

# Chartism



**A GUIDE TO SOURCES  
AT GWENT ARCHIVES**

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## **GWENT ARCHIVES CHARTIST SOURCES**

The Gwent Archives collections contain material of relevance to Chartist studies to be found among records of the Monmouthshire Court of Quarter Sessions, the Monmouthshire Boards of Guardians, Newport Borough Council minute books, ecclesiastical records and various privately deposited papers.

These documents include material on John Frost's involvement in Newport municipal politics, as town councillor and then mayor, 1836-37; legal papers on the business ventures of Zephaniah Williams in the 1820's and 1830's; papers on the imprisonment of Chartists in Monmouth Gaol, 1839-40; trial depositions of the Chartists Samuel Etheridge, Richard Rorke, and Wright Beatty in 1840-41; as well as miscellaneous letters, handbills and newspaper reports relating to the movement. Detailed catalogues for the collections identified are available in the research room and a range of printed material relating to Chartism is also available in the research room library.

The Court of Quarter Sessions Depositions that relate to Chartism have been digitized, alongside the Chartist Trials' papers held by Newport Reference Library, as part of the Cynefin 'Unlocking the Chartist Trials' transcription project. This project was organised in association with the National Library of Wales and supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund. The Chartist trials' documents and transcripts can be seen at - [www.peoplescollection.wales](http://www.peoplescollection.wales).

Front cover illustration: sketches of Jones, Williams and Frost on trial for high treason, from the Rolls collection (D361) at Gwent Archives.

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## **LOCAL AUTHORITY RECORDS**

Newport Borough Council, Minute Book, 1836-1843

Ref: A1100/M/2

Newport Borough Council Improvement Commissioners', Minute Book, 1826-1850

Ref: A1101/M/1

Commission and MS Copy Appointing John Frost a Justice of the Peace, 17 February 1836

Ref: D43/6263/6264

The official record books of Newport 'Corporation' which contain a formal record of John Frost's activity in municipal political life. Frost was elected a councillor on 21 December 1835. He was mayor 1836-1837.

Trevethin Lighting and Watching Act, Inspector's Minutes, 1836-1850

Ref: A4332/M/7

With reference to the comments of the Police Superintendent John Roberts that he expects the release from prison in March 1841 of the Chartist William Shellard will produce a large 'concourse... of the lower orders.'

## **MONMOUTHSHIRE COURT OF QUARTER SESSIONS RECORDS**

Clerk of the Peace Correspondence

Letter of petition addressed to the Monmouth magistrates written by the Chartist leaders Henry Vincent, William Edwards and John Dickenson while imprisoned in Monmouth Gaol for seditious speech and assembly, 12 October 1839.

Ref: Q/COFPC/4/15

## Calendars of Prisoners

A list of Chartist prisoners for trial at the Special Commission Assizes held at Monmouth, 10 December 1839 - 8 January 1840.

Ref: Q/CALOFP/2

## Indictments and Depositions

Indictment and Depositions presented against Samuel Victory for inducing soldiers to desert from the army in support of Chartism, 10 October 1839.

Refs: Q/I&P/259/20 [cat. page 109]; Q/D/31/41 [cat. page 93]

Depositions of Richard Rorke, senior (27 January 1840), and Wright Beatty (8 September 1840), for the charge of riot and conspiracy.

Refs: Q/D32/15&16; Q/D/34/28

Indictments and the Judgement of the Court for the charge of riot and conspiracy made against the Rorkes (jnr and snr), and Wright Beatty.

Refs: Q/I&P/260/14 &15; Q/MB/11/ [doc. pages 162,163,197]; Q/CALOFP/4 [19 Oct.1840]

## Treasurer's Accounts

Financial accounts for the cost to the county of Monmouth of 'the Newport Riots', including accounts for the Special Constables enrolled at Newport. The account numbered 3/10 is dated prior to the rising concerning an order made by Capel Hanbury Leigh, the Lord Lieutenant of the county of Monmouth, for 1,000 constables' staves for the Pontypool Division.

Refs: Q/MISCPTACC/3/1-33; Q/TV/36; Q/MB/11 [doc. page 165]

## Coroner's Accounts

Coroner's fee account for the Inquest taken on Chartists killed at the Westgate Hotel 'John [*recte* George] Shell', and 'nine unknown men ... Shot in the act of Rebellion', 6 November 1839.

Ref: Q/TV/36 [No. 3]

## Monmouth Gaol Records

Magistrates' Observations Book and Prison Chaplain's Journal and Chaplain and Medical

Officer's Reports to Quarter Sessions: containing brief notes of visits to prisoners, medical condition of Chartist prisoners and a report on Chartists' religious adherence being predominantly Nonconformist.

Refs: Q/MG/2 & 17; Q/P&R/17/4 & 6

### Miscellaneous Quarter Sessions Records re individual Chartists

Declaration of Zephaniah Williams to act as a surety to the Bedwellty Union Friendly Society; Indictment re Zephaniah Williams for assault, 1832; legal proceedings re poor law assessments involving John Frost, 1832; depositions of William Shellard, shoemaker, re thefts of his property, 1838, 1842; trading accounts of Zephaniah Williams in the account books of Coslett and Davies insolvents, 1828-29.

Refs:

Q/FSB/6/42; Q/I&P/225/2 [cat. page 88]

Q/MB/10 [doc. page 119]

Q/MB/10 [doc. page 128]

Q/D/25/8; Q/CALOPF/4 [June 1842]

Q/IDP/43/ fo.17 et seq., Q/IDP/52/2 [doc. pages 6-7]

## **MONMOUTHSHIRE BOARDS OF GUARDIANS RECORDS**

### Newport Union Workhouse, Admission and Discharge Register, 1839-1840

Ref: CSWBGN/I/201

Containing details of Chartists admitted to the Workhouse Infirmary with gunshot injuries.

### Newport Board of Guardians, Letter Book, 1836-1844

Ref: CSWBGN/M5/48 [doc. pages 103-104]

This volume contains reference to the magistrates' order for the possession of John Partridge's printing press, an application for poor relief by John Partridge's wife, and other relief applications in consequence of the rising. Burial arrangements -order for coffins- made in respect of Chartists killed.

### Newport Board of Guardians, Minute Book, 1836-1841

Ref: CSWBGN/M1/1

John Frost was elected to the Guardians' committee at its commencement in August 1836. Frost campaigned for its proceedings to be opened to the public.





## Pontypool Board of Guardians, Minute Book, 1839-1845

Ref: CSWBGP/M1/2

Re: the billeting of troops in the Pontypool Union Workhouse.

## Abergavenny Board of Guardians, Minute Book, 1836-1841

Ref: CSWBGA/M1/1 [doc. pages 313, 315]

Recording adjudications of the guardians in respect of relief requested by the families of Chartists after the Newport Rising - Mary Ferradine [Ferraday] 'whose husband was killed at Newport', and the family of Thomas Davis.

## CHURCH RECORDS

### Saint Woolos Parish Church, Burial Register, 1839-1847

Ref: DPA100/36

Entry dated 7 November 1839 by J. Taylor, curate, for the burial of 'Ten Men names unknown, shot by a party of the 45<sup>th</sup> Reg[imen]t of Foot in a Chartist Insurrection before the Westgate Inn.'

### Bedwellty Parish Church, Burial Register, 1840

Ref: DPA14/21

This register records the burial of Jane Ferriday on 22 December 1840, with a note that 'the father was killed at Newport in the Chartist riots.'

### Bettws Parish Church, Marriage Register, 1812

Ref: DPA51/14

Entry No. 42, recording the marriage of John Frost and Mary Geach on 24 October, 1812.

### Hope Independent Chapel, Newport, Birth and Baptism Register

Ref: RG4 (microfilm)

Recording the births of John, Elizabeth, Sarah, Catherine, Ellen, Henry Hunt, James and Anne the children of John and Mary Frost, 1813-1826; also, an entry made in 1836 for the birth in Dec. 1827 of Edward, son of Mary Jones, identified as 'not born in Wedlock affiliated to Frost'.

English Baptist Church, Trosnant, Pontypool, Minute Book

Ref: D3598/1/1

This minute book records the exclusion from chapel membership of William Wise, of Pontypool, on the 12 November 1839, 'for being too much implicated in the measures of the Chartist rioters.'

Newport Wesleyan Methodist Circuit, Register of Baptisms, 1840

Ref: D3765/1

Tabernacle Congregational Church, Newport, Register of Baptisms, 1822-42

Ref: D781/2

This register records the baptism of children of some Newport Chartist households: Henry Vincent Williams (12 March 1840); Catharine Frost Hill (16 Sept. 1840). The baptism of John Frost's grand - children, the children of Harry and Sarah Fry is also recorded in 1842.

Argoed Baptist Chapel, Register of Births, 1797-1838

Ref: D6568/1

This register contains details of the births of the children of Joan and Zephaniah Williams; and other family of Z.W.

## **CIVIL PARISH RECORDS**

Bedwellty Parish Overseers' Assessment and Account Book, 1820-1832

Ref: D796 (iii)

Containing rating assessments for properties of Zephaniah Williams, 1826-1833.

Trevethin Parish, Lighting and Watching Act Minutes, 1836-1850

Ref: A4332/M2/7

See above under Local Authority Records

## **PRIVATELY DEPOSITED RECORDS** (including Manorial and Estate Records)

Manisty Nicholl & Co. Legal Papers and Newport MSS

Refs: D124/771 et seq., D43/6378, D43/4764/, D43/1491

Refs: D124/202,205, 218,227

Refs: D124/881-895

Title deeds, correspondence and legal papers with reference to the business activities of Zephaniah Williams and legal disputes arising therefrom; including injunctions of the High Court against ZW and others.

Letters of W.W. Phillips (of the Pontypool Park Estate Office) and J. Maughan, solicitor, concerning the Chartist march on Newport; and re charge of fraud against William Foster Geach, stepson of John Frost.

Newspaper reports of the Chartist Trials, from the *Monmouthshire Merlin*, *Merthyr Guardian*, and *Cambrian*.

### Nantyglo Estate Records and Miscellaneous Manuscripts

Refs: D397/399 et seq.; MISCMSS/2076/3/ MISCMSS/2078

Title deeds for the Royal Oak public house in Coalbrookvale recording the tenancy of Zephaniah Williams in 1839; notice of an auction of property, held by lease from J.H. Moggridge, by Zephaniah Williams, 1833; Letters of Administration of the estate of Thomas Williams in possession of Zephaniah Williams, lawful son and next of kin, 1825-26.

### Wentsland and Bryngwyn (Webb Estate) MSS, and Bythway MSS

Particulars re the business activities, including bankruptcy and draft will, of William Shellard, shoemaker of Pontypool, 1838-1848.

Ref: MAN/E/133/160-165; D32/30, 90, 290, 573, 681, 726

### Rolls (Lord Llangattock) MSS

Ref: D361/FP4/123

Broadside handbills printed by Heath's of Monmouth captioned, 'Dreadful Riot and Loss of Life at Newport' and 'Trial of the Chartist Chief Zephaniah Williams'; lithographs of the Chartist leaders Frost, Williams and Jones published by Woodall, Abergavenny, c.1840.

### Blaenavon Company MSS, and Webb Estate (incl. manor of Wentsland and Bryngwyn)

Ref: D751/356; D454/927

Blaenavon Company Minute Book giving the statement particularly that the Chartist agitation took place 'with the highest wages ever known upon the hills'; a memorial or petition of the inhabitants of Abersychan to the 'Lords and Ladies of the Manor' against the

closure of the British Ironworks, 1843 (424 signatories include William Shellard, and [?]Bar[nabus] Brough).

## Tredegar Park MSS and Llangibby Castle MSS

Refs: National Library of Wales (NLW): Lord Tredegar Estate Preliminary Schedules, [box 40: pp.374-386, box 57: 928-930, 934-935, 941]; Llangibby Castle Schedule, 1939 [pp.64-65, 74, 410-411, 422]

These documents are held by the National Library of Wales; the schedule of available records can be consulted in Gwent Archives research room library. Boxes 40 and 57 of the Tredegar MSS contain many documents on Chartism, including reports of post-1840 Chartist activity.

The Llangibby papers comprise documents from the library of Major Albert Addams-Williams, including a resolution on the People's Charter Oct. 1839; Brief for the Prosecution v. Samuel Etheridge; depositions re William Jones and thanksgiving to the Almighty after the failure of the Chartist insurrection.

## Miscellaneous Deposited Collections

Refs: MISCMSS/1331, 2004, 2028, 2076/1-2

Photocopies from the *Hobart Town Gazette* re Zephaniah Williams in Tasmania; Convict Record and Death Registration of William Lloyd Jones; copy letter of Zephaniah Williams to A. McKechnie written aboard the *Mandarin*; photocopies re Zephaniah Williams' capture aboard the *Vintage*; and items re John Rees aka 'Jack the Fifer' in the USA.

Refs: D396/424; D3784/146; D2843/99; 'Gwent Cuttings' [2 vols]; D43/539

Newspaper cuttings and correspondence re the centenary of the Chartist Rising; commemorative publications for the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Chartist Rising; leaflet for Chartist commemorative dinner, 1972; newspaper cuttings from centenary year including Ness Edwards article re Chartism and Welsh Republic; memorial of the inhabitants of Newport for full pardon of John Frost, c.1854.

Refs: D3135/1/162-163; MISCMSS/2076/3

Letters of Arthur Wellesley, first Duke of Wellington, with reference to appointing Sergeant Armstrong, a soldier present at the Westgate Hotel, to a Tower of London Office, 1839. Photocopies of service records (a typescript compiled retrospectively by the Regimental Museum) indicating that sergeants Daily and Armstrong were injured at the Westgate Hotel.

Ref: MISCMSS/2133

Photocopies (obtained from the Tasmanian State Library) of cuttings from the *Advocate* (Nov. 1968, Apr 1988), and the *Examiner* (Apr. 1988) with reference to Zephaniah Williams's coalmining activities in Tasmania and a monument to Zephaniah Williams at Latrobe; incl. note on 'Chartists in Tasmania', by Asa Briggs.

Refs: D4683/1/2-5; D5702/1

Letters of Edmund Jones of Bulmore, Caerleon, 1839-1841, describing his experience as juryman-in-waiting at the Chartist trials at Monmouth; and visit to Newport in the aftermath of the Chartist Rising. Letter from Philip David, aged 7, to his cousin Llewellyn Thomas of Pontypool, with reference to the Chartist Rising, dated 23 January 1840 (articles, by Christabel Hutchings, based on these letters are in *Gwent Local History Journal*, No.s 114, 116).

Ref: D6153

Newport Museum and Art Gallery: Chartist Education Pack.

Ref: D6154

Chartist Trials Community Film: Unlocking the Chartist Trials (produced by the Cynefin Project), DVD.

Ref: D6334

'Chartist Riots Stage Play Poster', 1934 [fragile].

Ref: D6396

Unpublished dissertation: Lois Thomas (?), 'A study of the Chartist Zephaniah Williams and of Chartism in Monmouthshire', (Eastbourne Training College, (?) c.1950's).

Ref: MISCMSS/1951

Unpublished dissertation: Patrick Mathias Rhys Howells, 'Why did the only major outbreak of physical force Chartism in Britain occur in south-east Wales in 1839?', Patrick Mathias Rhys Howells, 1996.

Ref: D3132/25

Papers re the Coach and Horses Blackwood and the Chartist link, 1956.

Ref: Library

Unpublished dissertation: David Osmond, 'After the Rising: Chartism in Newport, 1840-1848' (University of Wales, Cardiff M.A., 1995).

Ref: Library

'History of Nantyglo and Blaina', (typescript from a manuscript of c. 1950, Gwent County Library. 1978).

Ref: Library

'Chartist Insurrection 1839: Educational Resource Pack of the Gwent Valleys March on Newport (Nantyglo and Blaina Charter Group).

Ref: Library

Biographical notes by contributors to a 'Chartist Ancestors' event held at Newport in 2007, on the Monmouthshire Chartists William Ferriday (by Rhys Jenkins); John Lovell (by Rita Catton and Valerie Gordon); Wright Beatty (by Sylvia Taylor) and James Horner (by Patricia Horner).

Ref: D4415/1

Notes on Chartism by R. T. Jones of Blackwood, c.1960.

Ref: MISCMSS/234

Letter of Chartist Charles Waters written from Monmouth Gaol, 1840 (photocopy).

Ref: D5897/16

'The Chartists in Newport: prints and Broadsheets from the Chartist period; and information booklet published by Newport Museum, 1995.'

## **NEWSPAPER COLLECTION**

Gwent Archives holds microfilm copies of the *Silurian and South Wales General Advertiser*, 1838-1843 (Ref: BL/S), a Breconshire paper with extensive coverage of Chartism and to which the Newport Chartist Samuel Etheridge also contributed reports.

A number of issues of the *Monmouthshire Merlin*, *Merthyr Guardian* and *Cambrian* covering from (Aug.) 1839 – (Mar.) 1840 are held in collection reference D124. Numerous south Wales newspapers including the *Monmouthshire Merlin*, have been digitised by the National Library of Wales and are available at Welsh Newspapers online. Files of the *Monmouthshire Beacon*, published from 1837, are held by Monmouth Museum.

A photocopy of the Chartist newspaper the *Western Vindicator* for 7 December 1839 is held in collection reference MISCMSS/610. Copies of the *Western Vindicator* are also held by Newport Reference Library (this paper was digitised in 2015 by the 'Marw Eisiau Pleidlais' Chartist Project).

Articles and commentary on Chartism, including obituaries of Chartists, are also contained in the *Pontypool Free Press*, a paper published from 1859 (see the index to the *Free Press*, available in Gwent Archives research room).

Many individual Chartist newspapers and journals have now been digitised by the British Library and are also available online.

## PICTORIAL COLLECTION

Ref: D361/FP4/123

Three lithographed prints of the Chartist leaders, John Frost, Zephaniah Williams and William Jones on trial at Monmouth (published by, Woodall, Abergavenny, c.1840).

Refs: D2865/ 13; D2843/99

Prints by J. F. Mullock depicting 'The attack of the Chartists on the Westgate Hotel', first published, c.1840.

MISCMSS/1331

Lithograph sketch of Zephaniah Williams, c.1874 (photocopy).

Chartist pictorial material, including prints of the Monmouth Court House, the Westgate Hotel, photograph of John Frost, c.1870 can also be found in printed books held by Gwent Archives, e.g., Conyers Kirby, *A Pictorial Handbook of Newport*; Terry Underwood, *Yesterdays Newport* and *Gwent Local History Journal (incl. Numbers 67, ..., 116)*.

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Full details of the Newport Museum and Library Chartist Collection are in *John Frost and the Chartist Movement in Monmouthshire: Catalogue of Chartist Literature, Prints and Relics* etc, by John Warner FLA and W. A. Gunn FRSA



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