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CULTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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Records of Patricroft Congregational Church, 1830-1972, n.d., with minutes of meetings of Elders of Patricroft United Reformed Church, 1972-74, and accounts of Patricroft United Reformed Church, 1972-76.
Deposited: Rev. [redacted] [redacted] Road, Eccles, Manchester, [redacted], October - December, 1980 (indefinite loan).

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The following records of Patricroft Congregational Church were deposited together with records (N/PRE1) of Eccles Presbyterian Church of England (subsequently Eccles-Fendleton Presbyterian Church of England) and with minutes (U152/AM1) of a Division of the Order of the Sons of Temperance. With the formation of the United Reformed Church in 1972, Eccles-Fendleton Presbyterian Church and Patricroft Congregational Church were united and took the name of Patricroft United Reformed Church.

Sources of information on Congregationalism at Patricroft are kept in the Local History Collection, Eccles Central Area Library, including the following: The Origin of Congregationalism at Patricroft, anonymous, 1928; The History of Congregationalism at Patricroft, anonymous, 1946; A History of Congregationalism at Patricroft by the Rev. Ian H. Wallace, 1970; and The Bright Hour by the same author, 1973. Bound volumes of the Patricroft Congregational Magazine, 1902-1908, are also held in the Library; an article on these magazines, written by the Rev. Ian H. Wallace, appeared in the Eccles and Patricroft Journal, 4 Nov., 1980.

ADMINISTRATION

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Agenda and orders of service
Printed order of service for the induction of the Rev. R. Oswald Davies (1 bdle.) 1936

/AB1

Byelaws and orders
Vol. containing: rules for Sunday School, 1892, with alterations, 1894-96; scale of charges for use of piano, 1897; rules of Sunday School gymnasium and institute, n.d. ?c.1898; list of membership of Visitation Committee, n.d.; regulations for visitation reports, 1939; at end list of members on active service in the armed forces, ?1914-18 (1 vol. enclosing: loose card advertising concert and gymnastic display by the Sunday School gymnasium and institute, 1898; letter from the East Lancashire Branch of the Red Cross regarding an athletic team, 1919; rough notes on arrangements for church services, 1919; pencilled list of names, n.d.) 1892, 1894-98, 1919, 1939, n.d.

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ADMINISTRATION (contd.)

Minutes

N/CC5/AM1

"Patricroft Chapel Church Book 1830" (1 vol., poor condition)

1830-1915

This vol. contains much information on the Church and on Congregationalists at Patricroft even before 1830. An "old church book", which is mentioned on pages 21, 23 and 107, was presumably the source of much of the information for the period before 1830. Most of the book is taken up with notes of business (chiefly relating to membership and increasing with time in the amount of detail recorded), 1812-77, and lists of names (with occasional comments) of members of the Church) from 1804 to 1915. At the beginning of the vol. there are notes and extracts on the history of Congregationalists at Patricroft from 1796 to 1812 and, on pages 233 to 240, notes, extracts and newspaper cuttings on the history of Congregationalists at Patricroft from 1796 to 1913, particularly after 1865.

Details of the early history of Congregationalists at Patricroft are also given in copies of indentures of 1808 and 1845 (quoted on respectively pages 1-19 and 99-123). According to these indentures, Patricroft Independent Chapel had been built (together with a schoolhouse) by 1808 on 1152 sq. yds. of land (part of Gorsey field), Barton-upon-Irwell. (These 1152 sq. yds. were part of 1658 sq. yds. disposed of in 1800 by George John Legh, Cheshire, esq., to James Holt Heron of Manchester, merchant). A newspaper cutting of 1913 (page 238) gives the site of the Chapel as being on George Street and Chapel Street. The copy of the indenture of 1845 implies that the congregation had formed a church by the name of the "Paedo Baptist Independents" (i.e. Infant Baptists) in 1804 and that part of the land had been used as a burial ground.

There are notes on the location of the trust deeds in 1864 (opposite page 1) and in 1915 (page 241).

Certificates for the solemnisation of marriages, 1837, 1860 and 1870, have been attached at the beginning of the book. The address given in 1860 is George Street, Patricroft, and, after a new building had been opened in Shakespeare Crescent, the title was given in 1870 as Patricroft New Independent Chapel.

/AM2/1-3

Signed minutes, Church meetings, incl. copies of letters or other docs. (3 vols., poor condition)

1876-1949

/AM3/1-11

Signed minutes, meetings of Deacons (and occasionally of a committee) of Patricroft Congregational Church, 1869-88, 1890-1972; signed minutes, meetings of Elders of Patricroft United Reformed Church, 1972-74 (11 vols. incl. lists of members and docs.; N/CC5/AM3/6-9 in poor condition)

1869-88,
1890-1974

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ADMINISTRATION (contd.)

Publications and administrative miscellanea

N/CC5/AZ1

Printed invitation card, with programme, to Annual Tea Party and Entertainment, Sunday School, incl. "cinematograph", New Year's Day, 1909, presumably printed in 1908 (1 doc.) 1908

COMMITTEES

/CO1/AM1-9

Signed minutes, Finance Committee, 1876-1919, and Management Committee, 1919-66, enclosing loose papers (N/CC5/CO1/AM6 enclosing two photographs of Church, n.d.) (9 vols.; N/CC5/CO1/AM6-7 in poor condition) 1876-1966, n.d.

/AMZ1-2

Resolutions written in ink apparently for consideration by the Management Committee regarding musical services for the Church (2 docs.) n.d.

/C1

"P.C.C. Finance Committee", letter book containing copies of letters written on behalf of the Committee, 1890-95, and copies of letters written on behalf of the Church, 1899, with copy of minutes of a meeting of the Harvest Thanksgiving Services Committee, 1890, and of an agreement for the care of the Church grounds, 1890 (1 vol., poor condition) 1890-95, 1899

/C2

Letter for the attention of the Finance Committee asking for a grant for the choir picnic (1 envelope enclosing 1 doc.) 1926

/CO2/AM1

Minutes, meetings of the Building Committee, the Bazaar Committee or other meetings concerned with the building of the new Sunday School or its financing, 1892-94, with newspaper cuttings and papers, 1892, 1894, 1896, 1902-03, n.d., relating to the School buildings (1 vol., poor condition) 1892-94, 1896, 1902-03, n.d.

/CO3/AM1

Signed minutes, Centenary Bazaar and Renovation of Church School Subcommittee of the Finance Committee, of a "General Committee" for the renovation of the Church and the Sunday School and of its subcommittee, 1895-96, with statement of accounts and newspaper cuttings relating to the floral bazaar and printed circular invitation to centenary celebration services, 1896; minutes, meetings of "General Committee" for the renovation of the Church and School buildings and of its subcommittee and notes on expenditure on postage, 1909 (1 vol.) 1895-96, 1909

/CO4/AM1-5

Minutes, meetings of the Sunday School teachers or of the School Committee (5 vols., N/CC5/CO4/AM3-5 in poor condition) 1858-85, 1894-1951

/CO5/AM1

"Minutes", meetings of teachers, preparatory class, Sunday School, consisting of notes of business during meetings, 1952-56, with lists of attendance for children, 1954-55, with other notes relating to the Sunday School, 1954-55, n.d. (1 vol. poor condition) 1952-56, n.d.

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COMMITTEES (contd.)

N/CC5/CC6/AM1

Signed minutes, Sunday School men's Bible Class, 1898-1903; signed minutes, meetings to establish a Pleasant Sunday Afternoon Society and later meetings of the Society or its Council, 1902-04 (1 vol., enclosing loose papers, 1904, n.d., incl. some relating to Pleasant Sunday Afternoon Society) 1898-1904, n.d.

/AM2-6

Signed minutes, meetings of Pleasant Sunday Afternoon Society (subsequently Brotherhood subsequently Fellowship) or its Council (5 vols. enclosing loose papers; poor condition) 1904-50

/CO7/AM1

Signed minutes, meetings of Band of Hope and its committees (1 vol.) 1881-87

CORRESPONDENCE

/C1

"Ministers letters", file containing correspondence and other papers chiefly relating to the Pastorate of the Church (1 file) 1927, 1935-37, 1940, n.d.

/C2

Correspondence and other papers relating to Hadfield Manse, 17 Milton Street, Patricroft, or 32 Cecil Road, Eccles, Barton-upon-Irwell (1 file) 1946-48, n.d.
Hadfield Manse was sold in 1948.

/C3

Covering letter for certificate for the registration of the Church for solemnising marriages (1 doc., evidently once attached to a volume) 1870

/C4

Letter regarding tuning of the Church organ (1 doc.) 1926

DEPARTMENTS AND OFFICERS

/DCR1

Envelope marked "Mr. Gratton" and "... to a responsible officer of the Patricroft Congregational Church" containing: 1898-1942, n.d.

List of names and draft of letter to members of the "Church, School and Brotherhood" returning from the war, n.d., ?c.1918;
Typed extract from the Management Committee minutes concerning assessment for income of the Manse, [1923];
Typescript blank copy of agreement by caretaker of the Church and the School, 1940;
Letter regarding removal of railings for the war effort, 1942;
Rough statistical notes and draft report on membership between 1885 and 1941, compiled c.1932-42;
Duplicated statement on main sources of income and directions of expenditure of the Church during years from 1895 to 1936, n.d. ?1937;
Printed rules of Church, 1898;
Printed financial appeals on behalf of the Church (incl. photographic illustrations of it), 1910, 1923, 1928, 1935;

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Envelope containing (contd.):

Printed byelaws, Manchester and District
Congregational Board, 1918;

Printed constitution, the Brotherhood Movement
(Inc.), 1923

(1 envelope containing bdles. and loose papers)

This envelope includes a draft report, n.d.,
?1942, on membership prepared by the Communion
Registrar and the statistical notes on membership
are likely to have been prepared by the same
Registrar. It is not apparent, however, whether
this office was held by Mr. A. Gratton (who was
a Deacon of the Church for a long period and to
whom the letter regarding railings, 1942, was
addressed).

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| /E1 | Copy of specification of works for Sunday School (1 exercise book, poor condition) | n.d., ?c.1889 |
| /E2 | Book containing notes on the layout of the Sunday School buildings (incl. plans of rooms), their history from 1893 to 1908, the School fittings and stock, lists of provisions needed for various occasions and printed items relating to the proceedings (incl. school syllabuses) of this Sunday School, other Sunday Schools or of Patricroft Congregational Church, 1902-14, n.d., with attached photograph of a room used as an entrance way for a bazaar, n.d., ?1908 (1 vol.) | 1902-14, n.d. |
| FINANCE | | |
| /F1/1 | Cash book, 1906-38, at end brief notes on various accounts, 1906, 1912-13, 1915-18, 1926-27, 1929-31, n.d., and extracts from various docs. of 1913-20, compiled ?c.1916-20 (1 vol., poor condition) | 1906-38, n.d. |
| /2 | Cash book (incl. some statements of accounts), 1938-52, at end various accounts, 1942-47 (1 vol. enclosing loose docs., 1951-52, n.d.; poor condition) | 1938-52, n.d. |
| /F2 | Account book for income and expenditure, from 1972 for Patricroft United Reformed Church (1 vol.) | 1963-76 |
| /F3 | Account book for New Schools Fund, chiefly listing subscriptions (1 vol.) | 1889-94 |
| /F4 | Book listing names, addresses and payments (1 vol., poor condition) The reason for the payments is not stated but the vol. encloses a membership card for the Church Fellowship, [1941], with particulars in conformity with those in the book. | 1934-41 |

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| N/CC5/F5 | <p>FINANCE (contd.) Book containing loose or attached printed balance sheets for years 1884-1919 and also loose papers for election to the Finance Committee, 1912-14 (1 vol., poor condition)</p> | 1884-1919 |
| /F6 | <p>Typescript copy of statement of account for year 1921 (1 doc.)</p> | 1921 |
| /F7 | <p>Typescript copies of Treasurer's monthly statements for various months (16 docs. found loose)</p> | 1925-27 |
| /R1 | <p>REGISTRATION Roll of church members, giving name, address and occasional remarks, begun in 1894, no later date shown (1 vol.)</p> | 1894- |
| /R2/1-3 | <p>Communion registers (3 vols.)</p> | 1913-20, 1933-48 |
| /R3 | <p>Sunday School admission book, giving names and usually addresses and age (1 vol., poor condition)</p> | 1869-1900 |
| /R4/1 | <p>Sunday School, attendance book (1 vol., poor condition)</p> | 1897-98 |
| /2 | <p>Sunday School, record of attendance (1 vol.)</p> | 1924-29 |
| /R5 | <p>Temperance pledge book containing detachable signed pledges of abstinence or stubs (1 item)</p> | 1869 |

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CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence, (esp. with the Town Clerk, Eccles
Borough) and other papers (incl. receipts for
contributions towards the expense, estimates for
the work, appeals for funds and copies of minutes)
regarding maintenance of the burial ground, George
Street and Chapel Street, Patricroft, especially
lowering the wall to reduce danger for traffic
(1 bdle. and 1 loose appeal (found in two halves,
apparently once part of the bdle.))

1918-19,
n.d.

REGISTRATION

Choir attendance (1 vol., binding weak)

1896-1917,
1920,
1928-32

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Additional records, Patricroft Congregational Church, Eccles, Lancashire, 1890-1946.

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ADMINISTRATIONAgenda and orders of service

Envelope containing printed orders of services and other items as follows:

1901-32,
n.d.

Printed order of service, re-opening of organ, 1901;

Carol service, 1907;

"P.S.A. order of service", with entries added in pencil, 1912;

Handel's "Messiah", 1915;

Orders of service for Sunday, 191- (left blank), 1924;

Anniversary service, 1932;

Written words and musical notes, "Pax Dei", n.d. (1 sheet attached to cardboard);

Compliments slip of newspaper group, n.d.

(1 envelope enclosing 7 leaflets, 1 sheet, 1 slip, engrimed with dirt)

COMMITTEES

Minutes, some signed, of meetings (business or social) of the Choir, 1891-99, 1902, 1904-22, 1924-26, 1928-30, 1934, 1935-39, 1946; notes on other meetings relating to the choir, 1890-91; note on private choir committee meeting, 1939; at end list of members of the Choir Committee, 1946 (1 vol., several pages torn out)

1890-1946

Minutes, some signed, of meetings of the Choir Committee, 1897, 1899-1917, 1920-29, 1931, 1933-39, and minutes, some signed, of general meetings or rehearsals of the choir, 1922-23, 1925, 1928; at end, written lists of members of the choir, 1935, and of the Choir Committee, 1935, 1939, 1946 (1 vol., binding weak)

1897-1939

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