

U DX245

**Records of the National Union
of Agricultural Workers, East Riding Branches**

c.1800s-1990

Accession number: 1995/20

Historical Background:

The National Union of Agricultural and Allied Workers was established as the Eastern Counties Agricultural Labourers and Small Holders Union, in Norfolk on 20 July 1906. In 1910, it changed its name to the National Agricultural Labourers' and Rural Workers' Union and began to accept, in addition to farm workers, carters, gardeners, roadmen, navvies and women. By 1920 the union had over 100 000 members and changed its name again, to the National Union of Agricultural Workers. A strike organised by the union in 1923 helped reduce the pressure to cut agricultural workers' wages. By the end of the Second World War, the union boasted 3252 branches. In 1968, the union was renamed the National Union of Agricultural and Allied Workers and in 1982 it amalgamated with the Transport and General Workers' Union to form the Agricultural and Allied Workers' Trade Group.

Frank Robinson began working on farms in 1914 aged 10 and became a member of the National Union of Agricultural and Rural Workers in 1918. He later joined the East Yorkshire Regiment, serving in Egypt and Indo-China (now known as Mainland Southeast Asia), before being invalided out in 1930. He returned to farm work and became Secretary of the Patrington Branch of the National Union of Agricultural Workers (NUAW). In 1935 he took over a coal business and a small-holding. When war was declared, he was appointed to the East Riding agricultural executive committee and in 1942 he was elected to the union's national executive committee in London. In 1957 he went as a governor advisor with the UK delegation to the Food and Agricultural Organisation conference in Rome. Ill-health forced him to retire from the NUAW in 1970 after 28 years of continuous service. For 18 years he was a member of the Agricultural Wages Board in London. He also served as a member of the Holderness District Council and as the chairman from 1970 to 1972.

Custodial history:

Donated by Pat Robinson, Patrington, via Tony Topham, 4 November 1995

Description:

This collection contains handwritten minute books of the Aslackby, Driffield, Langtoft and Patrington branches of the National Union of Agricultural Workers (NUAW); financial records relating to membership of the NUAW including Langtoft Branch Contribution Registers (1978-1990), members' contribution cards and a receipt book relating to strike pay during the East Riding Wages Dispute (1922), and subject files relating to agricultural wages, the Agricultural Wages (Regulation) Act (1924), Agricultural Wages Committees and other agricultural issues. There is also a file of press cuttings relating to Frank Robinson and his work with both the NUAW and other agricultural organisations and a bundle of photographs of various trade union banners.

Arrangement:

U DX245/1 Minute Books of National Union of Agricultural Workers Branches
U DX245/2 Financial Records relating to Membership
U DX245/3 Subject Files

Extent: 52 items

Related material:

Amalgamated Union of Building Trade Workers: Hull Branch [L DUBT]
Local Trade Union Records [U DX296]
Papers of Jack Brocklebank, including records of the National Union of Agricultural and Allied Workers [U DBK]
Records of Hull branches of various Trade Unions [U DX131]
Records of the Hull No 1 Branch of the General and Municipal Workers' Union [U DX102]
Records of the Transport and General Workers Union, Region 10: Docks and Waterways [U DTG]

Other repositories:

Records of the National Union of Agricultural and Allied Workers (University of Warwick Library) [GB 0152 MSS.435/NUAW]

Access conditions:

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Access to all other records will be granted to any accredited reader.

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U DX245/1	Minute Books of National Union of Agricultural Workers (NUAW) Branches Includes minute books for the Aslackby, Driffield, Langtoft and Patrington branches of the NUAW. 28 items	1918-1989
U DX245/1/1	Minute Book. Aslackby Branch 1 volume	Dec 1924- Sep 1959
U DX245/1/2	Minute Book. Driffield Branch 1 volume	Feb 1954- Oct 1962
U DX245/1/3	Minute Book. Driffield Branch 1 volume	Jul 1963- Feb 1967
U DX245/1/4	Minute Book. Driffield Branch 1 volume	Jul 1967- Dec 1969
U DX245/1/5	Minute Book. Driffield Branch 1 volume	Jun 1971- Nov 1972
U DX245/1/6	Minute Book. Driffield Branch 1 volume	Nov 1972- Feb 1974
U DX245/1/7	Minute Book. Driffield Branch Includes a balance sheet for a Darts Tournament (1987). 1 volume	Jul 1984- Apr 1987
U DX245/1/8	Minute Book. Langtoft Branch 1 volume	Nov 1937- Mar 1950
U DX245/1/9	Minute Book. Langtoft Branch 1 volume	Mar 1950- Oct 1954
U DX245/1/10	Minute Book. Langtoft Branch 1 volume	Nov 1954- Mar 1958
U DX245/1/11	Minute Book. Langtoft Branch 1 volume	Apr 1958- Oct 1961
U DX245/1/12	Minute Book. Langtoft Branch 1 volume	Dec 1961- Jul 1965
U DX245/1/13	Minute Book. Langtoft Branch 1 volume	Jan 1970- Sep 1971
U DX245/1/14	Minute Book. Langtoft Branch 1 volume	Feb 1977- Nov 1983

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U DX245/1/15	Minute Book. Langtoft Branch 1 volume	c.1980s
U DX245/1/16	Minute Book. Patrington Branch Includes minutes (1918-1933) an anonymous typed article entitled 'Rural Trade Unionism'; a circular from the National Union of Agricultural Workers (NUAW) General Secretary relating to the Executive Committee Election (1938); handwritten notes relating to the history of the NUAW; a photocopy relating to a court case brought to York Assizes by the NUAW Sproatley Branch, and an advertising leaflet for a meeting of the NUAW Patrington Branch featuring Coun. J.L. Schultz as a speaker. 1 volume	Feb 1918- 1938
U DX245/1/17	Minute Book. Patrington Branch Includes minutes (1933-1934); treasurer's account book (1918-1921); related correspondence, and advertising leaflets for meetings of the National Union of Agricultural Workers Patrington Branch. 1 volume	1918-1934
U DX245/1/18	Minute Book. Patrington Branch Includes advertising leaflets for meetings of the National Union of Agricultural Workers Patrington Branch. 1 volume	Jan-Jun 1935
U DX245/1/19	Minute Book. Patrington Branch Includes related correspondence; newspaper cuttings, and advertising leaflets for meetings of the National Union of Agricultural Workers Patrington Branch. 1 volume	Jun 1935- May 1936
U DX245/1/20	Minute Book. Patrington Branch Including a copy of a letter, General Secretary, NUAW, London, to Branch Secretaries in Yorkshire informing them that WH Maulson, Yorkshire Organiser, had resigned due to ill health and would be replaced by Bert Hazell. Previous reference: U DX245/1. 1 volume	Jun 1936- Oct 1939
U DX245/1/21	Minute Book. Patrington Branch Including NUAW membership card of VG Tuplin, Patrington Branch, for 1943. Previous reference: U DX245/2. 1 volume	Nov 1939- Jan 1944
U DX245/1/22	Minute Book. Patrington Branch Previous reference: U DX245/3. 1 volume	Jan 1944- Jan 1947

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U DX245/1/23	Minute Book. Patrington Branch Previous reference: U DX245/4. 1 volume	Jan 1947- Jan 1952
U DX245/1/24	Minute Book. Patrington Branch Includes related correspondence, newspaper cuttings and circulars. 1 volume	Jan 1952- Dec 1954
U DX245/1/25	Minute Book. Patrington Branch Previous reference: U DX245/5. 1 volume	Jan 1955- Nov 1957
U DX245/1/26	Minute Book. Patrington Branch Previous reference: U DX245/6. 1 volume	Jan 1958- Sep 1965
U DX245/1/27	Minute Book. Patrington Branch Includes related correspondence, circulars, leaflets and newspaper cuttings; an advertising leaflet for a National Union of Agricultural Workers wage campaign rally; lists of members with permits of exemption from the East Riding of Yorkshire Agricultural Wages Committee in the Beverley, Hornsea and Holderness area (1964), and a menu for a dinner to celebrate the 21st birthday of the Patrington Branch. 1 volume	Oct 1965- Feb 1978
U DX245/1/28	Minute Book. Patrington Branch Includes related correspondence, newspaper cuttings and photographs; an application for funeral benefit arising from the death of member Fred Hall; and a copy of the 'Report of the 12th Session of the Food & Agricultural Organisation held at FAO Headquarters in Rome' (Nov 1963). 1 volume	Jun 1978- Sep 1989

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U DX245/2	Financial Records relating to Membership Includes Langtoft Branch Contribution Registers (1978-1990), examples of members' contribution cards and a receipt book relating to the East Riding Wages Dispute (1922). 9 items	1919-1990
U DX245/2/1	Langtoft Branch Contribution Register Includes members names, addresses, date they joined the union, amount of contributions, and date of transfer to another branch, if applicable. 1 item This item contains personal sensitive information and is not available for public inspection for 75 years until Jan 2055. This is in accordance with data protection legislation. If you have a query about access to this record please contact archives@hull.ac.uk.	1978-1979
U DX245/2/2	Langtoft Branch Contribution Register Includes members names, addresses, date they joined the union, amount of contributions, and date of transfer to another branch, if applicable. 1 item This item contains personal sensitive information and is not available for public inspection for 75 years until Jan 2057. This is in accordance with data protection legislation. If you have a query about access to this record please contact archives@hull.ac.uk.	1980-1981
U DX245/2/3	Langtoft Branch Contribution Register Includes members names, addresses, date they joined the union, amount of contributions, and date of transfer to another branch, if applicable. 1 item This item contains personal sensitive information and is not available for public inspection for 75 years until Jan 2058. This is in accordance with data protection legislation. If you have a query about access to this record please contact archives@hull.ac.uk.	1982

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U DX245/2/4	Langtoft Branch Contribution Register Includes members names, addresses, date they joined the union, amount of contributions, and date of transfer to another branch, if applicable. 1 item This item contains personal sensitive information and is not available for public inspection for 75 years until Jan 2062. This is in accordance with data protection legislation. If you have a query about access to this record please contact archives@hull.ac.uk.	1986
U DX245/2/5	Langtoft Branch Contribution Register Includes members names, addresses, date they joined the union, amount of contributions, and date of transfer to another branch, if applicable. 1 item This item contains personal sensitive information and is not available for public inspection for 75 years until Jan 2065. This is in accordance with data protection legislation. If you have a query about access to this record please contact archives@hull.ac.uk.	1988-1989
U DX245/2/6	Langtoft Branch Contribution Register Includes members names, addresses, date they joined the union, amount of contributions, and date of transfer to another branch, if applicable. 1 item This item contains personal sensitive information and is not available for public inspection for 75 years until Jan 2066. This is in accordance with data protection legislation. If you have a query about access to this record please contact archives@hull.ac.uk.	1990
U DX245/2/7	[Patrington] Branch Contribution Register Includes members names and the amounts of their monthly contributions 1 item	n.d.
U DX245/2/8	Members' Contribution Cards Includes individual Member's Contribution Cards providing details of the member's name, branch and contributions. 1 bundle	1919-1975

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U DX245/2/9	<p>Receipt Book Includes details of receipts received from Branch Secretaries for strike pay during a wage dispute in the East Riding of Yorkshire area. 1 item</p>	1922
U DX245/3	<p>Subject Files Includes files relating to agricultural wages, the Agricultural Wages (Regulation) Act (1924), Agricultural Wages Committees and various other agricultural issues; a bundle of photographs of trade union banners; a file of National Agricultural Workers Union publications, and files of press cuttings and notes relating to agricultural issues. 15 items</p>	c.1800s-1987
U DX245/3/1	<p>Bundle. Photographs of Trade Union Banners Includes photograph of banners of The Grain Millers of Glasgow, The Transport and General Workers Union Ipswich Branch, The Ipswich Dockers Union, The Scottish National Operative Plasterers Federal Union Edinburgh District, The Workers' Union Witney Branch, The Scottish Horse and Motormen's Association, the National Amalgamated Union of Enginemmen, Firemen, Mechanics, Motormen & Electrical Workers, The National Winding & General Engineers Society, The Chemical Workers Union, The North of Scotland Horse and Motormen's Association, and The Operative Grain Millers. 1 bundle</p>	c.1800s
U DX245/3/2	<p>File. Publications Includes a copy of 'The Land Campaign Opening Speech' by David Lloyd George (1913), National Union of Agricultural Workers (NUAW) advertising leaflets, NUAW Branch Secretary's Handbook (1967), National Union of Agricultural and Allied Workers Rules (1980), and The Landworker, newspaper of the Agricultural and Allied Workers (Oct 1928, Apr 1934, Aug 1976, Oct 1976 and Jul 1984). 1 file</p>	1913-1984

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| U DX245/3/3 | <p>File. [Agricultural Wages]</p> <p>Includes correspondence from the National Agricultural Labourers' and Rural Workers' Union to the District Wages Committee - Yorkshire relating to agricultural wages and the work of the committee; correspondence between the Workers' Union and the National Union of Agricultural Workers (NUAW) relating to meetings with the National Farmers' Union; newspaper cuttings relating to assistance provided to the agricultural sector by national banks; newspaper cuttings and typed notes relating to poverty in the agricultural sector and various other agricultural issues; correspondence relating to the East Riding Wages Dispute, and papers relating to court cases brought by NUAW members.</p> <p>1 file</p> | 1916-1928 |
| U DX245/3/4 | <p>File. Agricultural Wages</p> <p>Includes related newspaper cuttings and typescripts of articles; correspondence relating to the work of National Union of Agricultural Workers (NUAW) Wages Committees; a list of old NUAW West Riding branches; typed notes and other papers relating to the West Riding of Yorkshire Agricultural Wages Committee; copy minutes of a meeting of the Agricultural Wages Board (14 Mar 1919), and a copy of the 'Determinations of the Values of 'Benefits and Advantages' as set out in the Corn Production Act 1917.</p> <p>1 file</p> | 1917-1935 |
| U DX245/3/5 | <p>File. Current Rates of Wages</p> <p>Includes related newspaper cuttings and notes; a copy of the 'Agricultural Wages Board Summary of Existing Information Relating to the Wages and Earnings of Workers in Agriculture', and a copy of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries' 'Report of an Enquiry into Wages and Conditions of Agricultural Employment in the East Riding of Yorkshire', with copies of the reports for the West and North Ridings.</p> <p>1 file</p> | 1919-1920 |

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U DX245/3/6	<p>File. Handwritten copies of short articles, speeches and letters (to the press)</p> <p>Includes photocopies and original documents mainly relating to the work of the National Union of Agricultural Workers (NUAW). Includes an obituary for Zachariah Bemrose; an article about a proposed strike apparently 'ignored' by farm workers; a short report about the composition of agricultural workers and agriculture in Britain; letters and other documents relating to agricultural wages and the future of British agriculture; an essay on the beginnings of the trade union movement in Britain and an essay entitled 'Village Life - The Countryside, Yesterday and To-day'. There are also notes relating to the Agricultural Occupancy Conditions with reference to [Homes] for Agriculture as well as notes relating to the Agricultural Wages Board; a memorandum to the Executive Committee on Agriculture and the Common Market by the NUAW (July 1961) and photocopies of press cuttings covering the harvest strikers in Holderness in September 1920. Previous reference: U DX245/9.</p> <p>1 file</p>	1920s-1970s
U DX245/3/7	<p>File. Rent Acts</p> <p>Includes a typed paper entitled 'The Rent Acts: Position of Farm Workers in Tied Cottages' published by the National Union of Agricultural Workers.</p> <p>1 file</p>	1923
U DX245/3/8	<p>File. Agricultural Wages Regulations</p> <p>Includes a copy of the Agricultural Wages (Regulation) Act (1924); a related leaflet by the National Union of Agricultural Workers (NUAW) entitled 'How the Agricultural Wages Act Affects Farm Workers', and correspondence and guidance notes from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries to Agricultural Wages Committees relating to the Agricultural Wages Act.</p> <p>1 file</p>	1924-1928
U DX245/3/9	<p>File. [Agricultural Wages]</p> <p>Includes a typed summary of the Agricultural Wages (Regulation) Act (1924), and papers entitled 'A New Minimum Wage in Agriculture' and 'Agricultural Marketing in Great Britain' published by the National Union of Agricultural Workers (1936).</p> <p>1 file</p>	1924-1936

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| U DX245/3/10 | <p>File. [Agricultural Wages]
Includes correspondence from the National Union of Agricultural Workers (NUAW) to branch secretaries concerning related parliamentary acts and agricultural wages; copies of NUAW leaflets entitled 'Rates for Agricultural Piece Work' (1952-1962); copies of Agricultural Wages Board Orders (1948-1962); copies of amendments to the Agricultural Wages (Regulation) Act, and draft minutes of meetings of the East Riding of Yorkshire Agricultural Wages Committee (17 Oct 1933, 8 Apr 1935 and 20 May 1935) with related papers.
1 file</p> | 1924-1962 |
| U DX245/3/11 | <p>File. North Riding Agricultural Wages Committee
Includes copies of the North Riding Agricultural Wages Committee (NRAWC) standing orders; correspondence from the National Union of Agricultural Workers to the NRAWC relating to the acreage under crops and grass within the North and East Ridings, with related statistics, and press cuttings and notes relating to government involvement in the agricultural sector.
1 file</p> | 1934-1936 |
| U DX245/3/12 | <p>File. [Press Cuttings]
Includes press cuttings relating to agricultural wages, working conditions, rent, food prices, rations and general agricultural issues.
1 file</p> | 1938-1940 |
| U DX245/3/13 | <p>File. Transport and General Workers' Union (TGWU)
Includes a handwritten copy of a member's experiences of the TGWU by T. Clark; a copy of the TGWU Rules (1939); a letter from F. Robinson, District & Branch Secretary, Patrington, to members of National Union of Agricultural & Allied Workers relating to the merger with the TGWU henceforth to be known as Agricultural and Allied Workers National Trade Group (previous reference: U DX245/7); a copy of the Annual Report of the Agricultural and Allied Workers National Trade Group (1987), and handwritten notes by F. Robinson relating to the Agricultural Wages Award, the Agricultural Wages Board, agricultural wages and possible strike action.
1 file</p> | 1939-1987 |

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| U DX245/3/14 | File. Press cuttings and related documents
Includes photocopied and original press-cuttings relating mainly to the National Union of Agricultural Workers (NUAW) and the work of Frank Robinson. Includes circulars to all retired members of the NUAW; a circular about the Rent (Agriculture) Bill; a summary of proposed amendments affecting agricultural buildings and operations as well as press cuttings relating to various topics such as agricultural workers' wages, strikes, Frank Robinson's work with the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organisation, the reclamation of land in Holderness and the merger of the NUAW into the Transport and General Workers' Union (TGWU). Previous reference: U DX245/8.
1 file | c.1939-1980s |
| U DX245/3/15 | File. National Union of Agricultural Workers (NUAW) Events
Includes a balance sheet for a NUAW Driffield Branch darts tournament (1981); [score cards for a football pools] organised by the NUAW Holland (Lincs) branch, and advertising leaflets for NUAW Lincolnshire County Committee rallies (1953, 1957, 1961, 1963, 1965, 1967, 1971, 1973 and 1977)
1 file | 1953-1981 |