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KETTERING AND CORBY

METHODIST CIRCUIT

#### INTRODUCTION

The circuit consists of the former Kettering Wesleyan and Primitive Methodist Circuits. The Wesleyan Circuit consisted in 1878 of chapels at Kettering, Desborough, Pytchley, Rothwell, Cottingham, Corby and Pipwell. In 1881 Burton Latimer was added and from 1887 the Silver Street and Rockingham Road chapels in Kettering were shown separately, though both already existed before this. The Silver Street chapel was replaced by the Central chapel in School Lane. There are entries relating to Stanion from 1894.

The Primitive Methodist station was formed out of the Wellingborough Station in 1901 and included Kettering, Rushton and Pytchley. The original chapel in Kettering was in Grange Road, erected in 1883, but this was replaced by the Bath Road chapel in 1906. With the Methodist union of 1932, the two circuits continued as the Central and Bath Road Circuits, the two Pytchley chapels combining in the former Wesleyan chapel.

In 1940 the circuits were united but in 1954 Corby formed a circuit of its own, joined in 1964 by Stanion, Cottingham and Great Easton. With the expansion of Corby a new church was planned at Kingswood, a church house opening in 1968 and the church itself built in 1971.

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(Accessions 1972/113, 1973/198, 1977/403, 1978/195)

#### KETTERING WESLEYAN CIRCUIT

(continued as Kettering Central Circuit and incorporating Bath Road Circuit from 1940)

1/1-77	Circuit plans (incomplete)	1953-1972
2/1-14	Circuit plans	1972-1975
3	Quarterly meetings minute book	1878-1894
4	Quarterly meetings minute book	1894-1907
5	Quarterly meetings minute book	1907-1916
6	Quarterly meetings minute book	1934-1940
7	Quarterly meetings and Finance and Invitation Committee minute book	1950-1960
8	Quarterly meetings, Finance and Invitation Committee and Circuit Manses Trust minute book	1960-1969
9	Local preachers minute book	1856-1873
10	Local preachers minute book	1874-1890
11	Local preachers minute book	1890-1914
12	Local preachers minute book	1914-1955
13	Methodist Missionary Society circuit account book	1936-1945
14	Methodist Missionary Society circuit account book	1945-1955
15	Church register for Burton Latimer 1927, Cottingham c.1925-37, Desborough c.1900-56, Rothwell c.1900-54, Rushton 1946	1900-1956

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	KETTERING WESLEYAN CIRCUIT (cont.)	
16 (a)	Letters about insurance policies	1942
16 (b)	Insurance policy on local preachers	1965
	KETTERING PRIMITIVE METHODIST CIRCUIT	
	(continued as Bath Road Circuit)	*:
17/1-12	Annual schedules: station/circuit report form; Sunday Schools; Temperance, Band of Hope and Christian Endeavour Societies; chapels/property	1901-1914
18/1-19	Annual schedules, as above 18/17 contains also 3 sets of answers to questions for candidates for the preachers plan	1914-1933
19	Quarterly meetings minute book	1901-1910
20 (a)	Quarterly meetings minute book	1918-1930
20 (b)	Quarterly meetings minute book	1930-1940
21	Quarter day account book	1901-1921
22/1-15	Roll books	1918-1938
	CORBY CIRCUIT	
23 (a)	Circuit plan	1975
23 (b)	Quarterly meetings minute book	1964-1969
24	Quarterly meetings minute book	1969-1974
25	Agendas and accounts (from 23)	1965-1970
	CHAPELS	
	Burton Latimer (Wesleyan)	
26	Trustees minute book At back: accounts 1904-12, including lease of chapel to County Council as temporary school	1889-1913

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	Burton Latimer (Wesleyan) (cont.)	8
27/1-4	Insurance policies (building, accident to Sunday School pupils, caretaker)	1920-1961
	Corby (Wesleyan)	
28	Leaders and annual Society meetings minute book	1936-1940
29	Leaders and annual Society meetings minute book	1940-1946
30	Leaders and annual Society meetings minute book	1946-1955
31	Leaders and annual Society meetings minute book	1956-1957
32	Leaders and annual church meetings minute book	1957-1960
33	Leaders and annual church meetings minute book	1960-1966
34	Building Fund Committee minute book	1951-1953
35	Trustees treasurers account book	1938-1961
36	Collection journal	1948-1960
37	Correspondence and papers about erection of school/church hall including photographs of new chapel and school and a group at opening	1934-1936
38	Papers about extinguishment of tithe rent charge	1935
39	Papers about lease of old chapel to Post Office and Ministry of Works and Buildings	1941
40	Papers about sale of old chapel	1964-1966
41	Insurance policy on school and chapel	1935
42	Report of examination of boiler	1941

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	CHAPELS (cont.)	
	Cottingham (Wesleyan)	
43	Trustees minute book 1878-80, 1894, 1902-1924 and accounts 1880-1948	1878-1948
44	Boiler insurance policy	1952-1954
	Desborough (Wesleyan)	
45	Trustees minute book	1909-1920
46	Trustees minute book	1920-1948
47	Leaders, annual Society and Finance Committee meetings minute book	1959-1969
48	Renovation Committee minute book	1931-1957
49	Renovation Committee minute book	1957-1965
50	Guild Executive minute book	1941-1969
51	Account book	1900-1945
52	Collection journal	1942-1954
53	Envelope system cash book	1946-1950
54	Envelope system cash book	1950-1954
55	Envelope system cash book	1954-1958
56	Envelope system cash book	1958-1962
57	Photograph of foundation stone laying	1894
58	Photograph of Rev. Irving Armstrong	late 19th cent.
59	Newspaper reproduction of photograph of first Sunday School Council, with names and comments	late 19th cent.
60	Correspondence and papers about jubilee	1944
61/1-2	Photographs of chapel exterior and interior	mid. 20th cent.
62	Papers about Christian unity in Desborough and cooperation between the churches, including orders of service and constitution on inauguratio of Anglican Methodist partnership in Desborough	1966-1971 n

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	Desborough (Wesleyan)	
63/1-7	Insurance policies on chapel, school and boiler	1929-1963
	Kettering, Bath Road (Primitive Methodist)	
64	Register of baptisms Note at front that earlier register and many other circuit documents destroyed when cupboard wall collapsed on them	1908-1954
65	Trustees minute book	1912-1929
66	Trustees minute book	1933-1956
67	Leaders meetings minute book	1944-1954
68	Sunday School teachers meetings minute book	1928-1945
69	Trustees treasurers account book	1902-1913
70	Application form to Building Committees to build new chapel and vestries	1905
71	Piano guarantee and bills from Palmers' Music Stores Kettering, with bill-head showing shop interior	1924-1926
72	Miscellaneous bills	1929-1933
73	Correspondence about use of school as School canteen centre	1932-1933
74	Agreement and related papers for use of church hall for feeding centre under government evacuation scheme	1940
75/1-4	Insurance policies on church and schools	1910-1936
10 sa	Kettering, Central see Kettering, Silver Street	
	Kettering, Grange Stamford Road	
76	Insurance policy on church and schools	1960

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	Kettering, Rockingham Road (Wesleyan)	
77	Trustees minute book At front: Wesleyan Chapel Committee grant to extensions 1904 At back: cash account, Rockingham Road School chapel trustees 1881-3	1878-1908
78	Trustees minute book	1936-1954
79	Leaders meetings minute book	1895-1911
80	Leaders meetings minute book	1912-1933
81	Account book	1902-1955
82	Petty cash book	1955-1970
83	Trustees treasurers account book	1949-1973
84	Account book	1947-1960
85	Society account book	1960-1969
86	Collection journal	1940-1946
87	Collection journal	1946-1956
88	Envelope System cash book	1949-1953
89	Pulpit notice book	1950-1954
90	Pulpit notice book	1954-1958
91	Pulpit notice book	1962-1966
92	Pulpit notice book	1966-1967
93/1-5	Class books	c.1884-1916
94	Application to Wesleyan Chapel Committee for grant towards reduction of debt	1908
95	Report on boiler	1908
96	Mortgage for £500	1966
97	Correspondence and papers about closure and sale	1969
98/1-12	Insurance policies on chapel, school, caretaker and boiler	1915-1967

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	Kettering, Silver Street (later Central, School Lane)	
99	Kettering Wesleyan Mutual Improvement Society minute book At back: subscriptions and accounts Includes printing bills of J.H. Waddington of High Street, Kettering with billhead of printing machine	1876-1882
100 (a)	Christian Workers Association minute book	1883-1886
100 (b)	Tordoff Memorial Sunday School teachers attendance register	1893-1899
101	Collection journal	1895-1915
102	Central Methodist Ladies Fellowship bank book	1963-1972
103	Pulpit notice book	1967-1969
104	Pulpit notice book	1969-1973
105	Pulpit notice book	1973-1977
106/1-8	Insurance policies on chapel, staff, boiler etc.	1911-1961
107/1-6	Insurance policies, Tordoff Memorial Schools	1920-1952
	Kettering, Victoria Hall Mission	
108	Committee minute book Contains balance sheet Victoria Hall Mission Help-Myself Society 1937	1916-1937
	Orlingbury	
109	Register of baptisms	1946-1948
110	Insurance policy and related papers (formerly Congregational chapel)	1942-1949

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	Pytchley (Primitive Methodist and Wesleyan	) .
111	Trustees minute book (Primitive)	1886-1892
112	Plan of proposed new vestry and scullery (Primitive)	1929
113	Photocopy of memorandum of choice and appointment of new trustees	1954
114	Correspondence about sale of chapel	1968
115	Correspondence and papers about bequest of J.R. Moore for the poor of Pytchley Wesleyan Chapel 1914	1969-1972
116/1-5	Insurance policies on chapel caretaker and Sunday School children (Wesleyan)	1920-1961
200	Rothwell (Wesleyan)	
117	Trustees minute book	1910-1939
118	Trustees minute book	1940-1966
119	Leaders meetings minute book	1963-1973
120	Sunday School Council minute book	1936-1966
121	Collection journal	1890-1901
122	Collection journal	1912-1920
123	Collection journal	1920-1941
124	Seat rent ledger	1915-1923
125	Seat rent ledger	1925-1929
126	Pulpit notice book	1915-1917
127	Pulpit notice book	1917-1919
128	Pulpit notice book	1919-1920
129	Pulpit notice book	1924-1926
130	Pulpit notice book	1941-1943
131	Pulpit notice book	1943-1945

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	Rothwell (cont.)	
132	Pulpit notice book	1947-1949
133	Pulpit notice book	1949-1951
134	Pulpit notice book	1951-1953
135	Pulpit notice book	1953-1957
136	Pulpit notice book	1957-1961
137	Pulpit notice book	1961-1965
138/1-2	Class books	1893-1898
139/1-11	Insurance policies on chapel, schools and boilers	1920-1961
140	Rothwell Methodists by Keith Shillito	1970s
	Rushton (Primitive Methodist)	
141	Trustees minute book	1904-1963
142	Balance sheet for new chapel, school-room, vestry etc.	1905
143/1-3	Insurance policies	1934-1961
	Stanion (Welseyan)	100
144	Trustees minute book At back: extract from will of J.T. Julyan bequeathing £100 for repair and upkeep of chapel, 1929	1931-1962
145	Trustees minute book	1963-1976
146	Class book	1908-1912
147	Correspondence with Charity Commission about J.T. Julyan bequest	1931
148	Insurance policy	1935

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	Chapel unknown	
149	Envelope collection register	1925-1931
150	Poor fund accounts	1936-1969
151	Young Wives Fellowship account book	1959-1972
	MANSES	
	Insurance policies	1878
152/1-3	66 Rockingham Road, Kettering (Wesleyan)	1923-1963
153/1-3	West View, Headlands, Kettering (Wesleyan)	1923-1963
154/1-3	151 Stamford Road, Kettering (Primitive Methodist)	1902-1929
155/1-3	Wesley House, Rothwell	1923-1963
156	Combined policy for 66 Rockingham Road, West View Headlands, and Wesley House Rothwell	1935
	MISCELLANEOUS	
	Printing blocks	* ×
157/1-2	Cottingham old and new chapels	late 19th cent.
158/1-3	Desborough old chapel, stone-laying and chapel interior	late 19th cent.
159/1-2	Rothwell chapel and market house	late 19th cent.
160	Unidentified chapel	19th - 20th cent.
161/1-2	Unidentified groups outside and inside chapel	20th cent.
162/1-4	Rev. Irving Armstrong, Rev. J.H. Sanders, R.G. Marlow and E. Lewin (Desborough)	late 19th cent.
163/1-9	W. Brooks, J. Collman, E.C. Gravestock, Miss Fish, A. Lenton (2), J. Taffs, R. Thompson and unidentified lady	19th - 20th cent.

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### MISCELLANEOUS (cont.)

### Miscellaneous

164 Manuscript music book inscribed Thomas Weedall. Witton, Northwich

19th cent.

Accession 1972/113:

3-6, 9, 11-12, 19, 20(a), 22

45, 64, 77-78, 93, 99, 100(a),

108, 111, 117, 141, 146, 157,

159, 163-4

Accession 1973/198:

10, 20(b), 43, 65-8

Accession 1977/403:

7-8, 13-18, 21, 23-42, 44, 46-63,

69-76, 79-92, 94-98, 100(b)-107,

109-110, 112-116, 142-5, 147-8, 150-6

Accession 1978/195:

118-140, 149, 158, 160-2.

#### Accession 1983/196

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'Kettering Circuit Book' Methodist accounts of income from	1796 to
collections, and disbursements	1816
(see also HFMC 13 for accounts drawn up in similar format and ending in June 1796)	

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'List of Names of the Ministers 1880 stationed in the Kettering Circuit since 1798 previous to which it was called The Higham Ferrers Circuit', published in Kettering, 1880

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	Kettering Wesleyan Circuit	
166	Stewards account book of receipts and expenditure with a list of stewards (stored as ML 4118)	1873 to 1901
167	Kettering Wesleyan Mutual Improvement Society 'Secretary's Book' including minutes, members attendance and fees register and accounts of receipts and expenditure	1883 to 1886
	Corby Circuit	
168/1	Minute book of the Corby Circuit Methodist Church Manse Trust meetings with a list of trustees (stored as ML 4119)	1961 to 1972
168/2-3	Found loose in the above, a questionnaire form for the inspection of circuit manses, for 153 Rockingham Road, Corby, 1965, and a district manse report on 153 Rockingham Road, Corby, 197	1965, 1971
	Particular Chapels	
	Great Easton (Wesleyan)	
169	Minute book of trustees' meetings (stored as ML 4120)	1920 to 1975
	Kettering, Rockingham Road (Wesleyan)	
170	Register of baptisms, 24 Jan. 1915 - 16 Nov. 1969 N.B. there are two entries for 1915 and none for 1916	1915 to 1969
4.0	(stored as ML 4121)	