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NORTHAMPTONSHIRE RECORD OFFICE

BUCKINGHAM & BRACKLEY

METHODIST CIRCUIT

This deposit comprises the records of three former Wesleyan circuits, those of Brackley, Buckingham and Towcester.

The Brackley circuit originally covered the Buckingham and Bicester areas and in 1843 included the following chapels: Brackley, Croughton, Evenley, Greatworth, Syresham, and Whitfield (Northamptonshire); Adstock, Akeley, Botolph Claydon, Buckingham, Padbury, Steeple Claydon, Thornborough, Tingewick, and Westbury (Buckinghamshire); Arncott, North Aston, Bicester, Caulcott, Clifton, Deddington, Fritwell, Hethe, Lower and Upper Heyford, Launton, Piddington, and Weston on the Green (Oxfordshire).

In 1865, a separate Buckingham circuit was formed, consisting of Adstock, Akeley, Buckingham, Padbury, Steeple Claydon, and Thornborough, by 1870 including also Chackmore, Maids Moreton and Winslow. The Brackley circuit in 1865 comprised Brackley, Croughton, Evenley, Hinton in the Hedges, and Radstone (Northamptonshire); Tingewick, Turweston, and Westbury (Buckinghamshire); and Arncott, Bicester, Caulcott, Clifton, Fritwell, Hethe, Heyford, Launton, Mixbury, Somerton, Souldern, and Weston on the Green (Oxfordshire). In 1873 Arncott, Bicester, Launton and Weston on the Green joined the Buckingham circuit.

In 1893 the two circuits were reunited to form the Buckingham and Brackley circuit.

The Towcester circuit in 1838 included Alderton, Ashton, Astcote (Pattishall), Blakesley, Grafton Regis, Greens Norton, Hartwell, Maidford, Paulerspury, Shutlanger, Silverstone, Slapton, Stoke Bruerne, Towcester, Wappenham and Whittlebury. In 1958 the circuit was split between the Buckingham and Brackley and the Northampton circuits, Greens Norton, Paulerspury, Silverstone, Slapton, Towcester, Wappenham, and Whittlebury joining the former.

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1	Register of baptisms, 1837-1876, and of marriages at Brackley chapel, 1870-1885	1837-1885
2	Circuit schedule book	1843-1849
3	Circuit schedule book	1849-1879
4	Circuit schedule book	1879-1893
5	Circuit plans	1876-1893
6	Circuit plans	1876-1888
7	Circuit plans, (those from 1893 for Buckingham and Brackley circuit)	1888-1901
8	Local preachers meetings minute book	1873-1893

BUCKINGHAM CIRCUIT

9	Register of baptisms, 1840, 1850-1893 (The first part antedates the formation of a separate circuit)	1840-1893
10	Circuit schedule book, 1865-1883 At back: register of deeds in the circuit safe, receipted to 1913	1865-1913
11	Trust schedule book	1867-1883
12(a)	Cash book, Buckingham Centenary Fund and Pittam Memorial Organ, 1934-5; Buckingham choir stalls, 1934-5; Gawcott school room etc. 1924-38; Maids Moreton repairs, 1937-41	1924-1941

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12(b)	Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society, Buckingham Section, account book	1930-1942
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13	Register of baptisms	1894-1941
14(a)	Circuit schedule book	1899-1911
14(b)	Circuit schedule book	1922-1935
15	Circuit schedule book	1935-1943
16	Circuit schedule book	1943-1949
17	Circuit plans (those before 1893 for Buckingham circuit)	1884-1901
18	Circuit plans	1901-1912
19	Circuit plans (incomplete)	1911-1929
20	Circuit plans	1926-1933
21	Circuit plans	1933-1942
22	Circuit plans	1942-1949
23	Circuit plans	1949-1958
24	Circuit plans (including former Towcester circuit)	1958-1966
25	Trust schedule book	1901-1910
26	Trust schedule book	1911-1920
27	Trust schedule book	1920-1930
28	Trust schedule book	1931-1941
29	Circuit education schedule book	1906-1909

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30	Circuit Sunday School schedule book	1910-1914
31	Circuit education schedule book	1915-1918
32	Local preachers meetings minute book	1894-1932
33	Quarterly meetings minute book	1908-1919
34	Circuit stewards account book At back: special funds for alterations to ministers' houses at Buckingham, 1904, and Brackley, 1909	1906-1928
35	Circuit quarterly financial statements Also contains Buckingham pulpit notices, 1935-6	1935-1950
36/1-12	Roll books	c.1945-1973
37	Year book, Northern section	1959
38	Year book, Silverstone section	1961
39	Correspondence about Methodist property at Greens Norton, Silverstone, Slapton, Towcester and Brackley	1969-1971

#### TOWCESTER CIRCUIT

40	Temporary register of baptisms These entries are incorporated in 41, but additional information is given in some cases, e.g. father's occupation, and mother's parentage	1839-1841
41	Register of baptisms	1839-1870
42	Register of baptisms	1870-1919
43	Circuit schedule book	1838-1847
44	Circuit schedule book	1858-1880

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45	Circuit schedule book	1880-1887
46	Circuit schedule book	1887-1901
47	Circuit schedule book	1935-1958
48	Circuit plans (incomplete)	1909-1951
49	Circuit plans	1951-1956
50	Circuit plans	1956-1958
51	Trust schedule book	1861-1879
52	Trust schedule book	1880-1899
53	Trust schedule book	1900-1918
54	Enquiries to be made at Trustees Meetings, 1952-3, 1956	1952-1956
55	Circuit education schedule book	1869-1874
56	Circuit education schedule book	1888-1892
57	Circuit education schedule book	1893-1898
58	Circuit education schedule book	1899-1906
59	Local preachers meetings minute book	1835-1901
60	Local preachers meetings and quarterly meetings minute book	1902-1909
61	Local preachers meetings minute book, 1909-12, and quarterly meetings minute book, 1909-27	1909-1927
62	Local preachers meetings minute book	1913-1948
63	Quarterly meetings minute book	1866-1893
64	Quarterly meetings minute book	1928-1946

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65	Circuit steward's account book, Northampton circuit, 1806-1810; Towcester circuit 1810-1826 At front: monies collected for a horse for the use of the Northampton circuit, 1808	1806-1826
66	Circuit steward's account book At front: duties of circuit steward	1826-1857
67	Circuit steward's account book	1857-1899
68	Circuit steward's account book	1923-1946
69	Twentieth Century Fund circuit register	1899-1901
70	Twentieth Century Fund secretary's cash receipt book	n.d. c.1900
71	Cover as 70, with connexional collections	1914-1915
72	Circuit temperance schedule	1893-1895
73	Circuit temperance schedule	1897-1898
74	Circuit temperance schedule	1900-1904
75	Circuit temperance schedule	1905-1906
76	Circuit temperance schedule	1909-1916
77	Promise forms to follow the king's example in abstaining from intoxicating liquor during the war	n.d. c.1914
78-80	Towcester Wesleyan Magazine	1909
81-83	Towcester circuit year book, 1955-6, 1957-8, 1958	1955-1958
84	Baptismal certificate counterfoils	1854-1917
85	Rough sketchmap of Towcester area	n.d.



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#### NORTHAMPTONSHIRE CHAPELS

##### Abthorpe

86	Trustee account book	1932-1948
87	Minutes of trustees meetings and receipts from 86	1944-1948
88	Pulpit notice book, 1953-1960 At front: minutes and accounts of Abthorpe Tennis and Bowling Club, 1926-1932	1926-1960
89	Pulpit notice book	1960-1963
90	Pulpit notice book	1963-1968
91	Notes on size of chapel and rooms	n.d. 20th cent.

##### Adstone

92	Account book	1898-1940
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##### Blakesley

93	Trustees minute book	1898-1956
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##### Brackley

94	Trustees minute book	1864-1963
95	Leaders meetings minute book At back: minutes of combined leaders and trustees meetings, 1920-1927	1917-1927
96	Sunday School teachers meetings minute book, (including resolutions for building a new class-room, 1880)	1880-1897
97	School managers minute book	1903-1909
98	Manse trustees minute book	1921-1948
99	Account book	1924-1933
100	Society stewards account book	1932-1952
101	Correspondence and papers	1922-1970
102	History of Brackley Methodism, by J. M. Lenton	1974



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NORTHAMPTONSHIRE CHAPELS (cont.)

Greens Norton

103 Chapel account book 1866-1894

Paulerspury

104 Trustees and leaders meetings  
minute book. 1928-1949

Silverstone

105 Register of baptisms 1868-1911

106 Receipt for grant to Silverstone  
Day School 1908

Slapton

107 Trustees minute book 1923-1976

Towcester

108 Chapel steward's account book 1810-1874

109 Bank book 1891-1894

110 Chapel rebuilding account book 1893-1897

111 Manse treasurers book 1907-1975

112 Plan of proposed new chapel 1893

113-114 Correspondence, papers and receipts  
about the new chapel and school and  
the new organ 1892-1895

115 Pew rent book c.1907

116 Correspondence and papers about  
building manse 1907-1909

117 Promise form to follow the king's  
example in abstaining from intoxicating  
liquor during the war n.d. c.1914

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##### Wappenham

118	Trustees minute book	1971-1976
119	Account book, including accounts for building chapel	1860-1924

##### Whittlebury

120	Trustees minute book	1894-1924
121	Trustees and leaders meetings minute book	1920-1958
122	Band of Hope minute and account book, 1876-9, and Friendly Society account book, 1881-95	1876-1895
123	Chapel renovation fund appeal and promises with extracts from Wesley's journals about Whittlebury	c.1921
124/1-3	Photographs of chapel exterior and interior	n.d.
125	Minutes of Whittlebury Friendly Society	1895
126	Correspondence, papers and bills	c.1946-1964

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##### Adstock

127	Chapel account book: preaching room rented from Brackley Brewery	1884-1888
128	New chapel account book, with leaflet about chapel opening, 1890	1888-1893
129	Account book	1899-1913
130	Loose accounts	1888-1893

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Akeley

131	Trustees minute book, 1892, 1909-1953	1892-1953
132	Trustees treasurers account book	1908-1940

Botolph Claydon

133	Trustees minute book	1916-1934
134	Trustees minute book	1934-1971
135	Bazaar committee minute book	1911-1915
136	Account book (few entries)	1901-1914
137	Society steward's account book At front: note about opening of mission room and election of officers	1904-1924
138	Society steward's account book	1906-1923
139	Account book, including building fund accounts and promises, 1910	1910-1925
140	Account book	1917-1921
141	Account book	1922-1925
142	Account book	1924-1926
143	Collection journal	1907-1922
144	Society steward's book	1915-1923
145	Society steward's book	1928-1935
146	Pulpit notice book	1966-1969
147	Pulpit notice book	1969-1976
148	Class book	1914-1919
149-150	Plans of proposed Wesleyan chapel (150 = Map 4583)	1914
151-152	Correspondence, papers and bills	1902-1926

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##### Buckingham

153	Leaders meetings minute book	1917-1960
154	Chapel stewards account book	1921-1932
155	Pulpit notice book	1942-1944
156	Wesley Guild Senior Branch roll book, 1933-40, 1952-61	1933-1961
157	British and Foreign Bible Society account book	1939-1963
158	Papers and lists from within 157	1958-1962
159	Receipt for alterations to organ	1935

##### Gawcott

160	Correspondence and bills, restoration of chapel	1936-1938
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##### Ludgershall

161	Society stewards book	1935-1943
162	Society stewards book	1943-1948
163	Collection journal and society stewards record	1936-1949
164-165	Class books	1938 & n.d.

##### Maids Moreton

166	Bills for restoration of chapel	1937-1941
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##### Steeple Claydon

167	Register of baptisms	1851-1903
168	Class book	c.1962

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##### Thornborough

169	Leaders meetings minute book	1968-1974
170	Collection journal	1920-1943
171	Collection journal	1943-1956
172	Collection journal	1956-1968

##### Turweston

173	Account book, 1930-1958 At back: minutes of trustees meetings, 1955-1957, and statement about renovation of chapel, 1949	1930-1958
174	Account book	1958-1962
175	Bundle of receipts, including one for obliterating name and date stone on front gable, 1964	1950-1967
176	Brass plate from rostrum	1949

#### OXFORDSHIRE CHAPELS

##### Bicester

177-179	Accounts, papers and plans about extensions to chapel and building of school	1890-1891
180	Order of service for opening ceremony of Grainger Hargreaves Memorial Church	1927
181	Schedule of deeds and documents, Bicester New Chapel	1930
182	Letter about conveyance of Wesley Hall property	1949
183	Correspondence about claims for damage from tree roots from chapel ground	1952

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### Bicester (cont.)

184	Insurance papers	1951-1953
185	Papers about church extension and sale of Wesley Hall property, including photograph of Wesley Hall	1953-1957
186	Manse trust minute book	1955-1966
187	Papers about manse	1962-1963

### Caulcott

188	Trustees minute book, 1913-49, 1955	1913-1955
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### Fritwell

189	Appointment of trustees	1910
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### Upper Heyford

190	Trustees minute book	1924-1967
191	Trustees treasurers account book	1912-1962
192	Deposit account book	1939-1968
193	Sale contract	1966
194	Correspondence about sale	1967

### Weston on the Green

195	Trustees minute book	1910-1930
196	Legal account for conveyance to new trustees	1866
197	Trustees undertaking	1948



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|-----|---|-----------|
| 198 | <u>Centenary Annals of Wesleyan Methodism<br/>in Aylesbury and the surrounding villages,<br/>by Thomas Durley</u> | 1910      |
| 199 | Poster warning of penalty for disturbing<br>religious assemblies  | c.1812    |
| 200 | Bundle of quarterly tickets   | 1827-1868 |

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201 Quarterly meetings minute book 1942-1970

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Abthorpe

202 Trustees minute book 1948-1976

203 Account book 1947-1969  
At back: minutes of annual members  
meeting 1949

Greens Norton

204 Account book 1930-1977

Paulerspury (Pury End)

205 Trustees minute book 1949-1977

Silverstone

206 Trustees minute book 1902-1970

207 Stewards account book 1846-1939

Towcester

208 Account book 1873-1977  
'Wesleyan chapel accounts copied  
verbatim, errors included, from the  
former ponderous book'  
At back: consent to erection of organ  
1895

209 Manse trustees minute book 1914-1974

Whittlebury

210 Trustees minute book 1960-1976

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Buckingham, Moreton Road (Primitive Methodist)

211	Trustees minute book	1879-1903
212	Account book 'Buckingham New Church' At back: copy of memorandum about loan 1905; list of trust deeds 1841-1905; notes on 'firms wh. give goods sometimes for sales'	1880-1909
213	Receipts from 212	1905-1909
214	Correspondence and papers about sale of chapel effects and lease of chapel	

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Paulerspury

215	Society stewards book	1880-1887
216	Society stewards book	1916-1932
217	Pulpit notice book	1937-1940
218	Pulpit notice book	1940-1942

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