George Tutill Railway Sash

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Height: 41.89 cm (16.5")

Width: 26.66 cm (10.5")

Depth: 1.9 cm (0.7")

Description

A National Union of Railwaymen Sash made of gilt wire on cotton.

This was likely part of a banner carrier sash and the label to the back notes that it was part of a shop display, dating it to 1913. The maker's label of George Tutill of 83 City Rd. London is also shown to the bottom of the sash. The gilt wire is wrapped around cotton to give make a thicker thread. It's used to make a steamtrain to the top of th picture with N.U.R. below followed by Didcot Branch and two crossed branches with leaves.

The NUR was formed in March 1913 after the amalgamation of the General Railway Workers' Union, the United Pointsmen's and Signalmen's Society and the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants. The Didcot Branch had formerly been members of the ASRS.

George Tutill became the largest maker of banners and sashes etc. for the Unions, Friendly Societies and Masons in the 19th century. He was born in 1817 and had started his business by 1837. Tutill, a Yorkshireman, built his factory in the East End of London to capitalise on the textile working skills of the many decedents of the Huguenot emigrant families in the area. Tutill was also an artist and painted or oversaw the painting of many of the banners himself. He was innovative in the materials that he used to waterproof and protect his work etc. and took out patents to cover them. When he died in 1887, his daughter and her husband carried on the business and it then passed onto her son carrying on into the second half of the 20th century. Early 20th Century.

Frame Size is given.

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