

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 nd . 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) =1890-1903 1903-12 1912-20 1933-54 1954-66 1966-78
Education Committee Minutes	1884-89
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, 1999
Temperance Programme	und,
Papers and Bazaar Programme relating to formation of Beverley Road Church	1900-02

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
2004	Jul-Dec

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

Day School Records

Programme of Public Examination and Presentation of Prizes 1874

Sunday School Records

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

Doctrines and Rules

Doctrines and Rules of Folds Road IM Church, Bolton 1844

Rules for the Government of the Independent Methodist Church
Folds Road, Bolton 1878

Church Groups

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

Sick Society Records

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

Miscellaneous

Folds Road Church Magazine, 2 bound vols. 1905-6, 1909-10

Monthly Church Calendars (various months) 1891-2

Bits from Busy Brains (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

Printed Rota plans

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
Correspondence with Connexion re closure 1995-6

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

Archives of the Independent Methodist Churches, Fleet Street, Pemberton, Wigan, WN5 0DS

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
Statement of funds available for distribution after closure	und.

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 and Correspondence

Minute Books 1931-40, 1940-48, 1949-62,
1968-74, 1974-86
Correspondence with Connexion re trustees 1994-95

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
Funeral Programme, Joyce Hargreaves 2013

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 (2nd. 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