

**L DUBT    AMALGAMATED UNION OF BUILDING TRADE    1892-1966**  
**WORKERS (FORMERLY THE OPERATIVE**  
**SOCIETY OF BRICKLAYERS): HULL BRANCH**

**Historical Background:**

The Operative Society of Bricklayers was formed in the late 1820s or early 1830s. In 1848 divisions led to a split into two separate unions: the London Order of Operative Bricklayers' Society (soon after renamed the Operative Bricklayers' Society) and the Manchester Unity of Operative Bricklayers' Society. Although it is not known when the Hull Branch of the Operative Society of Bricklayers was formed it is known to have been in existence by 1890.

In 1921 the two societies reunited when they amalgamated with the Operative Society of Masons, Quarrymen and Allied Trades of England and Wales to form the Amalgamated Union of Building Trade Workers. A series of further mergers took place throughout the second-half of the twentieth century with other related Associations and Society's. In December 1971 the Society changed its name to the Union of Construction, Allied Trades and Technicians.

For a full account see Leslie M. Wood, 'A union to build: The story of UCATT' (1979).

**Custodial History:**

The records were deposited at Hull Local Studies Library in 1976

**Description:**

Minutes of the Amalgamated Union of Building Trade Workers (formerly the Operative Bricklayers Society), Hull branch (1892-1966 incomplete)

**Related material:**

The Modern Records Centre at the University of Warwick hold the following items:

1. Operative Bricklayers' Society Hull Branch minute book, 1890-1892 (Ref MSS.78/OB/BR3/1/1) with a list of proposed new branch members during this period.
2. Papers of the Operative Bricklayers' Society, 1861-1933 (Ref MSS.78/OB)
3. Papers of the Amalgamated Union of Building Trade Workers, 1919-1971 (Ref MSS.78/AU)

For details of other branch records of the Operative Bricklayers' Society or the Amalgamated Union of Building Trade Workers please check the National Register of Archives <<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/nra/>>

**Extent:**

6 items (1 box)

**Access Conditions:**

Access will be granted to any accredited reader

**L DUBT      Minute books      1892-1966**

The change in name from the Operative Bricklayers' Society to the Amalgamated Union of Building Trade Workers had no visible impact on the meetings although this is partly hidden by the incomplete nature of the records that have survived.

The Society/Union appears to have served as a liaison between employees and employers and the minutes include numerous cases where disputes were raised by individual members and then investigated (often inviting the employer to give their account on the issue at hand) before reaching a resolution that all of the members could vote on.

The Society/Union also discouraged its members working for some employers and would summon members who continued to work for specific employers against their recommendation. Individuals who refused to stop working for the employer would then be fined and suspended from the organisation.

Each meeting would also record the number of members currently sick.

6 items/6 volumes

L DUBT/1      Minutes      9 Feb 1892-  
Containing minutes of the Committee, Joint Committee      23 Jun 1906  
and Quarterly meetings.

Also contains a list of members (1892-1906) joining the Society detailing their name, age years in the trade, their married status, whether they had previously been a member and the names of two existing members who proposed their admission.

1 item/1 volume

L DUBT/2      Minutes      27 Mar 1913-  
Including Branch and Quarterly meetings. Also includes      27 Jul 1918  
printed notes on the admission of members and  
instruction to branch presidents.  
1 item/1 volume

L DUBT/3      Minutes      17 Jul 1935-  
Although there are two branches in Hull these minutes      26 Oct 1940  
appear to be primarily those of the Joint Management  
Committee rather than either of the branches.

Includes 2 printed leaflets from Hull No 1 & No 2

branches of the Union relating to the war emergency arrangements with regard to meetings (changed time due to black-out restrictions), paying contributions and advice for members joining H.M. Forces.

Also includes printed notes on the admission of members and instruction to branch presidents.

1 item/1 volume

L DUBT/4	Hull No 1 Branch Minutes 1 item/1 volume	25 Oct 1942- 2 Jan 1965
L DUBT/5	Hull No 2 Branch Minutes 1 item/1 volume	30 Jun 1944- 21 Jul 1950
L DUBT/6	Hull No 2 Branch Minutes Includes some loose nomination and voting forms for officers and representatives to attend the TUC and National Delegate Conferences 1 item/1 volume	28 Jul 1950- 23 Sep 1966