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**CREATOR:** Driver, Cecil Herbert, 1900-1958

**TITLE:** Cecil Herbert Driver papers

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**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Correspondence, research materials, clippings, photographs, and reviews of Driver's biography, *Tory Radical: The Life of Richard Oastler*, published in 1946. Most significant in the papers is a series of eight letters written in 1832 by Oastler to Thomas Daniels, the secretary of the Manchester Short-Time Committee, a letter from Oastler's wife, Mary, and another from Michael Thomas Sadler, the author of the Ten-Hour Bill, to Oastler. Driver's correspondents include Roland H. Bainton, Lewis P. Curtis, Edgar Johnson, Broadus Mitchell, Clinton L. Rossiter, and Hume Wrong.

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b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Transferred from the Department of Political Science, 1960 and gift of Mrs. Charles M. Lyman, 1976.

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The materials are open for research.

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## Scope and Contents

The materials in this collection relate to Cecil Deiver's biography, *Tory Radical: The Life of Richard Oastler*, published in 1946. There are approximately thirty-five letters, mostly comments and congratulations from people who had read the book, although a few of the letters date from before its publication and deal with research interests and other professional matters. An alphabetical list of correspondents can be found on page 4. Also in the collection are notebooks kept by Driver on Karl Marx and on concepts and theories of the nature of the universe, and a typed copy of Leopold Boissier's *Droit constitutionnel comparé*. An alphabetical list of correspondents can be found on page 4.

The remainder of the collection consists of notebooks and research materials for *Tory Radical*, which pertain largely to Richard Oastler, political activist and organizer in the 1830s of the Ten-Hour Movement, a campaign of workingmen for legislation limiting child labor to ten hours per day. Among Driver's research materials are photographs, printed matter about Oastler, and photostatic copies of several letters from Oastler, of posters and handbills, and of other miscellaneous printed items. Of particular interest are ten original letters (folder 15) addressed to Thomas Daniels, the secretary of the Manchester Short-Time Committee and later chairman of the Central Operatives Committee, two organizations devoted to the Ten-Hour Movement. Eight of the letters are from Oastler, who writes to encourage Daniels' efforts and to plan activities and publicity. The ninth letter is from Oastler's wife, Mary, and the last is from Michael Thomas Sadler, the author of the Ten-Hour Bill, who writes concerning a petition by the people of Manchester to the electors of Leeds. The final items in the collection are the dustjacket of *Tory Radical*, a copy of Driver's agreement with Oxford University Press, and clippings and reviews of the book.

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## Collection Contents

### Inventory, 1807-1842, 1929-1948

#### Letters

b. 1, f. 1	Bainton, Roland H.	1947
b. 1, f. 1	Bateson, Frederick Wilse	1933
b. 1, f. 1	Bell, Herbert F.	1947
b. 1, f. 2	Clark, Charles E.	1947
b. 1, f. 2	Cotton, R.C.	1933
b. 1, f. 2	Curtis, Lewis P.	1947
b. 1, f. 3	Evans, Matthew	1948
b. 1, f. 3	Finer, Herman	1947
b. 1, f. 3	Greenway, John	1948
b. 1, f. 4	Halliday, W.R.	1933
b. 1, f. 4	Hammond, John Lawrence Le Breton	1929
b. 1, f. 4	Hodgskin, T. Ellett	1932-1933
b. 1, f. 5	Johnson, Edgar	1948
b. 1, f. 5	Kelsen, Hans	1947
b. 1, f. 5	Macmurray, John	1936
b. 1, f. 5	Mitchell, Broadus	1947
b. 1, f. 6	Niebuhr, H. Richard	1947
b. 1, f. 6	Oxford University Press	1948
b. 1, f. 6	Read, Herbert	1946
b. 1, f. 6	Rossiter, Clinton L.	1949
b. 1, f. 7	Smailes, Thomas, mayor of Huddersfield	1947
b. 1, f. 7	Viner, Jacob	1947
b. 1, f. 7	Wallas, May Graham	1932
b. 1, f. 7	Wrong, Hume	1931
b. 1, f. 8	Unidentified	1947
b. 1, f. 9	"Notebook on Karl Marx" English	Undated

b. 1, f. 10	Notebook on concepts and theories of the nature of the universe	Undated
b. 1, f. 11	Leopold Boissier: "Droit Constitutionnel Comparé"	1948
b. 1, f. 11	Undated	Undated
	Oastler biography	
b. 1, f. 12	Notebooks	Undated
b. 1, f. 13	Photographs	
	Richard Oastler, the Factory King in his study at Fixby Hall, Huddersfield	
	Richard Oastler at the age of forty-eight	
	Oastler in his prison cell (3)	1842
	Oastler in old age, from a photograph taken shortly before his death (3)	
	Statue of Richard Oastler now in Rawson Square, Bradford. Unveiled by Lord Shaftesbury, 1869. The reproduction is taken from the <i>Illustrated London News</i> which erroneously locates the statue at Halifax (3)	
	Another view of the above statue	
	Fixby Hall, near Huddersfield as it was during Oastler's stewardship	
	G.S. Bull (2)	
	Thomas Thornhill (2)	
	Joseph Raynor Stephens	
	Henry Hetherington, leader of the agitation against taxes on newspaper, and editor of "The Poor Man's Guardian" (2)	
	Feergus O'Connor (2)	
	The Oastler National Testimonial Medal (front and back)	1838
	Memorial to Richard Oastler (2)	
	Busfield Ferrand	
	Michael T. Sadler	
	Richard Oastler	1831
b. 1, f. 14	Correspondence	
	ALS, Richard Oastler to Lord Viscount Milton (photostat), 3 pages	1807 July 15
	ALS, Richard Oastler to Lord Viscount Milton (photostat), 4 pages	1807 July 18
b. 1, f. 15	Correspondence	
	ALS, Richard Oastler to Thomas Daniels, 3 pages	1832 March 14

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	ALS, Richard Oastler to Thomas Daniels, 3 pages, address on verso	1832 August 1
	ALS, Richard Oastler to Thomas Daniels, 3 pages, address on verso	1832 August 23
	ALS, Mary Oastler to Thomas Daniels, 1 page, address on verso	1832 September 1
	ALS, Richard Oastler to Thomas Daniels, 4 pages, address on last page	1832 September 2
	ALS, Richard Oastler to Thomas Daniels, 4 pages, address on last page	1832 September 17
	ALS, Richard Oastler to Thomas Daniels, 1 page, address on verso	1832 September 24
	ALS, Richard Oastler to Thomas Daniels, 2 pages, address on verso	1832 October 2
	ALS, Richard Oastler to Thomas Daniels, 2 pages, address on verso	1832 November 29
	ALS, Michael Thomas Sadler to Thomas Daniels, 2 pages, address on verso	1832 November 30
b. 1, f. 16	Reproductions of sketches	
	The Cloth Hall, the White Hart Inn & Market Street	Circa 1800
	Old Market Place & the George Inn, Huddersfield	Circa 1800
	Mr. Ferrand	Undated
	Michael Thomas Sadler, author of "The Law of Population"	Undated
	Posters & handbills (positive photostats)	
b. 1, f. 17	The Pilgrimage to York (2) The poster put out by Oastler to announce the County Meeting of April 24, 1832. This was distributed throughout the Riding.	1832
b. 1, f. 17	The Pilgrimage to York (2) A poster put out by the Huddersfield Short Time Committee to explain the plans for their area. Similar posters were put out by the other local committees.	1832 April 17
b. 1, f. 17	The Leeds Electoral Contest: October to December (2) One of the many appeals on behalf of Michael Sadler sent sent to Leeds by the operatives of other manufacturing districts.	1832
b. 1, f. 17	Propaganda by the Millowners (2) One of the innumerable posters put forth by the millowners in opposition to Ashley's Ten Hours Bill. This one appeared in Manchester while petitions from employers were being sent to the House of Commons appealing for a second investigation of factory conditions. <i>The Sadler Report</i> had been published ten weeks earlier.	1833 March 22

## Oastler biography &gt; Posters &amp; handbills (positive photostats) (continued)

b. 1, f. 17	Reply to the Millowners (2) A poster put out by the Lancashire Central Short Time Committee in reply to the one reproduced above. Similar posters were distributed by the Yorkshire Central Committee, as well as pamphlets developing the same arguments.	1833 April 5
b. 1, f. 17	General Summons - To the West Riding meeting on Wibsey Low Moor, July 1 (2) Put out by the Huddersfield Short Time Committee.	1833
b. 1, f. 17	Directions for the West Riding Demonstration of July 1 (2) Put out by the Central Committee, Bradford.	1833
b. 1, f. 17	The Protest Against the Royal Commission (2) One of the many posters put out by the West Riding Central Short Time Committee calling for a meeting of protest against the Royal Commission. Similar posters were used by the local Committees at Leeds, Huddersfield, Dewsbury & elsewhere.	1833 June 5
b. 1, f. 17	Protest Against the Royal Commission (2) Another poster distributed throughout the West Riding by the local Short Time Committees.	1833 June 15
b. 1, f. 17	Mr. Oastler's Farewell to Fixby Hall	1833 August 11
b. 1, f. 17	Richard Oastler's reply to the "Factory Masters" in Cragg Dale (2)	1833
b. 1, f. 17	Poster announcing the appearance of Richard Oastler & G.S. Bull (2)	1833 August 22
b. 1, f. 17	Reply to R. Oastler by the "Factory Masters" in Cragg-Valley (2)	1833 July 22
Reprints		
b. 1, f. 18	<i>Report of the Proceedings of the Public Meeting on the Ten Hours Act, on the 25th of July, 1849</i>	
b. 1, f. 19	Clippings pertaining to Richard Oastler	1837 May 1
b. 1, f. 20	Biographical Sketch of Richard Oastler from the <i>Illustrated London News</i>	Undated
b. 1, f. 21	Dustjacket for <i>Tory Radical: The Life of Richard Oastler</i> by Cecil Driver	
b. 1, f. 21	Agreement between Cecil Driver and Oxford University Press, New York, Inc. for the publication of <i>Tory Radical: The Life of Richard Oastler</i>	
b. 1, f. 22	Clippings & reviews of <i>Tory Radical: The Life of Richard Oastler</i>	1947 January-Aug, 1948 February
Correspondence about <i>Tory Radical</i> See: <a href="#">box 1, folders 1-8</a>		
b. 2	Posters & handbills (one positive & one negative photostat of each)  The Pilgrimage to York	



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	The Pilgrimage to York	
	The Leeds Electoral Contest	
	Propaganda by the Millowners	
	Reply to the Millowners	
	General Summons	
	Directions for the West Riding Demonstration	
	The Protest Against the Royal Commission	
	Protest Against the Royal Commission	
	Protest Against the Defeat of the Ten Hours Clause	
	Richard Oastler's reply to the "Factory Masters"	
	Poster announcing the appearance of Richard Oastler & G.S. Bull	
	Reply to R. Oastler by the "Factory Masters" (2 positives & 1 negative photostat)	
	Miscellaneous photostats	
b. 2	Portrait of the Late Richard Oastler, from "The Illustrated News of the World" (1 positive & 2 negatives)	1861 October 19
b. 2	Instructions to the Short Time Committees, Manchester (1 negative)	1833 April 24
b. 2	Memorandum of 22 questions dealing with factory working conditions (1 negative) 3 pages	Undated
	Representation of Leeds [from the "Leeds Intelligencer" (1 negative) 2 pages	1832 jun 21
b. 2	Richard Oastler's participation in the proceedings at Leeds (1 negative) 6 pages	1832 June 15

## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Subjects**

Laboring and laboring classes -- Great Britain  
Philosophy

### **Geographic Names**

Europe

### **Occupations**

Authors  
Political scientists

### **Names**

Bainton, Roland H. (Roland Herbert), 1894-1984  
Curtis, L. Perry, Jr., 1932-  
Curtis, Lewis Perry, 1900-1976  
Driver, Cecil Herbert, 1900-1958  
Johnson, Edgar Nathaniel, 1901-1969  
Mitchell, Broadus, 1892-1988  
Oastler, Mary  
Oastler, Richard, 1789-1861  
Rossiter, Clinton, 1917-1970  
Sadler, Michael Thomas Carey, 1916-1942  
Wrong, Humphrey Hume, 1894-1954