

**Independent Methodist Archives,
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**RECORDS
OF
INDEPENDENT METHODIST CHURCHES**

CHESHIRE: CREWE AND NANTWICH DISTRICT

STAFFORDSHIRE

SHROPSHIRE

CREWE

FLAG LANE INDEPENDENT METHODIST CHURCH (FORMERLY OAK STREET)

Commenced 1869. Closed 1979 – now a dance school

Preachers' Plan	1963 Jan-Jun
Registers	
Baptismal Register	1925-1982
List of marriages	1935-1982
List of deaths	1954-1990
Minutes and correspondence	
Church Minutes	1888-1898, 1899-1906
Church Minutes (held at Chester Record Office)	1914-1923, 1923-1935, 1935-1948, 1949-1960
Sunday School Minutes (held at Chester Record Office)	1916-1962
Correspondence re purchase of land	1906
Correspondence re sale of chapel	1979-1980
Financial Records	
Account Book	1871-1896, 1896-1926
Treasurer's accounts	1901-1915
Cash Book	1878-1882
History	
Correspondence from P. R. Ollerhead re thesis 'Nonconformity in Crewe 1840-1940'	1971
Extract from P. Ollerhead's thesis	
Table of officers with other dates of church history	1869-1969
Draft copy of conveyance	
Folder of church legal documents	
Printer's block: John Groom	
Other Records	
Illuminated address to Frank Walters	1948
Admission of Honorary Freemen of Borough: James Golding	1977

HOOK GATE CIRCUIT (previously Shavington Circuit)

Circuit Records

Minutes

Quarterly Meeting Minutes 1891-1907, 1918-1926, 1927-33, 1933-49,
Minutes (secretary's rough copy) 1933-56

Accounts

1978-1993

Journals

G. Griffiths preacher's journals 1939-42, 1951-57 (water damaged), 1964-66

Correspondence File:

Ministry 1966

Historical query 1971

President's Bible 1918

Scrapbook of general items, source unknown und.

Circuit Plans

1910 May-Aug (Shavington)

1938 Jan-Apr

1965 May-Aug

1983 Sep-Dec

1985 May-Aug

BUERTON INDEPENDENT METHODIST CHURCH

Commenced 1885

Closed 1999 – now a private dwelling

Printed History

Golden Jubilee Booklet by J. R. Timmis 1935

Registers

Baptismal Register 1927-1997

Register of Members undated

Minutes and correspondence

Church Minutes 1913-1976, 1976-1997

Trustees' Minutes 1933-1975

Sunday School Minutes 1956-1982

Folder of correspondence

Financial records

Accounts 1994-1998

Other

Photocopy of church deeds 1886 and 1920

Address on church centenary by A. G. Capper 1985

Trustees' appointments 1990

FAIR OAK INDEPENDENT METHODIST CHURCH, Eccleshall, Staffordshire

Commenced 1860 Closed 2008

Registers

Baptisms	1875-1881, 1894-1895 (in volume below), 1900-1998
Marriages	1927-1991
Deaths	1933-2004
Members' Register	1923-1984

Sunday School Records

Registers	1860-1898 (in volume below), 1910-1921, 1928-1939
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One volume containing:

Brief account of church origins	
Membership lists	1860, 1868, 1892
Sunday School registers	1861-1898
Accounts	1875
Poem about child conversion	
Baptisms	1875-1881, 1894-1895
List of Band of Hope members	1890-1894
Subscriptions to harmonium fund	1892
- includes lists of names and occupations	

Book of poems by John Palmer

Papers:

MS Account of origins of May Queen festival from 1865	
Letter of appreciation on death of Mrs. Palmer	1934

PROVIDENCE INDEPENDENT METHODIST CHURCH, HOOK GATE, MARKET DRAYTON

Commenced 1859

Closed 1993 (now Providence Baptist Church)

Registers

Baptismal Register	1924-1992
Marriage Registers	1927-1951, 1954-1975
Members' Register	c1935-1992
Sunday School Register	1915-29, 1929-49, 1950-68

Minutes and Correspondence

Church Minutes	1924-32, 1952-1993
Correspondence with Park Evangelical Church Re lease of Chapel	1993

Financial Records

Account Book	1948-68
Sunday School Savings Club Book	1902-16, 1917-34, 1945-60, 1961-68

One folder of miscellaneous items

HOOK GATE CIRCUIT BOX contains records of the following churches

OSWESTRY FREE GOSPEL CHURCH

Closed 1860s

Historical notes

COX BANK FREE GOSPEL CHURCH

Closed c. 1900

Historical notes

SHAVINGTON FREE GOSPEL CHURCH

Correspondence re appointment of trustees 1902-3

Closed c. 1924

Extract from Kelly's Directory 1892

HASLINGTON FREE GOSPEL CHURCH

Correspondence re appointment of trustees 1902-3

Closed 1914

Extract from Kelly's Directory 1914

MARKET DRAYTON INDEPENDENT METHODIST CHURCH

Commenced 1885

Closed 1991 (now used for commercial purposes)

File of correspondence relating to church closure

TERN CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Formed 1991, withdrew from denomination c.1996

File of correspondence, including report on Christian Zionist movement

CROXTON INDEPENDENT METHODIST CHURCH (church still open)

Commenced 1917

Typescript history of Croxton Baptist Church 1860-1917