

A Trades Union Man Deserving of Recognition ..

JAMES DUNCAN .

Born 5.5.1857 Hillside Portlethen ..

After leaving school James became a fully qualified Granite Cutter , this at a time of World Wide demand For Granite products ??

In 1880 James emigrated to America where he joined the Granite Cutters Union ( became the Local Secretary in New York )..In 1884 he moved to Baltimore became Editor of the Granite Cutters Magazine , and finally President for Life of The Granite Cutters Union .

In 1886 Mr. Duncan attended the founding convention of the American Federation of Labor and finally became Vice President of the A.F.O.L. .

In 1900 Mr Duncan took himself and the Granite Cutters Union to Quincy ( The Granite City ) cheek! Massachusetts ..

During his years in office he established the first Old age Pension plan for Union Workers .Represented President Woodrow Wilson on a National Commision to Study Worker”s Compensation Insurance ..

His Granite Workers Union was the FIRST American Union to win the 8 hour day for his members ..( I could go on ) ..

After the Russian Revolution of 1917 President W. Wilson organised a Special Mission to Russia, in order to open dialogue with the New revolutionary government. Our man was one of the SIX civilians or “ Envoy Extraordinary “ involved in the discussions , he also gave Major Public Speeches(which I have) to the people of Russia .I also have a photo of the mission members in the Winter Palace .”and there”s more !!

James Duncan was a delegate at the Paris Peace Conference , and a delegate at the Pan-American Federation of Labor in Mexico City ..

James Duncan Passed away in Quincy Mass. On the 14<sup>th</sup> of September 1928 .

Between 1941 and 1945 America built 2,710 LIBERTY SHIPS for the U.K. .Included in the first five built was the S.S.JAMES DUNCAN ..

Signed on the 4<sup>th</sup> of March 2018

The Heritage Mannie

Fred Stewart ..