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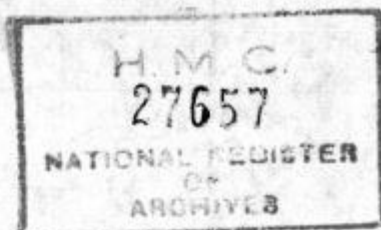
Monton Unitarian Church

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Records of Monton Unitarian Church and Sunday Schools, 1816-1981, n.d.  
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The congregation of Monton Church traces its origin back to 1662 when the Rev. Edmund Jones, Vicar of Eccles, was ejected from his living under the Act of Uniformity. The Presbyterian congregation which followed him and his successors had at first no settled place of worship but in 1697 land at Monton was bought for the site of a chapel which was built before the end of the century. By the early nineteenth century the congregation had become Unitarian. The Church which replaced the Chapel was completed in 1875. An infant school was added to the existing Day School in 1848 and in 1864 a larger building was erected for the Day and Sunday Schools. In 1889 this building was replaced by a larger one for Monton Memorial Schools (incl. the Day and Sunday Schools). Further information on the history of the Church and Schools may be obtained from one of the booklets or newspaper articles included in this collection.

Records of Monton Day School (SM65/AM1, F1) were deposited together with the following records.

ADMINISTRATIONRegistration

N/UN1/AR1

Monton Church Choir, register of attendance, 1930-48 1930-48  
 (1 vol. enclosing loose summaries of attendance, 1932,  
 1935, 1937, 1944)

Miscellanea

/AZ1

Envelope containing:

Written minutes of extraordinary general meeting of the Sunday School Cricket Club containing resolution for the winding up of the Club, 1932, and accompanying printed copy (part torn away, owing to being detached from a programme card) rules of the same Club, marked as dated 1900; 1878-1980, n.d.  
 Duplicated copy of rules of the Sunday School, 1935;

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ADMINISTRATION

Miscellanea (contd.)

Envelope containing (contd.):

N/UN1/AZ1

Copy of calendar compiled by Mr. Ian McAlpine in 1980 of extant registers in the Church from 1771; Booklet, Monton Chapel Monton Church 1697-1947, containing two loose photographs, one (partly stained) of interior, 1956, the other of the pulpit, 1947 altered to 1941; Photographs, Church and old and new Sunday Schools, 1889, Church and new Sunday School, n.d., ?Whit Walk, c.1914-18 War, pulpit (as above), 1941, Rev. D.T. Evans and Mr. Moore at opening of garden party, 1964 altered to 1954, carol service in Church (in colour), 1974, and visit by the American Ambassador, Elliot L. Richardson, with Rev. L. Chandler, Minister, and Mr. L. Carter-Jones, M.P., 1976; Printed copy of address by John Dendy in the Church on the dedication of the war memorial, 1919; Printed copies of services in the Church, namely memorial service, 1878, parade of the 42nd County of Lancaster Battalion Home Guard (A and E Companies), 1941, induction of the Rev. Leonard Paul Star, 1946, induction of the Rev. Gordon Leonard Clarke, 1947, 250th anniversary service, 1947, induction of the Rev. Thomas Evans, 1951, coronation of Queen Elizabeth II, 1953, and anniversary service, General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches, 1961; Newspaper cutting relating to the Sunday School Cricket Club, 1926, to ministers of the Church, 1939, 1975, and to death of Miss Mary Higgin, a Sunday School teacher, n.d.; Newspaper cutting on the visit by the American Ambassador, Elliot L. Richardson, 1975; Issue of The Unitarian, containing article by Mr. W. Higham on Monton School, June, 1955; Issue of The Inquirer containing copy of letter by W. Higham on Unitarians, 30 June, 1979; Extract from Eccles and Patricroft Journal on the death of Ellis Smith, former M.P. for Stoke South, 1969

(1 envelope containing items as above, apparently collected by Mr. W. Higham)

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Miscellaneous

N/UN1/AZ2

Stationery wallet containing:

before 1875  
-1981, n.d.

- Typed copy of report and proposals by a special subcommittee appointed to examine the organisations and administration of Monton Church and Schools, with proposals for the Church and for a Schools Committee, marked in ink "About 1950 - Rev. G. Clarke's";
- Duplicated copy of agreement for sponsoring 15th Eccles (M.S.S.) Group in the Eccles District of the Scout Association, unsigned but with some entries added in ink, n.d.;
- Photocopies, n.d., of bill, memorandum and letter, 1979, regarding the appointment of trustees of the Church;
- Typed copy of annual report on the Sunday School, marked in pencil as dated 1936;
- Typed draft, with alterations and additions in ink, of rules for Sunday School, marked in ink as dated 1935;
- Envelope containing printed calendar for the Church, with notes in ink and pencil, Apr., 1938;
- Programme for General Assembly Service, Manchester District Association, Monton Church, 1980;
- Envelope containing typed copies of rules for licensing buildings for dancing and performing plays, Borough of Eccles, n.d.;
- Written list of important dates in the history of the Church from 1662 to 1919, n.d.;
- Duplicated statement of accounts for Diamond Jubilee Bazaar, 1935;
- Signed typed copy of report of Church Yard Subcommittee, Monton Church, 1935;
- Duplicated draft, with amendments, of agreement for appointment of minister, Monton Church, marked in ink as dated 1979;
- Printed Treasurer's statement of accounts for buildings of the Church, 1875, with annotations, n.d.;
- Photocopies, n.d., of papers, 1980, relating to the appointment of a sexton;
- Photocopy, n.d., of notes of arrangements for Monton Church Centenary celebrations attended by the American Ambassador, 1975;
- Duplicated programme for Sunday School services, collection for Sunday School funds, 1975;
- Duplicated, signed letter on the financial arrangements agreed between Monton and Swinton Unitarian Churches for the appointment of the Rev. Lawrence Chandler as Minister for the two Churches, 1969;
- Envelope containing a written and a typed description of the windows in the Church, with accompanying note, n.d.;
- Pamphlet, Monton Church Monton Chapel 1697-1947, on the history of the Church, 1947, with annotations added listing ministers from 1947 to 1979;

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ADMINISTRATION

Miscellanea

N/UN1/AZ2

Stationery wallet containing (contd.):

Printed brochure inviting members of the public to attend the Church, 1962, with annotation added listing ministers to 1979;  
 Photographs, Monton Unitarian Chapel and Sunday School before 1875, the Rev. B. Lister and Rufus Burgess (organist) described as at the Sunday School anniversary, 1940, signed photograph of the Rev. Ambrose Bennett (Minister 1900-09), n.d., stage performances of a pantomime ("about 1922") and "Patience" ("1924"), coloured photograph of the Sunday School Whit Walk, 1978, two photographs of the interior of the Church, 1947, n.d., and photograph by Mr. W. Higham of the pulpit, St. Mark's Church, Worsley, n.d.;  
 Issue of The Inquirer, 20 Jan., 1951, containing article on the history of Monton Church;  
 Newscuttings, relating to the Church or the activities of the congregation, 1981, n.d., 15th Eccles Scout Group, 1977, Monton Green Conservation Order, 1979, Worsley Court House, n.d., and the doctrine of the Trinity, 1957

(1 wallet containing items as above, apparently collected by Mr. W. Higham)

/AZ3

Written notes concerning the windows in the Church and the characters represented on them, n.d. (1 vol. containing, loose, a newscutting on Plato, 1933, and a newscutting with an extract from the verses of Stopford Brooke, n.d.)

1933, n.d.

COMMITTEES

/CO1/AM1

Signed minutes of meetings of trustees of Monton Chapel House, 1908-10, 1947, enclosing loose related papers, 1909, attached printed copy of scheme of the Charity Commission for the Chapel House Charity, 1909, and envelope enclosing letter and form regarding maintenance of the war graves in Monton Unitarian churchyard, 1926 (1 vol. enclosing loose papers)

1908-10,  
1926, 1947

The printed copy of the Charity Commissioners' order describes the Chapel House or Parsonage as situated on 2,443 sq. yards of land on the north side of Monton Road.

/CO2/AM1

Vol. containing:

"Memoranda" describing events (incl. notes of events in committee meetings) affecting the choir of the Church and written or printed annual reports concerning the Choir, 1856-63;  
 Printed annual reports, 1864-66;  
 Written notes of committee meetings and printed annual reports, 1867-68;  
 Signed minutes of committee meetings, 1868-69;  
 Written notes of committee meetings, 1869

1856-69

(1 vol. marked "Monton Choir: Memoranda, etc." on cover)

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COMMITTEES

N/UN1/CO3/AM1-4	Signed minutes of meetings of the Sunday School committee and meetings of teachers and members of teachers' classes, with copies of reports from organisations associated with the Sunday Schools (4 vols.)	1890-1921, 1952-74
/CO4/AM1	Monton Church and Sunday School Dramatic Society, signed minutes of annual meetings and committee meetings, 1932-37 (1 vol. enclosing loose: related papers, 1933, 1935-37, n.d.; printed booklet of rules of the Society, n.d.; printed calendar for Monton Church, Feb., 1933; newscutting on the former Presbyterian Chapel, Chapel Road, Sale, n.d.)	1932-37, n.d.
/CO5/AM1	Monton Church and Sunday School Bazaar, Nov., 1927, signed minutes of meetings of committees of the Social Club or Tennis Club or joint meetings, 1927 (1 exercise book enclosing related loose papers, n.d.)	1927, n.d.
/CO6/AM1	Monton Church, "Special Effort - "Gift Day"", signed minutes of committee or subcommittee meetings, with at end list of names and addresses (1 exercise book)	1931
/CO7/AM1	Monton Church, Diamond Jubilee Bazaar, signed minutes of a general meeting and of meetings of the Executive Committee or the Bazaar Committee (1 vol., removed from N/UN1/C1)	1934-35

For other papers relating to meetings of committees see N/UN1/AR1-2, /C1-3.

CORRESPONDENCE

/C1	<p>Parcel containing papers and books relating to the Diamond Jubilee Bazaar held in 1935:</p> <p>Two folders containing "Inward" and "Outward" correspondence, 1934-35;</p> <p>Blank printed circular letter, 1934, blank printed circular cards for invitations to committee meetings, 1934 or 1935, and letter and note with accompanying papers, 1935;</p> <p>Written notes, ?1935;</p> <p>Duplicated statements of accounts, 1935;</p> <p>Advertising cards and posters, 1935;</p> <p>Admission tickets, 1935;</p> <p>Specimen books of coupons for exchange for goods at the Bazaar and collecting cards containing entries for coupons, [1934-35];</p> <p>Book of receipts for books of coupons and register of sales of books of coupons, 1934-35;</p> <p>Printed brochure advertising the Bazaar with also advertisements for local firms and sheets of blotting paper, 1935</p> <p>(1 parcel enclosing papers and books, cover labelled "Records relating to Church Jubilee Bazaar - 1935"; N/UN1/CO7/AM1 removed)</p>	1934-35, n.d.
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CORRESPONDENCE

- U/UN1/C2 Correspondence, draft agenda, notes, accounts and other papers relating to the Diamond Jubilee Bazaar, 1934-35, n.d., with also advertising brochure as above (blotting paper removed, enclosing related newscuttings, 1935), 1935, and typed note of figures of membership and income from seat rents and subscriptions during years 1921-33, n.d. (1 envelope containing folder and items as above, marked "More records of Church Diamond Jubilee Bazaar, 1935") 1934-35, n.d.
- /C3 Correspondence, draft agenda, notes and other papers relating to the Easter Fair held in 1937 (1 parcel, cover marked "Easter Fair 1937") 1936-37, n.d.
- /C4 Stationery wallet containing correspondence and other papers, 1974-75, n.d., relating to arrangements for celebrating in 1975 the centenary of the building of Monton Church, incl. two letters from Elliot L. Richardson referring to his visit to take part in the celebrations, 1975, photograph showing Elliot L. Richardson, Dame Nellie Openshaw (Mayor of Salford) and Mr. L. Carter-Jones, M.P., outside the Church, [1975], printed programme of the service, 1975, photographs of the Church, n.d., printed verses by Mr. W. Higham on the centenary of the Church, 1975, and cuttings from The Inquirer, the Swinton Journal and the Eccles and Patricroft Journal (incl. copies of the photographs as above), 1975 (1 wallet) 1974-75, n.d.

ESTATE

- /E1 Inventory of sheet music belonging to the choir of Monton Chapel (1 small vol.) 1859
- /E2 "Monton Church: Memorandum Book" containing four written extracts from wills relating to the Church (1 small vol.) n.d.

FINANCE

- /F1 "Accounts relating to Monton Chappell", receipts and payments, 1816-76, with, towards end, statements of expenses of various improvements to the Chapel and of subscriptions towards them, 1833, 1835, and, at end, list of expenses of the new Church (erected in 1875) and subscriptions towards meeting them, n.d. (1 vol.) 1816-76, n.d.
- /F2 Ledger containing various accounts of the Church, 1942-65, with a few entries or notes for the years 1967-70 (1 vol.) 1942-65, 1967-70
- /F3/1-2 Books recording the payment of weekly subscriptions (2 vols.) 1934-47
- /F4 Account of Silas Leigh (described on one page in pencil as Treasurer of the Chapel) with William Jones Loyd and Co., 1838-49, Loyd, Entwistle, Bury and Jervis, 1849-63, and Manchester and Liverpool District Banking Co., King Street, Manchester, 1863-77 (1 notebook) 1838-77

The entries are chiefly for cash and interest and evidently form part of a banking account. The last entry appears to be for a withdrawal of the balance by Edward Leigh.



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FINANCE

N/UN1/F5/1-5	Receipts to the Church Committee for purchases of graves and burials (5 small vols.)	1927-68
/F6	Accounts of the Treasurer with the Choir Committee, receipts and payments, signed (1 vol.)	1855-81
/F7	Accounts of the Treasurer with the Trustees of Monton Memorial Schools (incl. Day School and Sunday School), receipts and payments, with also some annual summaries of accounts (1 vol.)	1891-1930
/F8	Sunday School, bank pass book (1 book in cover)	1923-34
/F9	Notebook used for recording receipts from the Sunday School Savings Bank (1 notebook)	1934
/F10/1-2	Ledger containing accounts of members of a savings scheme (2 vols.)	1900-32
/F11	List of subscriptions for the organ, 1855, with also lists of purchases of hymn books, 1855, of purchases of "chant books", n.d., and of funeral expenses or charges, n.d. (1 small exercise book printed in 1855, containing loose note stating that this organ was sold in 1883 and replaced by the present one)	1855, n.d.
/F12	Lists of subscriptions promised and paid for the organ (1 exercise book, front cover missing)	1883-84
/F13	Bank pass book, Monton Church bazaar account (1 small vol.)	1951-67

OFFICIAL

/01	Printed reports of the Church Committee to the annual meeting of the congregation, incl. lists of members of the congregation or subscribers and statements of accounts, 1891-94, 1896-1940, and printed or duplicated lists of subscribers and statements of accounts prepared for the annual meeting of the congregation, 1941-71, 1975 (184 leaflets, often annotated, incl. duplicate copies)	1891-94, 1896-1971, 1975
/02	Volume containing: Printed programmes of hymns sung at Monton Chapel "By the Children belonging to the Sunday Schools in the Parish of Eccles" (and occasionally by the congregation), with names of preachers of sermons also given, between 1817 and 1841; Printed programmes of hymns sung at the Chapel, with the names of preachers of sermons also given, 1842-75; Printed programmes of anniversary or other services at Monton Chapel or Church, 1875-97; Printed copies of a hymn and also verses on the opening of Monton School, 1863, and printed leaflet on the Monton Memorial Schools, n.d., [?1889?];	1817-97

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OFFICIAL

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Volume containing (contd.):

Printed copy of hymn on the opening of the Memorial Hall, Manchester, 1866;

Printed programmes of hymns sung, with the names of preachers of sermons also given, in the Unitarian Meeting House, Swinton, between 1834 and 1851, in the Unitarian Meeting House, Astley, 1832, and in the Unitarian Chapel, Dob Lane, Failsworth, between 1848 and 1857

(1 vol., marked "Monton Choir: Subscriptions", early pages marked with amounts and names of subscribers to yearly subscriptions, 1856-62, containing leaflets as above loose or attached and also loose printed copy of hymn "Christians Awake")

The vol. names the following Sunday Schools in Eccles parish in the printed programmes between 1817 and 1841; Dales Brow, Broomhouse Lane, Worsley or Worsley Mills, Pendlebury, Roe Green, Monton, Clifton. For comments on these schools and on the Rev. William Gaskell (who was one of the visiting preachers of sermons) see the newscutting relating to this vol. contained in N/UN1/23.

N/UN1/03-9 consists of programmes prepared for church services or items prepared in connection with the same events. They were apparently collected by Mr. I.K. McAlpine.

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| /03 | Services of opening or dedication, Monton Church and Schools, printed programmes of services and texts of addresses, 1875, 1883, 1888-89, 1919 (1 envelope containing leaflets as above)   | 1875-1919             |
| /04 | Church anniversary services, printed programmes (1 envelope containing leaflets)   | 1895-1901,<br>1904-21 |
| /05 | Sunday School anniversary services, printed programmes of services, 1922-23, 1925-32, 1934-36, 1939, 1941, 1946-48, 1953-54, 1967, 1976 (1 envelope containing leaflets)   | 1922-76               |
| /06 | Induction services for new ministers, printed programmes of services and newscuttings, 1939, 1946, 1951, 1956, 1969, 1979 (1 envelope containing leaflets and newscuttings)  | 1939-79               |
| /07 | Commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the ejection of ministers in 1662, printed programmes for morning, afternoon and evening services (1 envelope containing leaflets)   | 1912                  |
| /08 | Commemoration of the Diamond Jubilee of the building of the Church in 1875, programmes (in three different versions) for services, one signed by participating ministers and others (1 envelope containing leaflets)   | 1935                  |
| /09 | Commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the building of the first place of worship in 1697, printed programmes for services, printed invitation programme, booklet <u>Monton Chapel Monton Church 1697-1947</u> and envelope containing photographs of the congregation (1 envelope containing items as above) | 1947                  |

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LITERARY AND MISCELLANEOUS

- N/UN1/Z1 Monthly calendar or magazine: 1900-78  
 Printed "Monthly Calendar" (404 leaflets); 1900-46  
 Printed "Monthly Calendar and Magazine" (27 1946-51  
 pamphlets);  
 Duplicated monthly calendars 1956-68,  
 (126 pamphlets); 1975  
 Duplicated "Monton Unitarian: the Church on 1978  
 the Green" (5 pamphlets)  
 (562 leaflets or pamphlets)  
 With this series, the sequence for months in a  
 year is often incomplete. For the years 1900-18, there  
 are no calendars for the months April to September and  
 for the years 1928-39 none for the months July to  
 September. During the years 1919-27 one calendar  
 was produced each year for the months July to September  
 and from 1941 it was common for one calendar to be  
 produced to cover more than one month.
- /Z2 Short History of Monton Chapel Monton Church 1697-1969 ?1969  
 by J. Roy Bleackley (1 pamphlet)
- /Z3 Envelope containing: 1899-1977,  
 n.d.  
 Printed verses read at a meeting to congratulate  
 Councillor Frederic Smith, J.P., on his election  
 as Mayor of Eccles, 1899, with note added that  
 he was a member of Monton Church (1 doc. torn  
 and repaired with cellotape);  
 Newscuttings relating to the Church and the  
 activities of its members, 1905-47, [1968];  
 Newscuttings containing letters by Mr. W. Higham  
 on Unitarianism, 1978-79;  
 Newscutting, 1977, on visit by the Rev. William  
 Gaskell to Sunday School services at Monton Chapel  
 (with reference to N/UN1/02) and newscutting, n.d.,  
 on his wife Elizabeth Gaskell, novelist;  
 Newscutting stating that Monton Green was not  
 common land, n.d.  
 (1 envelope containing items as above, apparently  
 collected by Mr. W. Higham, several annotated)

NONCONFORMIST RECORDS

MAPS AND PLANS

N/UN1/M1-9 consist of twentieth century copies of plans by Thomas Worthington, 110 King Street, Manchester, architect, of the Church built in 1875. The date of the original is clearly 1873 on N/UN1/M6 but is indistinct or does not appear on other copies. The numbering marked on the originals of these plans is shown below in round brackets.

N/UN1/M1-9	Copies of plans by Thomas Worthington:	[1873],
/M1	Foundations and drainage (no. 1);	20th cent.
/M2	Roofs (no. 3);	
/M3	South elevation (no. 4);	
/M4	West elevation (no. 5);	
/M5	East elevation (no. 6);	
/M6	North elevation (no. 7);	
/M7	Longitudinal section (no. 8);	
/M8	Various sections (no. 9);	
/M9	Tower and spire, plans, elevation and sections (no. 13)	
	(9 docs.)	
/M10	Plan by Arthur H. Walsingham, 62 Market Street, Manchester, architect, for alteration to central heating system, with plan of church, plans of balcony and heating chamber and section of church (1 doc.)	n.d., 20th cent.
/M11	Blueprint, copy of plan as above (1 doc., one corner torn off)	n.d., 20th cent.