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RAUNDS
METHODIST CIRCUIT

INTRODUCTION

In 1817, Raunds was part of the Higham Ferrers Wesleyan circuit, which included Addington, Dean, Higham Ferrers, Irthlingborough, Kimbolton, Raunds, Ringstead, Rushden, Stanwick, Swineshead, Thrapston and Yeldon.

In 1885, the Higham Ferrers circuit divided and the Raunds Wesleyan circuit was formed, consisting of the chapels at Catworth, Dean, Denford, Hargrave, Kimbolton, Leighton Bromswold, Raunds, Ringstead, Thrapston, Tilbrook, Old Weston and Woodford. Titchmarsh joined the circuit in 1886 and Kimbolton left the circuit in 1896.

The circuit remained unchanged until the Methodist Union of 1932, when the Primitive Methodist chapel at Marshalls Road, Raunds joined the circuit.

In 1959, Tilbrook chapel closed and this was followed by Denford (1965), Marshalls Road, Raunds (1966), Hargrave (1968) and Woodford (1970). Services at Leighton Bromswold chapel were temporarily suspended in 1972 and the chapel eventually closed this year (1977).

The Raunds circuit in 1977 consists of Catworth, Dean, Raunds, Ringstead, Thrapston, Titchmarsh and Old Weston.

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CIRCUIT

1	Register of baptisms	1857-1876
2	Register of baptisms	1878-1940
3	Register of baptisms	1881-1901
	1-3 include entries for Addington, Brigstock, Bythorn, Catworth, Dean, Denford, Finedon, Hargrave, Irchester, Irthlingborough, Kimbolton, Leighton, Newton, Raunds, Ringstead, Risely, Rushden, Stanwick, Thrapston, Tilbrook, Titchmarsh, Twywell, Wellingborough, Woodford and Wollaston	
4	Register of baptisms Includes entries for Addington, Catworth, Dean, Denford, Hargrave, Leighton Bromswold, Raunds, Ringstead, Stanwick, Tilbrook, Old Weston and Wollaston	1901-1925
5	Circuit schedule book Includes: copy of record about the boundary line dividing the proposed Higham Ferrers and Raunds circuits 1885	1885-1902
6	Circuit schedule book	1902-1913
7	Circuit schedule book	1913-1928
8	Circuit schedule book	1947-1968
9/1-7	Circuit plans 1817, 1861-1862, 1863, 1866, 1868, 1868-1869, 1873	1817-1873
10/1-28	Circuit plans	1912-1920
11/1-7	Circuit plans	1920-1922
12/1-32	Circuit plans	1922-1930
13/1-40	Circuit plans	1930-1940
14/1-20	Circuit plans	1940-1950

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CIRCUIT (cont.)

15/1-32	Circuit plans	1950-1960
16/1-40	Circuit plans	1960-1970
17/1-31	Circuit plans	1970-1977
18	Trust schedule book	1887-1904
19	Trust schedule book Includes: trust current account balance sheet 1954	1923-1958
20	Bundle of schedules for Methodist trust	1950-1974
21	Bundle of schedules for circuit trust property	1972-1974
22	Bundle of schedules for ministers house trust 1958-1963, c.1965-1967, 1974	1958-1974
23	Bundle of schedules of enquiries to be made at the annual united trustees meeting c.1934, 1940, 1942-1944, 1946, 1948-1951, 1963-1964, 1966-1968	c.1934-1968
24	Bundle of schedules of enquiries to be made at the trustees meeting following the audit	1954-1974
25(a)	Bundle of schedules and papers for returns of investments and endowments 1944, 1948, 1954, 1957, 1960-1964, 1966-1970, 1973	1944-1973
25(b)	Correspondence and papers relating to legacies and endowments 1939-1940, 1967, 1968 Includes: extracts from wills relating to bequest of Marian Smith n.d.; Arthur Hazeldine 1932 and Henry T. Lovell 1931-1932	1939-1968
26	Correspondence and papers of Circuit Chapel Committee relating mainly to trust schedules Includes: statistical summary of trust property 1966; trust current accounts 1967-1968, 1974; secretary's report 1968;	1949-1974

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26cont.	annual meeting minutes 1973; miscellaneous correspondence 1949-1968	
27	Circuit education schedule book	1906-1909
28	Circuit education schedule book	1910-1914
29	Register of deeds and documents 1809-1932	1913
30	Local preachers minute book Includes: membership of societies 1885; quarterly meeting minutes 1885; and local preachers minutes 1885	1885-1915
31	Quarterly meetings minute book	1885-1902
32	Quarterly meetings minute book	1902-1911
33	Quarterly meetings minute book	1911-1919
34	Quarterly meetings minute book	1920-1926
35	Quarterly meetings minute book	1926-1936
36	Quarterly meetings minute book	1936-1947
37	Circuit trustees annual minute book	1925-1939
38	Bundle containing: Circuit trustees annual meetings minutes 1961, 1963-1964; circular from department of Connexional Funds n.d.	1961-1964
39(a)	Circuit stewards account book	1885-1909
39(b)	Bundle containing: Minutes of House Committee 1904 and miscellaneous receipts 1908-1910	1904-1910
40(a)	Circuit stewards account book	1909-1929
40(b)	Envelope containing: District Committees list c.1933; agenda for quarterly meeting 1934; list of tenders for ministers manse n.d.	1933-1934

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41	Circuit magazine account book	1946-1950
42/1-16	Raunds Wesleyan magazines Feb. 1916, Nov. 1923, Aug.-Dec. 1924, 1925, 1926, 1929-1937, 1941, May 1953	1916-1953

CHAPELS

Catworth (Wesleyan) (Hunts.)

43	Collection journal	1930-1939
44	Collection journal	1949-1961
45	Collection journal	1961-1974
46	Envelope containing: Correspondence from electricity board 1949-1950 and details of war savings certificates 1953-1954	1949-1954

Denford (Wesleyan)

47	Trustees minute book	1886-1966
48	Society stewards account book	1889-1939

Hargrave (Wesleyan)

49	Trustees minute book	1936-1968
50(a)	Society stewards book	1901-1914
50(b)	Society stewards book	1914-1922

Leighton Bromswold (Wesleyan) (Hunts.)

51	Trustees minutes 1901-1903 At back: notes on new chapel 1904	1901-1904
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CHAPELS (cont.)

Raunds, Brook Street (Wesleyan)

52	Register of church members	1902-1919
53	Trustees minute book	1894-1902
54(a)	Trustees minute book	1902-1933
54(b)	Bundle containing: Miscellaneous correspondence 1914-1915, 1930; circular about ministers training fund 1930; trust accounts 1931-1932; resignation of choir master 1932; memorial to Harriette Jeeves Adlard 1933	1914-1933
55	Leaders minute book	1894-1913
56	Leaders minute book At back: annual society minutes 1921-1929	1913-1930
57(a)	Jubilee renovation scheme minute book	1924-1926
57(b)	Envelope containing: Leaflets about jubilee renovation scheme 1925 and list of supporters of the scheme c.1925	1925
57(c)	Jubilee renovation scheme subscribers book	c.1925
58(a)	Wesley Guild minute book	1903-1946
58(b)	Social hour teas minute book 1948-1968 At front: accounts 1948-1969	1948-1969
59(a)	Trustees treasurer's account book	1888-1912
59(b)	Bundle of trustee and chapel accounts 1915-1918, 1961	1915-1961
60	Society stewards account book	1912-1920
61	Society stewards account book	1930-1953
62	Account book	1952-1968
63	Sunday school treasurer's account book	1858-1935

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CHAPELS (cont.)

Raunds, Brook Street (cont.)

64	Sunday school renovation and debt account book	1914-1917
65	Collection journal	1897-1902
66	Collection journal	1902-1907
67	Collection journal	1907-1912
68	Collection journal	1912-1917
69	Collection journal	1917-1927
70	Collection journal	1927-1936
71	Collection journal	1936-1946
72	Collection journal	1946-1951
73	Collection journal	1951-1957
74	Collection journal	1957-1963
75	Collection journal	1963-1974
76	Pulpit notice book At front: poster for carol service 1930	1926-1930
77	Pulpit notice book	1930-1932
78	Pulpit notice book	1932-1936
79	Pulpit notice book At front: notice of lecture to be held 1940	1936-1940
80	Pulpit notice book	1940-1943
81	Pulpit notice book	1944-1947
82	Pulpit notice book	1947-1951
83	Pulpit notice book	1951-1953
84	Pulpit notice book	1953-1955

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CHAPELS (cont.)

Raunds, Brook Street (cont.)

85	Pulpit notice book	1955-1959
86	Pulpit notice book	1959-1963
87	Pulpit notice book	1963-1965
88	Pulpit notice book	1965-1967
89	Pulpit notice book	1967-1969
90	Pulpit notice book	1969-1971
91	Class book	c.1928
92	Envelope containing: Notes of hand 1888, 1891, 1899, 1901; trustees promissary notes 1896, 1904 and letter of resignation of trustee 1903	1888-1904
93	Bundle of correspondence about renovation of chapel and extinction of debt	1924-1930
94	Bundle of correspondence from the Wesleyan Chapel Committee	1891-1928
95	Claim against trustees about debt	1885
96	Plans of chapel and Sunday school	n.d.
97	Bundle containing: Correspondence from the Inland Revenue 1912; fees 1907, 1912 paid to chapel keeper and lists of duties c.1917; miscellaneous correspondence 1915; correspondence from the Imperial War Grave Commission 1926-1927; correspondence relating to the Town and Country Planning Act 1950	1907-1950
98	Souvenir programme of the 75th. anniversary celebrations and anniversary hymn sheets	1949
99(a)	Committee of Spiritual Advance form of enquiry	c.1916

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Raunds, Brook Street (cont.)

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| 99(b) | Resolutions and suggestions of the Committee of Spiritual Advance | 1916-1917 |
| 100 | Bundle of hymn sheets for "Two Sermons" 1822, 1824, 1825, 1831, 1835, 1836, 1837, 1838 | 1822-1838 |

Raunds, Wesleyan Day School

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| 101 | Managers and trustees minute book managers minutes 1883-1888; trustees minutes 1899-1914 | 1883-1914 |
| 102(a) | Managers and trustees minute book managers minutes 1895-1903; trustees minutes 1895-1899
Includes: subscribers meetings minutes 1899, 1900-1902 | 1895-1903 |
| 102(b) | Bundle containing:
Return of amount spent on Wesleyan day schools by the church since 1870; Christmas bazaar accounts 1898; bill 1898; results of exam for religious knowledge 1903; correspondence 1903; advertisement for evening classes n.d. | 1898-1903 |
| 103 | Managers minute book | 1903-1910 |
| 104(a) | Managers minute book | 1911-1914 |
| 104(b) | Bundle containing:
Report on teachers at the school c.1912; correspondence from the County Council 1913-1914; correspondence from the Board of Education about no further parliamentary grant 1914; correspondence from the Education committee about cost of maintenance and cleaner's salary 1914; circulars 1914 about Empire Day, damage wear and tear, probationer entrance exam; part of electoral roll for Raunds and Chelveston n.d. | c.1912-1914 |

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Raunds, Wesleyan Day School (cont.)

105	Trustees minute book	1915-1953
106	Letter book	1907-1910
107	Account book	1895-1909
108	Trustee treasurer's account book	1905-1924
109	Application to erect school rooms	1870
110	Bundle containing: Resignation of trustees 1908; correspondence about return of memorandum 1908; memorandum of choice of appointment of trustees and rough draft 1917; correspondence from Wesleyan Chapel committee about the memorandum 1917	1908-1917
111	Bundle of H.M.I. reports 1904, 1906, 1909, 1910, 1913	1904-1913
112	Bundle containing: Correspondence with Board of Education 1905, 1909, 1912, 1913; returns and claims 1904-1914; form for the appointment of foundation manager 1903	1903-1914
113	Bundle of correspondence from the County Education offices	1907-1914
114	Bundle of correspondence with the managers	1907-1914
115	Reports of staff from head teacher 1909 and letter 1908	1908-1909
116	Bundle of correspondence with training college 1909-1912 and regulations 1909-1910, 1912-1913	1909-1913
117	Bundle containing: Copy of proposals for dealing with the children 1909-1910; provisional valuation from the Inland Revenue on the school and house attached 1912; correspondence, 1936, about rating and valuation and with solicitors 1936	1909-1936

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Raunds, Wesleyan Day School (cont.)

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| 118 | Bundle of correspondence with County Council and Inland Revenue
Includes: use of premises during the war; rent and repairs; shortage of fuel; air-raid precautions | 1940-1942 |
| 119 | Bundle of correspondence about William Nichols bequest to the trustees of the chapel
Documents from the Charity Commission 1879-1880; return of endowments form 1915 | 1879-1915 |
| 120 | Bundle containing:
Notes of hand 1906-1907, 1913-1915; covering letters 1908, 1913; receipts 1913, 1915, 1917; circular about alteration of interest 1915 | 1906-1917 |
| 121 | Bundle containing:
Accounts for expenditure and maintenance to the County Council and Board of Education 1911-1914; trust balance sheets 1909, 1911, 1913-1914, 1948 | 1909-1948 |
| 122 | Correspondence about the caretaker
Includes: duties of caretaker 1908; extracts from log book 1908 and letter n.d. | 1908 |
| 123 | Bundle containing:
Poster about evening classes 1904; letter of application for teaching post 1910; letter about tuning of piano 1913; request for a day holiday to celebrate Empire Day n.d. | 1904-1913 |
| 124 | Plans of proposed heating system | 1914 |

Raunds, Marshalls Road (Primitive Methodist)

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| 125 | Trustees minute book
At back: list of trustees 1893 | 1884-1909 |
| 126(a) | Trustees minute book | 1909-1915 |
| 126(b) | Notes on the founding of the church (from 126a) | c.1920 |

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CHAPELS (cont.)

Raunds, Marshalls Road (cont.)

127	Trustees minute book At front: list of trustees 1952,1956	1952-1966
128	Sunday School minute book	1934-1964
129	History of the church 1863-1953 (manu- script)	1953

Thrapston (Wesleyan)

130	Leaders minute book	1938-1957
131	Account book	1924-1969
132	Society stewards account book	1957-1964
133	Collection journal	1949-1961
134	Collection journal	1961-1974
135	Envelope collection register	1949-c.1957
136	Envelope collection register	c.1958-c.1961
137	Pulpit notice book	1950-1951
138	Pulpit notice book	1951-1952
139	Pulpit notice book	1952-1953
140	Pulpit notice book	1953-1954
141	Pulpit notice book	1954-1955
142	Pulpit notice book	1955-1956
143	Pulpit notice book	1956-1957
144	Pulpit notice book Includes: entries for 1963	1958-1959
145	Pulpit notice book	1959-1960
146	Pulpit notice book Includes: entries for 1963	1960-1961

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Thrapston (cont.)

147	Pulpit notice book	1961-1963
148	Pulpit notice book	1962-1963
149	Pulpit notice book	1963-1964
150	Pulpit notice book	1964-1965
151	Pulpit notice book	1965-1966
152	Pulpit notice book	1966-1968
153	Pulpit notice book	1968-1970
154	Pulpit notice book	1970-1975
155	Pulpit notice book	1974-1975
156	Pulpit notice book	1975-1976
157	Correspondence about a marriage register	1917

Tilbrook (Wesleyan)

158	Trustees minute book	1926-1942
159	Sheet of accounts	1955

Titchmarsh (Wesleyan)

160	Envelope containing leaders minutes	c.1934-1959
161	Chapel minute book	1931-1939
162	Society stewards account book	1922-1929
163	Society stewards account book	1930-1937
164	Society stewards account book	1939-1945
165	Society stewards account book	1946-1953
166	Society stewards account book	1953-1960

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Titchmarsh (cont.)

167	Society stewards account book	1961-1968
168	Pulpit notice book	1967-1968
169	Pulpit notice book	1968-1969
170	Pulpit notice book	1969-1970
171	Pulpit notice book	1970-1971
172	Pulpit notice book	1971-1972
173	Pulpit notice book	1972-1973
174	Pulpit notice book	1974-1976

Woodford

175	Society stewards account book	1964
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176/1-3	Bundle of hymn sheets for "Two Sermons" to be preached at Higham Ferrers, 1818, 1820, 1847	1818-1847
177	Circuit plan, Huntingdonshire Mission	1960
178	Envelope containing: Rules of the society of Methodists 1743; circular to local preachers 1970; circulars from department for chapel affairs n.d.	1743-1970

Note

The following registers are kept in the safe at Raunds church

Register of baptisms	1925-1969
Register of marriages	1863-1898

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Register of marriages	1899-1913
Register of marriages	1914-1922
Register of marriages	1922-1931
Register of marriages	1931-1941
Register of marriages	1941-1953
Register of marriages	1953-1968
Register of burials	1866-current

December, 1977.