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CAVERSHAM ROKEBY HALL CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH RECORDS

D/N 52

Records of Rokeby Hall [Congregational Church], Caversham, 1861-1975.
(3 bds, 6 docs)

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Introduction

The church's origins lie in services and a Sunday School held by members of Broad Street Independent Chapel, Reading (D/N 11) in a farmhouse at Chazey Heath, Mapledurham, Oxfordshire, from c.1809. In 1846 the services moved to a cottage nearby, which was used until the mid 1890s.

In 1898 Rokeby Hall chapel or mission hall opened at Toker's Green, Caversham. It continued under the oversight of Broad Street. In 1972, when the United Reformed Church was instituted, the churches became more closely linked, but retained separate lists of members until 1975, when they were fully united. Rokeby Hall survived the closure of Broad Street in 1983, but closed [c.1992-1994].

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Records in other collections

Building committee minutes, 1897-1898 D/N 11/13/3/1

Photographs, early 20 C. D/N 11/13/3/2

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Summary

CHURCH ADMINISTRATION: resolution for amalgamation with Broad Street church, 1975.

PROPERTY RECORDS: schedule of deeds, n.d. [20 C]; copy land registry certificate, n.d. [1990s]; letter relating to provision of water or a shed, 1909; schedule of fixtures and fittings, 1941; bills and vouchers for building hall, 1898-1899; building fund statement of accounts, 1899; building fund circulars, 1897.

SERVICE OF THE CHURCH: registration certificate of place of worship, Chazey Heath, 1861.

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- 1 CHURCH ADMINISTRATION
- 1/4 Papers presented to church meetings
- 1/4/1 Resolution for amalgamations of the church roll with that of Broad Street Church, annotated with list of active members. 1 doc 1975

4 COMMITTEES

[For Building Committee minutes, 1897-1898,
see D/N 11/13/3/1.]

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6	PROPERTY RECORDS		
6/2	<u>Title deeds</u>		
6/2/1	Schedule of deeds of the hall.	1 doc	n.d. [20 C]
6/2/2	Copy land registry certificate relating to the sale of the hall.	1 doc	n.d. [c.1990s]
6/3	<u>Fabric papers</u>		
6/3/1	Letter from Arthur Harper of Goring Heath, Oxfordshire, concerning the advisability of having a water supply at the hall, or a shed and larger gate for a pony and trap.	1 doc	1909
6/3/2/1-6	Schedule and valuation of fixtures and fittings, compiled for insurance purposes under the War Damage Act, 1941.	1 bdl	1941
6/4	<u>Accounts</u>		
6/4/1	Bills and vouchers relating to the building of the hall.	1 bdl	1898-1899
6/4/2	Printed statement of accounts of the building fund.	1 doc	1899
6/5	<u>Miscellaneous</u>		
6/5/1/1-2	Circular letters soliciting contributions to the building fund.	1 bdl	1897

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9/3 Miscellaneous

9/3/1 Certificate of registration of a cottage at 1 doc 1861
Chazey Heath, Mapledurham, Oxfordshire, as
an Independent place of worship.