

**U DX116**                      **Records of the Amalgamated Society**                      **1862 - 1945**  
**of Boilermakers, Shipwrights, Blacksmiths**  
**and Structural Workers: Hull No. 1 Branch**

**Historical Background:**

The Amalgamated Society of Boilermakers, Shipwrights, Blacksmiths and Structural Workers came into existence in 1963 as a result of the amalgamation of the Associated Blacksmiths, Forge and Smithy Workers Society, the United Society of Boilermakers, Shipbuilders and Structural Workers, and the Shipconstructors and Shipwrights Association. After the amalgamation each society continued to operate independently for trade purposes until full integration took place six years later. In 1971 the membership was around 30,000 and was largely involved in shipbuilding. The Society represented workers involved in shipbuilding engineering trades, for example, welders, riveters and boilermakers (Marsh & Ryan, Historical directory of trade unions, ii, pp.72-3).

These records relate to the United Society of Boilermakers and Iron and Steel Shipbuilders, formed from the United Friendly Boilermakers Society in 1852 with the merger of the Scottish Society of Boilermakers and the Amicable and Provident Society of Journeymen Boilermakers of Great Britain. The United Friendly Boilermakers Society had its origins in the formation in 1834 of the Society of Friendly Boilermakers with a membership of fourteen and William Hughes as the first general secretary. In 1852 there were 2000 members. The Society stressed brotherhood and it adhered to strict rules about the age and health of its membership because it paid generous sickness benefits to workers and centralised branch funds aided members during trade depressions. In 1870 the Society affiliated to the Trades Union Council and there was a later name change to the United Society of Boilermakers, Shipbuilders and Structural Workers. The papers end with the large amalgamation of 1963 (Marsh & Ryan, Historical directory of trade unions, ii, p.88).

**Custodial history:** Deposited by G Mountain, District Delegate, Humber District Committee of ASBSBSW Hull no.1 Branch, 5 May 1976 [U DX116/1-21], 12 May 1976 [U DX116/22-72]

**Description:**

These records comprise records of the Hull No.1 branch (1862-1936) including a minute book 1910-1931, a treasurer's receipt book 1862-1864, savings bank books 1886-1905, quarterly statements of accounts 1890 and 1892, members' declaration books 1872-1897 and assorted papers related to wage rates; bye-laws and rules of the Society (1894-1940); price lists (1888-1945) particularly for platers and riveters; wage rates (1899-1930) the earliest being for Merseyside; agreements (1894-1941); various papers (1897-1940) including the form of initiation into the society, an 1897 register of apprentices in Hull, correspondence about prices and demarcation disputes and the Friendly Boilermakers Society chairman's gavel (mid-nineteenth century).

**Extent:** circa 80 items

**Related material:**

Other records are at U DX168

Records of the Confederation of Sailmakers/Shipconstructors and Shipwrights Association, Hull Sailmakers Branch [U DP161/47-52]

**Access conditions:** Access will be granted to any accredited reader

Hull History Centre: Amalgamated Society of Boilermakers, Shipwrights, Blacksmiths and Structural Workers: Hull No. 1 Branch

U DX116/1	Hull no.1 branch. Minute Book 1 volume	1910 - 1931
U DX116/2	Hull no.1 branch. Treasurer's Receipt Book 1 volume	1862 - 1864
U DX116/3	Hull no.1 branch. Post Office Savings Bank Book 1 volume	1886 - 1890
U DX116/4	Hull no.1 branch. Post Office Savings Bank Book 1 volume	1890 - 1896
U DX116/5	Hull no.1 branch. Post Office Savings Bank Book 1 volume	1896 - 1905
U DX116/6	Hull no.1 branch. Statement of Quarterly Accounts 1 item	Oct - Dec 1890
U DX116/7	Hull no.1 branch. Statement of Quarterly Accounts 1 item	Jan-Mar 1892
U DX116/8	Humber District Committee. Statement of Quarterly Accounts 1 item	Oct - Dec 1892
U DX116/9	Hull no.1 branch. Members' Declaration Book 1 volume	1872 - 1884
U DX116/10	Hull no.1 branch. Members' Declaration Book 1 volume	1885 - 1897
U DX116/11	Price list of piecework rates. Platers' 1 item	1885
U DX116/12	Price list of piecework rates. Platers' and anglesmiths 1 item	1895
U DX116/13	Price list of piecework rates. Caulkers' 1 item	1899
U DX116/14	Price list of piecework rates. Platers' 1 item	[1901]
U DX116/15	Price list of piecework rates. Platers' 1 item	c.1901
U DX116/16	Price list of piecework rates. General 1 item	[1911 - 1925]
U DX116/17	Price list of piecework rates. Tyne and Wear riveters' 1 item	1915

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U DX116/18	Price list of piecework rates. Electric welding at Beverley 1 item	1936
U DX116/19	Standard weekly wage rates 1 item	1923
U DX116/20	Standard weekly wage rates 1 item	1932
U DX116/21	Medical certificates 3 items	1912
U DX116/22	Bye - laws and rules. Hull District 1 item	1894
U DX116/23	Bye - laws and rules. Hull District 1 item	1894
U DX116/24	Bye - laws and rules. Hull District 1 item	1894
U DX116/25	Bye - laws and rules. South Wales District 1 item	1902 - 1920
U DX116/26	Bye - laws and rules. Tyne and Blyth District 1 item	1909
U DX116/27	Bye - laws and rules. General Federation of Trade Unions 1 item	1910
U DX116/28	Bye - laws and rules. Hull Trades and Labour Council 1 item	1912
U DX116/29	Bye-laws and rules. Southampton District 1 item	1913
U DX116/30	Bye - laws and rules. Falmouth Port 1 item	1910s
U DX116/31	Bye - laws and rules. Falmouth Port 1 item	1910s
U DX116/32	Bye - laws and rules. Dartmouth Port 1 item	1921
U DX116/33	Bye - laws and rules. Tees & Hartlepool's Districts 1 item	1925
U DX116/34	Bye - laws and rules. General Federation of Trade Unions 1 item	1926 - 1927

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U DX116/35	Bye - laws and rules. Humber District 1 item	1933
U DX116/36	Bye - laws and rules. Ship repairing industry. Port of London 1 item	1933
U DX116/37	Bye - laws and rules. Ship repairing industry. Port of London 1 item	1938
U DX116/38	Bye - laws and rules. Fleetwood Port 1 item	1940
U DX116/39	Price list. Riveters' and Caulkers'. Northumberland Engine Company, Tyne 1 item	1888
U DX116/40	Price list. Caulkers' 1 item	1888 - 1911
U DX116/41	Price list. Platers' (Journeyman piecework) 1 item	1898 - 1945
U DX116/42	Price list. Riveters' repair work. Tyne and Blyth District 1 item	early 20th cent.
U DX116/43	Price list. Riveters' repair work. Wear District 1 item	1909
U DX116/44	Price list. Riveters'. Tyne & Wear District 1 item	1915 - 1918
U DX116/45	Price list. Riveters'. Bristol Channel District 1 item	1919
U DX116/46	Price list. Caulkers' repair work. Bristol Channel District 1 item	1920
U DX116/47	Price lists. Miscellaneous including: a) Hull angle - iron smiths (2), no date and 1902 b) Platers'. Grimsby Fish Dock, 1906 c) Riveting vessels built on 'Isherwood' system, 1911 d) Riveters' drilling and cutting out, 1917 e) Brigham and Cowan (Hull) Ltd., 1929 - 1930 6 items	1902 - 1930
U DX116/48	Wage rates. Mersey District 1 item	1899

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U DX116/49	Wage rates. Caulkers' repair work. Bristol Channel District 1 item	1920
U DX116/50	Wage rates. Fluctuations of wages in shipyards 1 item	1880 - 1911
U DX116/51	Wage rates. Firms in Lincoln Districts 1 item	early 20th cent.
U DX116/52	Wage rates. Hull Iron Trades Employers' Association 1 item	1930
U DX116/53	Agreement. Between Employers' Associations and the Society 1 item	1894
U DX116/54	Agreement. Apprenticeship Agreement (shipyards) 1 item	1902
U DX116/55	Agreement. Between Platers and helpers in Hull shipyards 1 item	1914
U DX116/56	Agreement. On dilution and demarcation, and arbitration cases 1 item	1914 - 1918
U DX116/57	Agreement. Joint Working Trade Agreement between the society, the Shipconstructors' and Shipwrights' Association, and the Associated Blacksmiths' and Ironworkers' Society 1 item	1917
U DX116/58	Agreement. Between the Shipbuilding Employers' Association and the Society, on the working of pneumatic riveting hammers 1 item	1918
U DX116/59	Agreement. Between the Shipbuilding Employers' Association and the Society, on the working of pneumatic riveting hammers 1 item	1920
U DX116/60	Agreement. Boiler Makers, Leeds District - out - working allowance, overtime, night shift and holidays 1 item	1924

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U DX116/61	Miscellaneous agreements including: a) Working of pneumatic tools, 1905 b) Settlement of questions arising from riveters' work. Tyne and Wear District, 1918 c) Reduction of wages, 1921 d) Payment for holiday work. Hull District, 1924 e) Apprenticeship, 1938 - 1941 5 items	1905 - 1941
U DX116/62	Form of initiation into the Society 1 item	early 20th cent.
U DX116/63	Form of initiation into the Society 1 item	early 20th cent.
U DX116/64	Form of initiation into the Society (Honorary Members) 1 item	early 20th cent.
U DX116/65	Register of Apprentices in Hull District 1 volume	1897
U DX116/66	Referees' Award. Allocation of insulation work on board ships in Hull District 1 item	1906
U DX116/67	Papers relating to a demarcation dispute between shipwrights and Platers at Livingstone & Coopers, shipbuilders, Hessle 1 bundle	1921
U DX116/68	Letter: Hull District Secretary to Branch Secretaries Starting times and places 1 item	26 Jan 1924
U DX116/69	Correspondence with Joseph Scarr & Sons, shipbuilders, Beverley. Prices for riveting and caulking 1 bundle	1928
U DX116/70	Open letter to apprentices urging them to join the society 1 item	early 20th cent.
U DX116/71	Chairman's gavel 1 item	20th cent.
U DX116/72	Dispensation to Hull No. 5 (Railway) Branch. Framed 1 item	17 Feb 1940