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Wakefield.WESTGATE CHAPEL ARCHIVES - TRUSTEES' RECORDSA. ESTATE DEEDS.1. Property at Westgate End, Wakefield (site of 1697 Chapel).

- a. Copy Surrender of Chapel, 1718.
- b. Admittance of Trustees, 1735, 1753 and 1774.
- c. Enfranchisement of Burial Ground, 1812.

2. Property in Westgate, Wakefield.

- a. 1606. G. Hatfield to R. Beiston and T. Scholey.
- b. 1607. T. Scholey to R. Beiston.
- c. 1626. R. Beiston to J. Beiston and others.
- d. 1637. R. Marshall and R. Beiston to M. Hinchcliffe (and Bond).
- e. 1658. M. Hinchcliffe to W. Clarborough.
- f. 1659. M. Hinchcliffe to J. Brooksbank (and Bond).
- g. 1679. A. Brooksbank to W. Wormald (and Bond).
- h. 1680. E. Issott and wife (late Alice Brooksbank) to W. Wormald.
- i. 1686. W. Livesey to W. Wormald - Bond upon sale of land in Park Lane (not in Westgate).
- j. 1709. J. Smith to W. Wormald.
- k. 1712. Admission to W. Wormald to land at Flanshaw.
- l. 1731. Copy Will of Richard Wormald.
- m. 1741. Copy Will of Frances Wormald, widow.
- n. 1744. Admittance, R. Elmsall and W. Milner to F. Wormald's Estate.
- o. 1750. Elmsall and Milner to W. Naylor (also lease).
- p. 1750. W. Naylor to Chapel Trustees (lease and release).

3. Property in Westgate, Wakefield.

- a. 1750. Sir G. Savile to R. Milnes (lease and release).
- b. 1752. R. Milnes to Chapel Trustees (lease and release and counterpart release).

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C. MISCELLANEOUS LEGAL RECORDS.

3. Copy Will of James Swallow of Thornes, (Clothier,) dated 1710, devising (inter alia) ten shillings per annum from lands in Thornes to the Minister at Westgate End, with Opinion of Counsel as to payment of Annuity when Chapel had been removed further up Westgate. (Mentions that the materials of the old Chapel were made use of in the New).
4. Note as to borrowing of £260 by Trustees from John Buxton, dated 28 Feb. 1753. (for building of New Chapel).
5. Acknowledgement by Benj. Thompson (origin of Thompson's Yard, I believe) of right of Trustees to obstruct two windows overlooking Chapel Yard, 1787.
6. Bond from Trustees to indemnify Joseph Holdsworth against claims of the Lord of the Rectory Manor concerning lands and buildings at Westgate End sold to Holdsworth in 1751.
7. Printed advertisement for sale of Messuage in Back Lane (the present Unitarian Rooms), 1849.
8. Deeds of 1588 and temp. Queen Anne, not appearing to relate to Chapel property.

D. CHAPEL ACCOUNTS.

1. Book of Accounts containing;
 - a. Details of Taxes for Chapel House, no date.
 - b. Details of history of Chapel House (built 1741).
 - c. General Cash Accounts, 1737-1844. Includes details of painting (present?) clock face, 1767; flagging Chapel Yard, 1774; purchase of Communion Plate (present), 1774; mention of Sunday School in 1818, etc. etc.
 - d. Lists of Trustees in 1779 and 1813.
 - e. Minutes of Trustees' Meetings 1750/51 to 1856. Includes appointment of two "Managers of the Chapel affairs" in 1784 and all the details as to the action of the Trustees leading up to the ejection of Rev. J. Cameron 1840-45.
 - f. "An Account of Money Subscribed by Sundry persons as under towards building a New Meeting House in Westgate in Wakefield", 1750. 60 persons subscribed to the first and 11 to the second Subscription, the total sum raised being £773 3s. 6d., and the Subscribers to the Catacombs £58 16s. The total cost of the Chapel building was £1287 19s. 9½d.
 - g. Account of money revd. for Catacombs, 1751 and notes as to ownership of Catacombs, 1796-1810.

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A. ESTATE DEEDS. (continued)

4. Property in Westgate, Wakefield.

- a. 1694. J. Birch and others to J. Scott.
- b. 1696. J. Birch and others to J. Scott.
- c. 1712. S. Sheppard and wife (dau. J. Scott) to J. Sheppard and J. Dennison.
- d. 1787. Rev. J. Shepard to J. Foster, Innkeeper (also lease).

5. Property at Westgate Moor (and other places?).

- a. Abstract of Title, from 1606
- b. 1736. Admittance of Mary Oxley, sister of J. Firth.
- c. 1736. Admittance of Mary Stead, sister-in-law of J. Firth.
- d. 1786. Bond for peaceful possession (unexecuted), M. Oxley and M. Stead to Chapel Trustees.

B. TRUST DEEDS.

1. Trust Deed for present Chapel and premises, 28 Feb, 1753.
2. Another as above, with Certificate of Enrollment in Chancery on 6 May, 1862, endorsed.
3. Conveyance to New Trustees, 1767.
4. Draft Conveyance, Lease and Conveyance to New Trustees, 1774.
5. Lease and Conveyance to New Trustees, 1812.
6. Lease to New Trustees, 1838.

C. MISCELLANEOUS LEGAL RECORDS.

1. Solicitors' Accounts and Receipts for preparing new Trust Deeds, 1792, 1838, 1876, 1876-77, 1878.
2. Abstracts of Title;
 - a. of J. Firth to land in Alverthorpe; held of the Rectory Manor (1595-1733).
 - b. of J. Firth to land held of the Manor of Wakefield (1597-1736).
 - c. of J. Firth with Opinion of Counsel as to lands held of both Manors.
 - d. of Messrs. Emsall and Milner to property in Wakefield and Alverthorpe (1606-1741).

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D. CHAPEL ACCOUNTS. (continued)

2. Register of Pew Rents containing;

- a. Pew Rent Accounts 1768-1803.
- b. List of Annual Subscribers 1773-92.
- c. Plan of the Pews and general arrangement of the Chapel, giving Pew Numbers and a drawing of the clock, 18th cent.

3. Ministers' Receipts for Stipend:

- a. Rev. T. Johnstone's receipts, 1830-32.
- b. Rev. P. Cannon's receipts, 1834-39.
- c. Rev. J. Cameron's receipts, 1839-44.
- d. Rev. A. Chalmers's receipts, 1893-98.

4. Bills and Receipts for work done, etc.

- a. Bills and receipts, 1784-1802 (including Minister's Stip).
- b. 1801-06 (mainly latter year).
One 1844.
- c. 1806 and 1807.
- d. 1808-10.
- e. 1811.
- f. 1811-12.
- g. 1813-14.
- h. 1814-15.
- i. 1828-41.
- j. 1842 (including Minister's).
- k. 1843.
- l. 1865-6-67.
- m. 1868-71.
- n. 1872.
- o. 1873-79.
- p. 1885.
- q. 1886.
- r. 1887.
- s. 1888.
- t. 1889-92.
- u. 1889.
- v. 1890.
- w. 1892-95.
- x. 1893.

5. Miscellaneous Bundles of 'Financial' etc. papers:

- a. Cover containing list of Special Collections, 1826-33; Bills for work done, 1814-33 (few only); letter from 'Observator', dated 17 March 1821 as to raising level of ground at Westgate End graveyard.
- b. Receipt for money from Rev. Mr. Wilson's legacy for an Annual Sermon; letter and notes as to Special Collections 1800, 1808, 1813; estimates for painting, 1808; diagram of Catacombs with names of owners, no date; Bills and receipts for work done and for Taxes (for Poor, Streets, Windows, House, Land and Church Lay taxes), 1765-96, 1811; general accounts, 1799, 1811, 1812.

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5. Miscellaneous Bundles of 'Financial' etc. papers:

- c. Letter from Rev. T. Johnstone to the Congregation, object not apparent; Letter from Treasurer of Leeds General Infirmary, acknowledging receipt of £28, the amount of the Special Collection, 1806; Certificate of Assessment under the Property Act, 1805.
- d. Special Collections Book (for repair of Chapel, etc.), 1831-33.
- e. Rate Assessments and Receipts, 1826-31.
- f. Accounts for re-building the Parsonage, 1805, with contract for same (for £994 6s.) with John Robson, Junr., Builder.
- g. Bundle containing Pew Rents, 1844 and 1846; draft Chapel accounts, 1843, 1845-46.
- h. Subscription List for lighting the Chapel with Gas, 1834-5-6.
- i. Bundle containing Bills and Receipts, 1831-72 (7 papers only); details of Salary of Rev. W. Turner and Rev. T. Johnstone, 1761-1831.
- j. Receipt for Kirkby Wilson's legacy, 1837; details of disposition of Pews in the Chapel, 1813.
- k. Bundle containing Statement as to Rev. A. Chalmers's Salary, 1887-95; Correspondence as to Chapel Yard Wall, 1890; Bills and Receipts, 1884-86; Pew Rents 1893.

6. 'Restoration' of Chapel,

- a. List of Subscriptions, 1882.
- b. Bank Book, Restoration Fund, 1882-84.
- c. Balance Sheet, 1884.
- d. 3 Cheque Counterfoil Books.
- e. 'Restoration', 1880-1886.

E. ADMINISTRATIVE PAPERS.

1. Bundle of assorted papers containing:

- a. Report of the Committee of the Wakefield Mechanics' Institution for 1834-44.
- b. List of Subscribers (3 only) for the building of a new School Room, no date.
- c. Newspaper cutting as to enrollment of Trust Deeds.
- d. Subscription List for re-building and enlarging the Minister's House, 1804.
- e. Letter from Rev. T. Johnstone (dated from Bridlington Quay, 1844) as to position with respect to Rev. J. Cameron..
- f. Chapel Accounts, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889 1899 (general).
- g. Draft Minutes of Trustees' Meetings, 1858, 1872, 1882, 1886 and Notices of Meetings, 1858 and 1881.

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E. ADMINISTRATIVE PAPERS. (continued)

1. Bundle of assorted papers containing:
 - h. Newspaper cuttings as to Endowed Dissenting Chapels in Yorkshire, including a reply by Rev. A. Chalmers, 1887.
 - i. Printed Circular Letter from Rev. A. Chalmers enclosing a Christmas Hymn of his own writing, 1890.
 - j. Mrs Mary Willoughby's Bills and Receipts as Cleaner, 1826-43.
 - k. John Tyer's Bills and Receipts for playing Bass and Violoncello and cleaning Chapel, 1835-43.
 - l. Joseph Beaumont's Bills and Receipts as Clerk, 1831-43 (including account 'for Dinner for the Singers at the annual meeting of the tract society' 1838).
 - m. List of Subscribers for increase of stipend of Rev. Mr. Higginson, no date.
 - n. List of Subscribers for retirement presentation to Rev. G. Barmby, no date.
 - o. Notice of Tenant giving up old parsonage, 1892.
 - p. Letter from W. T. Marriott as to re-building Organ, 1893.
 - q. List of Supplies paid, 1883.
 - r. Letter from Steward of Manor as to arrears of Grave Rent payable for Sunday Schools, 1886.
 - s. Pew Rent Demand Note, 1862.
 - t. Letter from Daniel Gaskell as to his private property and Chapel Pew Rent, 1862.
 - u. Two letters as to renewal of wall between Chapel Yard and Charity School premises, 1890.
 - v. Letters as to Charity Commissioners' Circular, Rev. A. Chalmers being on the Continent.
 - w. Letter as to powers of Trustees in appointing a Minister, 1880.
 - x. Letter from W. H. Marriott as to Kirkby Wilson's Charity, 1895.
 - y. Account for copying Registers and Tomb Stones, 1844.

2.
 - a. Draft Minutes of Meeting as to a new Minister, 1858.
 - b. Letter enclosing K. Wilson's dividend, 1893.
 - c. List of Trustees, 1890.
 - d. Letter as to proposed removal of Horner's Monument (the 'Broken Column') to Wakefield Cemetery, 1883.
 - e. Letters as to Wall of Chapel Yard, 1890
 - f. pew Rents received by G. Webster, 1891-93.

3. Bundle of letters, minutes of meetings and accounts concerning the dismissal of Rev. J. Cammeron and his refusal to leave the pulpit, 1844.

4. Letters, mainly between W. T. Marriott and Henry Clarkson, concerning Trust Funds, Pew Rents, Chapel Yard Wall, Removal of Fountain at Yard End, Mr. Chalmers's Stipend and the Treasurer to the Trustees.

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E. ADMINISTRATIVE PAPERS. (continued)

5. a. Correspondence as to testimonial for Rev. G. Barmby and as to a new Minister, including Letters from Rev. J. Estlin Carpenter, Rev. J. Martineau, Rev. A. Chalmers and W. T. Marriott.
b. List of Trustees and addresses and copy advertisement as to Mr. Barmby's Fund.
c. Bills and Receipts (few only), 1880.

6. Correspondence, including from D. Gaskell, as to proposed alterations to the gallery and organ, 1871.
List of surviving Trustees under 1838 Deed, no date.