

# **INDEPENDENT METHODIST ARCHIVES**

  

## **BOLTON METROPOLITAN BOROUGH MATERIAL**

A list of all archive material  
relating to Independent Methodist Churches  
past and present  
in Bolton Metropolitan Borough

Further information can be found in the bound volumes of  
Independent Methodist Magazines and Year Books  
and the Biographical Index to them  
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**SUMMARY OF PRINTED HISTORIES OF INDEPENDENT METHODIST CHURCHES  
BOLTON METROPOLITAN DISTRICT**

<u>Church</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Author</u>
Chalfont Street	Jubilee Commemorations	1936	J. Ramsbottom
	The Second 50 Years	1986	J. Sharples
Chorley	Centenary History	1998	Caroline Sephton
Farnworth	Jubilee Booklet	1911	
	Centenary Booklet	1951	
	Amalgamation details (Trinity Cong/Meth.)	1971	
Folds Road	Memorials Vol.1	1887	S. Rothwell
	Memorials Vol.2	1897	S. Rothwell
	Records Past and Present	1920	
High Street	Grand Empire Bazaar (inc. history)	1924	
	Diamond Jubilee Booklet	1954	
Horwich	A Jubilee History 1862-1912	1912	J.Vickers
	Our Centenary	1962	
Noble Street	Jubilee History	1918	J. Vickers
	Centenary Handbook	1968	
Wingates	50 Years of Wingates Messenger Magazine	1941	E. Ralphs
	Whispers of Wingates	1984	E. Howell
	Whispers of Wingates (2 <sup>nd</sup> . Edition)	1999	E. Howell
Bolton Centenary of Sunday Schools (interdenominational)		1880	
Manuscript History of Independent Methodism in Bolton		und.	Daniel Howarth

## **Circuit Records**

*Rules of the Bolton District of Independent Methodist Churches, 1879*

Circuit Minutes	1861-84 (partly Bolton and Wigan) 1884-89 1890-1903 1903-12 1912-20 1933-54 1954-66 1966-78
Accounts	1891-9 1912-44 1935-46 (partly a duplicate of previous book)
Statistical Book	1891-1916
Minutes of Annual Meeting Committee	1982
Forward Movement - Church reports	1961
Church Reports	1992

Folder of miscellaneous notices, correspondence, agendas, etc.

### **Plans of Preachers' Appointments**

(The Bolton Churches were temporarily linked with Wigan twice during the mid-nineteenth century, as shown)

#### **Bolton Circuit**

1842 Jan-Jun

#### **Bolton and Wigan Circuit**

1847 July-Dec

#### **Bolton Circuit**

1851 Jan-Jun

1859 Jul-Dec

#### **Bolton and Wigan Circuit**

1866 July-Dec

1867 Jul-Dec

1870 Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec

1871 Jan-Jun

#### **Bolton Circuit**

1872 Jan-Jun

1873 Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec

1874 Jan-Jun, July-Dec

1875 Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec

1876 Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec

1877 Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec

1878 Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec

1879 Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec

1880 Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec

1881 Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec

1882	Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec
1883	Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec
1884	Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec
1885	Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec
1886	Jan-Jun
1887	Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec
1888	Jul-Dec
1889	Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec
1890	Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec
1891	Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec
1892	Jan-Jun
1893	Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec
1894	Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec
1895	Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec
1896	Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec
1897	Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec
1898	Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec
1899	Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec
1900	Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec
1901	Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec
1902	Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec
1903	Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec
1904	Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec
1905	Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec
1906	Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec
1907	Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec
1908	Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec
1909	Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec
1910	Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec
1911	Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec
1912	Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec
1913	Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec
1914	Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec
1915	Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec
1916	Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec
1917	Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec
1918	Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec
1919	Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec
1920	Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec
1921	Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec
1922	Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec
1923	Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec
1924	Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec
1925	Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec
1926	Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec
1927	Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec
1928	Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec
1929	Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec
1929	Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec
1932	Jul-Dec
1933	Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec
1934	Jan-Jun
1935	Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec
1936	Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec
1937	Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec
1938	Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec
1939	Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec
1940	Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec
1941	Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec
1942	Jan-Jun
1943	Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec
1944	Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec

1946	Jan-Jun
1947	Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec
1948	Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec
1949	Jul-Dec
1950	Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec
1951	Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec
1952	Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec
1953	Jan-Jun
1954	Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec
1955	Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec
1956	Jan-Jun
1957	Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec
1958	Jan-Mar, Apr-Jun, Jul-Sep, Oct-Dec
1959	Jan-Mar, Apr-Jun, Jul-Sep, Oct-Dec
1960	Jan-Mar, Apr-Jun, Jul-Sep, Oct-Dec
1961	Jan-Mar, Oct-Dec
1962	Apr-Jun, Oct-Dec
1967	Jan-Mar
1969	Jul-Sep
1970	Oct-Dec
1976	Apr-Jun
1977	Jan-Mar, Apr-Jun
1981	Apr-Jun
1981	Jul-Dec
1982	Jul-Dec
1983	Jul-Dec
1984	Jan-Jun
1985	Jan-Jun
1986	Jul-Dec
1987	Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec
1992	Jan-Jun
1993	Jan-Jun
1994	Jan-Jun
1995	Jan-Jun
1997	Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec
2000	Jan-Jun

## **BOLTON, Folds Road, Little Bolton**

Established 1820. Closed and demolished under Compulsory Purchase Order 1970.

The church also operated a day school from 1873, which was transferred to Bolton School Board in 1882. There was also a burial ground which was cleared when the church was demolished.

### **Printed History**

Memorials of Folds Road

Independent Methodist Chapel, Bolton, Vol. 1.  
Vol. 2.

1887 Stephen Rothwell

1897 Stephen Rothwell.

Records Past and Present, 1820-1920

1920

### **Registers**

Baptismal Register

1821-1965

Membership Registers

1847-78

Leaders' Meeting Attendance Book

1895-1922, 1874-1921

Class Book of Josiah Ryder

1882-87

### **Trustees' Records**

Minutes

1866-1918

Balance Sheets

1890 -1903, 1965, 1966

Auditors' Reports

1905-7, 1912

Folder of correspondence re deeds

1939-50

Receipts of Ground Rents for properties in Folds Road  
and Independent Street

Map of site and buildings

undated

Sundry correspondence

various

### **Property Records**

Building Committee Report

1889

Plan of Pews

1872

Architect's plans for new porch

1892

Schedule of quantities

1888

Accounts for Building

1888-92

Papers relating to church closure

Notice of removal of human remains

and monuments from burial ground

1969

### **Church Minutes and correspondence, etc.**

Church Minutes

1853-64, 1865-75, 1876-84, 1884-99

Letters:

H. Brimelow re Mission Band

1891

(describes conditions in area around church)

James Holt - resigning on baptism issue

1891

Col Germain, reflecting on the church in the post-WW2  
years and requesting information

2011

### **Financial Records**

Account Books

1837-43, 1847-51, 1851-73,

1862-72,

1863-78 (including Poor Fund  
Account)

1911-19

Church Accounts

1897

Bank Book

1870-78

Miscellaneous Bills

pre-1900

Poor Fund Accounts

1862-73, 1884-98

<b>Day School Records</b>	
Programme of Public Examination and Presentation of Prizes	1874
<b>Sunday School Records</b>	
Minutes	1849-57, 1858-67, 1868-86, 1886-1901, 1919-26, 1934-61
Attendance Registers	1887-95, 1895-99, 1891-2, 1899-1906, 1907-10
Rules for the Government of the Independent Methodist Folds Road Sunday School, Bolton	1877
Account Books	1837-43, 1862-74, 1919-34
Savings Account	1879-89
'Black Book'	1838-48
Christmas Party accounts	1877-78
Catalogue of books in Library	1853, 1875
Four small books from Sunday School library	
Lists of lessons for Lower School	1883, 1884
<b>Doctrines and Rules</b>	
Doctrines and Rules of Folds Road IM Church, Bolton	1844
Rules for the Government of the Independent Methodist Church Folds Road, Bolton	1878
<b>Church Groups</b>	
Clothing Fund Accounts	1846-50
Teetotal Society Minute Book	1846-70
Teetotal Society Account Book	1919-34
Folder of Band of Hope activities	1872-93
Lecture Programme	1877-8
<b>Sick Society Records</b>	
Membership Book	1841-1915
Subscriptions Books	1835-38, 1838-46, 1847-52, 1857-92
Receipts and Payments	1891-99
Proposal to change to a Burial Soc.	1915
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	
Folds Road Church Magazine, 2 bound vols.	1905-6, 1909-10
Monthly Church Calendars (various months)	1891-2
<i>Bits from Busy Brains</i> (Sale of Work booklet)	1906-7
Programme for Stonelaying of Sunday School	1871
Appeal letter for new building	1888
Notice of opening of new chapel	1889
Opening services programme, new chapel	1889
Large poster advertising centenary	1920
Statistical Forms	1947-71
Folder of special service sheets	various years
Folder of concert and bazaar Programmes, tickets	1870s-1890s
Small collection of photographs	
<b>Printed Rota plans</b>	
Preachers' Plan	1877 (map chest)
Mission Plan	1878-9 (map chest - 2 copies)
Ministers' Leaders' and Members' appointments (Monday evening services and Saturday Band Meetings)	1893



Opening and Closing school	1881,1884
Band, Prayer and Cottage meetings	1875

### **Individual and Family Records**

Memorial and Testimonial Service programmes:

Edward Horrocks	1875
George Winterburn	1884
Robert Howarth	1892
Joshua Hudlass	1891
Henry Naylor	1919
John Swarsbrick	1957

Lomax family history notes

## **BOLTON, Chalfont Street, Astley Bridge**

Established 1886. Closed 1996 and premises sold. Building still standing, now a Muslim School

### **Printed Histories**

Jubilee Commemoration (History of first 50 Years) 1936 J. Ramsbottom  
The Second Fifty Years 1986 J. Sharples

### **Registers**

Marriage Register 1982-90  
Baptismal Register 1887-1993  
Baptisms, Burials. Marriages 1940-63 (1 vol.)  
Register of Leaders' Meetings 1948-82  
Membership Admissions Register 1886-1935  
Membership Register  
with lists of officers 1899-1914  
Membership Register 1914-92  
Pew Rents 1886-1907  
Pew Rent receipts book 1903-1907

### **Trustees' Records and Legal Documents**

Minutes 1887-96  
Registration of first building 1886  
Registration of second building 1888  
Marriage Registration 1889  
Letter noting charity number 1983

### **Church Minutes and Correspondence, etc.**

Church Minutes 1886-99, 1899-1914  
1914-35, 1935-52, 1952-71, 1971-96

### **Financial Records**

(n.b. Some of the books are duplicate records)  
Church Income and Expenditure 1886-1928  
Church and School Accounts 1919-34  
Church Income and Expenditure 1927-51  
with:  
Benevolent Fund 1935-47  
Soldiers' Comfort Funds 1943-44  
Church Income and Expenditure 1935-52  
Church Income and Expenditure 1952-83  
Church Income and Expenditure 1952-83 (second copy)  
Church Income and Expenditure 1983-95  
Special Efforts Account 1983-96  
Conference Accounts 1940

### **Sunday School**

Minutes 1886-1915, 1915-1952, 1952-1995  
Attendance Totals 1910-18, 1923-42, 1952-69,  
1970-77, 1978-80  
Primary Register c1969-94  
Sunday School Register 1952-78  
Adult Class Register 1963-71, 1971-76  
Teachers' Attendances 1962-79  
Payments for use of premises 1944-95  
Sunday School Accounts 1947-95, 1966-94  
Printed accounts of Sunday School 1987-94  
Primary and Junior Account 1964-91

### **Doctrines and Rules**

Rules for the Government of the Independent Methodist Church, Chalfont Street, Bolton	1969 (in pamphlets box)
Rules for the Government of the Independent Methodist Sunday School, Chalfont Street, Bolton	1886 (in pamphlets box)

### **Church Groups**

Band of Hope Minutes	1886-1910
Sick Club Subscription Book	1887-1950
Women's Auxiliary Minutes	1974-89

### **Memorial Service Programmes**

J. Greenhalgh	1959
Henry Sharples	1978

### **Special Events Programmes**

Notice of Stonelaying	1886
Opening Services Poster	1886
School Sermons notices	1915, 1904, 1960
Centenary Service	1986
Closing Service Programme	1996
Bazaar Journals and Notices	1886

### **Photographic Collection**

Printers' blocks of interior and exterior of premises  
Various groups, individuals and events

### **Miscellaneous**

Table of Church Officers 1886-1945 (map chest)	
Folder of items of historic interest	
Jubilee Bazaar Booklet	1936

## **BOLTON, High Street**

Established 1892. Closed 1962. Now used as a Polish Catholic Church

### **Printed Histories**

Grand Empire Bazaar (inc. history) 1924  
Diamond Jubilee Booklet 1954

### **Church Minutes and correspondence, etc.**

Minute Book 1892-95  
Correspondence – a few items

### **Rules**

Sunday School Rule Book 1892 (in pamphlets box)

### **Miscellaneous**

Stonelaying Ceremony 1893  
Typescript account of opening (from Bolton Evening News) 1894  
Typescript account of Bazaar (from Bolton Chronicle) 1896  
'Joseph and his brethren' (sacred drama) 1899  
Typescript account of Jubilee Anniversary Services 1944  
Cutting from Bolton Journal and Guardian Re Diamond Jubilee 1954  
Cutting from Bolton Evening News re closure 1962  
Anniversary programme 1959  
Programmes of annual 'Sermons' 1894-1901

### **Photographs**

External photos of chapel, post-closure

### **Memorial Service Programmes**

Robert Rimmer 1939  
Robert C. Barnes 1961

**BOLTON, Noble Street, Daubhill**

Established 1868, still continuing. A day school operated at the school from 1874, but was transferred to the Bolton School Board in 1882.

All records kept at the church. The Archives only contain copies of the following items.

**Printed Histories**

Jubilee History	1918 J. Vickers
Centenary Handbook	1968

**Miscellaneous**

Anniversary Programme	1901
Centenary Souvenir Booklet	1968
Centenary Sermons Programme	1968
Sermons Programmes	1923, 1959, 1983
Typescript extracts from minutes (39pp.)	1871-94
Interview with John Dawson (newspaper cutting)	1997

## **FARNWORTH, Ellesmere Street**

Established 1861. Closed under Compulsory Purchase Order 1972 and subsequently demolished.

### **Printed History**

Centenary Celebrations	1861-1961
Trinity Cong/Meth Church (explaining integration of Ellesmere Street)	1977

### **Registers**

Baptismal Register	1873-1970
Marriage Registers	1911-32, 1933-51, 1952-67

### **Trustees' Records and Legal Documents**

Alterations to Trustees	1950
File relating to CPO and subsequent arrangements between the IM Leaders and Trinity Methodist/Congregational Church Agreement	1901

### **Church Minutes**

Minute Book	1934-52
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### **Sunday School, Records**

Minutes	1920-65
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### **Financial Records**

Account Books	1936-61, 1962-72 (brief reference, 1979)
Cash/Offertory Books	1961-72

### **Miscellaneous**

Sale of Work Minute Book	1930-50
Folder of programmes of special events	
Mrs. A. Thornley, Ellesmere Street IM Veteran (Cutting from Bolton Journal)	1941

## **BOLTON, Beverley Road, off Chorley New Road**

Established 1901. Closed 1980. Building still standing, now a Krishna Temple

### **Registers**

Baptismal Register	1903-80
Membership Registers	1901-14, 1903-18
Register of Admissions	

### **Trustees' Records**

Minutes	1928-29
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### **Church Minutes and Correspondence**

Minutes	1901-10, 1910-20, 1920-31, 1931-45, 1945-58, 1959-67
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Correspondence re closure of church

### **Sunday School Records**

Minutes	1907-20, 1939-56, 1956-67
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### **Financial Records**

Account Books	1928-50
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## **HORWICH, Lee Lane**

Established 1862, still continuing. Other records at the church. A day school operated at the church from 1881, but was transferred to Lancashire County Council in 1905.

### **Printed Histories**

Jubilee History 1912  
Centenary History 1962

### **Registers**

Baptismal Registers 1864-1907, 1898-1995  
Marriage Registers 1889-1907, 1910-1920, 1920-1932,  
1932-1949, 1949-1956  
1957-1967, 1967-1976, 1976-1992,  
Marriage Certificates/stubs 1900-1910, 1910-1917,  
1917-1930, 1918, 1919-1922,  
1931-1933, 1937-1940,  
1940-1944, 1955-1960,  
1960-1966, 1964-1969  
1973-1978, 1978-1988  
Membership Records 1938-94  
Associate Members' Records

### **Church Minutes**

Minute Books 1931-40, 1940-48, 1949-62,  
1968-74, 1974-86

### **Financial Records**

Treasurer's Books 1897-1946 (with pew rents),  
1946-78, 1979-93  
Other financial records 1942-76, 1968-78  
Magazine Accounts 1966-2000

### **Church Groups**

Overseas Missions Records 1917-48  
Christian Endeavour Minutes 1913-36  
Sunday School reports 1969, 1980  
Women's Auxiliary Minutes 1927-41, 1941-61, 1978-86

### **Newspaper Cuttings**

Account of conversion of old chapel To nursing home 1989  
Account of beginnings of Bolton Community Church by  
former IM members 1982

### **Miscellaneous**

Delegates' Handbook to Conference 1962  
Church Newsletter 1972  
Notices of church meetings 1954, 1959



## **WESTHOUGHTON, Wingates, Dixon Street**

Established 1819. Closed 2001. Building demolished. A day school operated at the church from 1886, but was transferred to Lancashire County Council in 1915.

### **Printed History**

Whispers of Wingates 1985 E. Howell  
Whispers of Wingates (2<sup>nd</sup>. Edition) 1999 E. Howell

### **Church Magazine**

Wingates Messenger (in bound volumes) 1892-1944

### **Registers**

Baptismal Registers 1822-58, 1858-96, 1895-1998  
Marriage Copy Records 1917-36 (24 books) – folder 1  
Records of Marriage Registers deposited in Bolton Archives Folder 1  
Membership Register earliest date indicated 1899  
last date 1997  
Membership Certificates set of certificates  
signed by individual members  
1938-94  
Membership Records  
Associate Members' Records 1938-94

### **Legal Documents (Folder 1)**

Trust Deed  
Place of Worship Certificate 1877  
Marriage Certificate 1877  
List of Deeds, etc. (folder 3)

### **Church Minutes and Correspondence, etc.**

Church Minutes 1898-1908, 1907-14, 1914-29,  
1929-37, 1936-44,  
1944-52, 1953-61  
Correspondence Book 1937  
Correspondence w. HM Inspector of Taxes 1936 (folder 3)

### **Financial Records**

Account Books: Receipts and Payments 1917-31  
with Clothing Club accounts  
Cash Book 1938-41  
Bank Books 1935-40  
Bank Books, Clothing Club 1937-41  
Bank Books, Building Fund 1937-42  
\*Annual Account sheets various years, some undated  
\*Clothing Club account 1913  
\*Clothing Club Member's Card  
(\* folder 2)

### **Notices Books**

1899-1904, 1962-7, 1968-70,  
1973-76, 1977-80, + two undated

### **Bundles of Miscellaneous Documents**

#### **Folder 2**

Annual reports various years, some undated  
Statistical returns various years, some undated

**Folder 3**

Applications for use of premises  
Applications for caretaker vacancy 1911  
Organ and Piano records Inventory 1941

**Folder 4**

Wingates Messenger Leaflets - various  
(No. 2 has outline of church's early history)

**Folder 5**

Building Alteration Accounts 1934-38

**Folder 6**

Wingates Band - Newsletters etc.

**Folder 7**

Special service sheets  
General memorabilia (includes church closure)

**Folder 8**

Resolutions on Armaments  
Estate of Caroline Forshaw  
Connexional Loan and Grant  
Note re closure of Day School

## **BOLTON, Top'oth Brow, Winchester Way, Brightmet**

Established 1937. Closed 1994. Building now used by Bright Meadows Christian Fellowship

### **Registers**

Baptism Register 1937-74, 1974-92

### **Trustees' Records**

Trustees' Correspondence and documents relating to closure (one file) various dates

### **Church Minutes and correspondence, etc.**

Minute Books 1837-57, 1971-79, 1979-89, 1990-94  
Minutes of working committee (bundle) 1937-41  
Correspondence with Home Missions (one file) 1991-93

### **Sunday School**

Minutes 1972-81, 1981-90

### **Financial Records**

Accounts 1955-60, 1964-77, 1977-83, 1983-87  
1987-91, 1991-94  
Balance Sheets 1938, 1939, 1941, 1946, 1952,  
1956-83  
Building Fund bank books 1937-40, 1941-57  
Receipts 1992-93, 1993-94  
Accounts re fire damage 1972  
Records of theft 1993  
Insurance records (one folder)

### **Miscellaneous**

Stonelaying Ceremony for extension 1957  
Opening of extension 1957  
Anniversary and Gift Day 1961  
Commemorative Booklet 1961  
Church Newsletters (various dates) 1968-89  
Agreement with Bolton Borough Council 1984  
Miscellaneous folder – items of historic interest  
Scripture Examination winners' banner