



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.

Name	Abrahams	Frederick William	
Date of Birth	1881		
Date of Admission	1917	01-Dec	
Age	36 years 10 months		
Name of Union	Amalgamated Society of Carpenters & Joiners		
Trade	Carpenters & Joiners		
Years in Trade			
Status at the time of Admission	Married		
Branch	Chippenham		
Branch Number			
Branch Transferred to			
Date & Cause for Exclusion			
Next of Kin Details			

OPC Note:

The 1911 Census records him as living at 20 Marshfield Road, Langley Burrell