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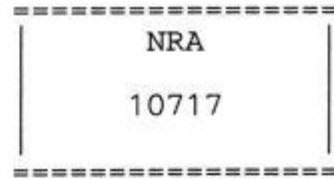
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BLISWORTH BAPTIST CHURCH RECORDS

(Private)



1. MINISTER AND ASSISTANTS

b) Lists of ministers

	<u>No.</u>
List of pastors, 1826 - 1918	in 8
Ditto, 1826 - 1957	in 23

2. RELIGIOUS SERVICES AND REGISTERS

a) Baptism and Membership

Register of members (printed book), 1828 - 1923. Attendances, 1887 - 1905	11
File of transfers, 1921	in 25

b) Marriage, Death and Burial

Register of Marriages, 1854 - 68. At back, Burials, 1828 - 66	16
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c) Regular Services

Communion Register, 1868 - 76	24
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3. DEACONS

List of deacons, 1825 - 1919	in 8
Ditto, 1828 - 1955	in 23
Deacons' Meeting Minutes, 30 Oct. 1922 - 19 March 1924	9

4. CHURCH AFFAIRS - GENERAL ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

a) Church Books and Church Meeting Minutes

Printed Articles of Faith of Blisworth Church, printed by Phillips, Northampton, n.d. (1825). Loose inside No. 7	6
Small notebook cont. note of opening service, 15 Sept. 1825, & ministries of Rev. Foskett, d.1838, Rev. Goddard, 1841, a/cs to 1841, & for supply preachers, 1825 - 26, & texts preached on	1
Note of new Meeting House opened 15 Sept. 1825, Church Covenant, deacons. Minutes to 1840, incl. members & deaths, etc.	2
Church Book, 1825 - 72. Trustees of Roade Meeting House. Original dismission of 12 members from Roade to form Blisworth Church, 7 Oct. 1825. Church Covenant, sigs. or marks of original members. Minutes, 1825 - 72. List of members (begun 1858), 1825 - 82	7
Church Book, 1872 - 1920. Printed Articles of Faith, 1897	8
Church Book, 1920 - 60	23
MS history of church, 1900	3

b) Accounts

Treasurer's A/c of quarterly subs. for minister, minister's salary, incidentals, Pew Rents, etc., 1866 - 1919	10
Small a/c book, receipts & payments, incl. widows & orphans fund, 1875 - 1909	18

5. PARTICULAR BUILDINGS AND PROPERTY

a) Church Building, Site and Furnishings

Note re founding of church, estimated cost £580, actual cost £623. Subscribers to building, up to 1829	4
Contemp. copy of "Case Book" (No. 4), used while original was away in London (to qualify for donation from Baptist building fund)	5

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	<u>No.</u>
A/c of subs. for church, 1825 - 33	19
Roll of 10 plans of new church, 1871	21
Parcel of misc. papers re building, plans & specifications, etc., 1872	
Specification of work for enlargement of church, erection of new schoolroom, new cottage, c.1872	20
Organ specification, Bevington's, Soho Square, London, 1891	22

6. CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS AND CHARITIES

a) Regular and Continuing

iii.	<u>Sunday Schools</u>	
	Sunday School Register (rebound in calf). History of Sunday School from 1805, in form of annual reports to 1856. Register of scholars, 1819 - 69	14
	Register book. Rules & orders of school "on Lancastrian plan". Names of Committee. Secretary's Rules. Register, 1819 - 35. List of books presented, 1827 - 33. Sermons preached for benefit of school, 1829 - 34. Expenses, 1819 - 28	15
	Attendances, 1840 - 68. Children's address subjects, 1858 - 71	12
	Sunday School register, 1868 - 72	13
iv.	Lending Library, list of librarians, 1859 - 88. Nos. of books issued to each reader	17

NOTE : These records are kept in locked cupboard in vestry. Also photos. of ministers on vestry walls. Secretary has current minutes from 1961. Deeds are with Baptist Union.
Listed by M.A. Powell, 6 September 1965. Copied 20 September 1965.
Information as to present whereabouts of these records may be obtained from the Archivist, Northants. Record Office, Delapre Abbey, Northampton.

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Notice relating to the appointment of Mr Heighton as minister to the congregation (at Roade) requesting the presence of a minister to give exhortation

n.d. c 1788 58

Letter of dismissal from the Baptist Church at Roade to members forming the Baptist Church at Blisworth

n.d. October 1825 59

(for letter requesting dismissal see Bl B 7)

The Church Covenant of the Baptist Church meeting at Blisworth

n.d. 1825 60

(a copy of this but with variation in signatures is in Bl B 7)

Letter of dismissal of Brother Fosket from the Baptist Church in Leighton Buzzard to Blisworth Baptist Church

n.d. 1826 61

Notice relating to the formation of the Baptist Church at Blisworth - requesting the attendance of ministers to witness the Order & give an exhortation

16 September 1826

With note of the preachers at the meeting & collection 62

Draft agreement for purchase of burial ground

25 December 1827 63

Certificate of the registration of the house of William Goodridge as a place of religious worship

5 May 1840 64

Blisworth Baptist Church

Certificate of the registration of the Baptist Chapel,
Blisworth, for the use of the Particular Baptists

20 August 1852 65

Certificate of John Horton Sheppard, Superintendant
Registrar of Towcester that the Baptist Chapel,
Blisworth has been registered for the Solemnization of
Marriages

9 August 1853 66

Certificate that the Baptist Chapel at Blisworth was
used as a place for religious worship before 30 June 1852,
and that it will be used forthwith as a meeting place for
Particular or Calvinistic Baptists

2 February 1861 67

Handbill - Sermon to be preached by Rev. J. Rootham of
Towcester, Wednesday 30 March 1842 at the Baptist Chapel
Blisworth to be followed by a Public Tea & evening meeting.

68

Printed by Sharp, Towcester.

Bundle (artificial) of miscellaneous bills & receipts

1825 - 1833 69/1-29

(these include bills for the materials for building
the chapel, painting, furnishing etc., expenses at
the ordination & anniversary; payment for a
register book & writing a petition to Parliament re
Corporation & Test Acts.)

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70/1-2 Copy of notification and explanatory letter
from the Northamptonshire Baptist Association
of choice of Blisworth as 'Church of the
Year 1985/1986'

11 April 1985

71 Blisworth Baptist Church, our God reigns
Booklet printed by Kingsway Press

Aug 1985

November 1985