

Trades Unions Yearly Admissions

The origins of trade unions can be traced back to 18th century Britain, where the rapid expansion of industrial society then taking place, drew women, children, rural workers and immigrants into the work force in large numbers and in new roles. This pool of unskilled and semi-skilled labour spontaneously organized in fits and starts throughout its beginnings and would later be an important arena for the development of trade unions. Trade unions have sometimes been seen as successors to the guilds of medieval Europe, though the relationship between the two is disputed, as the

masters of the guilds employed workers (apprentices and journeymen) who were not allowed to organize.

The first attempts at setting up a national general union were made in the 1820s and 30's. The National Association for the Protection of Labour was established in 1830 by John Doherty, after an apparently unsuccessful attempt to create a similar national presence with the National Union of Cotton-spinners. The Association quickly enrolled approximately 150 unions, consisting mostly of textile related unions, but also including mechanics, blacksmiths, and various others.

More permanent trade unions were established from the 1850s, better resourced but often less radical.

Recent historical research puts forward the view that trade unions are part of a broader movement of benefit societies, which includes medieval guilds, Freemasons, Oddfellows, friendly societies, and other fraternal organizations.

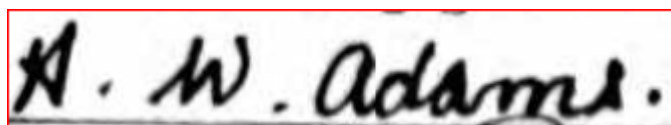
	Surname	Given Names	Date of Birth		Date of Death	
			Year	Date	Year	Date
Member Details	Adams	Herbert	1892	08-Jan		
Address/Residence of Member						
	Year	Date	Age			
Date of Admission to Union	1913	31-Jan	21			
Name of Union	United Society of Boilermakers & Iron Shipbuilders					
Union Branch and Number	Swindon 1					
Industry & Trade & Years in Trade						
Name of Company Where Employed						
Location Employed at						
	Year	Date	Branch & Number			
Union Branch Transfer						
	Year	Date	Cause for Exclusion			
Union Exclusion						
	Surname	Given Names	Relationship to Member			
Next of Kin						
Address/Residence of Next of Kin						
	Year	Date	Location			
Marriage After Admission						
	Year	Date	Relationship to Member			
Change of Next of Kin	Surname	Given Name				

Address/Residence of New Next of Kin				
Further Date of Admission	Year	Date	Age	
Name of Union				
Union Branch and Number				
Industry & Trade & Years in Trade				
Name of Company Where Employed				
Location Employed at				
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OPC Notes:

Herbert Adams was born in Broad Blunsdon in 1892 and was resident of 27 Linslade Street, Swindon. He served his apprenticeship with the Great Western Railway at Swindon. Attested to the Royal Field Artillery in 1914 in Bristol and stated that his address was 18 Richmond Terrace, Causeway, Fishponds, Bristol. Herbert Adams commenced employment with the Great Western Railway in the Locomotive Department on 12th February 1906 at 5s. per week. Transfer to the Factory on 20th August 1906.

Below is a copy of Herbert's signature from his attestation papers.



H. W. Adams.