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Source list of Archives relating to Bangladesh

Letter from a T. Day, dated 1784, describing a tiger hunt conducted on elephants near Chinsura in West Bengal.

MS 3101/E/5

The Drawings Day Book of Boulton & Watt, steam engine manufacturers, shows that on 21 September 1865, three sons of the Nawob Nazin of Bengal and their retinue visited the Soho Foundry.

MS 3147/4/146

There are two newscuttings about **Kali Dasgupta (1926-2005)**, musician, and three CDs with him singing Bengali songs and playing musical instruments from Bengal, in the 'A Future for ordinary Folk' part of the Charles Parker Archive.

Reference numbers for the CDs are **MS 4000/5/3/5/4/103, 132, 138**. [NB: /103 has poor sound quality]

The newscuttings have the **reference number: MS 4000 additional (Accession 2004/169)**

Kali Dasgupta met Ewan MacColl and Peggy Seeger when he visited Britain in 1965, and on a later visit, they brought him along to the Grey Cock Folk Club.

There are also recordings by Charles Parker of a long interview with Kali Dasgupta made on 4 June, 1971 which are also available to listen to on CD. Kali Dasgupta talks about folk songs and traditions from different parts of Bengal, political developments in Bengal, women's lives, protest songs etc.

The reference numbers are **MS 4000/6/1/69/11C -16C**.

Charles Parker, a BBC radio producer, also produced a programme in 1972 for BBC Radio 4 called 'Snowballs in Calcutta'. For this programme, Dilip Hiro interviewed young students in Bangladesh on the legacy of the British rule.

There are scripts, transcripts, research notes, correspondence etc. for this programme.

MS 4000/2/140

There are tape recordings now available on CD:

MS 4000/6/1/69/38C and 39C

There may also be relevant material in the papers and recordings for the programmes 'Asian Teenager' which were broadcast in 1968.

Papers: **MS 4000/2/127**

CDs: **MS 4000/6/1/56/15C and 16C**

Metro Cammell provided railway rolling stock for several companies in Bengal and some specifications and drawings of the rolling stock survive.

See separate lists of specifications for railway rolling stock for:

Assam Bengal
Indian State, Eastern Bengal
Bengal Nagpur

and lists of drawings of railway rolling stock for:

Assam Bengal Railway
Bengal Doaars
Bengal Nagpur Railway
Bengal and North Western Railway
Eastern Bengal Railway

See also separate list for records of the **Indian Workers Association MS 2141**

See also separate list for records of **Avtar Jouhl MS 2142**

See also separate list for records of **Derek Bishton, photographer (Sidelines, 10:8 etc.) MS 2478**

See also separate list of records for **Home Front photographic exhibition, 1979-1984. MS 2546**

Secondary sources in Local Studies & History

Yousuf Choudhury The Roots and Tales of Bangladeshi settlers in Bham (1993)
ref: L21.85 or 305.891 **BLACK HISTORY COLLECTION.**

Yousuf Choudhury Sons of Empire: oral history from Bangladeshi seamen who served on British ships in 1939-45 war (1995) ref: **LSH 75.8**

Yousuf Choudhury The roots of Indian sub-continental catering in Britain (2002) ref: **LSH 647.9541 BLACK HISTORY COLLECTION.**

Yousuf Choudhury A son of Empire : video documentary about Yousuf Choudhury (2005) in **LSH**

Yousuf Choudhury and Peter Drake From Bangladesh to Birmingham (2001)
ref: **LSH 21.85**