

FALKIRK ARCHIVES

Records of Organisations

General Iron Fitters Association finding aid

The General Iron Fitters Association was instituted in Glasgow in 1892 and registered under the Trade Union Acts in 1896. Despite originating in Glasgow, the bulk of the membership was in the Falkirk area and from 1921 the registered office was at 30 Newmarket St, Falkirk and then from 1954 the office moved to 11 Callendar Riggs, Falkirk.

As a union with membership based in Scotland (mainly in the central belt of Scotland), in 1945 GIFA formed a Joint Federation with the National Union of Stove, Grate & General Metal Workers which was based in Rotherham. By 1935 GIFA was also a member of the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Trades Unions. GIFA was a member of the Trades Union Congress and the Scottish Trades Union Congress.

The records were deposited in Falkirk Library, c. 1980 and transferred to Falkirk Council Archives in 1999. The original order had been lost and a basic arrangement was therefore imposed as follows:

- Minutes
- Membership registers
- Secretary's records
- Treasurer's records
- District records

Reference Code: A1150
Extent: 8.1m
Covering dates: 1892-1964

Records of Executive Council

<i>Reference No</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Description</i>
A1150.005	07 Jan 1911- 25 Dec 1915	Executive Council minute book
A1150.006	15 Jan 1916- 18 Dec 1926	Executive Council minute book. Office meetings
A1150.007	02 Mar 1915- 27 Jul 1920	Executive Council minute book. Annual and fortnightly meetings
A1150.008	08 Jan 1927- 22 Oct 1932	Executive Council minute book. Office meetings
A1150.009	06 Jan 1933- 27 Mar 1946	Executive Council minute book.
A1150.010	14 Apr 1946- 07 Oct 1954	Executive Council minute book.

Membership records

A1150.011	1893-1902	General Register of Members. Falkirk branch, 1893-1902 and Grangemouth Branch 1892-1902
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A1150.012 1892-1949 General Register of Members. Central district. Includes general register of members, 1946-49

Secretary's Files

A1150.014 1921 Rules

A1150.015 1954 Rules

A1150.013 1919-1954 Annual returns to the Registrar for a registered trade union

A1150.017 1918-1927 General correspondence of Secretary. Notices and circulars, including ballot results, changes in pay, meetings, contributions and other routine matters

A1150.018 1925-1941 General correspondence of Secretary. Notices and circulars, including ballot results, changes in pay, meetings, contributions and other routine matters

A1150.019 1907-1915;
1928 General correspondence of Secretary. Includes arbitration, disputes, individual trust papers and notification of officials of other trades unions.

A1150.020 1932 General correspondence of Secretary. Includes mainly letters relating to let of hall and issues concerning members. Also includes letter from member in South Africa describing local situation.

A1150.021 1933 General correspondence of Secretary. Relates mainly to wages, conditions, pensions and benefits.

A1150.022 1934 General correspondence of Secretary. Relates mainly to disputes, stoppage of work, unemployment benefit, boy labour, work other than that in the job description. Includes correspondence with the Ironfounding Workers Association on black-leg labour and dispute at Grangemouth Iron Co foundry, Camelon.

A1150.023 1935 General correspondence of Secretary. Routine administration, disputes with employers, letters from superannuated members in London, USA and Canada. Includes letter with description of the Depression in Ontario.

A1150.024 1936 General correspondence of Secretary. Routine administration, holiday benefits, union benefits, occupational illness and legal cases.

A1150.025 1936-1938 General correspondence of Secretary. Routine administration.

A1150.026 1937 General correspondence of Secretary. Routine administration, member issues including unfair treatment, slow worker, organisation and general conditions

A1150.027 1938 General correspondence of Secretary. Routine administration, member issues including benefits and insurance.

A1150.028 1939 General correspondence of Secretary.

A1150.029 1939-1940 General correspondence of Secretary. Routine administration and member issues.

A1150.030 1940-1941 General correspondence of Secretary. Routine administration and member issues. File entitled "Finished

		correspondence"
A1150.031	1941	General correspondence of Secretary. Arrangements with employers and conditions.
A1150.032	1942-1944	General correspondence of Secretary. Routine administration and member issues
A1150.033	1946	General correspondence of Secretary. Routine administration, let of hall, advice to members and assistance with working conditions and pay, including dust extractors, compensation for health problems and disputes. Also includes letter from International Brigade Association.
A1150.034	1946-1947	General correspondence of Secretary. Routine administration
A1150.035	1947	General correspondence of Secretary. Routine administration, members issues including shorter working week, demarcation issues, job vacancies and superannuation claims
A1150.036	1948	General correspondence of Secretary. Routine administration, wages and conditions, disputes and donations to charity
A1150.037	1949	General correspondence of Secretary. Routine administration, let of hall, job vacancies, superannuation claims, donations to charity, demarcation issues including tools a patternmaker is permitted to use. Also includes unused copies of the GIFA Particulars of Accident form
A1150.038	1950	General correspondence of Secretary. Routine administration, demarcation issues including handling tools of the trade, grinders and polishers, dilution and outside allowances.
A1150.039	1950-1951	General correspondence of Secretary.
A1150.040	1940s-1950s	General correspondence of Secretary. Miscellaneous appeals, let of hall and routine administration
A1150.041	1944-1949	Correspondence of Secretary with Bo'ness District
A1150.042	1950-1955	Correspondence of Secretary with Bo'ness District
A1150.043	1948-1949	Correspondence of Secretary with Bonnybridge District
A1150.044	1952	Correspondence of Secretary with Bonnybridge District
A1150.045	1951-1954	Correspondence of Secretary with Bonnybridge District
A1150.046	1949	Correspondence of Secretary with Central District
A1150.047	1951-1953	Correspondence of Secretary with Central District
A1150.048	1951-1954	Correspondence of Secretary with Central District
A1150.049	1945-1949	Correspondence of Secretary with Glasgow District
A1150.050	1951-1955	Correspondence of Secretary with Glasgow District
A1150.051	1952-1953	Correspondence of Secretary with Glasgow District
A1150.052	1948-1949	Correspondence of Secretary with Hillington District
A1150.053	1951-1954	Correspondence of Secretary with Hillington District
A1150.054	1952-1953	Correspondence of Secretary with Hillington District
A1150.055	1949	Correspondence of Secretary with Kirkintilloch District
A1150.056	1951-1954	Correspondence of Secretary with Kirkintilloch District
A1150.057	1952-1953	Correspondence of Secretary with Kirkintilloch District
A1150.058	1959	Correspondence of Secretary with Kirkintilloch District
A1150.059	1943-1949	Correspondence of Secretary with Office District
A1150.060	1951-1954	Correspondence of Secretary with Office District
A1150.064	1936-1937	Correspondence of Secretary with the Amalgamated

		Engineering Union, mainly relating to demarcation agreements.
A1150.062	Circa 1940-1946	Correspondence of Secretary with Regional Industrial Officer. Relates to apprentice dispute and organising dispute at Carron Co.
A1150.063	1941-1951	Correspondence of Secretary with other trades unions relating to demarcation disputes, joint claims, salary and working conditions agreements. 1. Mainly with Amalgamated Engineering Union and United Patternmakers Union 2. Mainly with Electrical Trades Union and National Union of General & Municipal Workers 3. Mainly with Ironfounding Workers Association and National Union of Foundry Workers 4. Mainly with United Patternmakers Association, Transport & General Workers Union and STUC
A1150.061	1947-1949	Correspondence of Secretary with Saracen Foundry delegate. Relates to disputes at Saracen Foundry, demarcation with Amalgamated Engineering Union, overtime rates, prices for piece work, holiday payments, strike and a course for delegates held at Oxford University
A1150.067	1913-1946	Local wages and price agreements and local disputes. Contains correspondence and schedules of payments with local employers, including Forth & Clyde & Sunnyside Iron Cos Ltd, R & A Main Ltd, Carron Co, Summerfield, Dorrator Iron Co, Scottish Central Iron Co, Jones & Campbell Ltd, Grahamston Iron Co, Mitchell, Russell & Co, Allan Ure & Co Ltd, A Ballantine & Sons Ltd. Also includes statement on women membership, Nov 1946.
A1150.068	1917-1956	Local wages and price agreements. Contains correspondence and papers relating to members in Files Trades - wages, rates, negotiations and local agreements with W B Henderson & Co
A1150.065	1926-1929	Local agreements - Grinders at Carron Co
A1150.066	1927-1930	Local agreements - Grinders at Carron Co
A1150.071	1939-1948	Local agreements - Camelon Foundry. Correspondence and price lists
A1150.069	1943-1949	Local agreements - Allan Ure & Co. Correspondence relating to disputes and conditions of members
A1150.070	1946-1949	Local agreements - Allan Ure & Co. Correspondence relating to disputes and conditions of members
A1150.075	1944-1955	Local agreements - Walter Alexander & Sons Ltd
A1150.074	1947-1955	Local agreements - Sunnyside
A1150.072	1948-1952	Local agreements - Alex Mathieson & Sons Ltd. Agreements and prices. Contains correspondence, price lists, agreements, disputes and member issues
A1150.073	1949-1950	Local agreements - Walker, Hunter, Portdownie. Agreements and prices.
A1150.078	1952	Local agreement, Joint Apprenticeship Committee of the Light Castings Industry (Falkirk District)
A1150.076	1959	Local agreements - R & A Main Ltd
A1150.077/01	Circa 1935-	Correspondence with employers. Includes Grange

	1950	Foundry, Grahamston Iron Co, Lane & Girvan, Broomside Foundry (1922) Ltd, Callendar Abbots and other employers
A1150.077/02	Circa 1935-1950	Correspondence with employers. Includes Windson Engineering Co Ltd (Glasgow), W B Henderson Ltd, British Aluminium Co Ltd, Dorrator Iron Co Ltd, Robert Taylor & Co Ironfounders Ltd, Scottish Central Iron Co Ltd, Callendar Abbots Foundry Co Ltd, Larbert Art Metal Co Ltd, Walker, Hunter & Co Ltd and others
A1150.077/03	Circa 1935-1950	Correspondence with employers. Includes Lion Foundry Co Ltd (Kirkintilloch) Cameron & Robertson Ltd (Kirkintilloch) Southern Foundries (1926) Ltd (Croyden), Fyvie Gale Co (Glasgow), Burnbank Foundry Co Ltd, British National Electrics Ltd (Motherwell), The Hammond Lane Foundry Co Ltd (Dublin), Irish Engineering & Foundry Union and others.
A1150.079	1920-1944	General wages & prices agreements. Blacksmiths wages, male workers & female workers
A1150.080/01	1930s-1940s	General wages & prices agreements. Contains minutes of meetings, correspondence, agreements, schedules of bonuses and basic rates
A1150.080/02	1930s-1940s	General wages & prices agreements. Contains minutes of meetings, correspondence, agreements, schedules of bonuses and basic rates
A1150.080/03	1930s-1940s	General wages & prices agreements. Contains minutes of meetings, correspondence, agreements, schedules of bonuses and basic rates
A1150.081	1946-1947	Proceedings in conference, National Light Castings Ironfounders Federation and Ironfounding Workers Association, National Union of Foundry Workers, National Union of Stove, Grate & General Metal Workers and the General Iron Fitters Association
A1150.082	1950-1951	Proceedings in conference, National Light Castings Ironfounders Federation and Joint Committee of Light Metal Trades Unions
A1150.083	1952-1953	Proceedings in conference, National Light Castings Ironfounders Federation and Joint Committee of Light Metal Trades Unions
A1150.084	1954-1955	Proceedings in conference, National Light Castings Ironfounders Federation and Joint Committee of Light Metal Trades Unions
A1150.088	1932-1938	General Agreements. MOLAB and Tryst holidays.
A1150.089	1936-1947	Recruitment and training of juveniles for industry. Correspondence with Ministry of Labour and National Service, and Confederation of Shipbuilding & Engineering Unions. Includes agreements and circulars.
A1150.086	1946	Agreement on Guaranteed Week. Joint Committee of Light Metal Trades Unions and National Light Castings Ironfounders Federation agreement.
A1150.087	1946	Agreements. Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions and Engineering & Allied Employers National Federation.

A1150.085	1954	Rainwater & soil goods moulding rates. Joint Committee of Light Metal Trades Unions and National Light Castings Ironfounders Federation agreement.
A1150.098	1945-1949	File "Amalgamation correspondence". Relates to proposed amalgamation of the General Iron Fitters Association with other foundry trades unions
A1150.099	1946-1949	Joint Committee of Light Metal Trades Unions. Minutes and correspondence of Secretary of General Iron Fitters Association
A1150.100	1945-1949	Joint Federation of the National Union of Stove, Grate & General Metal Workers and the General Iron Fitters Association. Minutes, correspondence between secretaries, circulars and other papers
A1150.101	1950	Joint Federation of the National Union of Stove, Grate & General Metal Workers and the General Iron Fitters Association. Minutes, correspondence between secretaries, circulars and other papers
A1150.102	1951	Joint Federation of the National Union of Stove, Grate & General Metal Workers and the General Iron Fitters Association. Minutes, correspondence between secretaries, circulars and other papers
A1150.103	1952	Joint Federation of the National Union of Stove, Grate & General Metal Workers and the General Iron Fitters Association. Minutes, correspondence between secretaries, circulars and other papers
A1150.104	1953	Joint Federation of the National Union of Stove, Grate & General Metal Workers and the General Iron Fitters Association. Minutes, correspondence between secretaries, circulars and other papers
A1150.105	1954	Joint Federation of the National Union of Stove, Grate & General Metal Workers and the General Iron Fitters Association. Minutes, correspondence between secretaries, circulars and other papers
A1150.106	1955	Joint Federation of the National Union of Stove, Grate & General Metal Workers and the General Iron Fitters Association. Minutes, correspondence between secretaries, circulars and other papers
A1150.107	1954-1956	Joint Federation of the National Union of Stove, Grate & General Metal Workers and the General Iron Fitters Association. Financial statements and related papers
A1150.108	1935-1937	Confederation of Shipbuilding & Engineering Trades Unions. Minutes, correspondence and circulars
A1150.109	1940-1943	Confederation of Shipbuilding & Engineering Trades Unions. Minutes, correspondence and circulars
A1150.110	1946	Confederation of Shipbuilding & Engineering Trades Unions. Minutes, correspondence and circulars
A1150.111	1947	Confederation of Shipbuilding & Engineering Trades Unions. Minutes, correspondence and circulars
A1150.112	1948	Confederation of Shipbuilding & Engineering Trades Unions. Minutes, correspondence and circulars
A1150.113	1949	Confederation of Shipbuilding & Engineering Trades Unions. Minutes, correspondence and circulars
A1150.114	1950	Confederation of Shipbuilding & Engineering Trades

		Unions. Minutes, correspondence and circulars. (File split into two envelopes during listing)
A1150.115	1951	Confederation of Shipbuilding & Engineering Trades Unions. Minutes, correspondence and circulars. (File split into two envelopes during listing)
A1150.116	1952	Confederation of Shipbuilding & Engineering Trades Unions. Minutes, correspondence and circulars. (File split into three envelopes during listing)
A1150.117	1953	Confederation of Shipbuilding & Engineering Trades Unions. Minutes, correspondence and circulars. (File split into three envelopes during listing)
A1150.118	1954	Confederation of Shipbuilding & Engineering Trades Unions. Minutes, correspondence and circulars. (File split into three envelopes during listing)
A1150.119	1946	Confederation of Shipbuilding & Engineering Trades Unions. Foundry Unions Committee minutes and papers
A1150.120	1947	Confederation of Shipbuilding & Engineering Trades Unions. Foundry Unions Committee minutes and papers
A1150.121	1948	Confederation of Shipbuilding & Engineering Trades Unions. Foundry Unions Committee minutes and papers
A1150.122	1949	Confederation of Shipbuilding & Engineering Trades Unions. Foundry Unions Committee minutes and papers
A1150.123	1950	Confederation of Shipbuilding & Engineering Trades Unions. Foundry Unions Committee minutes and papers
A1150.124	1951	Confederation of Shipbuilding & Engineering Trades Unions. Foundry Unions Committee minutes and papers
A1150.125	1952	Confederation of Shipbuilding & Engineering Trades Unions. Foundry Unions Committee minutes and papers
A1150.126	1954	Confederation of Shipbuilding & Engineering Trades Unions. Foundry Unions Committee minutes and papers
A1150.127	1951-1954	International Metalworkers Federation minutes and papers
A1150.128	1941-1943	Trades Union Congress circulars
A1150.129	1943-1944	Trades Union Congress circulars and papers
A1150.130	1955-1956	Trades Union Congress circulars and papers
A1150.131	1957	Trades Union Congress circulars and papers
A1150.132	1934-1952	Trades Union Congress circulars and legal information
A1150.133	1954	Delegate file of Alex Turnbull for the 57th Annual Congress of the Scottish Trades Union Congress
A1150.134	1941-1944	File. Scottish Trades Union Congress correspondence
A1150.135	1946	File. Scottish Trades Union Congress correspondence
A1150.136	1947	File. Scottish Trades Union Congress correspondence
A1150.137	1948	File. Scottish Trades Union Congress correspondence
A1150.189	1941-1947	Cash book of Assistant Secretary
A1150.190	1933-1940	Cash book of Secretary
A1150.090	1943-1953	Correspondence with Falkirk Town Council, mainly relating to hall lets
A1150.091	1954	Correspondence with Grangemouth Town Council, mainly relating to hall lets and Grangemouth Burgh

A1150.092	1934-1952	Extension GIFA Hall Committee correspondence and financial statements.
A1150.093	(Early 20th Century) {nd}	Plan of proposed alterations to General iron Fitters Association office in Newmarket St and note of costs
A1150.094	1947-1952	File "Fuel efficiency"
A1150.095	1940s	File "Walter Alexander & Sons Ltd". Relates to priority travel certificates during fuel rationing
A1150.096	(Mid 20th Century) {nd}	Sample printed envelopes
A1150.097	(Mid 20th Century) {nd}	Sample arrears notices

Legal Papers and Compensation Cases
(All files restricted for 75 years under Data Protection Act)

A1150.221	1932-1946	Legal Papers File. Contains correspondence relating to individual compensation cases and letters from lawyers providing advice on Union rules and schemes
A1150.222	1931-1945	Silicosis Cases File. Contains correspondence relating to individual compensation cases and circulars
A1150.223	1931-1945	Pneumoconiosis Cases File. Contains correspondence relating to individual compensation cases and circulars
A1150.224	1950-1957	Papers relating to Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance decisions on pensions following individual industrial injury claims. Contains details of accidents and illnesses of individuals
A1150.225	1940-1947	Unemployment Benefit File. Contains appeals, tribunal decisions and related papers on individual cases
A1150.226	1942-1946	Essential Work File. Contains correspondence and papers relating to individual cases of wartime work absences, work stoppages and redundancy
A1150.227	1943-1946	Ministry of Labour File. Circulars and correspondence including details of individual cases
A1150.228	1947-1948	Ministry of Labour File. Circulars and correspondence including details of individual cases
A1150.229	1933-1934	Compensation File. Papers relating to individual case
A1150.230	1933-1934	Compensation File. Papers relating to individual cases and correspondence with lawyers over Union rules
A1150.231	1923-1934	Legal File. Papers relating to shares in Kerr & Co (Maryhill) Ltd

Treasurer's Records

A1150.138	1913-1914	Contribution Register
A1150.139	1920-1926	Contribution Register
A1150.168	1943	Contributions Register
A1150.162	1942-1955	Supernannuation Pay book
A1150.163	1920	State Idle & Refund Details
A1150.164	1936-1937	State Idle & Refund Details
A1150.165	1949-1964	State Idle & Refund Details
A1150.167	1920-1948	State Refunds
A1150.169	1945-1946	District Statements of contributions, entry money, levies and subscriptions
A1150.170	1947-1948	District Statements of contributions, entry money, levies and subscriptions
A1150.171	1949-1951	District Statements of contributions, entry money, levies and subscriptions
A1150.172	1951-1953	District Statements of contributions, entry money, levies and subscriptions
A1150.173	1953-1955	District Statements of contributions, entry money, levies and subscriptions
A1150.174	1955-1957	District Statements of contributions, entry money, levies and subscriptions
A1150.175	1957-1960	District Statements of contributions, entry money, levies and subscriptions
A1150.176	1960-1963	District Statements of contributions, entry money, levies and subscriptions
A1150.177	1937-1950	Kirkintilloch District Statements of contributions, entry money, levies and subscriptions
A1150.178	1937-1940s?	Glasgow District Statements of contributions, entry money, levies and subscriptions
A1150.179	1949-1960	Political Funds account book
A1150.180	1943-1951	Classification of Expenditure
A1150.181	1951-1961	Classification of Expenditure
A1150.182	1942	Weekly cash statement
A1150.183	Jun 1956	half yearly account
A1150.184	1909-1911	Cash book
A1150.185	1931-1940	Cash book
A1150.186	1940-1946	Cash book
A1150.187	1947-1954	Cash book
A1150.188	1935-1940	Cash book
A1150.191	1935-1940	Cash book of shop delegate
A1150.192	1941-1946	Cash book of shop delegate

Records of Districts

A1150.193	1912-1939	Cash book, Bo'ness District
A1150.140	1932-1941	Contribution Register, Bonnybridge District
A1150.141	1942-1947	Contribution Register, Bonnybridge District
A1150.142	1948-1951	Contribution Register, Bonnybridge District

A1150.143	1952-1960	Contribution Register, Bonnybridge District
A1150.153	1952-1962	Idle benefit book, Bonnybridge District
A1150.194	1912-1946	Cash book, Bonnybridge District
A1150.195	07 Sep 1920- Mar 1926	Minute book, Central District
A1150.196	13 Apr 1926-06 Mar 1934	Minute book, Central District
A1150.197	20 Mar 1934- 30 Dec 1941	Minute book, Central District
A1150.198	13 Jan 1942-29 Mar 1953	Minute book, Central District
A1150.199	1920	Minute book, Central District Management Committee
A1150.200	22 Sep 1924- 13 Aug 1929	Minute book, Central District Committee
A1150.144	1939-1940	Contribution Register, Central District
A1150.145	1941-1942	Contribution Register, Central District
A1150.146	1943-1944	Contribution Register, Central District
A1150.147	1945-1946	Contribution Register, Central District
A1150.148	1947	Contribution Register, Central District
A1150.149	1948-1949	Contribution Register, Central District
A1150.150	1950-1953	Contribution Register, Central District
A1150.151	1954-1955	Contribution Register, Central District
A1150.154	1933-1934	Idle benefit book, Central District
A1150.155	1937-1938	Idle benefit book, Central District
A1150.156	1938	Idle benefit book, Central District
A1150.157	1938-1939	Idle benefit book, Central District
A1150.158	1939	Idle benefit book, Central District
A1150.159	1940-1944	Idle benefit book, Central District
A1150.160	1944-1950	Idle benefit book, Central District
A1150.161	1955-1964	Idle benefit book, Central District
A1150.166	1936-1939	State Idle & Refund Details. Central District
A1150.201	1911	Cash book, Central District
A1150.202	1933-1943	Cash book, Central District
A1150.203	1944-1955	Cash book, Central District
A1150.204	1936-1947	Cash book, Central District
A1150.205	1942-1947	Cash book, Central District
A1150.206	1947-1952	Cash book, Central District
A1150.207	1952-1956	Cash book, Central District
A1150.208	1930-1938	Account book, Central District
A1150.209	29 Apr 1910-30 Sep 1920	Minute book, Glasgow District
A1150.210	10 Feb 1928- 30 Mar 1945	Minute book, Glasgow District Management Committee
A1150.211	10 Sep 1945- 12 Sep 1960	Minute book, Glasgow District Management Committee
A1150.212	1915-1917	Cash book, Glasgow District
A1150.213	1933-1941	Treasurer's day book, Glasgow District
A1150.214	1941-1954	Treasurer's day book, Glasgow District
A1150.215	1941-1954	Treasurer's day book, Glasgow District
A1150.152	1945-1952	Contribution Register, Hillington District
A1150.216	1920-1931	Contribution book, Kirkintilloch District
A1150.217	1932-1946	Contribution book, Kirkintilloch District

A1150.218	1911-1942	Cash book, Office District
A1150.219	1915-1921	Cash book, Falkirk District
A206.001/01	1924	Union federation and political levy record card of Thomas Smith, Fitter
A206.001/02	1936	Union federation and political levy record card of Thomas Smith, Fitter