

## Life Assurance

### Introduction

Members of life assurance schemes made regular payments during their working lives to provide benefits to their family on their death. Such schemes could be offered by employing companies or specialised insurance companies.

There are also records relating to life assurance provision in the following entries in other sections of this guide (sections given in brackets):

- Courage Barclay and Simonds Limited (Brewers): Charles Beasley Limited and Harman's Uxbridge Brewery (Occupational Schemes section)
- J. Lyon and Company Limited (Occupational Schemes section)
- Royal and Sun Alliance Insurance Group: Law Union and Rock Insurance Company Limited (Occupational Schemes section)
- The Baltic Exchange (Occupational Schemes section)
- Wembley Stadium PLC (Occupational Schemes section)
- Westminster Hospital Group (Occupational Schemes section)

### LEGAL AND GENERAL ASSURANCE SOCIETY LIMITED (CLC/B/144)

The firm was established by six lawyers in 1836 as Legal and General Life Assurance Society with offices at 10 Fleet Street, City of London. It changed its name to Legal and General Assurance Society in 1919. Its head office moved to Temple Court, Queen Victoria Street in 1962. The company initially dealt with life assurance business, but grew to become a major financial services company also providing pensions, investments and general insurance plans.

The Gresham Life Assurance Society was based at St Mildred's House, Poultry (in 1901) and later at Aldwych House, Holborn. It was taken over by Legal and General Assurance Society in 1934, and sold in 1973. In 1975 the company's head offices were moved to Bournemouth. In 1992 it was taken over by Windsor Life Assurance.

Records of Legal and General Assurance Society Limited, subsidiaries, and companies which it acquired. The records include minutes, annual reports, registers, financial accounts, specimens of policies and forms, and staff registers. The papers relate to life, accident and fire insurance; investments and pensions	1836 - 1992	Whole collection
Records of the Gresham Life Assurance Society, including registers, notices, minutes, annual reports, financial accounts, valuation summaries, samples of policy forms, and papers relating to branches in Austria, Hungary, Bosnia, Herzegovina, Belgium, Canada, Egypt, South Africa, and Spain. Also papers of the Gresham Continental Life Assurance Society, including memorandum and articles of association, minute books and letter books		CLC/B/144-10 (subfonds of 95 items)

**NATIONAL MUTUAL LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY (CLC/B/166)**

Staff assurance scheme: particulars of policies arranged by employee, covering policies issued 1923-61. The book contains particulars of policies effected under the rules of the Staff Assurance Scheme and records date, policy number, sum assured, full annual premium, yearly and quarterly amounts payable by the insured and last premium	[1952 - 1961?]	CLC/B/166/MS34569
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See also: Occupational schemes.

**ROYAL AND SUN ALLIANCE INSURANCE GROUP (CLC/B/192)**

The Law Fire Insurance Society was established in 1845 with offices in Chancery Lane. It was reconstituted and united with the Alliance Assurance Company in 1907; which later merged with the Sun Insurance Office to become Sun Alliance.

Law Fire Insurance Company - Papers connected with staff salaries and life assurance	1882-1910	CLC/B/192/MS15020
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**THE PRESS ASSOCIATION (CLC/B/181)**

Insurance and Endowment Fund: minute books; annual accounts and balance sheets; miscellaneous papers including policy books, 1882-1950, and transfers of individual life policies, 1883-1931	1882 - 1971	CLC/B/181/MS35565 - CLC/B/181/MS35568
Staff Life Insurance Scheme: printed rules, 1958, with amendments of 1965; and lists of employees included in the scheme, 1968, 1972 and 1974	1965 - 1974	CLC/B/181/MS35569

See also: Occupational schemes.