

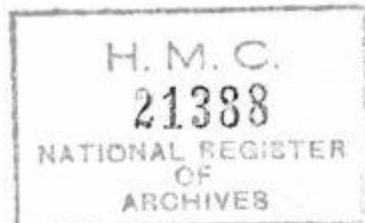
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HIGHAM FERRERSMETHODIST CIRCUIT

INTRODUCTION

The 1793 Higham Ferrers circuit consisted of the chapels at Bozeat, Broughton, Desborough, Hargrave, Higham Ferrers, Irchester, Isham, Kettering, Newton, Pytchley, Raunds, Ravenstone, Wellingborough and Wollaston. By 1796 the chapels at Luddington, Luffenham, Old, Rockingham, Souldrop and Walgrave had joined the circuit and Isham had left the circuit which later became the Wellingborough circuit.

In 1814-1815 the Wellingborough Wesleyan circuit included Addington, Ashby, Barton, Bozeat, Dean, Doddington, Finedon, Higham Ferrers, Irchester, Irthlingborough, Kimbolten, Raunds, Ringstead, Rushden, Stanwick, Swineshead, Sywell, Thrapston, Wellingborough, Woodford, Wollaston, Wymington and Yeldon. By 1828 this circuit had divided, and a new Higham Ferrers circuit was formed from the Wesleyan chapels of Addington, Dean, Hargrave, Higham Ferrers, Higham Park, Irthlingborough, Kimbolten, Raunds, Ringstead, Risely, Rushden, Stanwick, Swineshead, Thrapston, Tilbrook, Wymington and Yeldon.

Further additions to the circuit were: Old Weston 1830, Catworth 1833, Leighton 1834, Souldrop 1839 and Knotting Green 1843. Rushden and Wymington left the circuit in 1851.

In 1885 the circuit was again divided by the formation of the Raunds circuit. The Higham Ferrers circuit now comprised Addington, Higham Ferrers, Irthlingborough, Knotting Green, Risely, Souldrop, Stanwick, Swineshead and Yeldon. In 1888, Rushden re-joined the circuit, followed by Newton in 1892.

The circuit remained unaltered, until 1933, when the Primitive Methodist church at Rushden, Fitzwilliam Street joined, leaving again in 1936. In 1945 the circuit consisted of Addington, Higham Ferrers, Irthlingborough, Knotting Green, Risely, Rushden (Park Road) Souldrop, Stanwick, Swineshead and Yeldon.

At present, 1977, the circuit consists of Higham Ferrers, Irthlingborough, Risely, Rushden (Park Road), Stanwick, Souldrop and Yeldon.

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	For registers of baptisms see R.N.C. 1-3 (Accession 1977/331)	1857-1901
1(a)	Register of church members Includes: notice of removal 1958 and miscellaneous lists	c.1907-1956
1(b)	Register of names and addresses (from 1(a))	n.d.
2	Wellingborough circuit plan	1814-1815
3/1-7	Higham Ferrers circuit plans 1850, 1875, 1883, 1883-1884, 1884, 1956-1957 and 1977 [see Raunds Methodist Circuit 9/1-7 for circuit plans 1817, 1861-1862, 1863, 1866, 1868, 1868-1869, 1873]	1850-1977
4	Register of deeds 1755-1968	c.1940-c.1950
5	Local preachers minute book At back: list of local preachers	1848-1903
6	Local preachers minute book	1903-1941
7	Local preachers minute book	1941-1954
8	Quarterly meetings minute book	1890-1904
9	Quarterly meetings minute book	1904-1923
10	Quarterly meetings minute book	1923-1939
11	Quarterly meetings minute book	1940-1948
12	Quarterly meetings minute book	1949-1969
13	Account book 1793-1796 At back: lists of members 1794-1804	1793-1804
14	Quarterly account book At front: list of subscribers towards circuit debt 1840-1841 At back: notes of quarterly meetings 1829, 1830, 1835, 1837	1828-1847
15	Quarterly account book	1847-1882

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16(a)	Quarterly account book	1882-1945
16(b)	Bundle of receipts (from 16a) Includes: receipt for deeds 1938, receipt for manse furniture 1941, ministers and widows fund 1943, repairs at manse 1940-1945	1938-1945
17	Midland bank book	1926-1929
18	Midland bank book	1934-1945
19	Midland bank book	1945-1949
20	Midland bank book, property account	1937-1939
21	Midland bank book, property account	1939-1948
22	Midland bank book, ministers and ministers widows fund	1943-1944
23(a)	Midland bank, statements of account	1945-1961
23(b)	Deposit slips and cheque stubs	1952-1959
24	Folder of correspondence	1956-1957
25	Folder of correspondence	1957-1959
26	Folder of correspondence	1960-1961
27	Folder of correspondence about new manse	1958-1961
28	Folder of miscellaneous receipts	1956-1959
29	Folder of miscellaneous receipts	1960-1961

CHAPELS

Court Estate, Rushden (Wesleyan)

30	Trustees minute book Includes: Knotting Green trustees meetings	1890-1970
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Court Estate, Rushden (cont.)

minutes 1937-1956 and Souldrop trustees
meeting minutes 1937-1956
At front: list of trustees for Souldrop
and Knotting Green
At back: list of trustees 1890 & 1912

31	Midland bank book	1930-1931
32	Midland bank book, church building fund	1938-1949

Higham Ferrers (Wesleyan)

33	Trustees minute book At front: list of trustees	1882-1922
34	Trustees minute book At front: index to meetings	1958-1969
35	Sunday school teachers council minute book	1929-1946
36	Sunday school teachers council minute book	1946-1953
37	Sunday school teachers council minute book At back: list of Sunday school members, also list of church members 1960	1953-1965
38	Trustee treasurers account book At back: annual summaries for year endings	1898-1922
39	Trustee treasurers account book At back: annual summaries for year endings	1923-1939
40	Account book, new church scheme and site fund	1897-1907
41	Account book At front: donations 1954-1956 and new manse fund 1958-1961 At back: new manse fund 1954-1961	1954-1961
42	Poor fund account book	1926-1962

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CHAPELS (cont.)

43	Collection journal	1951-1962
44	Register of envelopes	1946-1953
45	Garage rent account Includes: miscellaneous correspondence and receipts	1954-1959
46	Register of Sunday school attendance	1857-1879
47	Sunday school class register	c.1939
48	Sunday school class register	1940-1941
49	Sunday school class register	1942
50	Register of attendance	c.1908-1914
51/1-4	Class books c.1889-1893, c.1903-1908, c.1912-1917, n.d.	c.1889-1917
52(a)	Distribution of flowers	1953-c.1963
52(b)	Register of flowers distribution Includes: bundle of letters and exercise book listing names 1962-1963	c.1955-1965

Irthlingborough (Wesleyan)

53	Register of church members Includes: transfer of membership 1942	c.1915-1942
54	Trustees minute book	1883-1927
55	Finance Committee minute book	1930-1943
56	Collection journal	1912-1921
57	Collection journal	1931-1942
58	Collection journal	1942-1952
59	Collection journal	1952-1964

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CHAPELS (cont.)

Irthlingborough (cont.)

60	Envelope collection register	1945-1946
61	Envelope collection register	1946-1947
62	Envelope collection register	1947-1949
63	Envelope collection register	1949-1951
64	Envelope collection register	1951-1953
65	Envelope collection register	1953-1955
66	Envelope collection register	1955-1957
67	Envelope collection register	1957-1959
68	Envelope collection register	1959-1962
69	Envelope collection register	1962-1964
70	Envelope collection register	1964-1966
71	Envelope collection register	1966-1968
72	Envelope collection register	1970-1974
73	Pulpit notice book	1916-1920
74	Pulpit notice book Includes: poster advertising church service	1920-1922
75	Pulpit notice book	1922-1924
76	Pulpit notice book	1924-1926
77	Pulpit notice book	1926-1928
78	Pulpit notice book	1928-1932
79	Pulpit notice book	1932-1933
80	Pulpit notice book	1934-1935

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CHAPELS (cont.)

Irthlingborough (cont.)

81	Pulpit notice book	1935-1937
82	Pulpit notice book	1937-1941
83	Pulpit notice book	1941-1945
84	Pulpit notice book	1945-1947
85	Pulpit notice book	1947-1949
86	Pulpit notice book	1949-1953
87	Pulpit notice book	1953-1955
88	Pulpit notice book	1955-1957
89	Pulpit notice book	1957-1959
90	Pulpit notice book	1959-1963
91	Pulpit notice book	1963-1965
92	Pulpit notice book	1965-1967
93	Pulpit notice book	1967-1969
94(a)	Teachers roll 1904-1914 At front: scholars roll 1903	1903-1914
94(b)	Teachers roll 1926-1933 At front: dates of appointments 1892-1932 At back: scholars roll 1937-1940	1892-1940
95/1-6	Scholars rolls 1912-1914, 1934-1936, 1942, 1945, 1951-1952, 1955-1958	1912-1958

Irthlingborough, Welford Gardens - see 115-116

Knotting Green (Wesleyan)

96	Account book	1929-1958
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CHAPELS (cont.)

Rushden Court Estate - see 30-32Rushden, Fitzwilliam Street (Primitive
Methodist)

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| 97 | Trustees minute book | 1889-1937 |
| 98 | Bundle of correspondence about sale of chapel 1936-1937; miscellaneous receipts 1934-1936 (from 97) | 1934-1937 |

Rushden, Park Road (Wesleyan)

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| 99 | Trustees minute book
At front: list of trustees n.d. | 1902-1922 |
| 100 | Trustees minute book
At back: list of trustees n.d. | 1923-1944 |
| 101 | Account book 1924-1931
Collection journal 1931-1942 | 1924-1942 |
| 102 | Collection journal | 1898-1913 |
| 103/1-2 | Financial statements 1955, 1957 | 1955-1957 |
| 104 | Pulpit notice book | 1944-1946 |
| 105 | Pulpit notice book | 1946-1948 |
| 106 | Pulpit notice book | 1960-1964 |
| 107 | Pulpit notice book | 1964-1968 |
| 108 | Pulpit notice book | 1968-1972 |

Souldrop (Wesleyan) (Beds.)

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| 109 | Account book | 1927-1968 |
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CHAPELS (cont.)

Stanwick (Wesleyan)

- 110 Roll book c.1951-c.1964
Includes: Yeldon members c.1954

Swineshead (Wesleyan)

- 111 Trustees minute book 1936-1969
At back: list of trustees n.d.
- 112 Bundle of correspondence 1959-1968; 1959-1970
correspondence about chapel affairs 1960;
trustees minutes concerning disposal of
chapel 1970 (from 111)
- 113 Account book 1940-1957 1909-1957
At back: accounts of "nursing divisions"
at Bozeat, Higham Ferrers and Irthling-
borough 1909-1916, with entries for
badges, splints, stretchers, etc.
- 114 Northampton and county trustee savings 1960
bank book, church appeal fund

Welford Gardens (Irthlingborough)

- 115 Trustees minute book 1949-1970
At front: list of trustees 1964
- 116(a) Collection journal 1958-1968
116(b) Midland bank deposit slips 1966-1967

Yeldon (Wesleyan) (Beds.)

- 117 Trustees minute book c.1936-1969
- 118 Account book 1939-1964
At back: list of trustees n.d.

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CHAPELS (cont.)

Yeldon (cont.)

119 Society stewards account book 1957-1963

MISCELLANEOUS

120/1	Agenda of synod Includes: leaflet about ministers children's relief association 1955-1956; circular letters 1956; revision of youth department constitution n.d.	1956
120/2	Agenda of synod	1959
120/3	Agenda of synod Includes: circular letter 1960; map of St. Neots n.d.	1960
120/4	Agenda of synod Includes: circular letter 1961; temperance federation appeal n.d.; training colleges fund appeal n.d.; map showing centre of Leicester	1961
120/5	Agenda of synod Includes: circular letter 1961; map of Abington n.d.; association of pledged motorists leaflet.	1961
121/1	Synod directory	1956-1957
121/2	Synod directory	1957-1958
121/3	Synod directory	1958-1959
121/4	Synod directory	1961-1962
122	Stations of the ministers	1961
123	Report of special committee on the training of probationers	n.d.

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124	Report of church membership committee	1960
125(a)	Cradle roll transfer book (no entries)	n.d.
125(b)	Order of cradle roll service	n.d.
126(a)	Hymn sheet	n.d.
126(b)	Two memoirs by Rev. H. Anderson (superintendent of Wellingborough Circuit 1812-1813) and covering note	n.d.
127/1-2	Leaflet of the National Sunday School Union	n.d.
128	Newspaper article on Mr. James Heygate (social, religious and political leader of Wellingborough)	c.1912
129	Pamphlet about work of F.A. Channing M.P.	c.1892
130/1-2	The Wesley deaconess magazine 1957, 1961	1957-1961
131	Leaflet about central finance board of the Methodist church	1960
132	"How To Begin A Family Worship Programme" D. Dunn Wilson	1964
133/1-3	The Methodist ministers housing society leaflets 1956, 1959, 1961	1956-1961
134	Application forms for permission to perform a play	n.d.
135	Jubilee booklet photographic blocks	1963

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CIRCUIT

137	Circuit schedule book	1932-1959
138/1-2	Photocopies of Wellingborough Circuit plan 1814-15 and Higham Ferrers Circuit plan 1850	(1814-1850)
139/1-35	Circuit plans Jan.-Apr. 1942; Oct.-Dec. 1949; July 1950- Jan. 1959 (Apr.-July 1951 missing)	1942-1959
140/1-30	Circuit plans Jan. 1959-April 1966	1959-1966
141	Circuit plan Apr.-June 1975	1975
142	Notes on foundation dates, size and seating of churches in the circuit	20th cent.

CHAPELS

Knotting Green, Beds.

143	Trustees minute book	1956-1977
144	Account book	1959-1977
145	Reports of inspection of church	1968,1973
146	Notes about tenure of church, its closure, and damage to the building 1957-74	c.1974

Riseley, Beds.

147/1-12	Plans for alterations and extensions, and for new church, by Talbot Brown Panter & Partners of Wellingborough	1967-1969
148/1-2	Plan of proposed classroom and hall, and revised plan of proposed hall	1969

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149	Specification for proposed new church	1969
150/1-5	Plans of proposed mobile classrooms and hall by Elliotts of Peterborough 1969 and letter 1968	1968-1969
151	Report on discussions with architect <u>Rushden, Park Road</u>	1969
152	Manse trustees minute book	1952-1976

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CHAPELS

Rushden, Park Road

153	Minute book of the trustees' meetings with a list of the addresses of trustees, 1956-1975, and sidesmen, 1950's, (indexed) (stored as ML 4328)	1945 to 1977
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MISCELLANEOUS

Rushden Free Churches Council

154	Account book of receipts and expenditure	1896 to 1945
155	Account book of receipts and expenditure	1945 to 1977
156/1-4	Papers, including 2 letters and 2 circulars concerning the appointment of Free Church chaplaincies and the appointment of the Revd. John Weaver as chaplain to Rushden Hospital	1979 to 1980

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