on water purification
 3. Notes on filters and history of water supply
 4. Notes on stone pipes and Stone Pipe Company
 5. Notes on Iron Mains at Lambeth [including 2 plans] and information concerning the laying of certain trunk mains
 6. Extracts from *Engineer* and *Engineering* relating to water supply
- 4/9 Enquiries
1. Enquiries re Amsterdam and the Dutch water engineers
 2. Enquiry re Benjamin Henry Latrobe, engineer, 1764-1820
 3. Correspondence on wooden pipes and Smeaton's Pump
 4. Miscellaneous correspondence on the history of water supply
- 4/10 Fire Brigade
1. Notes on the MWB fire brigade
 2. Notes on the arrangements for protecting Hampton Court against fire 1887
- 4/11 Newspaper cuttings (5) on London's water companies and their history and rates of charge
- 5 Indexes [ms. compiled by G C Berry]
- 5/1 Indexes relating to MWB records
1. [Index to] Trenniel Reviews 1903-1949

2. [Index 1905-1951 headed] Aquarius
3. [Index to references to] People
4. [G C Berry's location index for his own papers] 2 vols
5. MWB Muniment House - layout of records

5/2 Information indexes

1. [Alphabetical index to] Contractors [for waterworks]
2. [Alphabetical index to] VIPs [in MWB history; gives office held and length of tenure]
3. [Alphabetical index to works carried out on various sites - giving dates of completion]

- 6 Archaeologia extracts. [B.W.A. Magazine 1930s, containing articles on the history of water supply, particularly supplies to London]
- 7 18 Indentures dating from 17th century relating to the water supply of London. [Photostat copies from the originals in the British Library]
- 8 Maps and plans collected by G C Berry [retaining Berry's original numbering]
 - 8/1 1-17 The New River Company [Photostat copy]
 - 8/2 1-8 Plans of waterworks from 1805. [Vauxhall , Westbourne, West Middlesex, Waltham Abbey, Chelsea, Campden Hill, Hampton, Hammersmith]
 - 8/3 1-4 Plans of London from 1741-1840 indicating water supplies [Photostat copy]
 - 8/4 1-2 Plans of the MWB Muniment House [Photostat copy]
 - 8/5 1-3 G A drawing of proposed locomotive *Hampton*, Cornish engine at East London Water Works, Old Ford and proposed wagon for Hampton coaling plant
 - 8/6 1-12 Maps of London reproduced by the London Topographical Society from the reign of Richard II to 1907
 - 8/8 1-2 6" O.S. Maps of the London area. Hammersmith/Barnes and Walton/Kingston on Thames
 - 8/10 1-4 1" O.S. Maps of the London areas including Kent water company's area and Southwark and Vauxhall company's area
 - 8/12 1-5 Contour maps of London and 1862 International Exhibition map showing also West Middlesex Waterworks Company's area in colour
 - 8/15 1-4 Various plans including New River Company stop valve drawing 1871, and introduction of constant supply to the Borough of Islington 1894-8
 - 8/16 1-4 Parish maps including maps of Camberwell, Kensington 1879, Clerkenwell 1810. Rocques map of Middlesex 1784 [reproduction]
 - 8/18 1-11 Various plans including parishes of Clapham, Hammersmith, Fulham, Hampstead, plan of New River Head and plan of proposed railways around London 1863 and 1864-1865
 - 8/19 Metropolitan Water Board
 1. River supply from source to consumer. [Coloured diagrammatic printed

- drawing]
- 2. Lee Valley group of works / H F Cronin MICE, Chief Engineer [map, scale 3":1m. 1949?]
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