

**Records of the National Amalgamated Society of Operative House
Painters and Decorators**

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DECORATORS.**

1848-1904

The Manchester Alliance of Operative House Painters was formed in 1856 following a conference of small local societies in the Manchester area. It remained merely an alliance, that is the local societies retained their independence of rules, names and finances. In 1870 the alliance's name was changed to the General Union of Operative House Painters, in 1872 to the General Alliance of Operative House Painters and in 1880 to the General Alliance of Operative House and Ship Painters. In 1886 the alliance was dissolved and an amalgamated union was formed, the National Amalgamated Society of Operative House Painters and Decorators. In 1904 it merged with the Amalgamated Society of House Decorators and Painters and several smaller societies to form the National Amalgamated Society of Operative House and Ship Painters and Decorators. Reference: R.W. Postgate, 'The builders' history' (London: National Federation of Building Trade Operatives, 1923).

The National Amalgamated Society of Operative House Painters and Decorators' papers form part of the Union of Construction, Allied Trades and Technicians' (UCATT) archive. The initial deposit was made in 1974 and accruals are listed under the entry for the Union of Construction, Allied Trades and Technicians (MSS.78/UC).

*Document
references:*

Foundation and constitution.

MSS.78/MA/4/3/1 Printed rules of the National Amalgamated Society of Operative House and Ship Painters and Decorators. 1886
With certificate of registration with Registry of Friendly Societies.

Policy and administration.

MSS.78/MA/1/1/1-4 **Executive meetings: minutes.** 1888-1904

MSS.78/MA/1/1/1 Minute book. 21 Jul 1888-
16 May 1891
Also includes: leaflet, 'Charges against the General Council by the Executive Council', Jul 1889; and occasional press-cuttings about branch activities.

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| MSS.78/MA/1/1/2 | Minute book. | 28 May 1891- 1 Apr 1893 |
| MSS.78/MA/1/1/3 | Minute book. | 18 Jan 1902- 4 Jul 1903 |
| MSS.78/MA/1/1/4 | Minute book. | 11 Jul 1903- 13 Dec 1904 |
| MSS.78/MA/2/1/1 | Administration of branches. | 1886-1915 |
| MSS.78/MA/2/1/1 | General Office branch entrance book. Includes names of branches and dates of admission. Also occasionally includes date of branch closure and sometimes note of lodge box safely arrived in General Office to 1918. Loose in volume: rough notes about lodge closures and proposed lodges. | 1886-1915 |
| MSS.78/MA/4/1/1-7 | Reports. | 1866-1904 |
| MSS.78/MA/4/1/1 | Reports. The frequency of the reports varies: 1866 - annual report; 1867-1870 - half-yearly reports; 1871-1874 - quarterly reports. The reports include the General Secretary's reports, accounts, minutes of executive meetings, council meetings (twice yearly), and of the annual meetings of delegates. The minutes of executive meetings include reports of investigations into local disputes. 1 vol. | 1866-1874 |
| MSS.78/MA/4/1/2 | Reports. Includes quarterly reports, 1875-77, and minutes of annual meetings, 1875-77. Also includes pamphlet: John Batkin, 'Direct representation of labour in Parliament' (Birkenhead, 1876). 1 vol. | 1875-1877 |
| MSS.78/MA/4/1/3 | Reports. Includes quarterly reports, 1878-81 [Feb 1881 report is entitled 'Annual Report' and includes balance sheet for 1880], and minutes of annual meetings, 1878-80. The quarterly report for Oct 1879 includes the report of the revision committee with proposed new rules and title [adopted: the Alliance became | 1878-1881 |

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the General Alliance of Operative House and Ship Painters following the 1880 annual meeting], and also a draft scheme for amalgamation to form 'The National Amalgamated Society of Operative House and Ship Painters'.
1 vol.

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| MSS.78/MA/4/1/4 | Reports. Includes quarterly reports, 1882-4 [no report for Aug 1882]; and annual reports, 1881-4 [issued in February of the following year, in place of quarterly report], including reports of General Council meetings, Jan 1882-5. 1 vol. | 1882-1885 |
| MSS.78/MA/4/1/5 | Reports. The General Alliance was dissolved 3 Apr 1886 and replaced by an amalgamated society, the National Amalgamated Society of Operative House and Ship Painters and Decorators. This volume contains the first reports of the new society. Includes annual reports, 1886-93, with branch accounts and other details; quarterly reports, Nov 1886-93 [Mar 1891 report incomplete]; and minutes of General Council meetings, 1888, 1890, 1892. 1 vol. | 1886-1893 |
| MSS.78/MA/4/1/6 | Reports. Includes annual reports, 1901-2; quarterly reports, 1901-2; minutes of General Council meeting, 21-23 Feb 1902; and minutes of first delegate meeting [to consider proposed changes in rules], 22-27 Jan 1900. Also includes (?) offprint from 'Faces and Places' about G M Sunley JP, General Secretary. 1 vol. | 1900-1902 |
| MSS.78/MA/4/1/7 | Reports. Includes annual reports, 1903-4; quarterly reports, 1903-4; and minutes of second delegate meeting, 25 Jan-3 Feb 1904 [meeting principally concerned with rules changes to enable amalgamation with London society]. See 1904 annual report for full details of amalgamation with London and small local societies. June 1903 report includes photograph of General Office. 1 vol. | 1903-1904 |

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| MSS.78/MA/4/2/1 | Annual meetings. | 1872-1880 |
| MSS.78/MA/4/2/1 | Minutes of annual meetings. Originally biennial. 1 vol. | Feb 1872- 1880 |
| <u>Membership.</u> | | |
| MSS.78/MA/2/2/1 | Registration book. The volume records some individual members who had joined local societies before the formation of the Alliance. Members arranged alphabetically within branches. Later annotations continue after the 1904 amalgamation. Also includes register of the Hull local society, which entered the Society in 1912 to become the Hull No.2 branch. | 1848-1891 |
| MSS.78/MA/2/3/1 | Registration book. Members arranged under branches in approximate chronological order of entry. Later annotations continue after the 1904 amalgamation. MSS.78/NASOHSPD/2/2/1 appears to have been compiled from MSS.78/MA/2/3/1-4. This volume is labelled "No.2 Book", "No.1" in the same binding and format is MSS.78/NASOHSPD/2/2/1, compiled later. It is not certain whether the binding, etc., of these volumes was done after the 1904 amalgamation or whether a volume has been lost. | 1891-1894 |
| MSS.78/MA/2/3/2 | Registration book. | 1893-1901 |
| MSS.78/MA/2/3/3 | Registration book. | 1899-1904 |
| MSS.78/MA/2/3/4 | Registration book. | 1902-1904 |