

RCHS REGISTER OF MEMBERS' EXPERTISE

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Members with expertise in the following subjects, based on their past or current researches, have indicated a willingness to answer queries from both members and non-members, or comment on draft papers and, in some cases, to give talks.

Please contact the society's secretary with enquiries or for further information: secretary@rchs.org.uk

TRANSPORT GENERALLY

Bibliographic sources for research

Retired solicitor willing to offer interpretation of Acts and other legal questions

Transport in Doncaster and district

Transport in Shropshire

Transport between the wars (esp. Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire)

Transport and market towns (mainly Eastern England)

South East Wales (Glamorganshire and Gwent) industrial history, archaeology, civil engineering, transport, docks, maritime and local history generally

Pembrokeshire coalfield

Unitarian investors in 19th century industry

Development and change of transport networks, particularly railways

Social effects of changes in rural passenger transport

Local authority involvement in transport (incl. railways and ferries) up to 1954

Work of the customs service in West Wales

Mine and quarry transport

Civil engineering heritage generally

Canal, road and railway earthworks - embankments, cuttings, tunnels - engineering and geological aspects

Bridges

Aqueducts and bridges, largely in Britain

Hydraulic machinery on railways and canals

Goods handling

Cast iron railway and canal notices and the Acts of Parliament relating thereto

Aspects of transport and war

Transport in crime fiction

Transport and music

AIR TRANSPORT

Air transport

Railway involvement in air transport

Aspects of air transport

Aviation history of Fairlop Plain

Maylands airfield and Romford Flying Club

Abridge airfield (not Stapleford)

BIOGRAPHY

Civil engineering biography

Various 19th century railway engineers

Sir James Allport

John Buddle, colliery viewer

Thomas Cabry and family of engineers

William Chapman, engineer

Sir William Cubitt
William Fairbairn (1789-1874) and his works
Robert Fairlie
James Green.
Sir John Hawkshaw 1811-91
Sir Francis Joseph (LMS director)
Midland Rly board of directors
Matthew Murray/Fenton Murray & Co.
Samuel Morton Peto
Sir William Sandys (d.1660s)
Sir Josiah Stamp (LMS chairman)
Colonel Stephens and his railways
George and Robert Stephenson
Gilbert Szlumper (SR general manager)
Joseph Wright & Sons, carriage builders
Andrew Yarranton and his sons

CANALS - generally

Canal history generally (except engineering)
General canal heritage
North-west England waterways
Canals of the East Midlands
Transport of coal from the Leicestershire and South Derbyshire coalfield
River navigations, mainly Severn catchment
Canals proposed and canals built in SW England,
Early British inland navigation
Proposed canals
Historical maps/plans of canals and other inland navigations
Canal promotion
Canal economics
Canal shareholders (or proprietors)
Canal boat people (on narrowboats)
Canal Boatmen's Missions

CANALS - in wartime

Waterways in WW1
Inland waterways in World War 1 and 2
Canal boatwomen trainees of the Second World War on the Grand Union Canal

CANALS - individual companies

Calder & Hebble Navigation
Chard Canal
Cromford Canal
Dorset & Somerset Canal
Ellesmere Canal
Glamorganshire Canal
The Grand Junction Canal in Hertfordshire 1791 - 1841
Grand Western Canal
Manchester Ship Canal
Monmouthshire Railway and Canal Company

Peak Forest Canal
Severn estuary and Severn sea
Shropshire Union Canal
Somersetshire Coal Canal
Working boats on the Trent
Weaver Navigation

CANALS - Ireland

Early, minor and informal Irish waterways
Mid-nineteenth-century Irish waterways
Inland steamers and lighters (Ireland)
Royal Canal (Ireland)
Shannon Navigation and Shannon estuary
Suir estuary

CANALS - engineering

Canal construction
Canal lifts and inclines
Early canal lifts and inclines in the UK
Wooden boat conservation

ROAD TRANSPORT

Aspects of road transport
Road construction
Roman roads in Britain
Military roads of Scotland (General Wade's roads)
Packhorses and packroads
Turnpikes
West Midlands turnpikes
Packhorse tracks and turnpike roads in north-west England and the Peak District
Samuel Brooks and the road from Brooklands station
The suppression of steam on roads, 1830-80: incl. 1830 parliamentary commission into steam carriages –
Penal charges on turnpikes – red flag Acts – the suppression of the pneumatic tyre from 1844
Irish main-line mail-coach operations
Road and intermodal goods transport
Bus services in Shropshire
Scottish early road transport
Woodford Avenue (spur of Southend Arterial Road)

RAILWAYS - generally

Use and interpretation of sources for railway history
Historical maps/plans of railways
The emergence of the public main line railway
Nineteenth century attempts at railway regulation: 1844 Gladstone; 1845 Dalhousie; 1869 Chadwick
General topics concerning the Parliamentary Railway Interest as a lobby & pressure group; (a) 1825-1847,
incl. The Liverpool Party – The railway legacy of George Stephenson – George Stephenson, a Machiavellian
father to Robert?; (b) 1847-1880, incl. Railway Companies Association – Richard Moon came to power in
1880 – The political aspects of the Tay Bridge collapse investigations
Queen Victoria's fear of travelling
Railway chronologies, especially those for recent years
Light Railways

Chronologies of modern 'light' rail systems
Railways and holiday resorts
Railway stations and lines built or partly built, but not opened
Special railway stations for race traffic
The Beeching Report and its results, especially comparing proposed and actual closures
Railway closures – mainly South of England & East Anglia, but also some other routes/stations
Heritage railways (not locomotives)
Railway lobbying/campaigning – mainly through Railfuture and its predecessors
Railway industry publications (company magazines; trade union newspapers)
British military railway work in Italy during WW1
Railways in art
Railway prose and poetry

RAILWAYS - early

Early railways of north east England
Early railways
Early railways (1590s-1825)
Early Railways, particularly surviving remains
Croydon Canal Co. tramway
Surrey Iron Railway
Croydon, Merstham & Godstone Iron Railway
Pinxton to Mansfield Railway bicentenary project 1819-2019
Scottish early railway history
Development of the pioneering locomotives 1804-30

RAILWAYS - regional

Railway history in SW England, particularly Somerset and Devon
Failed railway schemes in south west England
Industrial and minor railways of Hampshire
Railways of the Isle of Wight
Railways in Northamptonshire (old county)
Railways in East Midlands
Industrial steam in the East Midlands
Railways in the Nottinghamshire coalfield
Railways of East Anglia
Railways of North and East Yorkshire
Railways of York (especially the York & North Midland Railway)
Railway development in the North West, especially in and around Great Manchester and the Peak District
Railways of South Shields
Railways of Sunderland
Railways in Wales, particularly South Wales)
Railways in North and Mid Wales
Narrow gauge railways in Wales
Port Talbot and Maesteg areas - tramroads, rlys & docks
Cardiff Docks and railways
Scottish tramway history
Some early Irish railways (non-engineering)
Narrow gauge railways in Ireland
Anglo-Irish transport

RAILWAYS - individual companies

Barry Railway
Barry Docks
British Railways
Cardiff Docks
Central Wales Railway
Cleobury Mortimer & Ditton Priors Light Railway
Cromford & High Peak Railway
Dingwall & Skye Railway
Garstang & Knott End Railway
Great Central Railway
Great Central Railway north of Nottingham (Tibshelf-Nottingham)
GER Fairlop Loop line
GER/LT Leytonstone station
Great North of Scotland Railway
Great Northern Railway
Gwendraeth Valley Railway and Burry Port & Gwendraeth Valley Railway
Highland Railway
Kent and East Sussex Railway
Lampeter & Aberayron Light Railway
Llanelly & Mynydd Mawr Railway
London & Brighton Railway
London & Croydon Railway
Scientific management' on the LMSR
Manchester & Birmingham Railway
Mansfield Railway
Midland Railway
Midland Railway and its connections with the Danube & Black Sea Rly and Kustendjie Harbour Co.
Pembroke & Tenby Railway
Perth - Inverness Railway
Saundersfoot Railway
Shropshire & Montgomeryshire Light Railway
Southampton & Dorchester Railway
Stocksbridge Railway
Stockton & Darlington Railway to 1835
Building the Surrey & Sussex Junction Railway from Croydon to Oxted 1865-67
Taff Vale Railway
Whitby, Redcar & Middlesbrough Rly (the Whitby–Loftus line)
Whitland & Cardigan Railway
Building the Woodside & South Croydon Railway

RAILWAYS - engineering

Railway construction to c.1870
Railway civil engineering activities
The 19th century civil engineering process from feasibility studies to commissioning, incl. Consulting engineers & the capital goods cycle – Simple to advanced surveys as setting-out tunnels – Conceptual and feasibility studies – Steering Bills through the committee stage – Detailed engineering
Railways built heritage (RL is chairman of adjudicators for Notional Railway Heritage Awards)
Channel Tunnel
Railway signalling, particularly power signalling

Railway electrification
Timber bridges and viaducts of the UK (especially those of I.K.Brunel)
Barry Railway viaducts
Crumlin Viaduct
Breakdown cranes, hand, steam & diesel rail-mounted cranes
Highland Railway architecture
Early locomotive technology
British independent locomotive industry in the 19th century
Robert Stephenson & Co., Newcastle-upon-Tyne
Highland Railway carriages and wagons
Wagons of the LNER and constituents
The English Patent System and Early railway technology 1800 1852

RAILWAYS - management and administration

Railway management, particularly British Railways
Tickets, particularly pre-grouping
Crossing the Line' signs at railway stations

RAILWAYS - traffic and operations

Railway goods traffic and operations
LNER goods operations
Intermodal freight
Railway containers, from their beginnings to present, Britain and internationally
Railway goods depots (esp. Kings Cross, Somers Town and Commercial Road)
Railway coal drops
Railway accidents and their aftermath
LSWR accident burials in Brookwood cemetery
Westhouses, Kirkby-in-Ashfield and Annesley loco sheds

RAILWAYS - staff

Women and the railway industry
Railway trade unions
The 'railway family' (occupational community building)
Highland Railway staff
The Rouses run the Wyvern Railway Ancestry Research Advice service. They also offer a number of illustrated talks on the themes of the Midland Railway, the railway navy, and Victorian rail travel. See www.wyvernrailwayancestors.com for details.

NON-TRANSPORT

Copyright law
Iron industry
Iron, coal and tinplate industries
Windmills and millwrighting
Early iron-framed mills, pre 1825
Flax machinery to 1815
Industrial water mills
Early photography (wide knowledge). Personal collection includes much on transport and industry
Picture postcards
World cinema and film history