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Records of Knotts Green and Mary Fletcher Memorial Methodist Churches  
1839 - 1969.

These records also include records from Church Hill Methodist Church  
1879 and 1923 - 24, and from Blackhorse Road Methodist Church 1898 -  
1926; both churches being in Balthamstow.

### Introduction

For an account of the Knotts Green and Mary Fletcher churches see the  
account that follows. The two Balthamstow churches were also part of the  
Clapton Circuit (formed in 1876) and were both transferred to the Chingford  
Circuit in 1941.

Church Hill, a Wesleyan Church, originated as a church built on Prospect Hill  
in 1941. The Church Hill building opened in 1898 and the Prospect Hill church  
was taken over by the Presbyterians. The Church Hill building was destroyed by  
bombing in 1944 and not rebuilt.

Blackhorse Road, also Wesleyan, originated about 1881 in a mission near the  
Clock House. An iron church was opened in 1883 and a brick church in 1899.  
The church was damaged by bombing in 1940 and was later used as a furniture  
store. The society disbanded not long afterwards.

For other records of Blackhorse Road Methodist Church, see W 85.135.

Certain items in this list are within the closure period laid down by the  
Methodist Church. Permission to consult these records should be obtained in  
writing from The Circuit Superintendent, 1 Chester Road, Wanstead E 11

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This establishment, which was frequently visited by John Wesley, thrived until Mary Bosanquet's departure to Yorkshire in 1768, but succumbed soon after her removal. She later married the Rev. John Fletcher, Vicar of Madeley.

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#### KIOTIS GREEN METHODIST CHURCH AND MARY FLETCHER MEMORIAL

#### METHODIST CHURCH, HIGH ROAD, LEYTON.

About 1770, on the invitation of a Mrs. Tilt (1), Wesley's preachers began to come regularly to Leyton, preaching on Leyton Green. An entry in the Vestry Minutes records that on May 5, 1777.

"Information having been given that a field-preacher has been several times in this parish on a Sunday, and hath preached to large congregations in the open air, it is ordered that constables do attend, whenever he shall appear again, and take the name of the preacher if they can learn it, and also that they take the names of as many of the auditors as they can find out, and lay information before some Magistrate against the persons offending".

This resolution was signed by the Vicar, a Churchwarden and Overseer, and a number of leading residents, one of whom, S. Bosanquet, was the brother of Mary Bosanquet. (2).

There seems to have been considerable opposition by the villagers, too. However, about 1780, a group who had been meeting in a private house, took a small chapel which stood in Meeting Yard or Chapel Yard in the High Road, which they shared with some followers of George Whitefield, and became known as the United Brotherhood of Methodists and Independents (3).

From 1786 a great influence was William Pocock (4), a builder and carpenter, whom John Wesley used to visit at Leyton, preaching in the Chapel. From 1810-1827, Leyton was one of the preaching places in the newly formed Waitlam Abbey and St. Albans Circuit (5).

William Pocock built a wooden preaching room in the High Road some time before 1820, which took the place of the Union Chapel (6). Of special note was the annual "love-feast" held on Easter Tuesday, known as the Bun-and-Water Day, which continued till about 1850.

The first permanent Wesleyan Chapel, known as the Knotts Green Chapel, was built about 1823 (7), at the back of Leyton Green, on land leased by William Fuller Pocock, son of William Pocock. This Chapel is given in a return to the Quarter Sessions of non-conformist meeting places in 1829, now in the Essex Record Office, as a small Wesleyan Chapel with a congregation of approximately 150.

From 1828-1830 the Circuit was known as the Waltham Abbey and Leyton Circuit (8).

In 1829, by order of the High Court of Chancery, a legacy from the estate of Mrs. Margaret Peat was secured to the Wesleyan Society. By her will dated 1784, she bequeathed

"To William Shannon the interest of One Thousand in the four per cents during his life, and at his death the interest to be applied to provide Methodist preachers for Low Leyton, either Mr. Wesley or the Tabernacle ones, which the people may like best" (9).

William Shannon died in 1804, but the legacy was withheld on the plea of "uncertainty" until the Court Order, twenty-five years later, which awarded the legacy (which by reinvestment of dividends had increased to £2388.15.0) to be divided, two-thirds part to the Wesleyan Methodist Society of Leyton, and the other third to the Tabernacle Society of Leyton, after payment of all expenses involved. The Wesleyan share amounted to £1333.14.10, the interest of which is paid to the Minister of the Wesleyan Church.

The Wesleyan Chapel at Leyton Green was rebuilt in 1843 (10), designed by William Wilmer Pocock, son of William Fuller Pocock. Leyton was at this time the head of an independent Circuit, which included a number of preaching places from Leyton to Waltham Abbey, and from the River Lea to Chigwell (11). The Ministers were the Rev. George Turner (12), 1831-1832; the Rev. Richards Gower (13), 1833-4; the Rev. Thomas H. Fisher (14), 1835-1837; the Rev. John Knowles (15), 1838; the Rev. Richard Eland (16), 1839-1840; the Rev. Joseph Walker (17), 1841; the Rev. John Mason (18), 1842; the Rev. Robert Colman (19), 1843-1845; the Rev. James Rathbone (20) 1846-1847. The Ministers at this period lived in a cottage on the north side of the Knotts Green Chapel.

In 1841 the membership was over 80, but during the years 1848-1849, and the disastrous agitation in the Methodist Move-

ment by Everett, Dunn and Griffiths, the membership dropped to about 20, and the congregation rarely reached 50. The Superintendent Minister, 1848-50, was William Burnett (21), who was expelled from the Conference for his support of the agitators. He was succeeded at Leyton by the Rev. James Kendall (22), 1851-2.

In 1853, the Leyton Circuit was re-arranged and Leyton was incorporated with the Islington Circuit (23). When the Hackney Circuit was formed in 1857, Leyton was included, joining the Clapton Circuit in 1876 (24).

By the early 1870s growth of the Church made the provision of more accommodation necessary. A site on the corner of High Road and James Lane was given by Samuel Richard Bosanquet (25), for a Chapel to the memory of Mary Fletcher (née Bosanquet) and a liberal grant and loan offered by the Wesleyan Metropolitan Chapel Building Fund, made this possible. The memorial stones of the new Church were laid on 9th October 1876, by Samuel Courthope Bosanquet on behalf of Samuel Richard Bosanquet, Miss Aldon, Mrs. Horace Marshall, Mrs. Leigh, Miss A. M. Skelton and Mrs. Surr. The architect was George Marshall of Hackney. It is a substantial Gothic structure of Kentish rag and Bath stone. It consists of a nave with a small apsidal recess at the east end for the Communion Table and Chairs, and a gallery over the entrance at the west end. There is a stone pulpit, much carved. The Dedication Service was held on 26th June, 1877. The organ was installed during the Ministry of the Rev. Arthur Wood, M.A., 1888-91 (26).

The Knotts Green Chapel continued to be used as a Church. The Minister from 1891-1894 of both Knotts Green and the Mary Fletcher Memorial Church, was the Rev. Henry H. M'Cullugh, B.A. (27). In 1892 a temporary iron building was erected near the new Church, and the Sunday School moved there from the Knotts Green premises and in 1894-5 an additional iron room was erected beside the Church to house the Infants School at a cost of £68.18.6 (28).

The Knotts Green Chapel was fully renovated in 1895 at a cost of about £250. At the same time some renovations and alterations were made to the Mary Fletcher Memorial Church; the main being the replacement of the single door at the main entrance, by a pair with Bath stone Gothic moulded jambs, piers and arches, clustered columns, carved capitals and perforated tympanums, at a cost of about £370.

The Rev. Caesar Caine served as Minister from 1894-1897 (29), followed by the Rev. J. Reynolds (30), 1897-1900. The new Marriage Act was adopted in 1898.

From 1892 to September 1895 no Sunday School was held at Knotts Green, but then a branch school was opened to meet the needs of an increase in the local population. In 1895, the number of scholars at Knotts Green was 170 and at the Mary Fletcher Memorial Church about 300.

The Rev. G. W. Leach (31) was Resident Minister from 1900-1903, during which period the Sunday School was erected. The memorial stones were laid on the 16th April, 1902, by Horace Brooks Marshall, Sherriff of the City of London, Mrs. G. W. Leach, Mrs. A. T. Morse, Miss Skelton, E. R. Alexander, James Baskett, Samuel Goddard, Josiah Gurton and James Richards. It was opened on October 2nd by Mrs. Arthur J. Gibson. The new building designed by Josiah Gurton and built by F. J. Coxhead harmonised with the Church. It contains a large hall, with a gallery round three sides and a clerestory. There are two large classrooms at the entrance, and several smaller rooms. Upstairs there is a large Church Parlour (32). The total cost was about £6000. The debt on the building was finally cleared in October 1919, the Centenary year of the Church, and the occasion was celebrated by a visit from the Rt. Hon. Sir Horace Marshall, Lord Mayor of London, and the erection of a brass plate in the hall giving the names of those who laid foundation stones and recording the clearing of the debt.

The iron infants school was kept; it is still there, used as a store; but the other temporary iron room was sold to the Vicar of Leyton for £55, and became the temporary St. Paul's Church.

In 1902 a strip of land adjoining the High Road was sold for £60 to the Leyton Local Board for road widening purposes, and in the same year a house was erected for the Caretaker (33), at a cost of £350.

The Minister from 1903-1906 was the Rev. T. Wynne-Jones (34), followed by the Rev. Frank Hall (35), 1906-1909. In 1908 permission was given for Mrs. Florence Barclay, the authoress, who had been holding Bible Readings at the Victoria Rooms, to hold them in the School Room on Friday afternoons, and these continued for many years. The next Ministers were the Rev. William Spink (36), 1909-1912, and the Rev. John Thomas Watts (37), 1912-1915. In the summer of 1915, the Church was slightly damaged in an air raid. The Rev. Llewelyn N. Tyack, B.Sc., (38) was Minister 1915-1921.

In 1919 Edward Rouben Alexander, one of the Trustees, presented a brass tablet, designed by Cyril F. Ward, to the memory of the fallen in the War, which was placed on the north wall, and in 1921, the same donor provided a framed memorial to the Knotts Green Chapel.

From 1921-1925 the Rev. T. L. Clumber (39), Superintendent of the Circuit, was resident at Leyton. The Church was renovated in 1922, at a cost of £1280.3.0, and an electric blower for the organ installed.

The Superintendent Minister from 1925-1926 was the Rev. Edwin Charles Lansdown (40). In January 1926, for the first time Church is referred to in the Trustees Minute Books as the Mary Fletcher Memorial Wesleyan Methodist Chapel. The Rev. H. Poynter Boase (41) became Minister in 1926 and stayed until his death in December 1928. The communion table and two chairs in the apse of the Church are in his memory. The Rev. Wilfrid Guy (42) came as Minister from December 1928 to the following September, when the Rev. H. Shaw came, 1929-1931 (43), followed by the Rev. William Barrow Mattinson, 1931-1934 (44).

At a Trustees Meeting on 7 October 1932 it was resolved "That the name of the Leyton Wesleyan Church 'Mary Fletcher' Memorial be henceforth known as 'Mary Fletcher Memorial Methodist Church'.

The Minister from 1934-1938 was the Rev. Douglas E. Field (45). The Church at this time was having grave financial difficulties and its position was placed before the Home Mission and the London Mission and Extension Funds with an appeal for sympathetic consideration.

From 1938-1939, the Rev. George Crump (46) acted as Minister both of this Church and of the Clapton one, but in 1939 it again has a Minister to itself in the Rev. W. H. Dowling (47), who stayed only one year.

Financial difficulties continuing, in May 1940, the Church was taken over by the Home Mission, who supplied it with Pastors. The first of these were Pastor S. B. Ernest Copp (48), September 1940 to December 1942, followed by Pastor F. Thorpe (49), January 1942 to September 1946.

In 1941 the Church hall was requisitioned for use as a Rest Centre for bombed out people.

In July 1946 the Mary Fletcher Memorial Methodist Church became associated with the Leytonstone and Forest Gate Circuit.

Joseph William Rose, who had been a Trustee for many years and Treasurer for about 35 years died in 1940. Pastor A. H. Bird (50) was here from 1946 to 1949. Albert Edward Radcliffe, building inspector to the local council, died in 1948. He had been a trustee for nearly 40 years, and Secretary to the Trustees 1924-1930. In the same year Mr. Laxton resigned after more than

30 years as organist. The next Pastor, Matthew Brown (51) who came in 1949 was accepted into the Ministry whilst serving here. He left in 1951.

In September 1949, plaques to the memory of Mrs. Mary Fletcher, nee Bosanquet, were unveiled at Forest House, James Lane, her birth-place, by His Honour Sir Ronald Bosanquet, K.C., and the Church was reopened after the repair of war damage by Sir Ronald and Lady Bosanquet.

In 1950 the old Manse at 59 Forest Drive West, was sold and 118 James Lane purchased to take its place. Pastor J. A. C. King (32) came in 1951.

The Knotts Green Church was closed soon after the outbreak of war, and in July 1940 it was let for the storage of furniture at a rent of £30 per annum (53). It was destroyed by enemy action later. After the War Damage claim had been settled for £2793.14.6, the site was, in 1951, compulsorily purchased by the Leyton Borough Council for £314.10s., to use for housing purposes.

Memorials in the Church include, on the south wall a marble tablet to the memory of old boys of the Boys' Brigade who fell in the 1939-45 War; on the North wall, marble tablets to John Wattam, 50 years a member of the Church, a steward and class leader, died 21 November 1930; and one in memory of Hannah Seed, widow of the Rev. William Seed, for 16 years a member of the Church, died 30 September, 1908.

The Church books are complete from 1893.

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- (1) Caesar Caine "Brief chronicle of Wesleyan Methodism in Leyton, Essex, 1750-1895". 1896.
- (2) Leyton Vestry Minutes.
- (3) Caesar Caine "Brief chronicle..." 1896.
- (4) Ibid.
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#### Appendix

The above notes were compiled in 1964. The Church closed in 1969.

Mary Fletcher Memorial Church and Knotts Green Methodist Church

The account of the history of the two churches that precedes this list was compiled by Miss Mary Savell, then Reference Librarian of Waltham Forest (Leyton Library). The records of the two churches were deposited by the Archivist of the Methodist London North East District on permanent loan in 1973. They were accessioned in the Leyton system, which did not give a single number to each accession. Accession numbers are recorded for each volume / item in this list.

On receipt Methodist records were closed for 60 years, this period has now been modified except for disciplinary and other confidential matters.

Closure still enforced at the time of this list is indicated below. C B, 'C']

Baptism and marriage records

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1.	Baptism register Includes baptisms for the Waltham Abbey & Leyton Circuit up to 1853, after that date most abodes are given as Chingford, Walthamstow or Leyton / Leytonstone.	December 1839 - June 1909		59784
2	Baptism register	July 1909 - October 1958.	C	59785
3	Baptism register	October 1958 - August 1969	C	59786
4	Counterfoils of baptismal certificates 1 vol.	June 1947 - July 1949	C	59812
5	Counterfoils of baptismal certificates 1 vol	December 1951 - July 1954	C	59813
6	Counterfoils of baptismal certificates 1 vol	August 1954 - August 1956	C	59814
7	Counterfoils of baptismal certificates 1 vol.	October 1956 - December 1959	C	59815
8	Counterfoils of baptismal certificates 1 vol	October 1959 - February 1962	C	59816
9	Counterfoils of baptismal certificates 1 vol	September 1963 - April 1967	C	59817
10	Counterfoils of marriage certificates	July 1955 - April 1957	C	59808
11	Counterfoils of marriage certificates	March 1960 - September 1962	C	59809
12	Counterfoils of marriage certificates	July 1963 - March 1965	C	59810
13	Counterfoils of marriage certificates	April 1965 - July 1967	C	59811

Leaders and Annual Society meetings

14	Minute book	March 1899 - May 1927		59788
15	Minute book	January 1950 - February 1956	C	59789
16	Minute book	February 1956 - May 1968	C	59790
17	Minute book	September 1968 - August 1969	C	59791

Trust and Committee minutes

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18	Mary Fletcher Memorial Methodist Church Trustees minute book	February 1893 - May 1923	59803
19	Knotts Green Trust, Leyton Green, minute book. Includes reports of earlier meetings for 1917 and 1918 and a note on the bombing of the church and subsequent history of the church dated 1954.	January 1919 - July 1940	59807
20	Leyton Wesley Bazaar Committee minute book.	July - December 1889	59799
21	Ladies Social Circle minute book After 1931 consists only of accounts and names for Women's Work Magazine.	1929 - 1945	59806

For minutes concerning the Sunday School see below

Accounts and collection journals

22	Society Stewards' account book Includes collections.	June 1896 - Midsummer 1904	59795
23	Collections journal for Knotts Green Church. Includes cutting pasted on inside cover reporting the re-opening of the Church, with list of donations, expenditure and illustration of building.	June 1895 - November 1900	59802
24	Collections journal for Mary Fletcher Memorial Church	1897 - 1906	59774
25	Collections journal (as above)	1906 - 1915	59775
26	Collections journal (as above)	1934 - 1944	59776
27	Collections journal (as above)	1945 - 1951	< 59777
28	Collections journal (as above)	1951 - 1965	< 59778
29	Collections journal (as above)	1966 - 1969	< 59779
30	Mary Fletcher Memorial Church Trust account book	1937 - 1945	< 59800
31	Mary Fletcher Memorial Church Trust paying in book with Barclays Bank	February - October 1927	59992
32	Mary Fletcher Memorial Church paying in book with Barclays Bank	June 1936 - September 1937	59993
33	Mary Fletcher Memorial Church Vestry cash book (envelope system)	1965 - 1967	< 59796
34	Mary Fletcher Memorial Church Vestry cash book (envelope system)	1967 - 1969	< 59797
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Accounts and collection journals (cont'd)

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35	Mary Fletcher ... Bazaar, May 1892: accounts 1 file of 2 sheets.	1892 60019
36	Leyton Methodist Social Club account book	January 1939 - April 1960 < 59798
37	Leyton Chapel: papers concerning loan for reduction of debt. Two forms from Wesleyan Chapel Committee and letter to minister at Clapton requesting attendance at meeting to resolve case. 1 file For Sunday School accounts see below.	1879 60027

Pulpit Notices

These volumes, for Mary Fletcher Memorial Church only, also include summaries of amounts collected.

38	Pulpit notices . 1 vol	1908 - 1910	59761
39	Pulpit notices 1 vol	1913 - 1915	59762
40	Pulpit notices 1 vol	1917 - 1919	59763
41	Pulpit notices 1 vol	1919 - 1920	59764
42	Pulpit notices 1 vol	1924 - 1927	59765
43	Pulpit notices 1 vol	1927 - 1929	59766
44	Pulpit notices 1 vol	1929 - 1931	59767
45	Pulpit notices 1 vol	1931 - 1933	59768
46	Pulpit notices 1 vol	1933 - 1935	59769
47	Pulpit notices 1 vol	1937 - 1939	59770
48	Pulpit notices 1 vol	1943 - 1946	< 59771
49	Pulpit notices 1 vol	1950 - 1952	< 59772
50	Pulpit notices 1 vol	1952 - 1954	< 59773

Seat rents

51	Seat rent ledger 1 vol.	1916 - 1940	59804
52	Seat rent register 1 vol Would appear to be later than (51).	n.d.	59805

Sunday School

53	Sunday School Committee minute book	December 1904 - September 1911	59792
54	Sunday School Teachers meetings: minute book.	May 1895 - November 1900	59793

Sunday School (cont'd)

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55	Sunday School Teachers meetings: minute book. Loose at front is a statistical return for 1902 and bound into the volume are two Sunday School anniversary programmes.	December 1900 - September 1906 59794
56	Sunday School cash account book With one bundle of vouchers loose at front.	1921 - 1941 59801
<u>Church premises: correspondence and accounts</u>		
57	Correspondence and accounts concerning the premises, the maintenance and the Trust members. All items bound together by Waltham Forest. Accounts referred to include financial statements concerning the building of Mary Fletcher Sunday School (printed 1903) and various vouchers. Bazaar receipts and forms of appointment of trustees and correspondence, which is largely concerned with the construction of the church 1876 - 79	1875 - 1912 59989
58	Correspondence on the letting of the Knotts Green Chapel to the Walthamstow Holiness Mission between the minister of Mary Fletcher Church, the General Chapel Committee and Mr L.Hawkes. Bound into 1 file by Waltham Forest.	1934 60024
59	The Hanse, 39 Forest Drive West, Leytonstone: correspondence concerning the purchase of the property and subsequent administration by the Trustees. Bound into volume by Waltham Forest.	1934 - 1941 59988
60	Hanse: cheque book counterfoils. 1 stub.	June 1934 - June 1937 59994
61	Hanse: cheque book counterfoils. 1 stub.	January 1938 - August 1940 59995
62	Two letters from the Commercial Union Assurance Co Ltd, one of which is a statement of insurance policy for Mary Fletcher Church. Bound into one file by Waltham Forest.	1936 60028
63	Correspondence members of Mary Fletcher Church and Leyton Borough Council concerning the requisitioning of the church hall for A.R.P. purposes. Bound into 1 file by W.F.	1939 - 1940 60023
64	War damage insurance: letter, general circular and uncompleted form. Letter is from a member of the church. Bound into 1 file by W.F.	1941 60025
65	Correspondence from James Bower, minister at Ironbridge, Shropshire and other members of the Iron Bridge Church concerning the unveiling of a memorial to Mary Fletcher at the Mary Fletcher Memorial Church. <i>Bound into file by W.F.</i>	1949 60021

Church premises: correspondence and accounts (cont'd)

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- 66 Sale of site of Knott's Green Chapel: correspondence the Inland Revenue, the London NE District of the Methodist Church and others. Includes site plan. Bound into 1 file by W.F. 1952 - 1953 < 60020

Miscellaneous

- 67 Letter of resignation from F.E.Laxton, organist of Mary Fletcher Church. 1948 60026
- 68 Correspondence concerning the salary of the Leyton lay evangelist. Bound into 1 file by W.F. 1940 - 1941. 60029
- 69 Licence by Leyton Borough Council permitting the supply of coke to Mary Fletcher Church. 1940 60022
- 70 Share certificate for £1 in the Leyton & Leytonstone Free Church Council Housing Society Ltd. Dated 10 April 1961. 1961 < 60020

Church Hill Methodist Church

- 71 Wesleyan Chapel, Walthamstow: accounts for 1879. Two sheets bound into file by W.F. 1879 60017
- 72 Church Hill Methodist Church, Walthamstow Trustees consent to nomination by Superintendent of twice number of trustees proposed for such appointment. 4 forms bound together in one file by W.F. 1923 - 1924 60018

Blackhorse Road Wesleyan Methodist Church

- 73 Correspondence and legal papers. Includes forms and communications from the Wesley Chapel Fund and Wesley Chapel Committee concerning construction, loans and trustees. Bound into 1 vol by W.F. 1898 - 1926 59987

Printed items

- 74 Order of administration of the sacraments and other services for the use of ... Methodists. Wesleyan - Methodist Book Room, 1883. (formerly belonged to Mary Fletcher Church) *Not found at time of listing* 1883 59818
- 75 As (74) Copy presented by Walter R. Foskett. 1899
- 76 Rules and regulations prescribed by the Marriage Act 1898 ..... 1898 59820  
(formerly belonged to Mary Fletcher Church)

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Mary Fletcher Memorial Church, Leyton

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of the church premises and redevelopment of the site. Includes copies of minutes, letters from Waltham Forest Borough Council & various surveyors, housing trust etc. Also includes Mary Fletcher Methodist Church Trust account 1966 / 67 and 1967 / 68; and letter from Miss Olive Panther, a Sunday School teacher at the Church dated 1934.

1934

With file are two metal recording discs made by Traverse Talkie, London 75rpm speed. Subject matters relates to the Bazaar. Copy of discs has been made on tape and deposited with British Institute of Recorded Sound. With the discs is a card with the following information:

c 1920s.

'Bazaar at Mary Fletcher Memorial Church, High Road, Leyton E10 recording 4 speeches (unidentified except ref made to Mr Gwyatt (?) and Mr Middleton. One speaker is obviously the Treasurer. Mention is made that the buildings are paid for but external decoration is needed. The discs were found in the Church safe when the church was closed in 1970 '

Card then notes that they have been transferred to tape at 7½p sec. (19cm) now Tape R 5 in first transfer to Methodist Archives by Mr Jones.

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Copy cassette tape recording of the above discs.

Stored with Museum cassettes.