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RECORDS OF INDEPENDENT METHODIST CHURCHES

OLDHAM METROPOLITAN BOROUGH

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Circuit Records

Preachers' Plans

1848-9 Nov-Jan
1959-60 Aug-Jan
1875 Aug-Oct
1884-5 Aug-Jan
1885 Feb-July
1888 Jan-Mar, Apr-Jun, July-Sep, Oct-Dec
1889 Jan-Mar, Apr-Jun, July-Sep, Oct-Dec
1905 Jan-Jun, July-Dec
1911 Jul-Dec
1912 Jan-Jun
1912 Jul-Dec
1913 Jan-Jun
1913 Jul-Dec
1914 Jan-Jun
1914 Jul-Dec
1915 Jan-Jun
1915 Jul-Dec
1962, Jul-Dec
1966, Jul-Dec
1974, Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec
1975, Jul-Dec
1976, Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec
1978, Jan-Jun
1983, Jul-Dec
1985, Jul-Dec
1989, Jan-Jun
1990, Jul-Dec
1991, Mar-Jun

Printed History

Centenary of Independent Methodism in Oldham, 1916

Minute Books

1887-1900, 1900-1907, 1908-1917, 1917-1929
1938-1958, 1958-1981, 1981-1993

Constitution and Rule Books

1902, 1927, 1930, 1976

Women's Auxiliary

Minute Books

1934-74, 1975-93

GEORGE STREET INDEPENDENT METHODIST CHURCH, OLDHAM, 1806-1990
Church closed 1990. Listed Building in Conservation Area.

Preachers' Plans
1860, May-July
1862-3 Nov-Jan
1878-9 Aug-Feb

Registers

Baptismal Registers 1820-1937, 1947-1988 (Oldham Local Studies Centre)
Marriage Register 1927-1986 (Oldham Local Studies Centre)

Photographs

b/w photo of front of interior
b/w photo of corner of interior
b/w photo of exterior
Colour photo of church interior, 1990
Colour group photo at closing service, 1990
Ladies' Class, c. 1910
Harvest, c. 1900
Picnic, c. 1900
Harvest, 1895 (3 copies)

Documents

Photocopy of licence, Salford Quarter Sessions, 1822
Membership Card (2 copies)
Copy of letter of John Nield, 1854 (copied 1888) on reasons for leaving the church. (MS and typescript copy)
Letter of John Nield to Zaccheus Nield, written from Glasgow, August 21, 1848
Sick and Burial Society amendment notice

Special Service Sheets

Centenary Celebrations, 1916
Anniversary Services 1912, 1940
Mayoral Sunday, 1969
(see also collection in Oldham Local Studies Centre)

Artefacts

Silver Vase, in memory of Mrs. Shaw, 1928
Sunderland jug, undated, probably early 19th. century, bearing church name.
Framed photograph of 'Old Sing' at Centenary, 1916

Newspaper Cuttings

They built their own chapel at 4 a.m. (Oldham Evening Chronicle, May 12, 1959)
150 Years of Methodism at George Street (The Chronicle, April 30, 1966)
Fascinated by cellar dwellings (Oldham Evening Chronicle, August 11, 1982)
Chapel town (Evening Chronicle, Oldham, February 16, 1983)
Oldham's Hidden gem to be sold (July 27, 1990)
Historic Church goes on sale (The Advertiser, August 2, 1990)
Nonconformist Church puts seal on end of an era (Evening Chronicle, Oldham, Aug 22, 1990)
Chapel will convert to arts studio and a café (Evening Chronicle, Oldham, September 11, 1996)
Praise be! Chapel to open at last? (W.E. October 10, 1998)
Extract from IM Magazine, describing Historical Society visit.
Full copy of 'Connexion' October 1990, featuring closure.
Methodist Chapel to become Centre and Restaurant (July 3, 2003)

**KING STREET INDEPENDENT METHODIST CHURCH, OLDHAM 1854-1973
(church demolished 1973)**

later

**CHAMBER ROAD INDEPENDENT METHODIST CHURCH, OLDHAM 1973-2002
(now Salvation Army Citadel)**

Registers and Registration Documents

Baptismal Register	1854-1971 (King St), 1973-90
Marriage Register	1906-1975, 1975-84, 1984-1994
Marriage Certificate stubs	1975-79, 1980-93
Marriage Registration Certificates	1867 (King St.), 1973 (Chamber Road)
Authorised Person for Marriages Certificates	1979-93

Published Histories

Centenary History	1954 (several copies)
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Rule Books

Church Rule Book	1923
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Minutes

Church Minutes	1927-33, 1934-41, 1949-60, 1961-69, 1973-90, 1990-2002
Trustees' Minutes	1965-67 (see Junior Members' Register)
Mission Band Minutes	1888-91(see Members' Register)

Financial Records

Accounts	1954-88, 1957-69, 1969-78
Financial Secretary's Cashbook	1970-73, 1973-76, 1976-80, 1980-83, 1984-91
Balance Sheets	1942, 1943, 1946, 1949-94 complete
Treasurer's analysis book	1979-85
Register of Legacies and Investments	1959

Internal Registers and Address Lists

Members' Register	1921-49, 1963-70, 1970, 1973-2002
combined with Mission Band Minutes	1888-91
Junior Members' Register	1948-63/ Trustees Minutes 1965-7
Address Book	1945

Miscellaneous

Plan Secretary's postage book	1994-2002
Memorandum Book	1960-63
Secretary's accounts	1856-85
Boiler quotation	1920

Service Sheets and Notices of Events

Stonelaying of S. School	1855
Sunday School Anniversary	1855, 1861, 1875, 1882, 1884, 1888, 1904, 1947, 1963, 1967
Special (not specified)	1866
Grand Bazaar	1885
Bible Class syllabus	1888-9
Quotations and recipes	1911 (Grand Colonial Bazaar)
Chapel Anniversary	1863, 1879, 1899
Mayoral Sunday	1903
Jubilee Celebrations	1904
Laying of memorial stones	1905
Opening of new chapel	1906
Unveiling of war memorial	1920
Re-opening of church and organ	1945
Little Cook Book	1953
Centenary Celebrations	1954

Whitsun Procession (with Ross St.)	1949, 1954
Marriage: Olive Little/Joseph Howard	1950
Christmas Fayre	1950
Gift Weekend	1957
Boys' Brigade Reunion and Display	1965
Farewell services	1968
Opening of Chamber Road	1973

Women's Auxiliary Records

Members' Register	1915-62, 1973-96
Minute Book	1973-97
Cash Book	1973-95
Secretary's cash book	1973-96

Sunday School Records

Minutes	1937-71
Intermediate Register	1961-73
Junior Department Collection Book	1965-73
Inters Collection Book	1959-74

Mission Band

(minute book - see above)

Plans of Meeting Places for outdoor services

June 1889 (map chest)

Sept 1889 (map chest)

Correspondence re sale proceeds of St. Mary's Street, 1968

Photographs (Folder)

Miscellaneous photos of King Street chapel interior and exterior, at various times in history.

Stonelaying 1905.

Shop and external staircase, unidentified (possibly early meeting place at Bank Top).

Choir, 1939.

Memorial Window, restored 1941.

Legal Documents (folder)

Charity Commissioners' Correspondence

Trustees' Lists 1919, 1952, 1980

Property Matters

Place of Worship Certificates 1867 (King St. old chapel), 1918 (King St. new chapel),
1973 (Chamber Road)

Copy of King Street S.S. Deed 1869

Correspondence re CPO and building of new church (3 folders)

Insurance Certificates, Chamber Road

Building Plans, Chamber Road

Correspondence with architect and surveyor 1973-76

Correspondence over roof 1981-83

Valuation Report 2001

Newspaper Cuttings (folder)

Jubilee Celebration 1904 (2 cuttings)

Stonelaying 1905 (2 cuttings)

Sales of work 1923, 1925

Methodist Gala at Bardsley 1930

Cantata at King Street Church 1930

Girls Brigade parade 1966

Boys' Brigade reunion 1965

Boys' Brigade new colours dedicated 1965 (with photo)

Boys' Brigade Carol Service undated

King Street to close 1968

Emigrant returns for last service 1968

5th. generation witnesses demolition 1968

Moving house 1968

All mod cons at new church	1973
Obituary of J.T. Ashton	1929
Obituary of Daniel Ashton	1915 (with accompanying letter)

Full copy of Oldham Chronicle July 29, 1905, with notice of stonelaying

Personal Memorabilia (folder)

Zaccheus Nield

Bertha Tetlow

Death certificates: Aaron Crossley, James Henry Brown

Christian Endeavour Membership Card: Margaret Burgess

Transfer of Frank Probert from USA, 1928

Illuminated address

William Nield Moss

Caretaking Duties/ Wartime Fire Instructions (folder)

New Building 1905 (folder)

Notice to Members

Stonelaying record with details of church in 1905

Typescript of church doctrines and rules

Seven Printers' Blocks

Cradle Roll transcript	1907-89
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**GREENACRES INDEPENDENT METHODIST CHURCH, OLDHAM, 1837-2005
(until 1977, Smith Street) Closed 2005 (now Elim Pentecostal Church)**

Registers

Baptism Register	1890-1941
Books of stubs (other records at Oldham Local Studies Centre)	1890-1915; 1915-1951, 1952-2005
Marriage Registers	1962-68, 1969-79, 1979-2000
Marriage Certificate and Place of Worship Registration	1867-69 (Box 6)
Authorised person correspondence	(1 folder) (Box 6)

Published Histories – see Box 1.

Box 1

(a) Materials used for 150th. Anniversary

Published Histories:

Centenary History 1937, Alfred Walker

Greenacres Gleanings 1987, Raymond Jackson et al

MSS histories (1 envelope)

Folders of photos and source material for Greenacres Gleanings

Printer's blocks for 1935 Centenary History

Diary of Centenary events

CD – R. A. Jackson's archive

CD – secretary's archive

(b) Annual Conferences hosted at Smith Street

1905 and 1915 – 1 bundle

1937 – 1 bundle

1915 and 1937 – 1 folder

1945 - Minutes (1 book)

Folder of correspondence

Posters

Reel to reel tape of closing services at Smith St. 1977

Box 2:

(a) Notices Books

1940-44, 1966-67, 1967-69, 1970, 1975-76,
1977-78, 1979-2004 (single years complete)

(b) Service attendance records

1987-1991, 1991-1993, 1994-1997, 1997-2001,
2001-2005

Box 3: Membership and Visitation Records

Membership Register: 1842-1964, 1896-2002

Supplementary Register: 1908-1944

Members' Address Book 1889

Address Book (und)

Members' War Records 1914-1918, 1939-1945

Junior Membership Rolls 1947-1965, 1967-1977

Members' Cards and copies of related circular, 1949

Membership Reviews, 1966, 1988-9

Visitation records 1936, 1958-59, 1960

Visitor's Books (2) 1914-1916

Members' List 1969

Members' List 1987

Rules Revision 1978

Class Book (und.)

Card index of members

Box 4:

(a) Church Minute Books

1899-1903, 1904-1908, 1908-1912,

(b) Correspondence

1994-2005

(c) Correspondence

1901-1910, 1926, 1936-1937, 1944

Box 5:

Church Minute Books

1912-1916, 1921-1927, 1927-1933,
1933-1938, 1938-1944, 1944-1946, 1946-1956,

Secretary's Rough notes	1962-1976, 1976-1977, 1977-1988, 1989-2005
AGM agenda	1916-1925, 1925-1934
Annual report	1969
Notebook of rotas	1903

Box 6: Trustees' and Building Records

Copy of trust deed
 Photocopy of MS Trust Deed
 Handwritten book copy of Trust Deed
 Typescript copy of Trust Deed
 Précis copies of deeds
 James Firth Bequest (1 bundle)
 Isaac Hall Trust
 Ellen Neil Bequest
 Thomas Shawcross Bequest
 Covenant Forms, 1960
 Correspondence (1 folder)
 Envelope of correspondence re Church Premises, Glass, Money, Boiler
 Marriage Certificate and Place of Worship Registration 1867-69
 Authorised person correspondence (1 folder)
 Data Protection correspondence (1 envelope)
 Bundle containing Charity Commissioners' Correspondence, CPO Plan, furniture catalogues, organ correspondence, interim payments and certificates
 Charity Commissioners' Correspondence 1964-1993 (1 folder)
 Appointment of Trustees 1975
 Trustees' correspondence 1971-76, 1977-1980, 1981-1996
 Trustees' Minutes 1928-1977 + two loose sets of minutes 1966
 Trustees' Minutes 1989-2005
 Building Committee Minute Book 1972-77
 Plan of Compulsory Purchase Order 1960
 Certificates and Interim payments
 Bundle containing correspondence re alterations and extensions 1936-37, Building, Joining and Decorating contracts, Correspondence – mortgage No. 1010 (1926-35)
 Building of school 1885 (folder)
 Folder containing Church heating details 1923, decorating 1925, frontage plans 1936
 Building Committee 1921-24 (bundle)
 Insurance records, misc. (1 envelope)
 Heating (1 folder)
 Power distribution (1 folder)
 Miscellaneous insurance records (1 folder)
 Boiler inspection records 1958-1963
 Organ records (1 folder)
 Use of premises, caretaker, etc. (1 folder)
 Sale of 62 Ball Street, 1969-70 (1 folder)
 Correspondence under Housing Act 1957 (dated 1971 onwards)
 Papers re new Sunday School building 1885 (1 folder)
 Sale of War Loan, 1966
 Registration of title, Greenacres, 1985
 Schedule of documents from solicitor, 2006 (2 folders)

Box 7:
Finance Records 1854-1947

Box 8:
Finance Records 1972-1988

Box 9:
Finance Records 1988-1997

Box 10:
Finance Records 1998-2004

Box 11:

Finance Records

Cash book (analytical)	1949-1952, 1953-1962, 1962-1969, 1988-2001
Cash book	1994-2001
Pew Rents	1953-1967
Subscription Book:	1940-69
Balance sheets	various years 1870-1990
Receipts	3 envelopes – 1967-8, 1969, 1969-70
Promissory note receipts (1 book)	1923-32
Daily cash book	1967-72
Monthly receipts and payments	1969-76
Weekly collection sheets	1971-76

Box 12:**Correspondence:**

1966-1972 (1 folder)
 1972-1993 (1 box)
 Post 1993 see Box 4.

Church weekend correspondence 1980

Box 13. Sick and Burial Society (dissolved 1937):

Minute Books	1864-1881, 1881-1905, 1905-1928, 1928-1937
Contributions book	1924-1937
Admission Book	1887-1936
Book of Rules	1924
Annual Reports	1880, 1889, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1903, 1936

Folder re winding up of Equitable Mill 1928

Folder of Death Certificates:

Name	Age	Year
Wood, Mary Ann	32	1888
Wood, Daniel Thomas	29	1888
Howarth, John Edward	30	1890
Bowker, William	39	1889
Baron, Ann Ellen	26	1888
Corless, James	39	1888
Wrigley, Ben	12	1884
Hampshire, Abraham	27	1886
Whitehead, Molly	35	1887
Kershaw, Elizabeth	26	1886
Parr, John Thomas	22	1886
Buckley, Reuben	71	1883
Wrigley, Susannah	62	1885
Buckley, Betty	35	1881
Greaves, Samuel	35	1884
Knowles, Betty	61	1890
Dronsfield, Robert	39	1890
Dronsfield, John	49	1890
Farrington, Mary	33	1890
Goddard, William	40	1890
Winterbottom, Thomas	42	1891
Barlow, William	53	1891
Andrew, Herbert	23	1891
Wild, Charlotte Ann	38	1892
Garside, Mary Ann	43	1892
Booth, Thomas	37	1893
Lees, Samuel	52	1893
Walker, Hannah	76	1893
Baron, Mary	41	1893
Buckley, Benjamin	44	1892
Hanson, Thomas	18	1888
Hardman, Sarah	36	1889
Ogden, Elizabeth	52	1879
Hall, Miriam	60	1896

Wilson, John	52	1894
McIntyre	55	1895
Wild, John	55	1894
Lees, William Henry	60	1899
Wright, James	67	1901

Boxes 14 and 15: Sunday School

Admission Book	1872 or earlier, 1907-30
Attendance Registers	1877-78, 1909-1917, 1909-1910, 1927-1948, 1937-1962, 1960-67, 1961-66, 1967-71
Infant Register	1882-1884
Journal (Sunday attendances)	1865-72, 1873-1881, 1881-1889, 1889-1897
Superintendent's Register (Teachers' attendances)	1878-1879, 1889-1891, 1898-1898, 1901-1903
Transfer Record	1864-1869
Library Records	1846-1858
Folder of children's work	1940-1944
Correspondence folder	1920s-1940s, 1963-1968
Cradle Roll Book	1938-1948
Cradle Roll summary	1909-2005
Christmas Fair	1963
Flower Money book	und.
Minutes	1868-1877, 1892-1912, 1912-1930, 1926-1932
Minutes: Junior Department	1925-42
150 th . Anniversary	
Birthday Book	1927
Young Men's Class Register	1953-70
Junior Department duties and collections	1925-41
Primary/ Beginners' Registers	1948-51, 1951, 1952, 1957-59, 1959, 1960
Junior Registers	1925-26, 1927-28, 1929-30, 1931-32, 1933-34, 1935-36, 1937-38, 1939-41, 1942-44, 1948-50, 1952, 1953-54, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958-59, 1960-62
Intermediate Register	1946, 1949
Bundle of Registers	1966-99
Golden Jubilee Appeal	1935
Infant Dedications	1975-1977

Box 16:

(a) Christian Endeavour

Minutes	1905-21, 1921-28
Rough Minutes	1922-25, 1925-27
Attendances	1894-1917
Register	1911-1923, 1923-27
Folder of YPCE	1962-67
Affiliation certificate	1962

(b) Band of Hope

Minute Books	1918-26, 1926-35
Register	1921-24

Miscellaneous temperance booklets

(c) Scouts (1 bundle). See also framed photographs list below.

(d) Youth Work correspondence (1 bundle) 1971-1973

(e) Brotherhood Movement – 2 items

Box 17: Cricket Club (1 box)

Minute Books	1921-32, 1938-46, 1946-52
Jubilee Souvenir Booklet	1930 (2 copies)
Score Books	1932(2), 1933(2), 1933/4, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937(2), 1938, 1939(2), 1946, 1951-52, 1960
Membership Book	1934-37
Concert Records	1934
Secretary's Report	1938, 1946 + 1 undated

League fixtures	1951, 1952
Club fixtures	1947, 1948
Averages	1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1939, 1940, 1952
Accounts	1938, 1951, 1952

Box 18: Miscellaneous

Secretary's correspondence	1966-1972
Ways and Means Committee	1953-1975 (book and folder), 1975-1983
News cuttings (folder), including account of stonelaying	
Bazaar Records (folder)	1887, 1900, 1932, 1938, 1954, 1959, 1961
Accounts for fund raising events (folder)	
Data Protection correspondence	
There is Hope	1988-1989
Jesus Festival	1973
Special Services (folder)	pre-1977
Including Midweek services	1959-1966
Special Services (envelope)	1977-1991
Special Service sheets and invitations (folder)	
150 th . Anniversary of Sunday School (folder)	1988
Operatic Society programmes (folder)	1967-1987 (various years)
Programmes of social events (including Mutual Improvement Society)	
Memorials: Vera Maiden, Hilda Pickford, Clare Stott, Albert Jackson, T. Booth	
Photographs (2 albums, 1 envelope) - see also filing cabinet in office	
Banner welcoming soldiers home	

Box 19: Miscellaneous

Greenacres closing service records

Preachers' Register

Frank Baron 1920-1938

Plan Secretary's Records

1962-72, 1973-1992, 1993-2005, 1982-86,

Choir Minutes

1907-49

Men's Class

Cash Book 1910-1944

Minutes 1924-49, 1949-67

Box 20:

Accounts 2005

Lever arch file of records 1960-2006

Treasurer's cash book 2001-2005

HSBC Current account 2004-2005

Ledger 2001-2006

Records not in boxes

Large or framed pictures/certificates (basement)

Cradle Rolls 1909-21, 1922-42, 1942-59, 1958-75

World War 1 Roll of Honour

Seating diagrams of chapel floor and balcony

Cricket team 1907, 1912, 1937, 1938, one undated

Opening of Cricket Club 1912

Scout camp photos 1952, 1953

Scout camp certificates 1952, 1953

Photographs – various (filing cabinet, computer room)

Scrapbooks (main archive room) 1838-1910, 1910-1933, 1933-1987

Presentation Bibles (Bibles collection)

James Firth

1858

John Firth Wood

1869

ROSS STREET INDEPENDENT METHODIST CHURCH (1895-1982)
Church closed 1982. Now used as Werneth Mosque.

Registers and Registration Documents

Baptisms	1928-71
Church Registration Certificate	1895

Minutes

Church Minutes	1909-10, 1916-34, 1934-55, 1956-72, 1972-82
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21 st . Birthday Celebrations	1930
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Correspondence re wills of Agnes Brooks and John Hall
Invitation to wedding of Sarah Nield to Herbert Little, 1906

ST. MARY'S STREET INDEPENDENT METHODIST CHURCH, OLDHAM
Church closed and demolished c. 1965

Declaration of Trust, 1915

Deed of appointment of trustees, 1946

(see also under King Street for sale of proceeds of property)

GRASSCROFT INDEPENDENT METHODIST CHURCH

Church closed 1962 and later demolished

Minutes	1932-62 (with newspaper cuttings)
Account Books	1941-43, 1958-61

BROADWAY STREET INDEPENDENT METHODIST CHURCH, OLDHAM, 1880-1973
Church closed 1973 and later demolished

(afterwards part of CHAMBER ROAD INDEPENDENT METHODIST CHURCH)

Registers and Registration Documents

Baptismal Register 1883-1928 (Oldham Local Studies Centre)
Baptism Duplicate certificates 1883-1928

Printed History

Souvenir Handbook, Jubilee Year 1930
Closure service programme 1973

Minutes

Church Minutes 1881-94 (with duties of chapel keeper), 1894-1903, 1903-09,
1910-17, 1917-29, 1945-56 (with bundle of membership
certificates), 1966-73

Financial Records

Cash Book 1940-61

Internal Registers and Address Lists

Membership Register 1955 (see Chamber Road box)
Bundle of membership certificates (see 1945-56 church minutes)

Sunday School Records

Minute Books 1882-91, 1891-98 (with school rules), 1921-36, 1936-55
Anniversary Notices 1885-95 complete, 1921-24 complete

Band of Hope Records

Minutes 1881-1906

Christian Endeavour Records

Minutes 1904-10

Personal Records

Copies of death certificates of trustees: George Butler, Arthur Mott, John Willie Hough, George Lawrence,
Ephraim Barrett