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621NWW NORTH WEST WATER WESTERN DIVISION/LIVERPOOL WATERWORKS,
1848-1980

The records are mostly those of (1/ below) Liverpool Corporation Waterworks (which came into being following the 1847 Liverpool Corporation Waterworks Acts) and they include many reports on the Vyrnwy Reservoir (which was taken into the care of the Severn and Trent Water Authority in 1974). There is published material only from (2/ below) NWWA and North West Water (NWW) whose Western Division took over responsibility for water in Liverpool and west Lancashire on its formation in 1974.

Deposited by A Birch, North West Water Authority (NWWA), Bootle, on 26 April 1982 on permanent loan.

- 1 LIVERPOOL CITY
 - /1 Annual water account detailing income and expenditure. (Printed and bound) 1848-1856
 - /2 Wage book 1849-1950
Details given include name; job title; "name of station" i.e. where and on what employed (only rarely given).
 - /3 Reports of Borough and Water Engineer incl: Restoration of constant service, waste of water, waste water metres; Plans for new water supplies; Progress of and reports on Vyrnwy reservoir. (Printed and bound, with many maps and plans.) 1873-1888
 - /4 Report on Vyrnwy masonry dam by Geo Deacon (with plans), 1885; Report on Vyrnwy masonry dam by Maj-Gen Sir Andrew Clark (incl reports of inquiries to staff employed on work, giving names), 1886; Report on Vyrnwy masonry dam by Russel Aitkin, 1886; Vyrnwy annual progress reports, 1885, 1887; Correspondence relating to Thos Hawkesley, engineer and his resignation, and the Vyrnwy scheme. Estimates for scheme, 1885; Lectures by Prof John Perry on hydraulic machinery, 1882.
(All bound in one vol with many maps and plans.)

- /5 Letter from Bootle Town Clerk to Liverpool Town Clerk re temporary connection of sewage and waterworks by the authorities. Oct 1890
- /6 First annual report on Corporation Estate at Vyrnwy (2 copies, bound). Incl plans and details of farms and their tenants. 1892
- /7 Annual Engineers reports on waterworks (For the following years only, many missing): 1901-1965
- a 1901
 - b 1903
 - c-i 1907-1913
 - j 1934
 - k-l 1936-1937
 - m-p 1949-1952
 - q-r 1955-1956
 - s 1958
 - t-y 1960-1965 (25 items)
- /8 Lake Vyrnwy: 8 colour postcards of 7 views in envelope. n.d. late C19
- /9 Brief description of the Water Undertaking (prepared for British Waterworks Association meeting, 30pp) July 1930
- /10 Aubrey Street Pumping Station, Liverpool (brochure, 32pp) 2 June 1931
- /11 New Storage Reservoir (No 4) Prescot Brief Description of Works (6pp) Oct 1948
- /12 The opening of the new storage reservoir (by Earl of Derby), (36pp) 10 July 1952
- /13 Official opening at Llanwddyn of housing estate by Lord Mayor of Liverpool and of a school and community centre by Rt Hon Geo Tomlinson MP, (brochure, 20pp). 30 Sept 1950
- 2 NORTH WEST WATER/AUTHORITY
- /1 NWWA annual reports nos 1-5 1974-75 - 1978-79
 - /2 "Our Year 1980-81" 1981
 - /3 NWW Report on Planning Feb 1980

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- /4 a Copy typescript "Development of the Western Division" ('family tree' from 1785-1975), n.d. c1975
b Copy typescript "Landmarks in the development of British water supplies" (from 1801-1963).
- /5 Publicity material -
Leaflets:
a "Getting to know us", n.d. c1974
b "Recreation at Rivington" [Lancs], n.d. c1974
c "The Blackmoss Area" [Lancs], n.d. c1980
d "Lake Vyrnwy" Welsh/English, n.d. c1980
e "A Scenic Guide to Lake Vyrnwy", n.d. c1980
f "How water came to Liverpool", n.d. c1980
Colour posters for schools:
g "The hydrological cycle"
h "Water supply"
i "Sewage treatment"

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