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**Transport and General Workers Union, Scottish Slaters' Section  
(Edinburgh Branch) 1858-1977**

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The Transport and General Workers Union, Slaters' Section was formed when the Amalgamated Slaters' Society of Scotland amalgamated with the T&GWU in 1969. The Amalgamated Slaters' Society of Scotland was founded in 1866, changing its name to the Scottish Slaters, Tilers, Roofers and Cement Workers' Society in 1948.

This collection also has material from the local Slaters' Regalia Fund which pre-dates the formation of the Amalgamated Slaters' Society of Scotland. This Regalia Fund may have been part of the Journeymen Slaters' Society of Edinburgh as the records were found in a branch box belonging to this union dated 1839 [transferred to the Peoples' Story Museum, Edinburgh]. The Slaters' Regalia Fund appears to be absorbed by the Edinburgh and Leith Branch of the Amalgamated Operative Slaters of Scotland at some point between 1861 and 1868, although whether this is an early title of the Amalgamated Slaters' Society of Scotland or whether it was a local union affiliated to this body is unclear.

There are also records from the United Operative Slaters of Edinburgh and Leith contained within the collection. The records start in 1889 and the union appears to amalgamate with the Amalgamated Slaters' Society of Scotland in 1907. Whether this union was a re-titling of the Edinburgh and Leith Branch of the Amalgamated Operative Slaters of Scotland, or whether the United Operative Slaters existed alongside this group is not stated anywhere in the records. However, both groups are part of the Amalgamated Slaters' Society of Scotland by 1907 and therefore ultimately their records passed to the Transport and General Workers Union.

Records deposited by Raymond Wilson, Senior Regional Industrial Organiser, Transport and General Workers Union (through the good offices of Ian MacDougall, Secretary, Scottish Working Peoples' History Trust). 2002

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## 1-5      **MINUTES**

Amalgamated Slaters' Society of Scotland [and predecessor bodies]

1.        One Volume with details of:  
            Slaters' Regalia Fund, names of members and minutes. 1858-1861.  
            Edinburgh and Leith Branch of the Amalgamated Operative Slaters of  
            Scotland. List of members and minutes of meetings regarding regalia.  
            1868-1873  
            List of members who received rules. 1877
2.        Minutes of the United Operative Slaters of Edinburgh and Leith. 1889-  
            1893 [1892-1893 in form of pencil notes in back of volume]

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3.        Copy minutes:  
            Fifth statutory meeting of the Scottish Regional Committee. 1971  
            Joint meeting of Building, Construction and Civil Engineering group and  
            Building Crafts section. 1974  
            Fourth statutory meeting of the Scottish Slaters Section. 1974  
            Joint meeting of slaters and plasterers craft committee. 1974  
            Meeting of General Construction Group and Craft Sections. 1975  
            Meeting of the Slating Craft Committee. 1975  
            One hundred and second conference of the Scottish Slaters Section. 1975  
            Joint Craft Meeting (Slaters and Plasterers) Region No. 7. 1976, 1977  
            Meeting of the Slating Craft. 1976, 1977  
            Also Includes:  
            Agenda for Scottish Slaters Section Conference. 1973, 1975, 1977

National Joint Council for the Building Industry

4.        Copy minute of the proceedings of the annual meeting of the Council.  
            1928

National Federation of Construction Unions

5.        Copy minute of meeting of Edinburgh Branch. 1970

## 6-12      **FINANCIAL RECORDS**

Amalgamated Slaters' Society of Scotland

6.        Contribution book, Operative Slaters' Society of Edinburgh and Leith.  
            1889-1907
7.        Contribution book, Amalgamated Slaters' Society of Scotland, Edinburgh  
            and Leith Branch. 1907-1910

8. National Insurance Register, Amalgamated Slaters' Society of Scotland, Edinburgh and Leith Branch. 1902-1914
9. National Insurance Register, Amalgamated Slaters' Society of Scotland, Edinburgh and Leith Branch. 1914-1925
10. Subscription Sheet to raise money for member unable to work through 'a severe illness and old age.' nd [c1920]
11. Printed financial reports of the Central Board of the Amalgamated Slaters' Society of Scotland. 1914, 1925-1928, 1931, 1933, 1934, 1935

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12. Handwritten notes for accounts. 1968-1973

13-20 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Amalgamated Slaters' Society of Scotland

13. Correspondence 1901-1938  
Includes:  
Postcard regarding date of an arbitration committee meeting. 1901  
Letter and copy statement regarding application for 12 days annual leave per annum with full pay. 1929  
Postcard to James Gray, Secretary Edinburgh Branch Amalgamated Slaters' Society of Scotland warning of a labourer who is posing as a Slater in the district. 1938  
Resolution regarding fines for Committee members who fail to attend meetings, signed by James Gray. 1938

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14. **PERMISSION REQUIRED** Correspondence 1971  
Includes:  
Letter to branch secretary regarding claim for medical benefit.
15. **PERMISSION REQUIRED** Correspondence 1972  
Includes:  
Acknowledgement of donation to Royal Blind Asylum and School, Edinburgh.  
Letter regarding application for membership of three men.
16. **PERMISSION REQUIRED** Correspondence 1973  
Includes:  
Letter regarding collection of dues at 'Christies.'

17. **PERMISSION REQUIRED** Correspondence 1974  
Includes:  
Letters regarding problems with 'troublesome' member.  
Copy of the Slaters mailing list.  
Application by one man for membership to the T&GWU
18. **PERMISSION REQUIRED** Correspondence 1975  
Includes:  
Letter from the Bishop of Kontum, Vietnam, requesting financial assistance.
19. **PERMISSION REQUIRED** Correspondence 1976  
Includes:  
Medical certificate for a gentleman, relating to an industrial accident.  
Letter of thanks to branch regarding contribution to a retirement fund.
20. **PERMISSION REQUIRED** Correspondence 1977  
Includes:  
Result of ballot, 27<sup>th</sup> Biennial delegate conference.

21-39 **PRINTED MATERIAL**

Amalgamated Slaters' Society of Scotland

21. Rules of the Amalgamated Slaters' Society of Scotland.  
edition c1890  
local working rules 1926  
partial amendment. nd [c1930]  
revision 1940
22. Agendas for Amalgamated Slaters' Society of Scotland Annual Meeting of Delegates. 1927, 1928
23. Report of Proceedings of the Amalgamated Slaters' Society of Scotland Annual Meeting of Delegates. 1927-1929, 1934, 1935, 1941, 1943
24. Special Notice announcing the Slaters' children's Christmas treat. 1937

National Joint Council for the Building Industry

25. Constitution, rules and regulations of the Scottish National Joint Council for the Building Industry. 1932
26. Printed notices regarding settlements etc. 1972-1973

27. National working rule no.1.1.2, 'Guaranteed Minimum Bonus Payment.' 1972

National Federation of Building Trades Operatives

28. Statement regarding negotiations with employers. 1934
29. Pamphlet The National Federation's Defence of the Plain-Time Rate System. 1941
30. Pamphlet Essential Work Order: Extension of Payment by Results on Government Building Jobs. 1941

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31. Ballot paper 1974
32. Three membership cards. 1975
33. Pamphlet 35 Hour Week: Claim for Construction Industries. 1977
34. Pamphlet Scrap the Lump. nd

Edinburgh Trades Council

35. Annual Report (Sixty-First). 1928
36. Poster announcing general meeting about building of a Trades Hall. nd

Trades Union Congress

37. Pamphlet Reason: The case against the Government's proposals on Industrial Relations. 1970

Social Work Department

38. Pamphlet A Guide to welfare benefits and citizens rights.  
1<sup>st</sup> edition c1971  
2<sup>nd</sup> edition 1973

Civil Engineering Construction Conciliation Board

39. Note on rates of pay to different classes of worker. c1973