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## DORSET RECORD OFFICE

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Deposited by the Swanage Branch of the  
Royal National Life-boat Institution,  
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Bundle No.	Date	Description of Documents	No. of Documents
1/1	1895-1923	<p>Minutes of the Committee concerning changes of officials and crew members, money affairs, exercises, the District Inspector's reports on boat and house etc. The first minute shows that the previous minute book was burned. Matters include the following (dates given refer to date of meeting rather than date of occurrence):</p> <p>p.32. George Dyke to give evidence at enquiry on death of W. Brown, 1897.</p> <p>p.38. Report on trial with Major Du Boulay's Heating Apparatus, 1897.</p> <p>pp.44-5. Suggested amalgamation of Isle of Purbeck and Swanage Branches, 1898.</p> <p>p.65. Steamer ashore on Kimmeridge Ledge, 1900.</p> <p>p.74. No sea-faring men in crew, 1901.</p> <p>p.84. Launcher injured by winch handle, 1902.</p> <p>p.111. Erection of signal post on Town Quay, 1905.</p> <p>p.116. Rescue in Winspit Bay, 1905.</p> <p>p.120. Enquiry into foundering of the "Rosa" of Balcombe, 1907.</p> <p>P.123. Presentation of barometer to W. Haysom, 1908.</p> <p>p.145. Rescue of 2 boys, 1912.</p> <p>pp.157-9. Choice of new boat, 1914.</p> <p>p.176. Signatures of men prepared to serve in crew during absence of men on war service, 1918.</p> <p>pp.177-182. New life-boat, 1918.</p> <p>p.201. Death of Mr Delamotte, Treasurer of Branch for 47 years.</p> <p>p.202. Resignation of Secretary.</p>	1 vol
1/2	1923-1957	<p>Minutes as above</p> <p>At front: (1) programme of naming ceremony of motor life-boat "R.L.P.", 1949; (2) account of R.N.L.I. Annual Meeting in London at which 2 medals presented to Weymouth men and award given to W.F.T. Powell, Hon. Secretary, Swanage.</p> <p>p.4. Service of 27 December 1924 "under fearful conditions" to be commemorated.</p> <p>pp.8-9. Need for "good powerful Motor Boat" discussed, 1925-6.</p> <p>p.11. Composition of life-boat crew, 1926.</p> <p>p.14. Wish for self-righting motor boat, 1926.</p> <p>p.30. Arrival of new motor boat, "Thomas Markby", 1928.</p> <p>p.58. Report that "average time to be ready to launch was 11 minutes", 1934.</p> <p>p.66. Presentation to Robert Brown for jumping overboard to rescue a man, 1934.</p> <p>p.70. Award to W. Marsh, 1936.</p> <p>pp.77-8. Discussion on areas of operation for Swanage and Poole life-boats, 1938.</p> <p>p.79. Rescue of yacht west of Portland Bill, 1938.</p> <p>p.83. Vain search for aeroplane in sea, 1939.</p> <p>p.84. Use of maroons to call crew abandoned, 1939.</p> <p>p.88. Letter inserted: thanks for service to steamer "Turkia".</p>	1 vol

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1/2 (con'd)	1923-1957 (con'd)	<p>p.93, 97-8. Descriptions of wartime difficulties, 1942-3.</p> <p>p.96. New boat, 1946.</p> <p>p.104. Gold badge of Institution presented to Hon. Secretary W. Powell, 1949.</p> <p>p.105. New boat "R.L.P." to be launched, 1949.</p> <p>p.106. Visit of Viking ship "Hugin", 1949.</p> <p>p.112. 3 young people rescued from yacht, 1950.</p> <p>p.116. Life-boat film "Gale Warning" mostly shot in Swanage, 1951.</p> <p>pp.134, 136. Service of 29 November 1954 to Finnish ship "Gustave".</p> <p>p.139. Award for rescue of man in Studland Bay in December 1955.</p>	
2/1	1876-1895	<p>Duplicates of returns of services, March 1876 - January 1895. (These are copies of returns made to the headquarters of the Royal National Life-boat Institution giving the date and circumstance of each service and briefly answering a number of queries about the vessel in distress, master, owners, rig and tonnage, place whence, destination, wind, weather and state of sea, time of day, state of tide, where wrecked, numbers of lives saved and lost, supposed cause of wreck, time of launching life-boat, time of reaching wreck, behaviour of boat, damage to boat etc. Names of crew are given and return of expenses incurred. N.B. These queries are not identical in all the books which follow, partly because of technical innovations, but most of them are constant).</p>	1 vol
2/2	1897-1916	<p>Duplicates of returns of service, April 1897 - October 1916.</p>	1 vol
2/3	1917-1933	<p>As above, August 1917 - July 1933.</p>	1 vol
2/4	1933-1939	<p>As above, September 1933 - October 1939.</p>	1 vol
2/5	1939-1946	<p>As above, December 1939 - October 1946.</p>	1 vol
2/6	1946-1952	<p>As above, December 1946 - October 1952.</p>	1 vol
2/7	1953-1956	<p>As above, May 1953 - September 1956.</p>	1 vol
2/8	1956-1958	<p>As above, September 1956 - September 1958.</p>	1 vol
2/9	1958-1960	<p>As above, September 1958 - June 1960.</p>	1 vol
2/10	1960-1961	<p>As above, June 1960 - September 1961.</p>	1 vol
2/11	1961-1963	<p>As above, November 1961 - October 1963.</p>	1 vol
2/12	1964-1965	<p>As above, April 1964 - September 1965.</p>	1 vol
2/13	1965-1966	<p>As above, September 1965 - November 1966.</p>	1 vol
2/14	1966-1967	<p>As above, December 1966 - September 1967.</p>	1 vol

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2/15	1967-1969	As above, October 1967 - May 1969.	1 vol
2/16	1969-1970	As above, May 1969 - January 1970.	1 vol
2/17	1970	As above, February - October.	1 vol
2/18	1971	As above, January - October.	1 vol
2/19	1971-1972	As above, November 1971 - December 1972.	1 vol
2/20	1973	As above, January - June.	1 vol
2/21	1973-1974	As above, July 1973 - March 1974.	1 vol
3/1	1962-1966	Duplicate returns of shore-boat service, August 1962 - July 1966.	1 vol
4	(1895)	Transcript of items from Dorset County Chronicle, 17 January 1895, about drowning of William Brown, coxwain. <u>[Made by County Record Office]</u> .	2
5.	1924	Cutting from Bournemouth Daily Echo of 29 December about search for steamship "Darlington" in "terrific seas".	1
6.	1929-1975	Loose papers removed from minute books and returns of service books: letters, 1929-1966; news cutting re service of 13/10/63; note on inshore rescue scheme, 1965; rough notes concerning services of 6/9/69 and 6/10/69; coastguard message, 17/7/70; note on capsized dinghy, 28/5/71; agenda for 1975 annual general meeting with accounts for 1973-4; notes on R.N.L.I. and a few statistics about Swanage Branch, made 1975 or after.	1 bundle
7	1944	Poster about presentation of medals by a representative of the French Admiralty, July 1944; 2 copies of poster appealing on behalf of R.N.L.I., undated.	3
8	1949	Scale of authorised payments for services, exercises, retaining fees etc.	1
9	1975	"One Hundred Years of Swanage Life-Boats 1875-1975", compiled by A.G.L.Hardy; number 453 of "The Life-boat", Journal of the R.N.L.I. containing article "Swanage Centenary 1875-1975". <u>[Printed]</u> .	2
10	ND	Photographs of Life-boat and crew. One is the "R.L.P.", the other is probably the same boat.	2
11	ND	Photograph of Jack 'The Giant' Smith coxswain of the 1st Swanage life-boat during 1870's.	1
12	ND	H.M. Coastguard yacht and boat safety scheme.	1