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RECORDS OF MARSH STREET NEW MEETING 1786 -1870

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The first Non-Conformist meeting house in Walthamstow was built in Marsh Street in 1695 on land given by William Coward, near the junction with Hoe Street. It was variously known as Presbyterian, Congregational and Independent and was the only Non-Conformist church for some distance. A second meeting house was built in 1740. In 1786 the then Minister, Josepyh Fawcett, professed Unitarian views which led Congregationalists who believed in the Trinity, to leave what became known as the 'Old Meeting' and build a New Meeting House further down Marsh Street on land given by William Couldery or Cowdray (see W 85.125 TD 1-2).

Under the energetic ministry of Rev.George Collison 1797-1837, a resident tutor at Hackney Theological College, the New Meeting prospered whilst the Old Meeting dwindled in size and had closed by 1835. A School for the Daughters of Missionaries was founded in Marsh Street on the corner of Mission Grove, in 1838, through the encouragement of Collison's successor as Minister, Rev.Joseph John Freeman, 1837-1846. Further information about the school, which removed to Sevenoaks, Kent in 1878, can be found in *THE STORY OF WALTHAMSTOW HALL* by E.Pike and C.B.Curreyer, 1938. (W 58.93). A day school for local pupils was begun in 1789 and a new school built at the rear of the Meeting House in 1839.

A new church was built on land belonging to the original Coward Trust at the top of Marsh Street in 1871 and was henceforth known as Marsh Street Congregational Church (see W 85.21 for records).

THE STORY OF MARSH STREET CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH H.D.Budden, 1923, mentions in its preface that the original records of the church prior to 1837 were reputedly removed by Rev.Collison at the end of his Ministry.

MARSH STREET NEW MEETING (cont'd)Accounting and premises records

- W 85.212/1 A bankers book being a list of subscribers to the Afternoon Preacher at the Meeting House, with names and amounts subscribed, accounts of expenses paid, bank account of trustees with Messrs. Domiens, Mello & Martin and note of opening of New Meeting House on 6 June 1787. 1786 - 1789
- (1 volume, indexed)
- /2 Note of contents of /1 and in 'The Poor and School Book', with pencil annotation that the latter is missing. n.d. [1790]
- (1 paper)
- /3 Copy conveyance by William Couldery to Thomas Fletcher and Others (trustees of the New Meeting House) see W 85.125 TD 1 & 2 for full details. May 1787
[orig.]
at back list of subscriptions at meeting to execute deeds.
annotated notes concerning Assembly's Catechism and Thomas Fletcher's trust.
- (paper, 1 booklet)
- /4 Bills for dinners at The Chequers tavern, Marsh Street for members of Marsh Street New Meeting. annotated. 1787
- (paper, 1 file)
- /5 Receipted bills for building materials, fittings and cleaning materials for the New Meeting House. 1788 - 1790
- (paper, 1 file)
- /6 Meeting House account being a list of subscriptions with miscellaneous vouchers. 1787 - 1790
- (3 papers)
- /7 Receipt and expenditure account book 1848 - 1872
- (1 volume)
- /8 Collection accounts 1848 - 1873
- (1 volume)

MARSH STREET NEW MEETING (cont'd)Sunday School

- /9 Minutes of Teachers Meetings 1855 - 1874
at front rules of Marsh Street
Sunday School and list of teachers.
(1 volume)
- /10 Office copy of report of J. Duckworth 16 Jan. 1845
concerning the appointment of new
trustees viz John Barnabas Turner,
Ebenezer Clarke, Ebenezer Smith and
Foulger in the matter of Marsh Street
Chapel, Walthamstow in Chancery.
(1 booklet)

Registers

Microfilm and photostat copies of Marsh Street Old and New Meetings registers of baptisms and burials 1789 - 1837 (Public Record Office ref. RG4 - 79) are held at Vestry House W 85.211 ; both are indexed in Walthamstow Names Index. The photostat is shelved under W 85.211 and the microfilm under PRO.M1.

For register of members 1863 - 1895 see W 85.21 RC1