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THE RECORDS OF JOHN POUNDS MEMORIAL CHURCH,
HIGH STREET, PORTSMOUTH.

Volumes of Minutes of meetings of the Congregation (committee and annual).

1. 26 March 1826 - 9 March 1851
   [Includes at the front of the volume, details of burials, February 1845 - January 1850, and reversed at the rear of the volume, lists of subscribers to the Secretary's Fund, 1826 - 1859.]

2. 9 March 1851 - 18 August 1864
   [Includes at the rear of the volume, reversed, lists of subscribers to the Secretary's Fund, 1860 - 1864.]

3. 28 August 1864 - 30 March 1872
   [Includes a list of ministers from 1876 (in the minutes of a meeting dated 28 November 1868) and, reversed at the rear of the volume, lists of subscribers to the Secretary's Fund, 1865 - 1871.]

4. 9 April 1872 - 19 March 1893
   [Includes, reversed at the rear of the volume, lists of subscribers to the Secretary's Fund, 1872 - 1892, and many circulars of meetings, services and correspondence.]

5. 26 March 1893 - 17 February 1929
   [Includes, reversed at the rear of the volume, a copy of the agreement between 1) Robert Stevens Fraser, the Treasurer of the Church 2) Rev. Walter John Barton, Headmaster of the Grammar School for the use of the Church and buildings during the week, 1927; and also a list of names and addresses of members of the congregation, 1904.]

Volumes of Subscribers to the High Street Chapel Benevolent Society.

1. 25 March 1772 - 25 December 1812
2. 25 March 1813 - 25 March 1833
Volumes of minutes of meetings of the High Street Chapel Benevolent Society.

1. 1 January 1843 - 12 August 1855
   [Includes in the front of the volume, a list of Society rules.]

2. 18 October 1855 - 31 October 1870

3. 8 February 1871 - 28 July 1895

4. 3 November 1895 - 2 November 1913

Records of the Library Committee of the High Street Chapel.

1. Volume marked "Library 1816 - 1889" containing library accounts.
   [Includes miscellaneous correspondence, bills, receipts, etc., 15 March 1880 - 21 October 1887.]

2. Volume containing the minutes of monthly, quarterly and annual meetings.

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Records of High Street Chapel Sunday School.

1. Volume of minutes of Sunday School Teachers' meetings (monthly and annual).

2. Volume of minutes of Sunday School Teachers' meetings (monthly and annual).

   [Includes -
   a) General Funds Account, with yearly audited abstracts, 5 March 1852 - 19 February 1889.
   b) Children's Savings Account, November 1864 - 1881.
   c) General Funds Account (continuation of section "a"), 1 March 1889 - 12 March 1898.
   d) John Pounds' Monument and Library Account, 9 May 1853 - 12 March 1877.
   e) List of subscribers to Sunday School with annual subscription - no date.
   f) Crockery Fund Account, 19 September 1851 - 23 April 1852.]
Miscellaneous records of John Pounds Church.

1. Volume marked "Unitarian Church Ryde 1876" containing copies of correspondence etc. re Mission Hall, Sholing, and Unitarian Church, Ryde. [Includes details of trustees, funds, committees etc. of High Street Meeting House, 25 September 1922.]

2. Minute Book of meetings of Endowment Fund Trustees. [Includes annual audited balance sheets, 1886 - 1905, and, at the rear of the volume, minutes of meetings, 15 December 1901 - 8 January 1905.]

3. Minute Book of Women's League meetings. [Includes a list of names and addresses of members reversed at the rear of the volume, and miscellaneous correspondence, also at the rear of the volume.]

Registers.

1. Mixed Register. [Includes Baptismal Register, 3 September 1837 - 17 May 1857, and, reversed at the rear of the volume, Burial Register, 18 July 1837 - 25 December 1853.]

2. Mixed Register. [Includes Baptismal Register, 12 July 1857 - 6 December 1936, with some confusion in the years 1906 - 1922 owing to the records being lost; see Minister's explanatory note dated 24 July 1920. Reversed at the rear of the volume - a) Marriage Register, 18 November 1844 - 12 January 1882. b) Burial Register, 18 October 1884 - 21 July 1886. c) Marriage Register, 6 December 1883 - 7 September 1940.]

Volumes of Treasurer's audited accounts with the Congregation of High Street Chapel.

1. 2 March 1862 - 10 March 1888. [Marked on the cover "1862 Chapel Account Book for Expenses and Poor Money"].

2. 18 March 1888 - 6 October 1911.
3. 8 October 1911 - 30 August 1939.
   [Includes at the rear of the volume -
   b) Thompson Memorial Fund account, April 1939 - September 1939.
   c) Special Fund Account, 3 March 1918 - 30 August 1939.]

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Miscellaneous general church financial records.

1. Ledger of miscellaneous church receipts and expenditure.
   [Includes Captain Jan Volkin's account for his ship's expenses whilst delivering
   timber to the Dockyard, 24 December 1741, in Dutch; but with translation provided
   20 May 1889.
   Reversed at the rear of the volume, a list of communicants, 7 May 1716.]

2. Volume marked "Poor's Money 1736 - 1842" on front cover, containing details of
   receipts and expenditure on the poor, and miscellaneous church expenditure.
   [In three sections, out of order –
   a) 15 August 1736 - 11 February 1745.
   b) 5 January 1782 - 23 December 1833.
   c) 5 September 1756 - 31 December 1782.
   Section "b" following from section "c", see note in the volume.]

3. Volume marked "General Account Book 1728 - 1840" on front cover, containing
   miscellaneous receipts and expenditure on church repairs etc.
   [Includes at the rear of the volume, copies of receipts, 5 February 1719 -
   23 January 1731.]


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Miscellaneous specific church financial records.

   [Includes reversed at the rear of the volume, Grave and Vault accounts,
   31 July 1826 - June 1848.]

3. Volume marked "Sunday School Donations of 1892" on front cover, containing monthly subscription lists, 11 December 1870 - 29 October 1887. 
   Includes -
   a) Library borrowers' list, 3 July 1870 - 6 January 1884
   3 April 1892 - October 1897.
   b) Sunday School attendance register, 16 January 1898 - 10 April 1898.
   c) Sunday School conduct marks, 23 January 1898 - 12 June 1898.
   d) Sunday School "Tidy Girl" lists, 23 January 1898 - 8 May 1898.
   e) Sunday School Bible lesson marks, 16 January 1898 - 5 June 1898.
   f) Sunday School attendance register, 17 April 1898 - 26 June 1898.

4. Offertory and Attendance Book. 26 February 1911 - 6 June 1926

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1. "Repairs to Chapel" account book. 5 April 1822 - 14 February 1823
   [Includes High Street Chapel Vestry accounts, 11 November 1822 - 14 February 1823, and Burial Ground accounts, 26 August 1822 - 7 January 1823.]

2. Treasurer's cash account book. 14 July 1833 - 20 November 1850
   [Includes at the rear of the book, lists of subscribers for various projects, 1834 - April 1844.]

   [Includes -
   a) Minister's payment account, 3 December 1850 - 4 February 1853.
   b) Chapel expenses account, March 1850 - 30 July 1851.
   c) Chapel poor money account, 5 August 1850 - 5 January 1853.
   d) Trustees account, June 1848 - 31 March 1855.
   e) High Street Chapel account, 1 August 1851 - March 1861. Reversed at the rear of the volume, rules of the Congregation, March 1852 - May 1906.]

4. Volume of accounts of the Treasurer of John Pounds Mission with the High Street Congregation. 1890 - 1 January 1910
   [Includes, reversed at the rear of the volume, account of Repairs Fund, 9 February 1895 - 13 June 1902, and the results of an appeal for subscriptions, no date. Also miscellaneous correspondence at the rear of the volume, 9 April 1895 - 22 March 1911.]
Minute Book of the Vestry Meeting of the General Baptist Church (21 St. Thomas' Street, Portsmouth).

Includes miscellaneous papers, accounts, correspondence, etc., 1896 - 1942;
Balance Sheet of Ladies Sewing Circle, 5 December 1925;
Programme for Chapel's re-opening, 28 November 1897.
At the rear of the volume, a short list of the roll of members by baptism - 16 entries, undated, c. early 19th Century.

3 February 1797 - 12 March 1916

Miscellaneous photographs, leaflets etc.


2. Photograph of the 18th Century Chapel - exterior - before destruction.

3. Photograph of the 18th Century Chapel - interior - before destruction.

4. Photograph of the 18th Century Chapel - exterior - after destruction (bombed 1941).

5. Photograph of Sir Adrian Boult laying the foundation stone of the new Chapel [from "Hampshire Telegraph and Post", 30 September 1955].

6. Photograph of the home and workshop of John Pounds.

7. Watercolour of St. Thomas Street Baptist Church [E. Morris].

8. Memorial Plaque to Rev. G. W. Thompson [Minister of High Street Chapel, 1911, 1922, 1933, 1938; died 4 September 1938].

9. Leaflet re John Pounds Memorial Church Envelope Scheme.

10. Leaflet entitled "Three Hundred Years, 1662 - 1962, Unitarians and the 'Great Ejection'" by P. Kenworthy.

11. Copy of "The S.U.A. Chronicle - Organ of the Southern Unitarian Association".


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