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RECORDS OF FILLEBROOK BAPTIST CHURCH, FAIRLOP ROAD, LEYTONSTONE

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Fillebrook church originated in a series of drawing-room meetings held between November 1874 and May 1875 on the instigation of George Andrew Hutchinson, later to become founder and editor of the 'Boys' Own Paper', a recent newcomer to Leytonstone. There followed further meetings at the Weavers' Almshouses in Wanstead and then at the Kirkdale Rooms, Leytonstone. In November 1875, George Looseley of Shepherd's Bush, who owned much of Fillebrook Estate, offered a suitable site for a Baptist Church and with the aid of a grant from the London Baptist Association, a permanent church was opened in July 1878 and constituted in October of that year with thirty-seven members. A lecture hall and school rooms were added to the church in 1881 and 1882, (the Sunday School having moved from the Kirkdale Rooms to a room in the Church in June 1878), and galleries built in 1888 to accommodate a growing congregation. The house adjoining the lecture hall was purchased in 1893 for school accommodation and facilities were increased when a second house was acquired in 1919. The church merged with Leytonstone Congregational Church (q.v.) to form Leytonstone United Free Church in 1979.

The Ashville Mission in Ashville Road began as the Grove Green Mission in 1888. The first Ashville Hall was opened in 1892. Fillebrook was associated with social and philanthropic work and activities conducted at Ashville included a Band of Hope, a Mothers' Meeting, girls drill classes and successful Boys' and Girls' Brigade companies. Recreational activities included the Fillebrook Lawn Tennis Club, founded in 1905 and a Sunday School Tennis Club, which had use of one of the Senior Club's courts at Hainault Road, Leytonstone. There was also a cycling club (formed 1898), cricket club (1926), boys' swimming club and football club. A "Fillebrook Athenaeum" which held concerts, lectures and recitals, together with athletic activities for young people, was in operation between 1890 and 1897 and was followed by a Literary Society (1905-16) and a young people's Guild.

A new hall in Ashville Road was built in 1923, but this was sold to the Plymouth Brethren in 1947 and the old hall leased as a factory from 1940, due to the shortage of workers scattered by the War.

Registers \* (all contain details of transfers and removals)

L 85.31 R 1. Roll book, includes names of members and visitors, dates of proposal, admission, baptism and receipt.

Dec.1878 - Apr.1883

(1 volume, half bound leather)

\* Further registers are held at the Church.



L 85.31 Registers (cont'd)

- ✓ CR 2 Communion register 1879 - 1885  
(1 booklet)
- ✓ CR 2 Communion register 1886 - 1893  
(1 volume, quarter bound leather)
- ✓ CR 3 Communion register 1894 - 1900  
(1 volume, half bound leather)
- ✓ CR 4 Communion register 1908 - 1914  
(1 volume, half bound leather)
- ✓ CR 5 Communion register 1915 - 1921  
(1 volume, half bound leather)
- ✓ CR 6 Communion register 1922 - 1928  
(1 volume, half bound leather)
- ✓ CR 7 Communion register 1929 - 1935  
(1 volume, half bound leather)
- ✓ CR 8 Communion register 1936 - 1945  
(1 volume, half bound leather)
- ✓ CR 9 Communion register 1946 - 1955  
(1 volume, half bound leather)

Manuals

- ✓ M 1 - 55 Manuals for year, comprising reports, 1884 - 1939  
accounts, lists of officers and members  
with addresses.  
( 55 booklets, printed)

Church meetings

- ✓ CM 1 Minutes (1 volume, leather bound) Aug.1887 - Sept.1878  
appendix includes minutes of church  
meeting, newspaper cutting and printed Nov. 1875  
ephemera concerning start and progress  
of Baptist movement in this area and 1874 - 1875  
letter of George Looseley to  
Mr.Hutchinson concerning delay in purchase Jan. 1876  
of land for chapel site.
- ✓ CM 2 Minutes (1 volume, half bound leather) Oct.1878 - Dec.1893  
enclosing correspondence concerning  
death of Mr, Spurgeon, 1892.  
(2 papers)

L85.31 Church meetings (cont'd)

- CM 3 Minutes Jan.1894 - May 1909  
(1 volume, half bound leather)
- CM 4 Minutes Jun.1909 - Jan 1925  
(1 volume, half bound leather)

Deacons meetings

- D 1 Minutes Jul.1880 - Sep.1888  
(1 volume, leather bound)
- D 2 Minutes Oct.1888 - Jan.1899  
(1 volume, half bound leather)
- D 3 Minutes Jul.1899 - Nov.1908  
(1 volume, half bound leather)
- D 4 Minutes Jan.1909 - May.1916  
(1 volume, half bound leather)
- D 5 Minutes Jun.1916 - Jan 1922  
(1 volume, half bound leather)
- D 6 Minutes Feb.1922 - Jan.1925  
(1 volume, half bound leather)
- D 7 Minutes Jan.1925 - Feb.1928  
(1 volume, half bound leather)
- D 8 Minutes Mar.1928 - Jul.1931  
(1 volume, half bound leather)
- D 9 Minutes Sep.1931 - Apr.1935  
(1 volume, half bound leather)
- D 10 Minutes May 1935 - Jan.1939  
(1 volume, half bound leather)
- D 11 Minutes Jan.1929 - Feb.1944  
(1 volume, half bound leather)

Building Committee

- BC 1 Minutes (1 volume, cloth bound) Apr.1876 - Dec.1878  
enclosing copy resolution of church  
meeting concerning adoption of plans.  
(1 paper)
- BC 2 Minutes : building of Sunday Schools etc. Jun.1881 - Jan 1882  
(1 booklet)  
enclosing related correspondence, notes,  
list of tenders. (5 papers)

- ✓ BC 3 Minutes : proposed improvements Nov.1887 - Aug.1882  
(1 volume, cloth bound)
- ✓ BC 4 Correspondence of Building Committee Jan. - Aug.1888  
concerning improvements to Church,  
including sketch floor plan showing  
layout of pews, scale 1 : 48.  
(9 papers)
- ✓ BC 5 Minutes : Ashville building scheme Mar.1922 - Jan.1925  
(1 volume, quarter bound cloth)

Finance Committee

- ✓ FC 1 Minutes Oct.1904 - Jun.1915  
(1 volume, quarter bound cloth)

Ashville Committee

- AC 1 Minutes and list of members Mar.1925 - May.1936  
(paper, 1 file)
- AC 2 Minutes and list of members Jul.1936 - Jul.1940  
(paper, 1 file)

Sunday School

- ✓ SM 1 Minutes of teachers' meetings Sep.1877 - Sep.1898  
(1 volume, half bound leather.Fragile)
- SM 2 Minutes of teachers' meetings Jan.1899 - Sep.1913  
(1 volume, half bound leather.Fragile)
- SM 3 Minutes of teachers' meetings Jan.1914 - Apr.1931  
(1 volume, half bound leather).  
enclosing related correspondence,  
reports, examination results.  
(11 papers, 1 file, 1 booklet).
- ✓ SM 4 Minutes of executive and teachers' Feb.1954 - Jan.1964  
(1 volume, quarter bound, cloth)
- SM 5 Minutes of teachers' meetings Mar.1964 - Nov.1969  
(1 volume, quarter bound, cloth)
- SM 6 Minutes of teachers and Junior Church Feb.1970 - Apr.1979  
Council meetings.  
(1 volume, half bound, leather)
- ✓ SJ 1 School journal listing scholars in Jan.1883 - May 1888  
attendance and numbers on books.  
(1 volume, cloth bound, Fragile).

- SR 1 Superintendent's register of scholars' and teachers' attendance including list of teachers' addresses. Mar.1885 - Dec.1894  
(1 volume, quarter bound leather. Fragile).
- SA 1 Admissions register : boys and girls Jun.1883 - Nov.1884  
(1 volume, cloth bound)
- SA 2 Admissions register : boys Jun.1883 - Jan.1897  
(1 volume, cloth bound. Fragile).
- SA 3 Admissions register : girls Jun.1883 - Dec.1900  
(1 volume, quarter bound, leather.Fragile).
- SA 4 Index to SA 3 (1883 - 1900)  
(1 volume, cloth bound)
- SA 5 Admissions register : boys Apr.1897 - Jan.1904  
(1 volume, quarter bound, leather. Fragile).
- SA 6 Admissions register and record : boys and girls Feb.1954 - Jun.1969  
(1 volume, cloth bound)
- SA 7 Attendance register : boys and girls Jun.1915 - Apr.1918  
(1 volume, quarter bound cloth).

Band of Hope

- BH 1 Minutes of committee and annual meetings Sep.1883 - Dec.1892  
(1 volume, cloth bound).  
enclosing related correspondence, notes and loose minutes. (6 papers)
- BH 2 Minutes of committee and annual meetings Sep.1899 - Jul.1914  
(1 volume, half bound leather).
- BH 3 Minutes of committee and annual meetings Nov.1914 - Dec.1937

Choir Committee

- CC 1 Minutes Oct.1900 - Sep.1912  
(1 volume, cloth bound).

Young People's Guild

- YPG 1 Minutes of committee and annual meetings Jan.1910 - Dec.1914  
(1 booklet)
- YPG 2 Minutes of committee and annual meetings Jan.1915 - Jun.1917  
(1 booklet)
- YPG 3 Minutes of committee and annual meetings Sep.1918 - Dec.1921  
(1 volume, quarter bound cloth).

YPG 4	Minutes of committee and annual meetings (1 volume, quarter bound cloth)	Jan.1922 - Jul.1926
YPG 5	Minutes of committee and annual meetings (1 volume, quarter bound cloth)	Sep.1926 - Dec.1929
YPG 6	Minutes of committee and annual meetings	Jan.1930 - Jun.1931
YPG 7	Programmes for meetings (1 file, printed).	Oct.1922 - Mar.1931

Lawn Tennis Club

TC 1	Minutes of committee and annual meetings, including trust deed dated 6.3.1924 for site of ground near Hainault and Forest Roads, Leytonstone.  (1 volume, quarter bound cloth)	Nov.1922 - Nov.1930
TC 2	Minutes of committee and annual meetings (1 volume, quarter bound cloth)	Jan.1931 - Sep.1938
TC 3	Minutes of committee and annual meetings (1 volume, quarter bound cloth)	May 1951 - Oct.1963
SSTC 1	Correspondence and papers concerning Sunday School Tennis Club. (25 papers)	1928

22nd Waltham Forest Boys Brigade (formerly 22nd South  
Essex Lifeboy Team)

BB 1	Minutes of officers' meetings (1 volume, quarter bound cloth)	Jan.1927 - Apr.1959
BB 2	Minutes of officers' meetings (1 volume, quarter bound cloth)	Nov.1959 - Apr.1965
BB 3	Order of service for Golden Jubilee (1 paper)	Jan.1976

Missionary Council

MC 1	Minutes (1 volume, quarter bound cloth)	Dec.1936 - Mar.1967
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Seat rents

PB 1	Register of seat rents (1 volume, half bound leather)	1905 - 1919
PB 2	Pew rent book (1 volume, half bound leather)	1909 - 1917

L 85.31 Accounts

- ✓ AC 1 Receipts and expenditure accounts. 1908 - 1935  
(1 volume, leather bound)
- ✓ AC 2 Incidental expenses and missionary collections. 1917 - 1930  
(1 volume, cloth bound)
- ✓ AC 3 Miscellaneous loose accounts including memo from ledger 1930 - 1933  
1898 - 1911

Miscellaneous

- MS 1 Illuminated address presented to Rev.F.C.Hughes, including signatures of members. Jun.1907  
(1 volume, leather bound).
- MS 2 Notice concerning 24th anniversary of the Church and farewell to Rev.John Bradford. Nov.1902  
(1 paper, printed)
- MS 3 Welcome card for visitors to church n.d. (c.1890)  
(1 paper, printed)

Plans

- ✓ P 1 Ground plan of church showing pew numbers and dimensions, no scale. n.d. (c.1900)  
(33 x 63 cms. waxed linen)
- ✓ P 2 Gallery plan for church, no scale n.d. (c.1900)  
(33 x 63 cms. waxed linen)
- ✓ P 3 Ground plan of church showing number sitting in pews, no scale. n.d. (c.1900)  
(36 x 62 cms. waxed linen)
- Gallery plan showing numbers sitting in pews, no scale. n.d. (c.1900)  
(36 x 62 cms, waxed linen).