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Records of the United Welsh Chapel, Eccles, 1885-1973, n.d.

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The following records were deposited in Eccles Central Library before Apr., 1974. They were transferred from Eccles Central Library to the Archives Centre in Apr., 1986.

A newscutting, [1971], removed from N/UW1/C1 and sent to Salford Local History Library, states that by the middle of the last century a Welsh community had formed in Eccles and that a Welsh Sunday School class was started at the Methodist New Connexion Church, Eccles, about 1869. The first sermons were preached on 7 Jan., 1883, in the "Public Hall" which was rented. By November, a decision had been made to build a chapel, a building committee was set up and in October, 1884, a three-day bazaar was held at the Co-operative Hall, Eccles, which raised £462 for the building fund. The foundation stone was laid on 5 Sept., 1885. Further information on the history of the United Welsh Chapel (Capel Undebol Cymreig or Eglwys Undebol Cymreig) can be found in this newscutting and in a pamphlet history (N/UW1/X1).

A black and white photograph of the interior, 1970, found loose with these records and also forwarded to Salford Local History Library, states that the Chapel was in Peel Street but had its entrance in Russell Street.

The newscutting of [1971] mentioned above refers to the last service as having already been held there. The building was sold in 1972 and funds were distributed in 1973 among four denominations (N/UW1/C1).

References added in Eccles Central Library are shown below in round brackets.

ADMINISTRATION

N/UW1/AM1

Small exercise book with notes written in English on meetings regarding the Chapel, 1885-87 (1 small exercise book containing, loose, newscuttings as follows: one on the laying of the foundation stone, 1885 (1 extract, torn), one on sale of work, n.d., one on visit by a Welsh choir, n.d., and two obituaries (one printed in Welsh) on members of the Congregation, n.d.)

1885-87,
n.d.

ECCLES UNITED WELSH CHAPEL RECORDS

N/UW1/AM2	<p>ADMINISTRATION "Minute Book", containing signed minutes of meetings written in Welsh except for very occasional headings or minutes of a meeting, 1926-47, with attached typed list of officers, 1959 (1 small vol., one or two pages at end removed, containing one loose agenda, 1938)</p>	1926-47, 1959
/C1	<p>CORRESPONDENCE Envelope containing letters and copies of letters or other docs. sent by solicitors concerning sale of the Chapel and of distribution of funds among other churches or chapels of Welsh denominations (1 bdle.; two colour photographs (one of interior and one of Mr. Owen Lewis) and a related newscutting, [1971], removed and forwarded to Salford Local History Library)</p>	1971-73
/E1	<p>ESTATE Insurance policy on the Chapel, 1932, and two insurance premiums, 1944-45 (3 docs.)</p>	1932, 1944-45
/F1	<p>FINANCE Small notebook used for noting weekly collections of money, written partly in Welsh and partly in English (1 small vol.)</p>	1923-27
/F2	<p>Small notebook used for noting briefly in Welsh weekly sums of money with other brief notes in Welsh or English apparently of decisions affecting financial matters made at meetings (1 small vol., binding defective)</p>	1954-57
/O1	<p>OFFICIAL Signed framed notice in Welsh that the Church was authorised to solemnise marriages (with explanation written in English on the back of the frame) (1 doc.)</p>	1930
/O2	<p>Unsigned copy of above (1 doc.)</p>	1930
/R1/1	<p>REGISTRATION Register indicating school attendances by teachers and scholars at Sunday School, 1913-16, and showing names of teachers and totals of amounts paid, with some other financial details, 1917-24, rough notes added at end, n.d., partly written in Welsh and partly in English (1 vol., binding weak)</p>	1913-24, n.d.
/2	<p>Register for Sunday School, showing names of teachers and totals for amounts collected, written almost entirely in Welsh (1 vol.)</p>	1925-26

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	TITLE	
N/UW1/T1	Typed copy of indenture of 1855 for purchase of land (1,213 sq. yds., Peel Street, Eccles, on which the United Welsh Chapel was being erected) by the Trustees of the Chapel (F86/E) (1 doc.)	[1885]
	LITERARY AND MISCELLANEOUS	
/Z1	<u>United Welsh Chapel, (Capel Undebol Cymreig,) Eccles: A Short History of the rise and progress of the above,</u> by William Hughes, Hon. Sec., printed in English in Eccles, describing the building of the Chapel (foundation stone laid in 1885 and opened in 1887) and appealing for assistance to pay off the debt (1 pamphlet with rough cloth cover added)	1887
/Z2	Annual reports, incl. lists of officers and members and accounts for the years 1911 (2 copies), 1913-14, 1916, 1918, and biennial report for the years 1919-20, in Welsh, over showing illustration of church (7 pamphlets)	1911, 1913-14, 1916, 1918, 1919-20
/Z3	Leaflet printed in Welsh (2 leaflets)	n.d.
/Z4	<u>Detholiad o Emynnau,</u> hymnbook containing hymns mostly in Welsh, printed in Abertawe, n.d. (2 pamphlets, stamped with stamp of the Chapel; 1 other copy passed to Salford Local History Library)	n.d.
/Z5	<u>Rhaglen Goffa,</u> hymnbook of Welsh hymns, printed in Abertawe (1 pamphlet)	1944
/Z6	<u>Cyllun Uno: Eglwys Unedig Cymru:</u> <u>A scheme of Union: the United Church of Wales,</u> published by the Four Denominations Committee, printed in Welsh and English in Liverpool (1 pamphlet)	1965