

SOURCE 2

A National Health Insurance contributions card from October 1912

(PRO: PIN 900/42)



SOURCE 2A

SOURCE 2B

HOW TO USE THIS SOURCE TO HELP YOU ANSWER THE BIG QUESTION :

You need to study the source carefully before you decide whether it supports or contradicts any of the reasons in the Big Question.

ASK YOURSELF:

- What does the card tell you about how National Insurance worked?
- Does it suggest that the National Insurance system was well organised?
- How might an historian check whether the system was well organised?
- Is this source more or less useful to the historian because it has not been filled in?
- What do you think the section for 'Mark of Contributor' is for?

EMPLOYED CONTRIBUTOR
(MAN)

ENGLAND.

CLASS A



To 13th October, 1912.

NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE.
Contribution Card.

1st
Quarter

OWNERSHIP AND CUSTODY OF CARD.

This Card is the property of the Insurance Commissioners (England); during its currency it is entrusted to the Contributor, who must return it together with his Insurance Book to his Society or, if he is not a Member of a Society, hand the Card in at any Post Office immediately upon its expiry but in no case later than

26th OCTOBER, 1912.

As the stamped Card is the only evidence of payment of Contributions, no allowance will be made for any Stamps on this Card unless and until the Card has been returned as provided above.

The Card must be produced to the Employer at any time on demand, and must be delivered to him whenever he requires it for the purpose of paying contributions. It will be returned after stamping, but where the Contributor is in continuous employment the Card may be left in the hands of the Employer, who will be responsible for its safe custody. It must be returned to the Contributor upon its expiry, or at any time within 48 hours of its demand by the Contributor.

If the Card is not retained by the Employer, it must be delivered to him when he requires it for the purpose of production to an Inspector or other authorised person.

On the Contributor leaving his Employment the Card must be returned to him by the Employer, and may, if the Contributor so desires, be exchanged for a new one at the office of the Society or, if he is not a Member of a Society, at any Post Office.

If a Card is accidentally damaged or defaced it should be exchanged for a new one.

Any person having this Card in his possession must produce it at any reasonable time when required by an Inspector or other authorised person.

In the event of the death of the Contributor, this Card must be returned to his Society or to the Insurance Commissioners, London, S.W.

LOST CARD.

Any person finding this Card, unless he can at once return it to the Contributor, should drop it into a Post Office Letter Box.

SOURCE 2B

Thirteen Weeks ending 13th OCTOBER, 1912.

A National Health Insurance Stamp to be affixed for each Week in the proper space. No other Stamps may be used. Every Stamp must be cancelled at the time of affixing by writing the date across it in ink.

Name and Address of Contributor to be inserted before issue.

Surname Whidby
 Christian Names Robt Roland
 Address 30 Globe St
Sunderland

Handwritten initials

In accordance with Section 13 of the Stamp Duties Management Act, 1891, any person who fraudulently removes any stamp from this Card or makes use of any stamp removed from another Card, is guilty of felony.	1st	2nd	3rd	
	Week commencing Monday, 15 July, 1912.	Week commencing Monday, 22 July, 1912.	Week commencing Monday, 29 July, 1912.	
4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
Week commencing Monday, 5 Aug., 1912.	Week commencing Monday, 12 Aug., 1912.	Week commencing Monday, 19 Aug., 1912.	Week commencing Monday, 26 Aug., 1912.	Week commencing Monday, 2 Sept., 1912.
9th	10th	11th	12th	13th
Week commencing Monday, 9 Sept., 1912.	Week commencing Monday, 16 Sept., 1912.	Week commencing Monday, 23 Sept., 1912.	Week commencing Monday, 30 Sept., 1912.	Week commencing Monday, 7 Oct., 1912.

The Contributor must sign in the space below before returning the Card to his Society or, if he is not a Member of a Society, to the Post Office.

Signature or Mark of Contributor _____

Witness to the Mark _____
 (Only required if the Signature is by Mark.)

Reserved for use of Society or Insurance Committee.

No entry must be made in this space until after the return of the Card to the Society or Post Office.

Name of Society or Committee. _____

Contributor's No. } _____

Date of Birth if before 16 July, 1847 } _____ 184_____