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**GLOUCESTER STREET CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH, WEYMOUTH**

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GLOUCESTER STREET CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, WEYMOUTH

In 1662 the Revd George Thorne, the rector of Melcombe Regis Church, was ejected from that benefice. He then led a small non-conformist congregation, who met in various places in the town. In 1672 a licence was obtained to use the house of James Reed. In 1703 three messuages in St Nicholas Street were purchased and in 1705 conveyed to the Congregational Trustees. There is evidence to suggest that part of this site had been used by the Presbyterians as a meeting place since 1672.

In 1805 the church was re-built and in 1817 extensive alterations took place. During the 1820s the Church helped to establish a Congregational chapel in Weymouth in Hope Square [see NP.9] and later one in Radipole.

In 1864 a new church was built in Gloucester Street. They continued to worship there until 1971 when the church was closed and the congregation joined Hope Congregational Church; Gloucester Street church was demolished soon after.

CM CHURCH MEETING

CM 1 Church Meeting minutes

CM 1/1	Church Meeting minutes List of members c1804-1864 (1 vol) [Formerly NP.8: CM 1]	1794-1864
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CM 1/2	Church Meeting minutes 1864-1909 Marriages 1864-1881 Deaths 1864-1869 Financial statements 1868-1869, 1871, 1875-1876, 1878, 1891-1908 List of members n.d., 1877-1909 List of Deacons 1886-1911 (1 vol) [Formerly NP.8: CM 2]	1864-1911
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CM 1/3	Church Meeting minutes Financial statements 1910-1921, 1924-1925 (1 vol) [Formerly NP.8: CM 3]	1909-1927
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NP.8	GLOUCESTER STREET CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, WEYMOUTH	
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CM 2	<u>New Chapel Building Committee</u>	
CM 2/1	Minutes and accounts	
CM 2/1/1	Minutes List of donations and accounts (1 vol) [Formerly NP.8: CM 5]	1861-1870
CM 3	<u>Garden Sale Committee</u>	
CM 3/1	Minutes	
CM 3/1/1	Minutes (1 vol)	1916-1922
CM 4	<u>Rules for Members</u>	
CM 4/1	Rules for membership to the Church (1 doc)	1911
CM 5	<u>Radipole Mission Church</u>	
CM 5/1	Draft report concerning a dispute over the running of the Radipole Mission church (1 doc) [see also the Church Meeting book NP.8: CM 1/2]	n.d. [c 1905-1907]
CM 5/2	Letters concerning the church roll for the Mission Church (2 docs) [Formerly part of NP.8: CM 7/2]	1946

NP.8	GLOUCESTER STREET CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, WEYMOUTH	
MS	MINISTER	
MS 1	<u>Hymn sheets</u> [Formerly NP.8: MS 1]	
MS 1/1	The Parting Hymn 'usually sung at the St Nicholas Chapel' (1 doc)	n.d.
MS 1/2	Hymn sheet (1 doc)	14 Jul 1963
MS 2	<u>The Gloucester Street Chronicle</u>	
MS 2/1	<i>The Gloucester Street Chronicle</i> (6 docs)	1956-1961
MS 3	<u>Appointment of ministers</u>	
MS 3/1	Letter from the Deacons on behalf of the Congregation inviting the Revd Joseph Bodwell to become the new pastor of the church (1 doc) [Bodwell served as minister between 1838 and 1845]	20 Nov 1838

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MR

MR 1

MR 1/1

MR 1/2

MR 1/3

NP.8	GLOUCESTER STREET CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, WEYMOUTH	
MC	MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE	
MC 1	<u>Minutes</u>	
MC 1/1	Committee minutes 1802-1832 Including: The Origin of the Dissenting Congregation of Weymouth and Melcombe Regis Memoirs of the Revd Joseph Wilkins Copy correspondence relating to the appointment of the Revd Benjamin Cracknell (1801) Memoranda and copy correspondence concerning the erecting of a new chapel and use of the Guildhall for worship (1802-1804) memoranda concerning church funds in 1801 (copied 1837) List of ministers 1662-1889 Accounts for the new chapel 1806-1808, 1811 (1 vol) [Formerly NP.8: MC 1]	1802-1889
MC 1/2	Committee minute book (1 vol) [Formerly NP.8: MC 2]	1832-1844
MC 1/3	Committee minutes 1844-1856 Annual Church and Congregational minutes 1844-1855 Including: Notes on endowments Extract form minutes of the Church Meeting appointing a Committee from devising means to meet current expenditure (1 vol) [Formerly NP.8: MC 3]	1844-1856
MC 2	<u>Subscription List</u>	
MC 2/1	Subscription list for erecting a new organ (1 vol) [Formerly NP.8: MC 10]	1859

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DC DEACONS

DC 1 Deacons' Meeting minutes

DC 1/1	Deacons' Meeting minutes 1889-1896 Trustees' Meeting minutes 1890-1895 (1 vol) [Formerly NP.8: MC 4]	1889-1896
DC 1/2	Deacons' Meeting minutes 1896-1901 Trustees' Meeting minutes 1896-1897 (1 vol) [Formerly NP.8: MC 5]	1896-1901
DC 1/3	Deacons' Meeting minutes (1 vol) [Formerly NP.8: MC 6]	1911-1916
DC 1/4	Deacons' Meeting minutes Including: Rules for members (1911) (1 vol) [Formerly NP.8: MC 7]	1916-1926

NP.8	GLOUCESTER STREET CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, WEYMOUTH	
TR	TREASURERS	
TR	<u>Payment and Receipt books</u>	
TR 1/1	Payment and receipt book Including seat rent subscriptions 1844-1846 (1 vol)	1844-1864
TR 1/2	Payment and receipt book (1 vol)	1968-1970
TR 2	<u>Journals</u>	
TR 2/1	Income journal (1 vol)	1940-1955
TR 2/2	Expenditure journal (1 vol)	1940-1954
TR 3	<u>Statements of accounts</u> [Part of this was formerly NP.8: MC 11]	
TR 3/1	Draft statement of accounts (1 doc)	1846
TR 3/2	Draft statement of accounts (1 doc)	1850
TR 3/3	Draft statement of accounts (1 doc)	1864
TR 3/4	Statement of accounts (1 doc; printed)	1868
TR 3/5	Statement of accounts with draft (2 docs; 1 printed)	1870
TR 3/6	Draft statement of accounts (1 doc)	1871
TR 3/7	Statement of accounts for the Renovation Fund (1 doc; printed)	1900-1906
TR 3/8	Statement of accounts (4 docs; printed)	1906-1909

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TR TREASURERS

TR 3 Statements of accounts
[Part of this was formerly NP.8: MC 11]

TR 3/9	Statement of accounts (11 docs; printed)	1910-1919
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TR 3/10	Statement of accounts (10 docs; printed)	1920-1929
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TR 3/11	Statement of accounts (10 docs; printed)	1930-1939
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TR 3/12	Statement of accounts (6 docs; printed) [1942-1945 missing]	1940-1949
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TR 3/13	Statement of accounts (3 docs; printed) [1950-1956 missing]	1957-1959
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TR 3/14	Statement of accounts (10 docs; printed) [1968-1969 missing]	1960-1970
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NP.8	GLOUCESTER STREET CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, WEYMOUTH	
TS	TRUSTEES	
TS 1	<u>Trustees' Meeting minutes</u>	
	For minutes 1890-1897 see NP.8: DC 1/1-2	
TS 1/1	Trustees Meeting minutes and accounts (1 doc) [This document records minutes and accounts for only a few years within the 1725-1762 period] [UNFIT FOR PRODUCTION]	1725-1762
TS 1/2	Trustees' Meeting minutes 1801 Meeting of the trustees of the Sarah Furman legacy 1777 (1 vol) [UNFIT FOR PRODUCTION]	1777, 1801
TS 2	<u>Certificates of Registration</u>	
TS 2/1	Certificate of registration of a certain building lately erected near the backwater in Weymouth as a place of worship for Independents (1 doc)	1804
TS 2/2	Certificate granting the solemnisation of marriages at Saint Nicholas Street Chapel (1 doc)	1837
TS 3	<u>Appointment of Trustees</u>	
TS 3/1	Copy resolution appointing new trustees (1 doc) [Includes the trustees names and addresses and their occupations]	1889
TS 3/2	Charity Commission's approval of new trustees (2 docs)	1890, 1912
TS 3/3	Charity Commission's approval of the removal of a trustee (9 docs)	1900-1901
TS 3/4	Correspondence and papers concerning the authority issued by the Charity Commission to sell stock to repay a loan (6 docs)	1916

TS TRUSTEES

TS 3/5 Correspondence concerning the Dorset Association, on behalf of the Congregational Union of England and Wales, becoming sole trustee of the churches properties including an application and recommendation to do so from Mr H Simpson of the Financial Department of the Union, London (1927); from the Revd H Stanley Shergold of Malvern suggesting that they object to the Charity Commission (1935); an agreement to allow the Association to become one of the trust members (1936); minutes of a trustees meeting to discuss new trustees (1936); and a final agreement and solicitors bill (1945)
(15 docs)

1927-1945

For deeds relating to Gullyhayes see NP.8: TS 5

TS 4/1 Declaration of Trust of a £150 mortgage on land in Portesham between David Arbuthnott of Weymouth, merchant and John Edwards, merchant, John Carswell, maltster, Francis Reed, grocer, Robert Henley, tailor, all of Weymouth and Samuel Whetcombe of Lillington, merchant (1 doc)

10 May 1714

TS 4/2 Copy of a bill of Chancery referring to three messuages in Melcombe Regis, late in the possession of George Churchly deceased, used as a place of worship by the Congregationalists
(1 doc)

1728

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TS

TRUSTEES

TS 4

Title Deeds and Agreements

TS 4/3

Transfer of a mortgage to new trustees

- 1 Mary Henley of Weymouth widow and executor of Robert Henley
- 2 Joseph Brett, tailor, Samuel Kingsbury, customs officer, Joseph Henley, tailor and stationer and William White, deal merchant, all of Weymouth and Melcombe Regis

Recital: of a £183 mortgage dated 27 June 1743, referring to a messuage and tenement containing 25 acres in Henley, Buckland Newton in the tenure of Elizabeth Isles, between William Leigh of Dorchester, doctor of divinity, Elizabeth Isles and John Carswell and Robert Henley on behalf of Weymouth Congregational Church. Robert Henley and John Carswell are now both deceased.

Consideration: (2 to 1) 5s

1 to 2: transfer the mortgage to the new trustees of the Weymouth Congregational Chapel
(1 doc)

2 Jun 1761

TS 4/4

Agreement between the trustees of the Congregational Church and James Hamilton and George Welsford of Weymouth, builders, to erect a new chapel on the present site for £1788 16s to be paid at various stages. Messrs Cracknell & Co appointed as surveyors
(1 doc)

25 Oct 1802

[This includes a very detailed schedule of the work and material to be used]

TS 4/5

Schedule of deeds belonging to the Chapel, placed in the hands of Mr Elliott esq at the bank
(1 doc)

[1793]-1837

TS 4/6

Declaration of Henry Carter of Weymouth, gent, concerning the affairs of the late Philip Dodson of Weymouth, builder and the sale of land in Park Street
(1 doc)

12 Nov 1860

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TS **TRUSTEES**

TS 4 Title Deeds and Agreements

TS 4/7 Bond of Indemnity

- 1 Herbert Williams of Bridehead, banker
- 2 Samuel Morley of Wood Street Cheapside London and John Finch of
 Tunbridge Wells, Kent esq

Recital: Stating that Philip Dodson of Weymouth, builder
had agreed to sell some land [described below] to 2 for
£700 but had died intestate before completion

1 agrees to indemnify 2 from all possible losses if the
transaction is not completed

Property: land on the east side of Park Street 122 feet by 50
feet, part of a walled garden formerly occupied by Jane
Young, later William Turton, bounded on the west by Park
Street, on the east by the Royal Hotel stable on the north by
the premises of Miss Susannah Bayley Carter and on the
south by Garden Street [later Gloucester Street]
(1 doc)

19 Nov 1860

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TS TRUSTEES

TS 4 Title Deeds and Agreements

TS 4/8 Conveyance

- 1 Samuel Morley of Wood Street Cheapside London and John Finch of Tunbridge Wells, Kent esq
- 2 Revd R Stone Ashton of Weymouth minister and the trustees of the Congregational Church [listed]

Recital: that 1 are the owners of the freehold land [described below] and agree to sell it to 2 on the condition that they erect a chapel on the site

Consideration: (2 to 1) 5s

Property: (1 to 2) All that piece of land on the east side of Park Street 102 feet by 50 feet, formerly a walled garden in the occupation of Jane Young, later William Turton, bounded on the west by Park Street, on the east by the Royal Hotel stable on the north by the premises of Miss Susannah Bayley Carter and on the south by Garden Street now called Gloucester Street

Covenants include: To be held under trust to be used as an Independent Church
To be allowed to build a church vestry
(4 copies)

22 Oct 1863

**TS 4/9 Schedule and plan detailing a piece of building land on the corner of Spa Road and Roman Road, Radipole and an abstract of title 1889-1893
(1 doc)**

1 Jun 1906

**TS 4/10 Schedule of deeds belonging to Weymouth chapel and Radipole Mission church
(1 doc)**

[1714]-1910

**TS 4/11 Schedule of deeds belonging to Weymouth chapel and Radipole Mission church
(1 doc)**

[1833]-1926

**TS 4/12 Schedule of deeds deposited with Pengilly of Weymouth, solicitors
(1 doc)**

1933

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TS TRUSTEES

TS 5 Gullyshay Estate

TS 5/1 Title deeds relating to Gullyshay estate comprising:
1710 Bargain and sale
1741 Settlement
1790 Lease and release [release missing]
1804 Lease and release
1928 plan of land in Gypsy Lane, Alfred Bennett of
 Weymouth, architect
1933 Schedule of deeds 1716-1912
n.d. Plan of Gullyshay [formerly NP.8: TR 2]
(8 docs)

1710-1933

TS 5/2 Building Lease

- 1 Trustees of Gloucester Street Congregational church
[listed]
- 2 John Bagg of Commercial Road Melcombe Regis,
builders merchant

Property: a close of land called Gullyshay or Gullyshold in
Rodwell, Weymouth numbered 18 on the tithe map,
bounded on the west by Gypsy Lane, on the north and east
by land belonging to John Bagg and on the south by
Occupation Road

Term: 99 years

Rent: £20 p.a., to be paid half yearly

Condition: that 2 erects houses on the site
With site plan
(1 doc)

25 Mar 1897

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TS	TRUSTEES	
TS 5	<u>Gullyshay Estate</u>	
TS 5/3	<p>Correspondence and papers referring to the Gullyshay estate including:</p> <p>Disclaimer for the lease between the trustees and John Bagg of Abbots Court, Radipole following the bankruptcy of Bagg and Sons Ltd, builders (1910)</p> <p>Negotiations between the church and town council over the purchase of the site to build small houses including a valuer's report (1927-1928)</p> <p>Negotiations to lease the site with J Hardy & Son of Weymouth, builders, then Mr Kay Openshaw including assignment of leases at £2 10s per plot (1932-1934)</p> <p>Widening of the road in Gypsy Lane (1938)</p> <p>The demolition of Nos 13-14 Glen Avenue and the evacuation of Nos 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 9 Gypsy Lane whilst being repaired due to War damage (1942)</p> <p>Depositing the deeds with the Congregational Union of England and Wales (1946)</p> <p>Renewal of leases (1946-1953)</p> <p>(102 docs)</p>	1910-1953
TS 5/4	<p>Minutes of the trustees of Gloucester Street church stating that Mr K Openshaw of Weymouth, builder, wished to lease the Gullyshay estate for 99 years, in twelve plots, at £2 10s p.a. until houses are erected, when the rental would be increased to £36 p.a. (£3 p.a. per plot). These terms were submitted to the Charity Commission and approved. Mr Webb was paid £2 as compensation on his vacating the land</p> <p>(1 vol)</p>	1933

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TS

TRUSTEES

TS 6

Legacies and bequests

TS 6/1

Martha Thorn, Susannah Madgwick and Mrs Clare Charities

TS 6/1/1

Deeds referring to the Thorn, Madgwick and Clare charities comprising:

Release by the Revd Stephen Edwards of all moneys and gifts bequeathed by Martha Thorn held in trust for the support of the minister (1729)

Deed of covenant and appointment of new trustees
respecting the sum of £206 bank annuities left in the will of
Susannah Madgwick (1793)

Charity Commissioner approval of new trustees for the
Thorn, Madgwick and Clare's charities
(3 docs)

1729-1865

TS 6/1/2

Receipts for interest on Susannah Madgwick's legacy
(28 docs)

1762-1781

TS 6/2

Blackmore bequest

TS 6/2/1

Copy will of James Blackmore of Radipole, miller including £300 to Gloucester Street Congregational Church in trust to apply towards the discharging of the existing debts

(1 doc)
[The will was proved 17 May 1879]

23 Sep 1876

TS 6/2/2

Share certificates for Consolidated 3% Annuities
(11 docs)

1880-1884

TS 6/2/3

Charity Commission Order approving the trustees scheme to invest £306 2s 5d consolidated 3% annuities, of which £300 came from the Blackmore legacy and replace existing bank annuities held by the Charity Commission

1882

NP.8	GLOUCESTER STREET CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, WEYMOUTH	
TS	TRUSTEES	
TS 6	<u>Legacies and bequests</u>	
TS 6/3	Maria Bowring legacy	
TS 6/3/1	Final cash and capital account of the late Maria Bowring showing the balance of £86 11s 5d payable to the church With covering letter from Pengilly and Ridge of Weymouth, solicitors (2 docs) [Maria Bowring had directed her executor to hand over to the Minister and Deacons the residue of her real and personal estate to procure a manse]	1946
TS 6/4	Ernestine Haysham loan	
TS 6/4/1	Letter from A F Eaton of Weymouth, solicitors to C H England, secretary of Gloucester Street Congregational church, enquiring whether the loan of £200 for the Renovation Fund, given by the late Mrs Haysham, had been returned, since the executors have to account for it to the Inland Revenue With a copy of a letter of receipt sent by the church in 1953 (2 docs)	1961
TS 7	<u>Legal</u>	
TS 7/1	Detailed final account for £103 11s sent by Charles Shepherd of 78 Coleman Street, Weymouth, solicitor relating to a legal case heard at the Queen's Bench (1 doc)	1860-1868
TS 8	<u>Insurance Policies</u>	
TS 8/1	Insurance policies and related papers concerning employees and buildings (44 docs)	1907-1966

NP.8	GLOUCESTER STREET CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, WEYMOUTH	
TS	TRUSTEES	
TS 9	<u>Repairs and maintenance of the building and property</u>	
TS 9/1	Correspondence and papers concerning the repair and maintenance of the building and property including the installation of electricity to the chapel house [caretaker's cottage] (1945); a report on an electrical test of the lightning conductors (1950); an agreement between the trustees and Bertie Westcott and Stanley Legg of No 1 Royal Terrace to erect a notice board on their property for the church's use, at a rent of 1s p.a. (1950); repairs to the church organ (1950); the installation of gas appliances for the school room (1955); and the erecting of ladders inside of the tower and fixing the weld mesh (1957) (26 docs)	1945-1957
TS 10	<u>Pictures of the church</u>	
TS 10/1	Christmas card showing the interior of the church (1 doc)	n.d.
TS 10/2	Christmas card showing the pulpit (1 doc)	n.d.

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MT	MANSE	
MT 1	<u>Purchase of the Manse</u>	
	See also papers concerning Maria Bowring's legacy NP.8: TS 6/3/1	
MT 1/1	Papers concerning the purchase of 59 Monmouth Avenue for the use of a Manse including a receipt of the deposit for the house paid by the trustees; the approval by the Charity Commission to the purchase and an agreement to loan the trustees money; solicitors final account; estimate from T A Fuller of Weymouth, building contractor; Charity Commissioner authority for a mortgage; and a receipt for work carried out on the roof by T A Fuller (10 docs)	1946
MT 2	<u>Repairs to the Manse</u>	
MT 2/1	Repairs needed to the Manse following water damage including estimates and a claim to the insurance (1 file)	1966

NP.8	GLOUCESTER STREET CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, WEYMOUTH	
SC	SUNDAY SCHOOL	
SC 1	<u>Teachers' Meeting minutes</u>	
SC 1/1	Teachers' Meeting minute book With a list of school regulations (1 vol) [Formerly NP.8: SC 1] [In 1820 the annual school inspection took place in the presence of William Wilberforce esq MP]	1819-1842
SC 1/2	Teachers' Meeting minutes 1848-1887 With a list of Sunday school members, including parents address, father's occupation and some additional remarks concerning the children's later occupations 1846-1881 Sunday School anniversary hymn sheets (1 vol) [Formerly NP.8: SC 2]	1846-1887
SC 2	<u>Attendance</u>	
SC 2/1	Sunday School attendance summary (1 vol) [Formerly NP.8: SC 3] [This volume contains attendance figures; it does not include any lists of children]	1845-1846
SC 3	<u>Repairs to the School</u>	
SC 3/1	Estimates for the installation of electric lighting (8 docs)	1938-1939

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SO SOCIETIES

SO 1 Young Men's Biblical Discussion Class

SO 1/1 Minutes

SO 1/1/1	Minute book (1 vol) [Formerly NP.8: MI 1]	1883-1886
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MI

- MI 1

The Old Arm Chair

(1 doc)

n.d. [c 1840s]

[Formerly NP.8: MC 8]

[There are some draft notes of a Management meeting on the back, dated 24 Jul 1846. See NP.8: MC 1/3 for the full minutes]

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Menu card for a public luncheon for the Dorset Association
of Congregational churches

(1 doc; printed)

1908

[Formerly NP.8; MI 2]