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ROCHESTER-UPON-MEDWAY STUDIES CENTRE

*RECORDS OF THE CHATHAM AND
ROCHESTER ASSOCIATION OF THE
NATIONAL UNION OF
TEACHERS 1874-1877, 1897-1962*

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Introduction

This collection comprises a series of minute books and their loose enclosures as maintained by successive secretaries to the local branch of the NUT.

Contained in the documents is a record of the administrative and political changes and controversies affecting school education in the Medway Towns as witnessed, influenced and reacted to by the NUT.

The collection will provide useful comparative source material for researchers who would otherwise have to rely on individual schools' records (if they have survived), education committee records and newspapers (see other archival sources at this Centre section below).

Other potential uses for these records include genealogy because of the frequent listings of teachers names given and school history, as the changes of schools' names can be traced and their curricular emphases are discussed. In a general local historical context, these records should assist in detailing the relationship between school education and wider issues in the area.

It should be noted that at least in the earlier minute books, Gravesend members are included.

Finally, although not referred to in the list of other archival sources section given below, some researchers may wish to bear in mind the availability of Church of England Sunday School and Church School records surviving in parish collections, for which see the Parish lists sections 25, and the Methodist Church Medway Towns Circuit records (M5), which contain numerous Sunday School records.

Bibliography

The following list is of material held in the Local Studies collections at this Centre, but is not exhaustive.

General

Miscellaneous booklets, pamphlets, photographs, newscuttings and ephemera relating to local schools and education, held in the Vertical Files series at this Centre, please ask staff.

Printed Books

The History of King's School Rochester ed. Richard L.H. Coulson 1989

The Picture History of King's School Rochester B. Nolan. 1989

*The Roffensian Register: containing the names of all members of the school 1835-1936
ed. F.G.B. Wills, 1937*

*A short History of Sir Joseph Williamson's Mathematical School, Rochester 1701-1951 ed.
D.E.L. Flower, 1951*

Math School Recollections ed. D. Walsh, 1987.

[Other school histories are contained in the Vertical Files series mentioned above.]

*Other archival sources at this Centre**General*

<i>CH42</i>	<i>Minutes and accounts of Sir Joseph Williamson's Mathematical School, Rochester</i>	<i>1707-1886</i>
<i>DRc/KS</i>	<i>Records of King's School, Rochester</i>	<i>1660-1964</i>
<i>C/ES; P#25</i>	<i>Records of individual County and Church of England schools, Medway area: please ask staff</i>	<i>19th.-20th. centuries</i>
-	<i>City of Rochester</i>	
<i>RCA/A2/ 130-167</i>	<i>Education Committee Minutes</i>	<i>1891-1940</i>
<i>RCA/A4/ 274-280</i>	<i>Education Report Book</i>	<i>1878-1922</i>
<i>RCA</i>	<i>Files on school sites</i>	<i>20th. century</i>
<i>RCA/A4/ 270-273</i>	<i>Technical Education Report Books</i>	<i>1892-1903</i>
<i>C/EC 17/ 1-5A</i>	<i>Kent County Council Education Committee records, Rochester area</i>	<i>1907-1953</i>
<i>RCA/BP</i>	<i>Deposited building plans <u>including</u> schools</i>	<i>1876-1974</i>
-	<i>Borough of Chatham</i>	
<i>CBA/A1/ 48-86</i>	<i>Education Committee minutes</i>	<i>1903-1945</i>
<i>CBA</i>	<i>Files concerning school sites</i>	<i>20th. century</i>
<i>C/EC 17/ 19</i>	<i>Records of Kent County Council Borough Education Committee</i>	<i>1907-1945</i>
<i>CBA/BP</i>	<i>Deposited building plans <u>including</u> schools</i>	<i>1851-1948</i>

Borough of Gillingham

C/EC *Kent County Council Borough Education Committee records* 1903-1974
C/ED 17 *Divisional Education Office, divisional school* 1948-1985
/1-4 *governors and managers' records*

"Medway"

C/EC 17 *Kent County Council Medway Education Board or* 1904-1943
/6-8 *Committee records*

- 1 *Minute book (Chatham, Rochester & Gravesend Teachers' Association)* 1874-1877
- Mainly meeting at the Board School, Rochester. Mentions Association's library, kept at Board School as above, 1875.*
- Inc.* annual balance sheets and annual reports.
- Inc.* description of cricket match v. Maidstone Church of England Young Men's Cricket Club 16 June 1877
- Inc.* description of recreational excursion to Tunbridge Wells 7 July 1877.
- Inc.* subscription list [?] naming members, toward rear.
- Inc.* leaflet from National Union of Elementary Teachers, 7 Adam St., London WC, 1877.
- [See /11 for removed enclosure] 1 vol./c.80pp.
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- 2 *Minute book* 1897-1912
- Meetings usually held at Troy Town Schools, Rochester and St. Mary and Gordon Road Schools, Strood.*
- Contains numerous pasted-in newscuttings reporting meetings, extracted from local press.*
- [See /12 for removed enclosures]
- 1 vol./c.250pp.
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- 3 *Minute book* 1912-1916
- Inc.* lists at rear containing names of teachers not recognised as members of Union, 1915.
- Inc.* newscuttings as /2 above.
- Inc.* newscutting reporting talk to Branch by Prof. Rippmann of the "Simplified Speling Societi" [sic] 4 December 1912 (p.20)
- Inc.* topical alphabetical index at front.
- [See /13 for removed enclosures]
- 1 vol./156pp.

- 4 *Minute book* 1916-1919
Meetings held in the Masonic Hall, Rochester
1 vol./150pp.
- 5 *Minute book* 1920-1927
Meetings held at various locations.
Inc. stencil list of questions suggested to be asked of election candidates in respect of policies on education, 1923 (p.110).
Inc. list of teachers disallowed membership of NUT, 1922-1923 (p.241)
1 vol./241pp.used
- 6 *Minute book* 1927-1939
Meetings held at various locations inc. Masonic Hall, Chatham.
Inc. numerous pasted-in TS minutes.
[See /14 for removed enclosures]
1 vol./242pp.
- 7 *Minute book* 1939-1947
Meetings mainly held at Fort Pitt House, New Road, Rochester and Masonic Hall, Chatham.
[See /15 for removed enclosures]
1 vol./c.100pp.
- 8 *Minute book* 1947-1952
Meetings held at various locations inc. Technical School for Girls, Fort Pitt, Rochester and Sun Hotel, Chatham.
Inc. numerous pasted-in stencil TS annual reports, passim.
Inc. at rear list of ejected members.
[See also /16 for removed enclosures]
1 vol./c.275pp. used

