

U DX219

Diary of Frederick W Booth

1924

Accession number: 1990/26

Historical Background/Biographical Background: Frederick W. Booth of Hull may have been related to the activities of the Labour movement in Hull. In 1919 he was committed to an asylum and was apparently released without being certified. It appears that in 1924 Booth was again under observations relating to the state of his mental health. These observations appear to be a result of attempts to have him certified following his marriage to 'Bertha'. In December 1924 these observations appear to have come to an end.

Custodial history: Donated by Mark Brown, through Prof. John Saville, Department of Economic and Social History, University of Hull, June 1990. The diary entries were given by Booth to Brown who in turn gave them to Saville in the 1950s. The diary may have been intended to form part of the Hull Labour Archive as '[Hull Labour Archive]' is written on the reverse of the entry dated 3 Sep in a hand other than Booth's.

Description: Diary of Frederick W. Booth of Hull who may have been related to the activities of the Labour movement in Hull.

Extent: 1 item

Related material: Diaries of Edith Christabel and Tom Peirse, 1919-1971 [Ref L DFPE]

Access conditions: Access will be granted to any accredited reader

Language: English

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to his marriage;

27 Sep - Comments on the cold-bloodedness of his wife Bertha;

8 Oct - Notes that his 'brain is yet unimpaired' throughout this tragedy;

12 Oct - Comments that J.P. Merrills has never criticised or condemned him;

16 Oct - Mentions being 'trustled off to the Asylum as a pauper' over 5 years ago;

8 Nov - Refers to a letter of this date in the 'Hull Times' which shows his brain to be clear and his powers of expression perfect;

14 Nov - Notes that he has established that his brain is right, and that letters to Brown, Badey, Doc Merson, Ald Taylor and the Hull Times prove it;

24 Nov - Comments on the day 'the wretched woman' finally disappeared;

11 Dec - Comments on the end of 'This Ghastly Tragedy' and quotes Robert Burns;

12 Dec - Comments on the state of his teeth, refers to his coming back from the asylum in July 1919, notes he had no reason to doubt his health at the time of his marriage.

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