

Swindon - Trades Union Membership



The origins of trade unions can be traced back to 18th century Britain, where the rapid expansion of industrial society then taking place, drew women, children, rural workers and immigrants into the work force in large numbers and in new roles. This pool of unskilled and semi-skilled labour spontaneously organised in fits and starts throughout its beginnings, and would later be an important arena for the development of trade unions. Trade unions have sometimes been seen as the successors to the guilds of medieval Europe, though the relationship between the two is disputed, as the masters of the guilds employed workers (apprentices and journeymen) who were not permitted to organise.

The first attempts at setting up a national general union were made in the 1820s and 30s. The National Association for the Protection of Labour was established in 1830 by John Doherty, after an apparently unsuccessful attempt to create a similar national presence with the National Union of Cotton-Spinners. The Association quickly enrolled approximately 150 unions, consisting mostly of textile related unions, but also including mechanics, blacksmiths, and various others.

More permanent trade unions were established from the 1850s, better resourced but often as radical.

Recent historical research puts forward the view that trade unions are part of a broader movement of benefit societies, which includes medieval guilds, Freemasons, Oddfellows, Friendly Societies, and other fraternal organisations.

Date of Admission	Year	Surname	Given Names	Date of Birth		Age at Entry	Name of Union	Trade	Number of	Union Branch and No.	Company Employed By	Union Exclusion		Status at Entry	Date of Marriage	Date of Death	Place of Death	Notes
				Year	Date							Year	Date					
###	###	Abraham	Robert Edwin	###	###	22	United Society of Boilermakers & Iron Shipbuilders	Boilermakers & Iron Shipbuilders		Swindon 2								
###	###	Abraham	J.	###	###	21	United Society of Boilermakers & Iron Shipbuilders	Boilermakers & Iron Shipbuilders		Swindon								
###	###	Abrams	A.	1905		18	Amalgamated Society of Woodworkers	Carpenter & Joiner	1	Swindon				Single	###	###		
###	###	Abrams	Alfred George	1899		21	United Society of Boilermakers & Iron Shipbuilders	Boilermakers & Iron Shipbuilders		Swindon								
###	###	Abalom	Albert	1892		21	Amalgamated Society of Carpenters & Joiners	Carpenter & Joiner	5	Swindon				Single	###	###		
###	###	Abalom	Albert	1859		56	National Union of Railwaymen	Forgeman		Swindon 2	Great Western Railway							1911 Census address 11 Volta Road, Swindon
###	###	Abalom	Cyril James	###	###		United Society of Boilermakers & Iron Shipbuilders	Boilermakers & Iron Shipbuilders		Swindon Apprentices								
###	###	Abalom	Cyril James	###	###		United Society of Boilermakers & Iron Shipbuilders	Boilermakers & Iron Shipbuilders		Swindon 1 Apprentices								
###	###	Abalom	James			61	National Union of Railwaymen	Harper		Swindon 1	Great Western Railway							
###	###	Abalom	Thomas			21	United Society of Boilermakers & Iron Shipbuilders	Boilermakers & Iron Shipbuilders		Swindon								Wife died in 1945
###	###	Abalom	Thomas Stanley			21	United Society of Boilermakers & Iron Shipbuilders	Boilermakers & Iron Shipbuilders		Swindon 1								
###	###	Ackhurst	Arthur Charles	1866	#####	58	National Union of Railwaymen	Labourer		Swindon 1	Great Western Railway					1950	Swindon	Born in Maylebone, London
###	###	Ackhurst	Frederick H.	1901	#####	21	United Society of Boilermakers & Iron Shipbuilders	Boilermakers & Iron Shipbuilders		Swindon 3		#####	Left Trade	Single	###	###	Swindon	1939 Register Address 21 Hillside Avenue, Swindon. Married Annie Batha
###	###	Ackinton	A. W.	1861		56	National Union of Railwaymen	Coach Body Worker		Swindon 2	Great Western Railway							
###	###	Ackling	Charles	1887		28	National Union of Railwaymen	Labourer		Swindon 2			#####	Arms				1911 Census Address, Weston, Highworth
###	###	Ackrill	Allen	1864		51	National Union of Railwaymen	Labourer		Swindon 1								1939 Register Address 40 Albion Street, Swindon
###	###	Ackrill	Ernest Frank	1904		21	National Union of Railwaymen	Striker		Swindon 2	Great Western Railway							1911 Census shows residence as 181 Cricklade Road
###	###	Ackrill	Frank	1876		39	National Union of Railwaymen	Labourer		Swindon 1								
###	###	Ackrill	Frank	1876		50	National Union of Railwaymen	Labourer		Swindon 1	Great Western Railway							
###	###	Ackrill	George Allen	1871		21	United Society of Boilermakers & Iron Shipbuilders	Boilermakers & Iron Shipbuilders		Swindon								1911 Census records him as resident at 107 Dean Street, Swindon
###	###	Ackrill	Herbert Charles	1874		21	United Society of Boilermakers & Iron Shipbuilders	Boilermakers & Iron Shipbuilders		Swindon 2								1911 Census records him as resident of 163 Clifton Street, Swindon
###	###	Ackrill	Hubert	1874		42	National Union of Railwaymen	Machineman		Swindon 1								1911 Census records him as resident of 163 Clifton Street, Swindon
###	###	Ackrill	Owen	1878		20	United Society of Boilermakers & Iron Shipbuilders	Boilermakers & Iron Shipbuilders		Swindon 2								
###	###	Action	W.	1865		23	United Society of Boilermakers & Iron Shipbuilders	Boilermakers & Iron Shipbuilders		Swindon								
###	###	Adam	William H.	1865		54	National Union of Railwaymen	Head Shunter		Swindon 1	Great Western Railway							
###	###	Adam	William Henry	1876		33	Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants	Shunter		Swindon	Great Western Railway							
###	###	Adams	Albert E.	1870		17	Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants	Carriage Cleaner		Swindon								
###	###	Adams	Albert Ernest	1872		44	National Union of Railwaymen	Fitter		Swindon 2	Great Western Railway							
###	###	Adams	C. A.	1877		23	United Society of Boilermakers & Iron Shipbuilders			Swindon								
###	###	Adams	C. A.	1878		39	United Society of Boilermakers & Iron Shipbuilders			Swindon 2								
###	###	Adams	C. A.	1878		59	United Society of Boilermakers & Iron Shipbuilders			Swindon 2								
###	###	Adams	Charles	1864		53	National Union of Railwaymen	Carriage Fitter		Swindon 2	Great Western Railway							
###	###	Adams	Clayton Arthur	1877	#####	38	National Union of Railwaymen	Blacksmith		Swindon 2	Great Western Railway			#####	Arms			
###	###	Adams	Cyril Victor	1900	#####	18	National Union of Railwaymen	Smoke Boxer		Swindon 1								Born in the Paddington, Middlesex Registration District. He is registered as living at 29 Bathampton Street, Swindon in the 1939 Register. He is single and employed as a Loco Fire Cleaner. He is buried in the Whitworth Road Cemetery, Swindon
###	###	Adams	Edward Benjamin	1881	13-Jul	36	National Union of Railwaymen	Wood Machinist		Swindon 2	Great Western Railway		#####	Arms				The 1939 Register records Edward as living at 89 Cheltenham Street, Swindon. He died in the Swindon Registration District aged 72 in the September Quarter of 1953
###	###	Adams	Edward Benjamin	1881	13-Jul	44	National Union of Railwaymen	Machineman		Swindon 2	Great Western Railway							The 1939 Register records Edward as living at 89 Cheltenham Street, Swindon. He died in the Swindon Registration District aged 72 in the September Quarter of 1953
###	###	Adams	Edward Frank	1889		21	United Society of Boilermakers & Iron Shipbuilders			Swindon			###	?-Aug	Removed			The 1891 Census records the family as living at Avington Street, Gorsehill. In 1901 the family had moved to 26 Argyle Street in Gorsehill. There seems to be no trace of Edward Frank in the 1911 census.
###	###	Adams	Henry	1853		64	National Union of Railwaymen	Storeman		Swindon 1	Great Western Railway							Herbert Adams was born in a census household in 1852 and was resident at 27 Lincolns Street, Swindon. He served his apprenticeship with the Great Western Railway at Swindon. He attended the Royal Field Artillery in 1914 in Bristol and stated that his address was 18 Richmond Terrace, Causeway, Fishponds, Bristol. Herbert Adams commenced employment with the Great Western Railway in the Locomotive Department on 12th February 1906 at 56 p per week.
###	###	Adams	Herbert William	1892	#####	21	United Society of Boilermakers & Iron Shipbuilders	Boilermakers & Iron Shipbuilders		Swindon 1								The 1911 census records him with his family at 32 Farnaby Road, Swindon and is recorded as being an apprentice boiler maker and part time
###	###	Adams	Morley Edward	1895		22	United Society of Boilermakers & Iron Shipbuilders			Swindon 2								1911 Census records him as resident of 163 Clifton Street, Swindon
###	###	Adams	Oliver Charles	1891		22	National Union of Railwaymen	Railway Worker		Swindon 1	Great Western Railway							
###	###	Adams	Oliver Charles	1891		25	National Union of Railwaymen	Shunter		Swindon 1								
###	###	Adams	Oliver Charles	1891		35	National Union of Railwaymen	Railway Worker		Swindon 1								
###	###	Adams	Percy E.	1891		25	National Union of Railwaymen	Shunter		Swindon 1								
###	###	Adams	Percy E.	1891		36	National Union of Railwaymen	Railway Worker		Swindon 1								
###	###	Adams	Percy E.	1891		37	National Union of Railwaymen	Labour Shops		Swindon 2	Great Western Railway							
###	###	Adams	Violan Thomas	1891		16	United Society of Boilermakers & Iron Shipbuilders	Boilermakers & Iron Shipbuilders		Swindon Apprentices	Great Western Railway							
###	###	Adams	W. R.	1881		45	National Union of Railwaymen	Labourer		Swindon 2	Great Western Railway							
###	###	Adams	W. C.	1907-1909		17	Amalgamated Society of Woodworkers	Carman		Swindon 1	Great Western Railway							Transferred to Brondesbury (London) Branch on 21st June 1929
###	###	Adams	W. C.	1907-1909		19	Amalgamated Society of Woodworkers	Carpenter & Joiner		Swindon								Transferred to Brondesbury (London) Branch on 21st June 1929
###	###	Adams	Walter	1885		28	National Union of Railwaymen	Gas Fitter's Assistant		Swindon 1	Great Western Railway							
###	###	Adams	Walter George	1882		33	National Union of Railwaymen	Finisher		Swindon 2	Great Western Railway							
###	###	Adams	William	1882		20	United Society of Boilermakers & Iron Shipbuilders	Boilermakers & Iron Shipbuilders		Swindon								### ?-Jan Swindon
###	###	Adams	William	1882		20	United Society of Boilermakers & Iron Shipbuilders	P. W. Checker		Swindon 2	Great Western Railway							
###	###	Adkins	W. R.	1863		53	National Union of Railwaymen	Labourer		Swindon	Great Western Railway							Transferred to Banbury 14th June 1918
###	###	Adkins	W. R.	1870		48yrs 5 mths	Amalgamated Society of Carpenters, Cabinet Makers & Joiners			Swindon								
###	###	Adkins	William Henry	1869		48	Amalgamated Society of Carpenters & Joiners	Carpenter & Joiner		Swindon								
###	###	Adlam	Thomas	1864		64	National Union of Railwaymen	Whitesmith		Swindon 1	Great Western Railway							
###	###	Adlam	Thomas	1864		66	National Union of Railwaymen	Whitesmith		Swindon 1	Great Western Railway							
###	###	Adlam	W. H.	1866		58	National Union of Railwaymen	Filter		Swindon 2	Great Western Railway							###
###	###	Akers	Thomas	1877		36	National Union of Railwaymen	Plate Layer		Swindon 1	Great Western Railway							
###	###	Akers	William	1877		43	United Society of Boilermakers & Iron Shipbuilders	Boilermakers & Iron Shipbuilders		Swindon 2								
###	###	Akers	William Thomas	1877		16	United Society of Boilermakers & Iron Shipbuilders	Boilermakers & Iron Shipbuilders		Swindon Apprentices								
###	###	Akers	William Thomas	1877		21	United Society of Boilermakers & Iron Shipbuilders	Boilermakers & Iron Shipbuilders		Swindon 3								Left Trade 1st December 1928
###	###	Akhurst	Richard R.	1901		19	National Union of Railwaymen	Labourer		Swindon 2	Great Western Railway							
###	###	Akhurst	Richard R.	1901		25	National Union of Railwaymen	Labourer		Swindon 1								
###	###	Akhurst	Rose E.	1899		20	National Union of Railwaymen	Office Cleaner		Swindon 1	Great Western Railway							
###	###	Alder	G.	1890		26	National Union of Railwaymen	Shunter		Swindon 2	Great Western Railway							
###	###	Alexandor	A.	1871		36	United Society of Boilermakers & Iron Shipbuilders	Boilermakers & Iron Shipbuilders		Swindon 3								
###	###	Alexandor	A.	1871		42	United Society of Boilermakers & Iron Shipbuilders	Boilermakers & Iron Shipbuilders		Swindon								
###	###	Alexandor	Alfred Ernest	1900	#####	21	National Union of Railwaymen	Striker		Swindon 2	Great Western Railway		#####	Arms			Swindon	1939 Register Address 29 Summers Street, Swindon
###	###	Alexandor	Arthur Daniel	1900	#####	21	United Society of Boilermakers & Iron Shipbuilders	Boilermakers & Iron Shipbuilders		Swindon 3								
###	###	Alexandor	Arthur Leopold	1905	#####	20	National Union of Railwaymen	Welder		Swindon 2				Single	###	###	Swindon	1939 Register Address 39 Farnaby Street, Swindon
###	###	Alexandor	Arthur	1892		44	Amalgamated Society of Woodworkers	Carpenter & Joiner	30	Swindon								
###	###	Alexandor	Frederick G.	1897		22	National Union of Railwaymen	Shedman		Swindon 1	Great Western Railway							
###	###	Alexandor	George	1874		26	Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants	Foreman										

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Date of Admission Year Date	Surname	Given Names	Date of Birth		Age at Entry	Name of Union	Trade	Number of	Union Branch and No.	Company Employed By	Union Exclusion		Status at Entry	Date of Marriage		Date of Death		Place of Death	Notes	
			Year	Date							Date of Year	Reason for Exclusion		Year	Date	Year	Date			
### 25-Oct	Alford	Ernest J.			28	National Union of Railwaymen	Driver		Swindon 177	Great Western Railway	### #####	Arrears								
### 25-Oct	Alford	F. G.			21	United Society of Boilermakers & Iron Shipbuilders			Swindon											There is a date recorded of 1st November 1910 with no other information
### 19-Jul	Algar	George			14	National Union of Railwaymen	Boy		Swindon 2	Great Western Railway	### #####	Arrears								
### 19-Jul	Algar	John Robert Edward			16	National Union of Railwaymen	Labourer		Swindon 2	Great Western Railway	### #####	Arrears								
### 23-Oct	Algar	Robert Thomas	1879	####	21	United Society of Boilermakers & Iron Shipbuilders	Boiler Makers & Shipbuilders		Swindon		### 77-Dec	Arrears								R/O 1st December 1932
### 24-Apr	Allen	W.			21	United Society of Boilermakers & Iron Shipbuilders	Boiler Makers & Shipbuilders		Swindon 1											
### 24-Apr	Allen	G. H.			32	National Union of Railwaymen	Striker		Swindon 2	Great Western Railway	### 77-Dec									
### 30-Oct	Allard	Gordon			32	National Union of Railwaymen	Striker		Swindon 2	Great Western Railway	### 77-Dec									
### 30-Oct	Allard	William Joseph	1853		63	National Union of Railwaymen	Labourer		Swindon 2	Great Western Railway										
### 31-Jul	Allaway	Edward James William			14	National Union of Railwaymen	Labourer		Swindon 2	Great Western Railway	### #####	Arrears								
### 31-Jul	Allen	Albert Edward			29	National Union of Railwaymen	Machineman		Swindon 2	Great Western Railway	### #####	Arrears								
### 31-Jul	Allen	Albert Edward			42	National Union of Railwaymen	Machineman		Swindon 2	Great Western Railway	### #####	Arrears								
### 31-Jul	Allen	Albert John			33	National Union of Railwaymen	Foreman		Swindon 3	Midland & London & South Western Railway	### #####	Arrears								
### 31-Jul	Bayless	Frederick J.			29	National Union of Railwaymen	Bricklayer		Swindon 2	Great Western Railway	### 77-Dec									
### 31-Jul	Boiland	W.	1887		27	National Union of Railwaymen	Rougher		Swindon	Great Western Railway	### 77-Mar	Arrears								
### 31-Jul	Bunce	John Robert			44	National Union of Railwaymen	Sawyer		Swindon 2	Great Western Railway	### #####	Arrears								
### 31-Jul	Cole	Arthur William			30	National Union of Railwaymen	Signalman		Swindon 3	Midland & London & South Western Railway	### #####	Arrears								
### 31-Jul	Cook	A. W.			20	United Society of Boilermakers & Iron Shipbuilders			Swindon											
### 09-Jul	Couling	C. H.			31	National Union of Railwaymen	Wagon Builder		Swindon 2	Great Western Railway	### #####	Arrears								Superannuated 13th October 1942
### 31-Jul	Cripps	H. Charles			34	National Union of Railwaymen	Labourer		Swindon 2	Great Western Railway	### #####	Arrears								
### 25-Oct	Dowse	Thomas			22	National Union of Railwaymen	Brakesman		Swindon 177	Great Western Railway	### #####	Arrears								
### 31-Jul	Edwards	William Francis			54	National Union of Railwaymen	Tinsmith		Swindon 2	Great Western Railway	### #####	Arrears								
### 25-Oct	Fortune	G.			21	National Union of Railwaymen	Shunter		Swindon 177	Great Western Railway	### #####	Arrears								
### 31-Jul	Hawkett	Walter Ernest			40	National Union of Railwaymen	Issuer		Swindon 2	Great Western Railway	### #####	Arrears								
### 24-Apr	Jackson	F. H.			35	National Union of Railwaymen	Furnaceman		Swindon 2	Great Western Railway	### 77-Dec									
### 25-Oct	Lawrence	C. J.			19	National Union of Railwaymen	Examiner		Swindon 177	Great Western Railway	### #####	Arrears								
### 31-Jul	Lewis	William James			40	National Union of Railwaymen	Saw Spinner		Swindon 2	Great Western Railway	### #####	Arrears								
### 31-Jul	Loveday	Ernest W.			39	National Union of Railwaymen	Warehouseman		Swindon 2	Great Western Railway	### #####	Arrears								Transferred to Purton on 22nd October 1918. Superannuated on 6th March 1940 Old Age Pension £25. Death Benefit £5
### 31-Jul	Low	J.			56	National Union of Railwaymen	Landman		Swindon	Great Western Railway	### 77-Dec	Arrears								Transferred 2nd October 1918 to Branch No. 1872
### 31-Jul	Pacey	Richard	1858		33	National Union of Railwaymen	Labourer		Swindon 2	Great Western Railway	### 77-Apr									
### 25-Oct	Perry	Frank C.			18	National Union of Railwaymen	Fireman		Swindon 177	Great Western Railway	### #####	Arrears								
### 31-Jul	Smith	Arthur William			32	National Union of Railwaymen	Riveter		Swindon 2	Great Western Railway	### #####	Arrears								
### 24-Apr	Stook	S.			34	National Union of Railwaymen	Smith		Swindon 2	Great Western Railway	### 77-Dec									
### 09-Jul	Stevens	Albert			40	National Union of Railwaymen	Labourer		Swindon 2	Great Western Railway	### 77-Jun	Arrears								
### 31-Jul	Tanner	Walter James			21	United Society of Boilermakers & Iron Shipbuilders			Swindon											Resigned 1st July 1927
### 31-Jul	Ward	Bowyer Sturgeon			45	National Union of Railwaymen	Pad Maker		Swindon 2	Great Western Railway	### 77-Mar	Arrears								
### 31-Jul	Webb	Tom			33	National Union of Railwaymen	Grinder		Swindon 2	Great Western Railway	### 77-Mar	Arrears								