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ROCHESTER-UPON-MEDWAY STUDIES CENTRE

<u>RECORDS OF THE CHATHAM AND</u> <u>ROCHESTER ASSOCIATION OF THE</u> <u>NATIONAL UNION OF</u> <u>TEACHERS 1874-1877, 1897-1962</u>

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Introduction

This collection comprises a series of minute books and their loose enclosures as maintained by successive secretaries to the local branch of the NUT.

Contained in the documents is a record of the administrative and political changes and controversies affecting school education in the Medway Towns as witnessed, influenced and reacted to by the NUT.

The collection will provide useful comparative source material for researchers who would otherwise have to rely on individual schools' records (if they have survived), education committee records and newspapers (see other archival sources at this Centre section below).

Other potential uses for these records include genealogy because of the frequent listings of teachers names given and school history, as the changes of schools' names can be traced and their curricular emphases are discussed. In a general local historical context, these records should assist in detailing the relationship between school education and wider issues in the area.

It should be noted that at least in the earlier minute books, Gravesend members are included.

Finally, although not referred to in the list of other archival sources section given below, some researchers may wish to bear in mind the availability of Church of England Sunday School and Church School records surviving in parish collections, for which see the Parish lists sections 25, and the Methodist Church Medway Towns Circuit records (M5), which contain numerous Sunday School records.

Bibliography

The following list is of material held in the Local Studies collections at this Centre, but is not exhaustive.

General

Miscellaneous booklets, pamphlets, photographs, newscuttings and ephemera relating to local schools and education, held in the Vertical Files series at this Centre, please ask staff.

Printed Books

The History of King's School Rochester ed. Richard L.H. Coulson 1989

The Picture History of King's School Rochester B. Nolan. 1989

The Roffensian Register: containing the names of all members of the school 1835-1936 ed. F.G.B. Wills, 1937

<u>A short History of Sir Joseph Williamson's Mathematical School, Rochester 1701-1951</u> ed. D.E.L. Flower, 1951

Math School Recollections ed. D. Walsh, 1987.

[Other school histories are contained in the Vertical Files series mentioned above.]

Other archival sources at this Centre

General

CH42	Minutes and accounts of Sir Joseph Williamson's Mathematical School, Rochester	1707-1886
DRc/KS	Records of King's School, Rochester	1660-1964
C/ES; P#25	Records of individual County and Church of England schools, Medway area: please ask staff	19th20th. centuries
(L)	City of Rochester	
RCA/A2/ 130-167	Education Committee Minutes	1891-1940
<i>RCA/A4/</i> 274-280	Education Report Book	1878-1922
RCA	Files on school sites	20th. century
RCA/A4/ 270-273	Technical Education Report Books	1892-1903
C/EC 17/ 1-5A	Kent County Council Education Committee records, Rochester area	1907-1953
RCA/BP	Deposited building plans including schools	1876-1974
-	Borough of Chatham	
CBA/A1/ 48-86	Education Committee minutes	1903-1945
CBA	Files concerning school sites	20th. century
C/EC 17 /9	Records of Kent County Council Borough Education Committee	1907-1945
CBA/BP	Deposited building plans including schools	1851-1948

Borough of Gillingham

C/EC	Kent County Council Borough Education Committee records	1903-1974
C/ED 1 /1-4	7 Divisional Education Office, divisional school governors and managers' records	1948-1985

"Medway"

C/EC 17 Kent County Council Medway Education Board or 1904-1943 /6-8 Committee records Minute book (Chatham, Rochester & Gravesend Teachers' 1874-1877 Association)

Mainly meeting at the Board School, Rochester. Mentions Association's library, kept at Board School as above, 1875.

Inc. annual balance sheets and annual reports.

<u>Inc.</u> description of cricket match <u>v.</u> Maidstone Church of England Young Men's Cricket Club 16 June 1877

<u>Inc.</u> description of recreational excursion to Tunbridge Wells 7 July 1877.

Inc. subscription list [?] naming members, toward rear.

<u>Inc.</u> leaflet from National Union of Elementary Teachers, 7 Adam St., London WC, 1877.

[See /11 for removed enclosure] 1 vol./c.80pp.

Minute book

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Meetings usually held at Troy Town Schools, Rochester and St. Mary and Gordon Road Schools, Strood.

Contains numerous pasted-in newscuttings reporting meetings, extracted from local press.

[See /12 for removed enclosures]

1 vol./c.250pp.

3 Minute book

1912-1916

<u>Inc.</u> lists at rear containing names of teachers not recognised as members of Union, 1915.

Inc. newscuttings as /2 above.

<u>Inc.</u> newscutting reporting talk to Branch by Prof. Rippmann of the "Simplified Speling Societi" [sic] 4 December 1912 (p.20)

Inc. topical alphabetical index at front.

[See /13 for removed enclosures]

1 vol./156pp.

1897-1912

Minute book

Meetings held in the Masonic Hall, Rochester

1 vol./150pp.

Minute book

1920-1927

1916-1919

Meetings held at various locations.

<u>Inc.</u> stencil list of questions suggested to be asked of election candidates in respect of policies on education, 1923 (p.110).

Inc. list of teachers disallowed membership of NUT, 1922-1923 (p.241)

1 vol./241pp.used

Minute book

Meetings held at various locations <u>inc.</u> Masonic Hall, Chatham.

Inc. numerous pasted-in TS minutes.

[See /14 for removed enclosures]

1 vol./242pp.

7 Minute book

Meetings mainly held at Fort Pitt House, New Road, Rochester and Masonic Hall, Chatham.

[See /15 for removed enclosures]

1 vol./c.100pp.

8

Minute book

Meetings held at various locations <u>inc.</u> Technical School for Girls, Fort Pitt, Rochester and <u>Sun</u> Hotel, Chatham.

Inc. numerous pasted-in stencil TS annual reports, passim.

Inc. at rear list of ejected members.

[See also /16 for removed enclosures] 1 vol./c.275pp. used 1927-1939

1939-1947

1947-1952

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Minute book

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1952-1956

Meetings mainly at Fort Pitt House, New Road, Chatham.

Inc. at rear list of excluded members.

[See also /17 for removed enclosures]

1 vol./c.80pp.

10 Minute book

1957-1962

Meetings held at numerous locations <u>inc.</u> Mayor's Parlour, Chatham Town Hall.

Inc. statement by Mr. Surman, Headmaster of Chatham Technical School, "that it was important to scotch the idea that television will ever replace the good teacher", 21 October 1958.

Inc. proposal by Mr. Mortlock concerning NUT reaction to Government education policy, 14 March 1961.

Inc. at rear long list of excluded members.

1 vol./c.100pp.

11 Letter from Charles Hooper Smith of Gravesend to [W.H.] 13 Dec. 1877 Marsh abandoning a meeting.

[Removed from /1] 1 item.

1899-c.1912

12 Loose items removed from /2 comprising notes on membership 1899, news articles reporting meetings [passim], agenda 1907, printed list of members arranged by school 1874 [?] (12/7), stencil MS circular letter from F.G. Harris, Kent County Association, NUT, of Bexleyheath to local branch about voluntary subscription towards Representative's expenses 1907 (12/13) and draft resolution opposing age limits in teaching certain courses and making comparison with foreign competitors c.1912 (12/15).

1 bundle/15 items

Newscuttings containing reports of Kent teachers' tribute to C.J. Phillips, H.M. Inspector of Schools for Kent 1914 (13/1) and from the London[?] <u>Standard</u> B.F. Stiebel's views on curriculum and discipline, stating "if you send a boy to a public school he sometimes gets a good hiding. If the headmaster of an elementary school wants to give a boy a hiding he soon finds himself in the police court" 1915 or 1916, (13/2). [Removed from /3]

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1 bundle/2 items

14 Loose items removed from /6 comprising newscutting photograph of Miss E.A. Hicks, president of branch (from p.156) 1935 (14/1) and MS lists of members' names 1935-1948, etc. (14/2-15)

1 bundle/15pp.

c.1943-c.1947

1935-1948

Loose items removed from /7 comprising stencil TS resolution concerning administration of Wrens Warren Camp School by Rochester Education Authority 1943 (15/1), list of members and their schools represented at AGM 1947 (15/5), stencil TS minutes or report particularly mentioning the UNESCO conference on Education, Science & Culture at Mexico City, Mexico c.1947 (15/6) and stencil TS minutes of an undated special general meeting c.1940s (15/7-9), etc.

1 bundle/ 9 items.

16 Loose items removed from /8 comprising lists of branch c.1952-c.1953 secretaries & treasurers 1874-1948 and presidents 1874-1953.

1 bundle/ 2pp.

17 Loose items removed from /9 comprising agenda, secretary's notes, draft & TS secretary's reports, balance sheets and memoranda, etc.

1953-1956

<u>Inc.</u> printed agenda for NUT special private conference, London 12 May 1956 (17/31).

Inc. NUT letter headings c. 1955 (17/13-15).

1 bundle/44pp.

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