

Records of the National Union of Agricultural and Allied Workers

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Manuscript and printed material relating to the Eastern Counties Agricultural Labourers and Smallholders Union, the National Agricultural Labourers and Rural Workers Union, the National Union of Agricultural Workers, and the National Union of Agricultural and Allied Workers 1906-1972. The collection also includes miscellaneous material relating to the National Agricultural Labourers Union, 1873-1892, the Agricultural Wages Board [England and Wales] 1917-22, and copies of Parliamentary Papers.

National Union records from 1906

A Accounts

Note: A single entry book keeping system was used. A principal cash book summarised income and expenditure on a chronological basis. A detailed analysis of expenditure was then provided by a complex form of day book whereby chronological entries were made simultaneously under a series of itemised headings, and to which monthly and yearly statements were added. Expenditure relating to staff, especially salaries, was summarised in a separate account book on a monthly basis. The only analyses of income extant, apart from the principal cash book, is a series of day book entries for miscellaneous and petty income, and the treasurer's cash book.

- I Principal Cash Book 1912-1933
- II Day Book in three parts:
 - General expenditure account, with monthly and yearly summaries 1910-1923
 - General expenditure account. Monthly and yearly summaries only 1924-1945
 - Miscellaneous and petty income 1920-1943
- III Day Book, general expenditure account, being a continuation of 11-1 1924-1930
- IV Summary Expenditure Book, Staff. Monthly statements with itemised entries for individual members 1921-1932
- V Monthly Statements, Income and Expenditure. With separate statements for the Benevolent Fund, and the Political Fund 1928-1948
- VI Subsidiary Cash Book, Treasurer's 1907-1919

B Administration

B/I/1-13 Executive Committee Minutes

- 1 Minutes of the Executive Committee 27 April 1907-18 April 1910
- 2 Minutes of the Executive Committee 25 April 1910-11 March 1911
- 3 Minutes of the Executive Committee 22 April 1911-8 Feb 1913
- 4 Minutes of the Executive Committee 15 Feb 1913-24 Sept 1918
- 5 Minutes of the Executive Committee 26 Oct 1918-15 Dec 1921
- 6 Minutes of the Executive Committee 25 Jan 1922-3 Dec 1925
- 7 Minutes of the Executive Committee 6 Jan 1926-18 Dec 1931
- 8 Minutes of the Executive Committee 25 Jan 1932-18 Dec 1936
- 9 Minutes of the Executive Committee 15 Jan 1937-20 Dec 1940
- 10 Minutes of the Executive Committee 17 Jan 1941-17 Dec 1943
- 11 Minutes of the Executive Committee 21 Jan 1944-22 Dec 1945
- 12 Minutes of the Executive Committee; Agricultural Wages and Conditions Sub-Committee; Organising and Publicity Committee, Financial Re-organisation Sub Committee; and the Special Executive Committee 3 Jan 1946-19 Dec 1947
- 13 Minutes of the Executive Committee, Benevolent Section 30 Nov 1912-28 Sept 1945

B/II/1-6 Finance and General Purposes Sub-Committee Minutes

- 1 Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Sub-Committee 27 Nov 1913-3 Aug 1918
- 2 Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Sub-Committee 25 Oct 1918-8 Dec 1921
- 3 Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Sub-Committee 22 Jan 1922-2 Dec 1925
- 4 Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Sub-Committee 5 Jan 1926-17 Dec 1931
- 5 Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Sub-Committee 18th Feb 1932-17 Dec 1936
- 6 Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Sub-Committee 14 Jan 1937-14 Aug 1941

B/III/1-7 Organising and Political Sub-Committee Minutes

- 1 Minutes of the Organising and Political Sub-Committee 8 Feb 1919-14 Dec 1921
- 2 Minutes of the Organising and Political Sub-Committee 24 Jan 1922-5 Jan 1926
- 3 Minutes of the Organising and Political Sub-Committee 5 Jan 1926-6 Dec 1927
- 4 Minutes of the Organising and Political Sub-Committee 10 Jan 1928-17 Dec 1931
- 5 Minutes of the Organising and Political Sub-Committee 21 Jan 1932-17 Dec 1936
- 6 Minutes of the Organising and Political Sub-Committee 14 Jan 1937-19 Sept 1940
- 7 Minutes of the Organising and Political Sub-Committee 8 Aug 1941-16 July 1942

B/IV/1 Salaries Sub-Committee Minutes

- 1 Minutes of the Salaries Sub-Committee 30 Jan 1946-25 July 1950

B/V/1-3 Branch Minutes

- 1 Minutes of the St Faith's Branch, Norfolk 5 Sept 1906-17 Feb 1911
- 2 Minutes of the Collingham Branch, Notts 4 Nov 1916- 29 Aug 1920
- 3 Minutes of the Tuttingham Branch, Norfolk 22 Dec 1922-14 Jan 1949

B/VI/1-10 General Council Meeting and Conference Reports

- 1 Reports of the 7th, 8th and 9th General Council Meetings for 1913, 1914 and 1916
- 2 Reports of the first County Conference held owing to the abandonment of the annual General Council Meeting because of the War 1915
- 3 Reports of the 10th General Council Meeting for 1918 and the Biennial Conferences for 1920, 1922, 1924 and 1926
- 4 Report of the Biennial Conference for 1928
- 5 Report of the Biennial Conference for 1930
- 6 Report of the Biennial Conference for 1932
- 7 Reports of the Biennial Conferences for 1934, 1936 and 1938
- 8 Report of the Biennial Conference for 1940
- 9 Reports of the Biennial Conferences for 1942 and 1944
- 10 Report of the Biennial Conference for 1946/7

B/VII/1-9 Annual Reports and Balance Sheets

- 1 Annual Report and Balance Sheet 1962
- 2 Annual Report and Balance Sheet 1963
- 3 Annual Report and Balance Sheet 1964
- 4 Annual Report and Balance Sheet 1965
- 5 Annual Report and Balance Sheet 1966
- 7 Annual Report and Balance Sheet 1967
- 8 Annual Report and Balance Sheet 1970
- 9 Annual Report and Balance Sheet 1971

B/VIII/1-4 Lists of Officers and Members

- 1 Book relating to the nomination of officers to the first Executive Committee of the Eastern Counties Agricultural Labourers and Small Holders Union 1906
- 2 List of members as at 14 Nov 1914
- 3 List of members as at 30 June 1915
- 4 List of members (in benefit only) as at 31 Dec 1919 and 31 Dec 1920

B/IX/1-16 Files containing correspondence, drafts of articles, proofs etc. chiefly relating to the Union Journal 'The Labourer'

- 1 File relating to the 1st number of The Labourer 1915
- 2 File relating to the 3rd number of The Labourer 1915
- 3 File relating to the 4th number of The Labourer 1915
- 4 File relating to the 5th number of The Labourer 1916
- 5 File relating to the 6th number of The Labourer 1916
- 6 File relating to the 7th number of The Labourer 1916
- 7 File relating to the 8th number of The Labourer 1916
- 8 File relating to the 9th number of The Labourer 1917
- 9 File relating to the 10th number of The Labourer 1917
- 10 File relating to the 11th number of The Labourer 1917
- 11 File relating to the 12th number of The Labourer 1917
- 12 File relating to the 13th number of The Labourer 1918
- 13 File relating to the 14th number of The Labourer 1918
- 14 File containing correspondence relating to The Labourer, with specimen copies of The Scottish Farm Servant, The Smallholder etc. 1914-1915
- 15 File containing correspondence etc. partly relating to The Labourer and partly to the activities of the Union, 1916-1918
- 16 File containing correspondence and proofs of serial story 'Twixt Tweed and Tyne, a Romance of Town and Country' by Kathleen B Glazier published in The Labourer, 1915

B/X/1-4 Other administrative material

- 1 File containing miscellaneous and disorganised papers, collected by E G Gooch, and relating chiefly to Government wartime agricultural policy, Norfolk agricultural returns, and Union business 193- 194-
- 2 File containing circulars to branches relating to the decisions of the biennial conference in respect of wages, hours and holidays and preliminary to the survey of weekly budgets for farm workers, organised on a county basis, 1950
- 3 Collection of Returns to the survey of weekly budgets for farm workers as above, 1950
- 4 Collection of NUAAW printed publicity literature, 1950s-1972

C Legal

C/I Rule Book 1912

D Social and Personal Material

I Historical notes

- 1 File containing various articles on the history of agricultural trade unionism in England (5 items)
- 2 File containing correspondence, press cuttings and extracts from articles on the history of agricultural trade unionism etc (30 items)

II Press cuttings and pamphlets

- 1 Volume entitled 'Agricultural Policy, Minimum Wage etc.', numbered 1, and containing chiefly press cuttings 1919-1923
- 2 Volume entitled 'Statistics and Propaganda, National Union of Agricultural Workers, and National Farmers Union' numbered 2, and containing chiefly press cuttings 1919-1924
- 3 Volume entitled 'General, including letters to Press' numbered 3, and containing chiefly press cuttings 1919-1923
- 4 Volume entitled 'C.B.' for Cuttings Book, numbered 4, and containing press cuttings, copies of letters and circulars, and publicity matter 1921-1924
- 5 Volume entitled 'C.B.' for Cuttings Book, numbered 5, and containing press cuttings, copies of letters and circulars, and publicity matter 1919-1925
- 6 Volume entitled 'Publicity and Press cuttings' numbered 6, and containing press cuttings, copies of letters and circulars and publicity matter 1926-1928
- 7 Volume entitled 'C.B.' for Cuttings Book, numbered 7, and containing press cuttings and publicity matter 1929-1934
- 8 Volume entitled 'Norfolk Dispute', and containing press cuttings and copies of letters, 1923
- 9 File entitled 'News cuttings'. A file of loose press cuttings, political handbills, manifestos and other material; some miscellaneous items including letters, and order of service for George Edwards memorial service. Mainly c1932-c1946, with some items from 1957
- 10 Collection of eight political pamphlets: Facts for Socialists (Fabian Society, 1915); A Million New Houses After the War (1917); J Wedgwood, Labour and the Farm Worker; C Addison, Why Food is Dear; G Dallas, Farm Workers: greatest betrayal (1920s); British Agriculture 1938 (National Farmers' Union); Our Land: the future of Britain's agriculture (Labour Party, 1943); A Countryman talks about Socialism

III Other Social and Personal Ephemera

- 1 National Agricultural Labourers and Rural Workers Union Song Book (2 copies)
- 2 Programme for presentation to W. Holmes at the Holborn Restaurant London (2 copies) 1945
- 3 Programme for the Labour Victory Celebration Dinner at the Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn (3 copies) 1945
- 4 Volume of press cuttings and articles in respect of G Edwards 1894-1921
- 5 Manuscript copy of 'From Crow-Scaring to Westminster', by G Edwards, vol 1 to 1910
- 6 Manuscript copy of 'From Crow-Scaring to Westminster' by G Edwards, vol 2 from 1910
- 7 Proofs of 'From Crow-Scaring to Westminster' by G Edwards, provided by the Labour Publishing Co., London 1922
- 8 File containing correspondence between G Edwards and the Labour Publishing Co., and Jarrolds Publishers (London) Ltd., in respect of 'From Crow-Scaring to Westminster', and defective typescript of same, 1922
- 9 File containing copies of speeches and articles by E G Gooch 1940s
- 10 Collection of 18 photographs illustrating aspects of the Union's history c1880-1940
- 11 Photographs of the 'Joseph Arch' public house, Barford, Warwickshire. Four large prints
- 12 NUAAW diary for 1972
- 13 Union and Socialist song sheets. (9 items)
- 14 Framed photographs of past officers of the union: A C Dann, E G Gooch, W R Smith, H Collison, W Holmes, R B Walker, G Edwards

E Records of associated organisations and publications

I National Agricultural Labourers Union

- 1 Minutes of the Yetminster branch, Dorset, of The NALU, together with notes relating to parish charities, 15 Feb 1873-15 Jan 1877
- 2 Diary of Joseph Arch 1876
- 3 Diary of Joseph Arch 1892
- 4 Membership certificate awarded to Mr John Hems, Winson Branch, Gloucestershire, 1876. Framed print, 22 1/2 inches by 18 inches

II Agricultural Wages Board (England and Wales)

- 1 Agricultural Wages Board Minutes
 - 1 Minutes 6 Dec 1917-27 Nov 1919
 - 2 Minutes 8 Jan 1920-23 Aug 1921
 - 3 Minutes (Workers Section) with loose papers 6 Dec 1917-1 Dec 1920
- 2 Wages Board Publications
 - 1-3 Wages Board Gazette vols 1-3 1918-1921 (3 items)

III Parliamentary Papers

- 1 Volume containing the text of the Corn Production Act 1917, The Agriculture Act 1920, the Repeal of the Corn Production Acts 1921, with Home Office circulars and press cuttings, statutory orders on wages
- 2 Royal Commission on Agriculture 1881, vol II, Minutes of Evidence [C-3096]
- 3 Royal Commission on Labour 1893, Agricultural Labourer vol I England Part III, being the Reports of Mr A Wilson Fox on Selected Districts in Cumberland, Lancashire, Norfolk, Northumberland and Suffolk [C-6894-111]
- 4 Royal Commission on Labour 1893, Agricultural Labourer, vol III Scotland Part II, being the Reports of Mr R Hunter Pringle and Mr E Wilkinson on Selected Districts [C-6894-XVI]

Additional material

I Part of this NUAW deposit

A Library

- 1 The Landworker, 1921-71 (missing 1935 and 1941). Subsequent years from 1972 accessioned directly to the library
- 2 Parliamentary Papers
 - 1 Return of Rates of Wages to Police, Workpeople employed on Roads etc, and at Gas and Water Works, 1892 [C-6715]
 - 2 Royal Commission on Agriculture 1894, being the Reports of Dr W Fream on The Andover District of Hampshire and The Maidstone District of Kent [C-7365]
 - 3 Board of Trade, Labour Department, 1896, 4th Annual Report on Changes in Wages and Hours of Labour in the United Kingdom [C-8444]

B Object collection

- 1 Four collecting boxes for the union's National Benevolent Fund for Members in Distress (object accession 75/15)
- 2 Plaster-cast models of the hands of Joseph Arch (object accession 75/16)
- 3 Coat badges of the National Agricultural Labourers' and Rural Workers' Union, the National Union of Agricultural Workers and the National Union of Horticultural Workers. (10 items) (object accession 75/161)
- 4 Medal of the National Agricultural Labourers' and Rural Workers' Union (object accession 75/162)

II Other associated deposits

- 1 Banner, National Agricultural Labourers' Union (object accession 61/47)
- 2 Banner, National Agricultural Labourers' and Rural Workers' Union (object accession 61/235)
- 3 Sash, National Union of Agricultural Workers (object accession 70/118)

Eastern Counties Agricultural Labourers and Smallholders Union

Photocopies of documents, the originals of which are deposited in the local studies collection, Norwich Central Library (accession no DX2)

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- 1 Quarterly financial statements, July 1909-June 1910 (4 items)
- 2 Annual report and balance sheet, 1906, 1908-11 (5 items)
- 3 Printed agenda and resolutions, annual general council meeting, 1908-12 (5 items)
- 4 General secretary's report, and balance sheet 1907