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PAPERS OF THE TRANSPORT & GENERAL WORKERS' UNION, 7/45 LEITH DOCKERS BRANCH

Due to its small size this collection has been split into two series, manuscript material and printed material. The manuscript material consists of minutes of the branch from 1987-89 and cover the events in Leith surrounding the National Dock Strike of 1989. There is also a file of correspondence from the period of this strike. The remainder of the manuscript material consists of a notebook recording the decisions on interviews of applicants for membership of the dock section and various Transport & General Workers' Union circulars sent to the Branch Secretary. The recent, and personal nature, of much of this material has meant that files 1-3 (inclusive) are closed in accordance with the terms of the Data Protection Act (1998). In certain circumstances access to these files may be granted with the permission of the depositor. Please write to the Head of the Manuscripts Division outlining the subject of your research and the reason you wish to consult the files and we will contact the depositor on your behalf.

The printed material primarily consists of various national agreements and notes of local wages, rates and working practices.

Manuscript Material

1. **CLOSED** Minute book, branch and committee minutes of 7/45 branch, 1987-89.
2. **CLOSED** Branch committee notebook recording decisions on interviews of applicants for membership of dock section, 1936-74.
3. **CLOSED** Correspondence and other papers regarding the events at Leith during the National Dock Strike of 1989 following the repeal of the National Dock Labour Scheme, including list of names and addresses of members of branch. The correspondence is principally from the management of the Forth Ports Authority and in the form of general letters to their employees and former employees regarding the circumstances arising from the industrial action. There are also letters from the Forth Ports Authority management to the Branch Secretary of the trade union. The correspondence includes a copy of an answer to parliamentary questions by Gavin Strang MP regarding the Dock Work Bill, prompted by a meeting with a striking dockworker in his constituency. The papers also include a portfolio of evidence 'Defenders inventory of productions in causa [striking dockworker] -v- Forth Ports Authority', which includes copies of much of the correspondence noted above with copy minutes of meetings during the dispute between the management and the branch officers as the 'representatives of the former registered dock workers', 1989.
4. Copy circulars from T&GWU to secretaries of dock branches, 1953-61.
Also includes:

Copy newspaper article regarding exhibition about Leith dock strike of 1913, nd.

Printed Material

5. Annotated copy of Conditions of Labour at the Docks of Letih, 1930. [with photocopy of same, no annotations]
6. Notes of agreement between the National Association of Port Employers and the Transport & General Workers' Union and other signatory unions, 1944-65.

Constitution of the National Joint Council for the Port Transport Industry, memorandum of agreement between above parties, 1944.

National Agreement of 5th May 1920 with subsequent agreements in modification thereof to 1955, 1955.

National Joint Council for the Port Transport Industry, terms of agreement, 1957-65 [1961 & 63 wanting].

7. National Coal Trimming Tariff agreed between the Shipping Federation and the National Transport Workers' Federation 1920 with revisions to 1947, 1947 [annotations to 1966].
8. Wages and rates cards for the Port of Leith agreed between the Leith Dock Labour Employers' Association (from 1978 card Leith Stevedores Ltd) and the Transport and General Workers' Union, 1957, 1961, 1978-84 [1982 & 83 wanting].

Also includes:

Port of Leith Leith Modernisation Committee Agreement governing the terms and conditions of employment of registered dock workers at Leith, between the Leith Dock Labour Employers' Association and the Transport and General Workers' Union, 1972.

9. Grangemouth Joint Dock Labour Committee Dock Tariff, Working Hours, Rates & Conditions, 1960 [various glued-in notes to 1962].
10. National Dock Labour Board, An Introduction to Port Working , rev edn, 1964.
11. Two undated pamphlets:
Docks Bulletin No 2, issued by the National Modernisation Committee.

Forth Ports Authority, information on facilities and services, with amended list of General Cargo Liner Services for Leith Docks.