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A guide to sources

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Abbreviations used in this guide

add.	additional
ARCHON	Archives Online
c.	circa
FHS	Friends Historical Society
FQE	Friends Quarterly Examiner
HEFCE	Higher Education Funding Council for England
HMC	Historical Manuscripts Commission
JFHS	Journal of the Friends Historical Society
LSF	Library of the Religious Society of Friends
ms.	manuscript
MM	Monthly Meeting
NRA	National Register of Archives
OS	Ordnance Survey
OUP	Oxford University Press
PM	Preparative Meeting
QM	Quarterly Meeting
QSRA	Quaker Studies Research Association
RSLP	Research Support Libraries Programme
supp.	supplement
ts.	typescript
vol.	volume
YAS	Yorkshire Archaeological Society
YQHP	Yorkshire Quaker Heritage Project
YQM	Yorkshire Quarterly Meeting

Introduction

This guide has been compiled under the auspices of the Yorkshire Quaker Heritage Project, which was based at the University of Hull Brynmor Jones Library from August 1999 to July 2002. The project was a collaborative venture with Leeds University Library and the Borthwick Institute of Historical Research at the University of York. It was funded by the Higher Education Funding Council for England, under the Research Support Libraries Programme (RSLP).

The Quaker archives and published sources covered by this research guide were identified by a project survey and are described in more detail in the project's online location register (<http://www.hull.ac.uk/oldlib/archives/quaker/> under 'Online databases'). The survey covered Quaker collections held by repositories within Yorkshire, as well as collections held elsewhere that relate to the region. The pre-1974 county boundaries have been used to define Yorkshire.

The collections have been categorised as follows: archives of Meetings and committees of the Society of Friends; archives of other Quaker bodies, such as schools, trusts and charities, and businesses; personal papers of Quaker families and individual Friends; Meeting libraries and Quaker book collections; and selected non-Quaker sources, such as the archives of British peace associations. The full range of material is covered by the location register.

This guide is a selective edition of entries from the location register, covering the following types of collections ONLY:

- all archives of the Society of Friends in Yorkshire;
- other significant Quaker-related holdings of the project partners.

The following information is recorded for each collection:

- **Name of collection:** for example, the name of a Meeting, organisation, individual or family, with dates of establishment and demise, or birth and death.
- **Historical/biographical note:** provides a short history of an organisation or biography of an individual, or other relevant background information. In most cases this has been compiled from standard published sources.
- **Publication note:** any published histories of an organisation, biographies or family histories; and for individuals, a list of published writings.
- **Repository:** the name of the archive, library or other body holding the collection, and the code allocated to it by the ARCHON Directory.

- **Reference codes:** the references given to a collection during cataloguing and used to identify items for consultation. In the case of publications, this is the library classmark.
- **Dates of creation:** the span dates of items within a collection.
- **Extent:** a rough estimate of the number of items in a collection; please note that volumes, files, discrete bundles and individual documents are all treated as 'items'. Some repositories catalogue bundles in more detail than others, and this will increase the apparent size of a collection.
- **Finding aids:** indicates whether the collection is described in a printed or online catalogue, and whether its contents have been indexed by either the YQHP or Leeds University Library name index databases. Copies of printed catalogues are normally available from the repository on request.
- **NRA code:** the number allocated to the printed catalogue of a collection by the National Register of Archives; catalogues are available for consultation at the NRA.
- **Access:** in most cases, collections are fully catalogued and accessible for research. Any special restrictions on access are noted, such as closure periods or permission required. Access to material closed under a 50 or 30 year rule can sometimes be granted on written application to the owner of the collection.
- **Content and scope:** a summary of the main series of records in the collection, including items of special note.
- **Related material in repository and Related material in other repositories:** gives details mainly of the archives of parent or child bodies. For example, in the case of Preparative Meeting archives, this will identify where the relevant Monthly Meeting archives are held.

This guide does not discuss in any detail the structure of the Society of Friends or the different types of records produced by Friends' Meetings. The bibliography lists a number of publications which provide such information. All postal, email and website addresses were correct at the time of going to press.

Helen E Roberts, July 2002

1 Archives of the Society of Friends in Yorkshire

1.1 QUARTERLY MEETINGS

1.1.1 YORKSHIRE QUARTERLY MEETING (c.1665 to date)

Historical note:

There is strong evidence for a Quarterly Meeting being held in Yorkshire in December 1665; however the first full series of Quarterly Meetings took place in March, June, September and December 1666. This pattern continued unbroken to October 1966. Over the centuries, the following Monthly Meetings have existed within the Quarterly Meeting boundaries: Balby (1669-to date); Brighouse (1669-to date); East Riding (1665-1669); Elloughton, later Cave (1669-1784); Guisborough (1669-to date); Kelk, later Bridlington (1669-1773); Kirkbymoorside (1665-1669); Knaresborough (1669-1853); Leeds (1924-to date); Malton (1669-1788); Owstwick (1669-1784); Owstwick and Cave, later Hull (1784-1858); Pickering (1788-1858); Pickering and Hull (1859-to date); Pontefract (1665-to date); Richmond (1665-to date); Scarborough (1669-1788); Skipton, later Settle (1665-to date); Thirsk (1669-1827); York (1669-to date). Major boundary changes of its constituent Monthly Meetings occurred in 1669, 1773, 1784, 1788, 1853, 1858 and 1923.

For at least the first century, meetings were always held at York, and it was commonly known as York Quarterly Meeting. Premises were shared in Far Water Lane (later Clifford Street) with York Monthly and Preparative Meetings from the late 1670s. In its early decades, Quarterly Meeting offered a wide range of assistance to Friends who suffered persecution. After the Toleration Act of 1689, its main business concerned the Quaker testimony against tithes. It raised and distributed considerable funds as part of its work, its first standing committee being that on Money Matters.

The evidence for the first Women's Quarterly Meeting dates it to September 1677, but it was not until 1778 that it was established on a regular basis. It was heavily involved in the distribution of poor funds. It continued to meet until late 1906, when separate women's meetings were abolished. Quarterly Meetings of Ministers and Elders began in 1689 and were concerned with regulating the behaviour of ministers, liberating them for service, issuing testimonies for deceased ministers, and oversight of meetings for worship.

From around 1700, the Quarterly Meeting developed two main functions. It acted as a court of appeal, particularly in cases of disownment, and it exercised pastoral responsibility over constituent Monthly Meetings. From January 1967, Quarterly Meetings were

renamed as General Meetings, with a much reduced role within the Society of Friends.

Publication note:

JS Rowntree, *Yorkshire Quarterly Meeting of Friends 1650-1900: a historical review* (Orphan's Press, no date)

JW Rowntree, 'The rise of Quakerism in Yorkshire', in *Essays and addresses* (Headley, 1905)

'Meetings in Yorkshire 1668 I-III', in *JFHS*, vol.2, 1905, pp. 32-36, 73-76, 101-103

W Pearson Thistlethwaite, *Yorkshire Quarterly Meeting of the Society of Friends 1665-1966* (author, 1979)

Repository: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)

Reference codes: MS 1981/2 (Clifford Street archive), I 1.1 - VIII 18.4

Dates of creation: 1651-1977

Extent: c.300 items

Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 75)

NRA code: 29651

Access: 50 year closure period

Content and scope:

Minutes:

Minutes of QM, 1669 - 1966

Minutes of Women's QM, 1678 - 1911

Minutes of QM of Ministers and Elders (later on Ministry and Oversight), 1689 - 1907, with reports received from various MMs, 1879 - 1904, and list of members, 1876 - 1888

Other minutes:

Committee on Money Matters (later Finance Committee) minutes, with rough accounts, 1781 - 1961

Children's Schools (later Children's Work) Committee minutes, 1907 - 1933, with annual reports and related papers, 1915 - 1974

Library Committee minutes, 1824 - 1840, 1903 - 1905, with related papers

Shetland Relief Committee papers, 1881 - 1897
Yorkshire 1905 (later Friends Service) Committee minutes, 1936 - 1959, with annual reports, papers, programmes and reports of Easter Settlements, 1915 - 1960, and cash book, 1933 - 1948

Sufferings:

Records of sufferings, 1651 - 1827

Petitions to judges and other papers relating to sufferings, 1682 - 1810

Vol. listing ecclesiastical prosecutions, 1741 - 1774

Letters and papers relating to the case of the Lothersdale prisoners, 1794 - 1798

Lothersdale prisoners' stock accounts, 1795 - 1803, and cash book, 1795 - 1797

Prisoners' stock accounts, 1677 - 1729

Prisoners' chamber rent and deputation money receipts, 1683 - 1698

Papers re Halifax modus case, 1681 - 1802

Membership records:

Lists of members and attenders, and QM handbooks, 1878 - 1985 (with gaps)

Testimonies to deceased Friends and First Publishers of the Truth, and descriptions of the origins of Quakerism in various parts of Yorkshire, c.1687 - 1915
Certificates of Friends travelling in the ministry, 1697 - 1861

Births, marriages and burials:

Contemporary copies of registers of births, 1776 - 1793, with indexes to registers of births and marriages, 1776 - 1837
Marriage certificates, 1773 - 1878
Contemporary copies of registers of burials, 1776-1793, with index to registers of burials, 1776-1837

Financial and property records:

Stock accounts, 1665 - 1861
Accounts, ledgers and other financial papers, 1682 - 1980
Education Committee (later Educational Grants Committee) cash book, ledger and accounts, 1923 - 1978
Friends Russian Relief Fund/Friends War Victims Relief Fund account books, 1907 & 1918
Yorkshire Women's QM Fund treasurer's cash books, 1784 - 1919
Statements and schedules of trust property and charitable funds, 1659 - 1964
Subscription of 1842 for the relief of distress in the manufacturing districts of Yorkshire, 1842 - 1858

Elizabeth Fry Memorial Trust:

Executive Committee minutes, 1953-1957
Management Committee minutes, 1951-1977, with associated papers, 1974-1977
Annual reports, 1952/3-1972/3, with other documents collected by E Mary Kay, 1951-1975
Trust deeds, 1952 & 1973
Portfolio of photographs of Spofforth Hall and West Bank, Acomb, York, no date

Maps and plans:

Maps, mainly of meeting boundaries, including some OS maps
Vol. of maps of QM in 1665, 1669, 1773, 1851 and 1891, compiled c.1900
Lists and maps of meetings in Yorkshire, 17th - 19th centuries, including James Backhouse's map of Meetings belonging to the northern Quarterly Meetings, 1773

Epistles, advices, minutes etc. received:

From George Fox, Yearly Meeting and Meeting for Sufferings, 1666 - 1861
From Women's Yearly Meetings (in London and Philadelphia), 1673 - 1873

Miscellaneous:

Reports of Committees on various subjects, 1798 - 1867
Testimonial re use of Clifford Street Meeting House, York, as military hospital during First World War
Register of situations vacant and wanted, 1842 - 1865

Related material in repository:

Records of Brighouse, Knaresborough, Leeds, Settle, Thirsk and York Monthly Meetings

Miscellaneous QM records are also held within the Carlton Hill archive

Related material in other repositories:

Annual returns of sufferings, compiled from 1793 onwards by each Quarterly Meeting and now amongst records of Meeting for Sufferings, LSF

Records of Balby Monthly Meeting, Sheffield Archives

Records of Pontefract Monthly Meeting, West Yorkshire Archive Service: Wakefield Headquarters

Records of Bridlington, Cave, and Owstwick Monthly Meetings, East Riding of Yorkshire Archives Service

Records of Guisborough and Richmond Monthly Meetings, North Yorkshire County Record Office

Records of Owstwick, Owstwick and Cave, Hull, Malton, Scarborough, Pickering, Pickering and Hull Monthly Meetings, Brynmor Jones Library, University of Hull

Records of Darlington and Staindrop Monthly Meetings, Durham County Record Office

Records of Kendal and Sedbergh Monthly Meeting, Cumbria Record Office: Kendal

Records of Marsden Monthly Meeting, Lancashire Record Office

Microfilm copies of QM records in Clifford Street archive, Borthwick Institute of Historical Research, University of York

1.2 MONTHLY MEETINGS

This section includes Monthly Meetings which have historically fallen within the three Yorkshire Ridings. It is NOT limited to the boundaries of Yorkshire Quarterly Meeting. Around the northern and western edges of Yorkshire, a number of Monthly Meetings straddle two counties, and these are included as well. Meetings are listed under their most recent historical name. The only exception to this is Wensleydale and Swaledale Monthly Meeting, which is listed under its pre-1999 name of Richmond Monthly Meeting. The Monthly Meetings of East Riding and Kirkbymoorside (both abolished in 1669) are not included, as it has not been possible to trace any surviving archives.

Property and membership records relating to a specific Preparative Meeting are listed with the other records of that Meeting, rather than with the records of the Monthly Meeting which produced them. Examples include Meeting House and burial ground title deeds, and local series of birth and burial notes or marriage registers.

1.2.1 BALBY MONTHLY MEETING (1669 to date)

Historical note:

In 1669, this Monthly Meeting was formed out of the south eastern part of Pontefract Monthly Meeting and included at that time the Meetings of Balby (later Warmsworth), Cinder Hill (later Woodhouse), Fishlake and Sheffield. The boundaries of this Meeting have remained unchanged since then and it is still in existence. This is the part of Yorkshire which had the earliest known contact with George Fox and where some of his earliest convincements were made. It was also the focus for regional and national gatherings of elders and ministers. One such gathering in 1656 issued the Epistle of Balby Elders, a seminal document in the early organisation of Friends. At various points in the Monthly Meeting's history, further constituent meetings have formed and closed, namely: Braithwaite (c.1703-mid 18th century); Bamford (later Hope Valley) (1989-); Newhill (c.1800-1865); Rawcliffe (c.1702-1769); Retford (1872-1883); Rotherham (1943-1944, 1955-1963); Sheffield: Button Lane (1927-1962); Sheffield: Doncaster Street (1887-1901); Sheffield: Heeley (1890-1932, 1944-1967); Sheffield: Nether Edge (1989-); Thorne (early 18th century-1942); Wath (1960-1968). The Monthly Meeting met in Warmsworth Meeting House (from 1705), and its centre later shifted to Sheffield.

Publication note:

R Hoare, *Balby beginnings: the launching of Quakerism* (Balby MM/Sessions, 2002)

Repository: Sheffield Archives (GB 0199)

Reference codes: QR 1-14, 47, 64-66, 68, 71, 73-74, 77, 94-95, 97-103, 115-118, 138, 142-143, 146, 148, 150, 155-156, 160-161, 163-164; MD 3474/2, 6216/1-4; Acc. 1998/21

Dates of creation: 1654-1973

Extent: 68 items

Finding aids: printed catalogue; name index in preparation by local Friends

NRA code: 18500

Access: open

Content and scope:

Many records were lost during the Second World War when Sheffield Meeting House suffered war damage.

Minutes:

Minutes of MM, 1731 - 1796, 1806 - 1814, 1900 - 1914, 1950 - 1973; rough minutes, 1783 - 1792
Separate indexes to minutes, covering 1673 - 1795, 1806 - 1814

Extracts from first minute book covering 1673 - 1702, with comments, no date

Minutes of Women's MM, 1843 - 1897

Minutes of Meetings of Ministers and Elders, 1827 - 1855

Minutes of Meetings on Ministry and Oversight, 1893 - 1901

Poor's Committee minutes and accounts, 1802 - 1890 (with gap)

Sufferings:

Records of sufferings, 1793 - 1856

Membership records:

Membership register, 1837-1921

Applications for membership, 1888 - 1905

Tabular statements, 1926 - 1972

Registers of removals into and out of MM, and acceptance of removal certificates, 1812 - 1968

Certificate of liberation for Sarah Harris, 1849

Testimonies to Ann Fairbank (d.1835), Edward Smith (d.1868), and Henry Ecroyd Clark (d.1906)

Letter requesting information for a testimony to Daniel Wheeler, 1840

Births, marriages and burials:

Birth notes, 1947 - 1957

Marriage register, 1931 - 1967

Burial notes, 1926 - 1967

Report on implications of the Health of Towns Bill re interment in towns, with statistics of burials at Thorne, Doncaster, Warmsworth, Handsworth Woodhouse and Sheffield burial grounds, 1842

Financial and property records:

Accounts of quarterly collections, legacy money etc., 1876 - 1902

Printed statements of accounts of MM charities, 1952 & 1953

Trust deeds for William Richardson of Everton's annuity, 1654 - 1889

Records of executors of John Girdom, 1779 - 1797

Notes and extracts re various MM charities, 1840s

Papers re sale of part of land held by Halifax's charity, Thorne, 1864 - 1867

Letters and papers re shares in the Preston and Wayre Railway, Harbour and Dock Co. and Sheffield Canal Annuities, 1847 - 1886

Epistles, advices, minutes etc. received:

From London Yearly Meeting, 1675-1759, 1802-1832

Miscellaneous:

List of books at Warmsworth belonging to MM, 1772

List of contents of iron chest and tin case at Sheffield Meeting House, with notes about registers, 1838

List of contents of iron safe at Sheffield Meeting House, 1897, with corrections and additions, 1908

List of minute books, registers etc. received from Thorne Meeting after the death of Francis Casson, 1897

Note of estimated costs of war damage to Sheffield Meeting House, 1943

Related material in repository:

Records of Doncaster, Sheffield (Central), Thorne, Warmsworth and Woodhouse

Preparative Meetings, and of Sheffield Friends Adult School

Related material in other repositories:

Records of Yorkshire Quarterly Meeting, Leeds University Library

1.2.2 BRIDLINGTON MONTHLY MEETING (1669-1773)

Historical note:

The first Quaker meetings in this part of the East Riding were held by George Fox at Richard Pursglove's house in Cranswick and George Hartas' house in Ulrome during 1651-1652. William Dewsbury's preaching in the region in summer 1652 had a powerful impact, and several Meetings were settled in the area around this time, including at Bridlington. A Monthly Meeting covering the East Riding was in existence by 1665, and four years later this was split into three parts, one of these being Kelk, or North Wolds, Monthly Meeting. For the first few years, it was sometimes known as Ulrome, but this usage did not last beyond 1673. In 1712 it was renamed Bridlington Monthly Meeting; most of the original Friends in Kelk were now deceased and Bridlington had the advantage of a Meeting House. In this guise it survived until 1773 when it was dissolved due to severely depleted membership. One of the causes of the decline of Quakerism in the East Riding was emigration to America. Its constituent meetings of Bridlington, Cottam, Kelk, Kirby Underdale and Ulrome were all established by 1665. Cottam Meeting did not survive beyond 1671, but was replaced by Meetings at Elmswell (to 1694), Skerne (to 1716) and Skipsea (to 1737). Kirby Underdale Meeting closed in 1691, Kelk in 1714 and Ulrome in 1716. A Meeting at Barmston existed for a few months in 1697. A successor to Kelk Meeting began in Cranswick in 1716, but this was largely inactive over the period 1749-1762. By 1773, the only Meetings still in existence were Bridlington and Cranswick, which were then transferred to Owstwick and Cave Monthly Meetings respectively.

Repository: East Riding of Yorkshire Archives Service (GB 0047)

Reference codes: DDQR/12-16

Dates of creation: 1652-1773

Extent: 5 items

Finding aids: printed catalogue; covered by YQHP name index database

NRA code: 13796

Access: open

Content and scope:

Minutes:

Minutes of MM, 1669 – 1773, including testimonials of disownment, epistles received, records of sufferings and early 18th century index of marriages

Minutes of Women's MM, 1729 - 1773

Sufferings:

Record of sufferings, 1652 - 1762

Related material in repository:

Records of Bridlington Preparative Meeting

Related material in other repositories:

Records of Yorkshire Quarterly Meeting, Leeds University Library

1.2.3 BRIGHOUSE MONTHLY MEETING (1669 to date)

Historical note:

George Fox and his fellow First Publishers of Truth William Dewsbury, Richard Farnsworth, Thomas Taylor and Thomas Goodaire began preaching in this area of the West Riding as early as 1651. As a result, several settled Meetings within Brighouse Monthly Meeting date from the early 1650s. The Monthly Meeting was formally established in March 1669 as one of five in the West Riding. It was carved out of the north western part of the existing Pontefract Monthly Meeting. At that point, its constituent Meetings were Brighouse, Halifax, Leeds and Mankinholes (Todmorden). A proposal was made in 1795 to divide the Monthly Meeting, partly due to difficulties in travelling to meetings during the winter months, but this was not implemented. By the turn of the century, the migration of rural Friends into the rapidly expanding cities of the West Riding was causing serious financial strain on the Monthly Meeting, as it sought to meet demands for poor relief. By then, there were also Meetings in Bradford, Gildersome, Paddock (later Huddersfield) and Rishworth (but this closed in 1802). In 1853, Brighouse was considerably enlarged by the incorporation of Settle and (most of) Knaresborough Monthly Meetings. This added the Meetings of Addingham, Airton, Bentham, Keighley, Lothersdale, Newton, Rawdon, Settle and Skipton. A decade later, the first tabular statement for Yorkshire Quarterly Meeting gave Brighouse a membership of 823 Friends, out of a total of 2069. Meetings which formed in the late 19th and early 20th centuries included Bingley, Leeds: Burley Road, Fleece Lane (later Great Wilson Street), York Road and Woodhouse Carr, Ilkley, Morley, Salterforth, Scholes and Thornton-in-Craven. By 1922, the Monthly Meeting still had about 40% of Yorkshire Friends within its boundaries, with 1210 out of 3006 members. A year later, it was split into three parts, Brighouse (comprising Bradford, Brighouse, Halifax, Huddersfield and Scholes Meetings); Leeds (comprising Gildersome, Ilkley, Morley, Rawdon and the Leeds Meetings); and Settle (comprising Bentham, Keighley, Salterforth, Settle and Skipton Meetings).

Repository: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)
Reference codes: MS 1979/1 (Carlton Hill archive), F 2-8, 12-14, 16-17, 23-26, 33-38, 44, 52-58, 60, 63-64, 67-72, 99; G 1-9; J 45, 83; L 1-27; M 1-15, 18-19; O 8; P 42; Q 1-24; R 1-17; U 4; V 21; Y 11; AA 1; FF 70-77; GG 1-8; HH 1-3; LL 1-53, 70-71, 96-102; MM 1; NN 1-5; PA 59, 84, 86; SS 3-9
Dates of creation: 1624-1995
Extent: c.263 items
Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 99); covered by Leeds University Library Quaker Archives Database
NRA code: 17118
Access: 50 year closure period

Content and scope:

Minutes:

Minutes of MM, 1688 - 1988; rough minutes, 1768 - 1778, 1794 - 1911

Minutes of Women's MM, 1760 - 1777, 1791 - 1870, 1894 - 1907; rough minutes, 1763 - 1791, 1798 - 1805

Minutes of Meetings on Ministry and Oversight, 1700 - 1906

Other minutes:

Minutes and papers of Extension Committee, 1916 - 1921

[Minutes] and report of Committee on recently admitted members, 1900 - 1901

Sufferings:

Records of sufferings, 1658 - 1872; rough records, 1751 - 1790

Membership records:

Lists of members, c.1798 - 1885, 1890-1915 (with gaps)

Tabular statements, 1881 - 1896

Books, certificates and notices of removals, 1807 - 1922, 1927-1946

Running account of members [removals], 1840 - 1872

Disciplinary reports (with applications for membership), 1869 - 1913 (with gaps)

List of recorded and unrecorded ministering Friends by Joseph Thorp, 1867

Testimony re Mary Wright, 1859

Births, marriages and burials:

Index of registers of births, marriages and deaths, by Caleb Haworth, 1701 - 1797

Registers of births and deaths, 1837 - 1915

Register notes, 1832 - 1837

Papers re registration, 1828 - 1882

Birth notes, 1837 - 1855, 1874 - 1904, 1910 - 1934

Marriage registers, 1837 - 1995

Authorities for registering marriages, 1837 - 1865

Burial notes, 1822 - 1837 & 1910 - 1932

Death certificates, 1920 - 1949

Financial and property records:

Accounts of Visitation Committee, 1911 - 1919

Charity Commission documents, 1923 - 1930

Records of Brighouse, Leeds and Settle Monthly Meetings Trust Funds Committee:

Minutes, 1853-1971

Minute and report of Ad Hoc Committee, Special Joint Meeting of Brighouse, Leeds and Settle Monthly Meetings re Trust Funds Committee, 21 November 1964

Accounts and returns of the charitable trusts, 1853-1985

Treasurer's accounts and annual statements of accounts, 1854-1954

Ledgers, 1902-1984

Cash books, 1871-1990

Treasurer's papers, 1954-1964

Draft income tax returns and repayment claims, 1922-1952

Account book of School Fund, 1796-1854

Deed polls, copy wills and probate documents of William and Alice Ellis, and title deeds, Airton Estate Apprenticeship Fund, 1624-1903

Maps and plans:

Maps, 1880 - 1894

Epistles, advices, minutes etc. received:

From London Yearly Meeting, Meeting for Sufferings, YQM and other MMs, 17th century - 1878

Answers to queries, 1767 - 1851 & 1903

Miscellaneous:

Reports, 1863 - 1913 (with gaps)

Forms labelled 'Friends' service' recording activities of attenders, associates or members during the First World War, 1914 - 1918

Related material in repository:

Records of Addingham, Airton, Bentham, Bingley, Bradford, Brighouse, Gildersome, Halifax, Huddersfield, Ilkley, Keighley, Leeds, Morley, Rawdon, Salterforth, Scholes, Settle, Skipton and Todmorden Preparative Meetings; and Yorkshire Quarterly Meeting

1.2.4 CAVE MONTHLY MEETING (1669-1784)

Historical note:

George Fox first passed through this part of the East Riding in 1651, preaching outside Beverley Minster. A testimony produced by Elloughton Monthly Meeting in the early 18th century records the impact of William Dewsbury's preaching in the region in 1652; accounts of sufferings also date the appearance of convinced Quakers to the mid-1650s. Elloughton Monthly Meeting was created in March 1669, along with Kelk and Owstwick Monthly Meetings, to cover the East Riding. At that time, its constituent Meetings comprised Beverley, Elloughton, Howden, Market Weighton, Pocklington and Warter; during its first decades, the Monthly Meeting met in numerous locations, reflecting the spread of members in the area. One of the first major conflicts between Quakers in Yorkshire, the 'York Separation' over the question of second

marriages, spread to the East Riding in the mid-1680s. By 1719, Pocklington and Warter Meetings had died out, whilst the Meeting at Market Weighton had moved to Shipton. Elloughton Meeting moved to (North) Cave in 1744 and Howden closed in 1763. Reflecting this, the Monthly Meeting was renamed Cave in 1743; it met mainly at the Meeting House in North Cave from as early as 1696. A long-term decline in membership eventually led to the merger of Cave with Owstwick Monthly Meeting in 1784, to form Owstwick and Cave Monthly Meeting; at this point only Beverley, Cave and Shipton Meetings survived.

Repository [1]: East Riding of Yorkshire Archives Service (GB 0047)

Reference codes: DDQR/1-11

Dates of creation: 1655-1784

Extent: 11 items

Finding aids: printed catalogue; covered by YQHP name index database

NRA code: 13796

Access: open

Content and scope:

Minutes:

Minutes of MM, 1669 – 1780, including epistles and testimonials of disownment

Minutes of Women's MM, 1710 - 1779

Minutes of Meetings of Ministers & Elders, 1737 - 1783

Sufferings:

Record of sufferings, 1655 - 1775

Membership records:

Book of certificates and testimonials of disownment, 1761 - 1784

Related material in other repositories:

Records of Yorkshire Quarterly Meeting, Leeds University Library

Records of Beverley and Cave Preparative Meetings, and Hull, and Pickering and Hull Monthly Meetings, Brynmor Jones Library, University of Hull

Repository [2]: Brynmor Jones Library, University of Hull (GB 0050)

Reference codes: DQR/17/20-30; DQR(3)/2/1-11, 9/1, 11/1

Dates of creation: 1636-1784

Extent: 24 items

Finding aids: printed and online catalogues; covered by YQHP name index database

NRA code: 7612

Access: open

Content and scope:

Minutes:

Rough minutes of MM, 1773-1784

Minutes of Women's MM, 1780-1784

Births, marriages and burials:

Register of births, 1776-1783

Register of burials, 1776-1783

Financial and property records:

Title deeds for land in Elloughton in trust for the use of the poor of the MM, 1636-1760

Epistles, advices, minutes etc. received:

From Yearly Meeting and YQM, 1725-1752, 1758-1762 & c.1776

Related material in repository:

Records of Beverley and Cave Preparative Meetings, and Hull, and Pickering and Hull Monthly Meetings

Related material in other repositories:

Records of Yorkshire Quarterly Meeting, Leeds University Library

1.2.5 DARLINGTON MONTHLY MEETING (1668 to date)

Historical note:

Norton Monthly Meeting was set up in 1668 as one of the original constituents of Durham Quarterly Meeting. Its constituent meetings included Darlington, Shotton, Stockton and Yarm at that time. In 1695 it was renamed Stockton and it continued under this name until 1820, when it became Darlington Monthly Meeting. On the dissolution of Staindrop Monthly Meeting in the same year, several meetings joined Darlington. Those constituent meetings based in the North Riding were: Cotherstone (transferred from Staindrop Monthly Meeting in 1820); Middlesbrough (1846-); Northallerton (1845-1847, 1910-1913, 1949-1962); North Ormesby (1922-1936); Osmotherley (transferred from Thirsk Monthly Meeting in 1828 until closure 1838, 1890-1961); Redcar (c.1840-1969); Saltburn (1869-1914); Yarm (1668-1861).

Repository: Durham County Record Office (GB 0032)

Reference codes: SF/Da/MM

Dates of creation: 1675-1918

Extent: c.135 items

Finding aids: printed and online catalogues

NRA code: 26839

Access: open

Content and scope:

This summary covers the majority of the collection, except where items are clearly not relevant to Yorkshire.

Minutes:

Minutes of MM, 1675-1900; rough minutes, 1687-1800

Minutes of Women's MM, 1680-1891; accounts and reports of meetings, 1680-1696

Minutes of Meetings of Ministers and Elders, 1778-1876, and on Ministry and Oversight, 1876-1899

Other minutes:

Minutes of Committee on Money Matters, 1848-1894

Minutes of Small Meetings Committee, 1847-1877

Papers, including correspondence and minutes, of Committee for visiting mission meetings, 1886-1899

Sufferings:

Records of sufferings, 1683-1890

Membership records:

Certificates of removal, 1801-1806, 1827-1878, 1889-1907

Papers and correspondence re acceptance of removal certificates, 1888-1892

Testimonies of deceased ministers, issued by QM, 1732-1841

Certificates of liberation for Friends travelling in the ministry, 1759

Births, marriages and burials:

Superintendent Registrar's certificates for marriages without licence and related papers, 1875-1915

Declarations of intention of marriage, 1874-1895

Marriage certificates, 1888-1895

List of marriages and burials at Laskill Meeting House, Bilsdale, 1730-1887

Financial and property records:

Treasurer's accounts, 1819-1887

Accounts, bank book and minutes of Women's QM Fund to assist Friends 'in low circumstances' to attend MMs and QMs, 1798-1849

Miscellaneous:

Bundle of papers, including list of 'public Friends' who visited Darlington, 1732-1757, index to MM minutes, c.1750, report on mission meetings, schools, bible classes etc. within Durham QM, 1872, 1732-1878

Summary of particulars of wartime service of male Friends within MM, c.1913, with related letters, 1918

Related material in repository:

Records of Cotherstone, Middlesbrough, Osmotherley, Redcar, Saltburn and Yarm Preparative Meetings, and Durham Quarterly Meeting

1.2.6 GUISBOROUGH MONTHLY MEETING (1669 to date)

Historical note:

George Fox first visited the Cleveland area in the winter of 1651/52. He was followed in 1652 by John Whitehead of Swine, near Hull, one of the most important Quaker preachers in this part of the North Riding. William Dewsbury and Richard Robinson of Countersett were also active in the area. Meetings in Stokesley, Guisborough and Liverton were all settled in the early 1650s. Guisborough Monthly Meeting was established in 1669. At that point, its constituent

Meetings included Ayresome, Guisborough, Liverton (later split into Castleton, Roxby and Moorsholm), Rosedale (later split into Hutton-le-Hole and Kirkbymoorside) and Stokesley (later Ayton). In 1827 the eastern part of Thirsk Monthly Meeting was incorporated (including Bilsdale and Helmsley Meetings); in 1833, the southern Meetings of Helmsley, Hutton-le-Hole and Kirkbymoorside were transferred to Pickering Monthly Meeting. In 1850, Guisborough Monthly Meeting became a constituent of Durham Quarterly Meeting. The Meeting is still in existence.

Repository: North Yorkshire County Record Office (GB 0191)

Reference codes: R/Q/G/1/1-42, 58; 3/4-45; 5/1; 6/1-3; 8/6/1; 9/3 [MIC 1299-1301; 3206; 2080]

Dates of creation: 1737-1960

Extent: 116 items

Finding aids: printed catalogue

NRA code: none

Access: open; microfilm copies must be used

Content and scope:

Minutes:

Minutes of MM, 1742 - 1903; rough minutes, 1747 - 1755, 1838 - 1846

Minutes of Women's MM, 1737 - 1787, 1803 - 1806, 1825 - 1891

Minutes of Select Meeting of Ministers and Elders, 1764 - 1825

Minutes of Meetings on Ministry and Oversight, 1878 - 1894 & 1909 - 1945

Minutes of Meetings of Elders, 1934 - 1949

Other minutes:

Meetings Committee minutes, 1937 - 1939

Membership records:

List of members, 1837 - c. 1870

Births, marriages and burials:

Birth register/notes, 1834 - 1836, 1860 - 1868, 1880 - 1959

File of birth notes and certificates, 1838 - 1848

Marriage certificates, forms of notice of intention and relative correspondence, 1738 - 1960

Burial registers, 1838 - 1909

Financial and property records:

Cash and account books, 1745 - 1903

Copy report re funds derived from land at Hutton Sessay and their distribution amongst poor Friends, 1839

Notes re title deeds of Meeting Houses and burial grounds within MM, 1738 - 1893

Related material in repository:

Records of Ayton, Bilsdale, Castleton, Guisborough and Kirkbymoorside Preparative Meetings

Related material in other repositories:

Records of Yorkshire Quarterly Meeting, Leeds University Library

Records of Durham Quarterly Meeting, Durham County Record Office

1.2.7 HULL MONTHLY MEETING (1784-1858)

Historical note:

This was created out of a merger in 1784 between Cave and Owstwick Monthly Meetings, whose membership was by that point severely depleted. Its constituent meetings were Beverley, Bridlington, Cave, Cranswick, East End, Hornsea, Hull and Owstwick. It was known as Owstwick and Cave Monthly Meeting until 1803, when it changed its name to Hull Monthly Meeting. By the date of the merger with Pickering Monthly Meeting, which took effect in January 1859, only Hull Meeting survived.

Publication note:

F Fletcher, Quakerism in East Yorkshire 1652-1952 (unpublished BA dissertation, University of Hull, 1985)

Repository: Brynmor Jones Library, University of Hull (GB 0050)

Reference codes: DQR/15/1; DQR(2)/6/11-67 & 70, 10/1-21, 23/13-14; DQR(3)/3/79-108, 6/1-7, 9/15, 10/3-4, 11/15

Dates of creation: 1763-1923

Extent: c.200 items

Finding aids: printed and online catalogues; covered by YQHP name index database

NRA code: 7612

Access: open

Content and scope:

Minutes:

Minutes of MM, 1787-1859; rough minutes, 1795-1859

Minutes of Women's MM, 1823-1859

Sufferings:

Account of sufferings, 1793 - 1856

Annual accounts of sufferings, 1828-1858

Warrants for payment of church rates, summonses, distress warrants, inventories and receipts of goods distrained from Friends, and distraint returns, 1776-1855

Membership records:

Registers of members and removals, 1812-1898

Membership list, 1839

Annual statements re membership (including births, deaths and removals), 1829-1837 (with gaps)

Applications for membership and reports by Friends appointed to visit applicants, 1814-1817, 1837

Papers re membership of Robert and Rebecca Helms, 1815-1818

Certificates of removal into and out of MM, 1785-1796, 1809, 1814-1818, 1836-1843, 1851-1852

Certificates of disownment and related papers, 1785 - 1796

Certificates of transfer and disownment, 1784 - 1800

Births, marriages and burials:

Register of births, 1776-1794

Registers of marriages, 1839-1923

Marriage consent certificates, 1784 & 1786

Certificates for marriage without a licence, 1839-1858

Register of burials, 1776-1794

Financial and property records:

Account book, 1796-1822

Miscellaneous accounts and financial reports, 1763-1839

Quarterly receipts for disbursements issued by MM, 1812-1818

Statements of accounts of charity comprising Hornsea Meeting House and burial ground, belonging to MM, 1853-1858

Returns (with statements of accounts) to Charity Commissioners covering Meeting Houses, burial grounds and other property, 1853-1859

Register of title deeds for Meeting Houses and burial grounds, as well as legacies and donations, 1807

Rental of the estate of the late Christopher Geldart, 19th century

Epistles, advices, minutes etc. received:

From Yearly Meeting and YQM, 1791-1850

Related material in repository:

Records of Cave, and Pickering and Hull Monthly Meetings, and Beverley, Bridlington, Cave, Hornsea and Hull Preparative Meetings

Related material in other repositories:

Records of Yorkshire Quarterly Meeting, Leeds University Library

Records of Cave and Owstwick Monthly Meetings, East Riding of Yorkshire Archives Service

1.2.8 KENDAL AND SEDBERGH MONTHLY MEETING (1668 to date)

Historical note:

The area around Sedbergh, Kendal and Preston Patrick is known as 'the 1652 country', where Quakerism was born as an organised movement. George Fox, on reaching Sedbergh in summer 1652, found an existing community of Seekers led by dissenting preachers, who were particularly receptive to his message. The Westmorland Seekers formed the nucleus of the Valiant Sixty, the band of preachers who carried the Quaker message beyond the north of England in the mid 1650s. They were also crucial in developing the structure of the Society of Friends. Sedbergh Monthly Meeting dates from 1668 and has always been part of Westmorland Quarterly Meeting, although it

covers part of the historic West Riding. An unsuccessful attempt to persuade Westmorland to transfer the Monthly Meeting to Yorkshire Quarterly Meeting was made in 1693. Its original constituent Preparative Meetings were Brigflatts, Dent (later Lea Yeat), Garsdale and Ravenstonedale (later Narthwaite). Of these only Brigflatts has survived to the present day. The others were discontinued in the early 1900s. Sedbergh had its own Allowed Meeting under the care of Brigflatts for a period from 1862 to 1892, but this was the only new Meeting to form in 250 years. Reflecting this, in 1903 the Monthly Meeting merged with Kendal to form Kendal and Sedbergh Monthly Meeting. This is still in existence.

Publication note:

G Benson, *The cry of the oppressed from under their oppressions* (Giles Calvert, 1656)
EE Taylor, *The valiant sixty* (Bannisdale, 1947)

Repository: Cumbria Record Office, Kendal (GB 0024)

Reference codes: WDFC/F1/138, 203-222, 225-236

Dates of creation: 1655-1919

Extent: 32 items

Finding aids: printed catalogue

NRA code: none

Access: open

Content and scope:

Minutes:

Minutes of MM, 1676 - 1919

Minutes of Women's MM, 1710-1721, 1731-1869

Minutes of Meetings of Ministers and Elders, later on Ministry and Oversight, 1803 - 1902

Sufferings:

Records of sufferings, 1655 onwards & 1794 - 1854

Membership records:

Copies of certificates of removal and disownment etc., 1783 - 1816

Bundles of miscellaneous papers, including removals, disownments and sufferings, 1801-1897 & no dates

Financial and property records:

Account book, 1821 - 1846

Related material in repository:

Records of Brigflatts, Garsdale, Lea Yeat and Narthwaite Preparative Meetings, Westmorland Quarterly Meeting, and Circulating Yearly Meeting for the Northern Counties

1.2.9 KNARESBOROUGH MONTHLY MEETING (1669-1853)

Historical note:

A group of First Publishers of Truth including Thomas and Christopher Taylor, Richard

Farnsworth, William Dewsbury, Gervase Benson and Thomas Stubbs preached throughout this area of the West Riding in the early 1650s. Several Meetings were settled as a result, based in Beamsley (later Farfield, then Addingham), Bradley (later Skipton), Weston (later Otley), Netherdale (later Darley), Guiseley (later Rawdon), Keighley and Knaresborough. On the formation of Knaresborough Monthly Meeting in March 1669, these were its constituent Meetings, and the composition of the Monthly Meeting remained fairly stable until the late 18th century. Both Knaresborough and Settle Monthly Meetings were largely rural and migration to the industrial cities of the West Riding had weakened Meetings and the ability to sustain both poor relief and the education of Friends' children. Quarterly Meeting investigated the situation in the 1830s and early 1850s. In 1853, both Monthly Meetings were incorporated wholesale into Brighouse Monthly Meeting, with the one exception of Darley Meeting, which was transferred to York Monthly Meeting.

Repository [1]: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)

Reference codes: MS 1979/1 (Carlton Hill archive), A 1-29; C 5-24, 28; P 3-3.1; T 11-20; LL 9-10

Dates of creation: 1654-c.1960

Extent: 61 items

Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 99); covered by Leeds University Library Quaker Archives Database

NRA code: 17118

Access: 50 year closure period

Content and scope:

Minutes:

Minutes of MM, 1721 - 1853; rough minutes, 1788 - 1853

Minutes of Women's MM, 1677 - 1853; rough minutes, 1788 - 1789 & 1849 - 1853

Minutes of Meetings of Ministers and Elders, 1712 - 1791

Sufferings:

Records of sufferings, 1654 - 1852

Membership records:

Lists of members, 1813 - 1853

Book of removals and certificates granted and received, 1827 - 1853

Certificates of Friends travelling in the ministry, 1719 - 1804

Births, marriages and burials:

Marriage register, 1839 - 1869

Photocopy index to marriages, 1654 - 1853

Copies of marriage certificates, 1720 - 1807

Burial notes, 1828 - 1858

Financial and property records:

Accounts for collections and disbursements, 1810 - 1854

Trust accounts and documents, 1731 - 1839

Abstract books, 1666 - 1880 & 1673 - 1792

Epistles, advices, minutes etc. received:
Christian and brotherly advices from Yearly Meeting, 1672 - 1791
Book of advices, c.1700 - 1750

Miscellaneous:
Bundles of papers, 1695 - c.1960

Repository [2]: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)

Reference codes: MS 1981/2 (Clifford Street archive), B 1.1-1.3, 6; L 15

Dates of creation: 1796-1846

Extent: 5 items

Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 75)

NRA code: 29651

Access: open

Content and scope:

Minutes:
Rough minutes, 1796 - 1800
Minutes of Select Meeting, 1808 - 1846

Births, marriages and burials:
Burial notes, 1841 - 1846

Related material in repository:

Records of Addingham, Darley, Keighley, Knaresborough, Otley, Rawdon and Skipton Preparative Meetings, and Yorkshire Quarterly Meeting

1.2.10 LEEDS MONTHLY MEETING (1924 to date)

Historical note:

Leeds Monthly Meeting is the youngest Monthly Meeting within Yorkshire, created in 1924 when Brighouse Monthly Meeting was broken up. At the time of its creation it comprised the Meetings of Gildersome, Ilkley, Morley, Rawdon, and the Leeds Meetings of Burley Road (later Fellowship House), Carlton Hill, Great Wilson Street (later Beeston Hill) and York Road. By end of 1924, it had a total of 622 members. In the late 1920s, Meetings were established in Adel and Roundhay. It is still in existence.

Repository: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)

Reference codes: MS 1979/1 (Carlton Hill archive), F 39, 43; J 41-44, 46-47, 50, 52-79, 85-86, 89; LL 95; OO 2-8, 20-21, 30-34

Dates of creation: 1923-1989

Extent: 60 items

Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 99); covered by Leeds University Library Quaker Archives Database

NRA code: 17118

Access: 50 year closure period

Content and scope:

Minutes:
Minute of origin of MM, from minutes of Brighouse MM, 13 October 1923

Minutes, 1924 - 1989
Minutes of Meetings on Ministry and Oversight, 1924 - 1966, with related papers, 1947 - 1973

Other minutes:
Education Committee minutes and records, 1955 - 1964
Peace Committee minutes, 1940 - 1955 & 1980 - 1986

Membership records:
Lists and indexes of members, c.1906 - 1945
Tabular statements, 1924 - 1935, 1937
List of admissions, removals etc., 1924 - 1950
Acceptances of certificates of removals into MM, 1938 - 1985
Certificates of removals into, out of, and within MM, 1924 - 1985

Births, marriages and burials:
Birth notes, 1949 - 1957
Register of births, 1923 - 1948, and deaths, 1923 - 1949
Registers of marriages, 1924 - 1979
Certificates of accomplishment of marriage, 1968 - 1981
Burial notes, 1931 - 1957
Orders for burials, 1969 - 1988
Orders for graves, 1928 - 1934
Certified death register entries, 1951, 1963 & 1963 onwards

Related material in repository:

Records of Adel, Gildersome, Ilkley, Morley, Rawdon, Roundhay, and Leeds: Beeston Hill, Carlton Hill, and Fellowship House Preparative Meetings, and Yorkshire Quarterly Meeting

1.2.11 MALTON MONTHLY MEETING (1669-1788)

Historical note:

Malton Monthly Meeting was created in 1669 out of the south eastern part of Kirkbymoorside Monthly Meeting. It consisted of four Preparative Meetings, namely Barton (later Thornton-le-Clay) (c.1669-1861); Birdsall (c.1669 - pre 1696); Malton (c.1652-to date); and Marishes (later Pickering) (c.1669-to date). Monthly Meetings were held in rotation at Pickering, Malton and Thornton-le-Clay from at least 1696. It was merged with neighbouring Scarborough Monthly Meeting in 1788 to form Pickering Monthly Meeting.

Repository: Brynmor Jones Library, University of Hull (GB 0050)

Reference codes: DQR/6/5-11 & 15-16, 17/55

Dates of creation: 1669-1788

Extent: 10 items

Finding aids: printed and online catalogues; covered by YQHP name index database

NRA code: 7612

Access: open

Content and scope:

Minutes:

Minutes of MM, 1669-1789; rough minutes, 1725-1783

Minutes of Women's MM, 1725-1767

Minutes of Select Meeting, 1712-1788

Sufferings:

Account of sufferings, 1737-1787

Financial and property records:

Release re Meeting Houses and burial grounds owned by MM (not executed), 1787

Related material in repository:

Records of Pickering Preparative Meeting, and Pickering, and Pickering and Hull Monthly Meetings

Related material in other repositories:

Records of Yorkshire Quarterly Meeting, Leeds University Library

1.2.12 MARSDEN MONTHLY MEETING (1668 to date)

Historical note:

Marsden Monthly Meeting was formed in 1668 as one of the original constituents of Lancashire (later Lancashire and Cheshire) Quarterly Meeting. Historically it included two Preparative Meetings based within the West Riding, namely Newby (later Sawley) (1668-to date) and Mankinholes (later Todmorden) (transferred from Brighouse Monthly Meeting in 1807 and closed in 1964).

Repository [1]: Lancashire Record Office (GB 0055)

Reference codes: FRM/1, 10, 14-16; DDX/448/1/32, 34; 2/1-4, 27-28

Dates of creation: 1653-1967

Extent: c.93 items

Finding aids: printed catalogue; covered by Access to Archives database

NRA code: 15337; 3510

Access: open

Content and scope:

Only those records covering the whole MM, or specifically relating to Yorkshire, are listed here:

Minutes:

Minutes of MM, 1678-1966; rough minutes, 1678-1746, 1803-1840

Minutes of Women's MM, 1678-1889; rough minutes, 1824-1905

Minutes of Meetings of Ministers and Elders (later Ministry and Oversight), 1787-1906

Sufferings:

Records of sufferings, 1653-1871, with related papers

Draft report to QM on distrains, 1844

Membership records:

Lists of members, 1812-1889

Certificates of removals, 1723-1924

Disownments and applications for reinstatement, 1701-1853

Vol. re membership, including applications and resignations, with statements of accounts, 1893-1953

Records of First Publishers of Truth and their sufferings, testimonies for deceased ministers, minutes of liberation for ministers, and disownments, 1668-1837

Births, marriages and burials:

Transcripts of original registers of births, marriages and burials, 1654-1836

Register of births and burials, 1837-1893

Birth and burial notes, 1871-1910

Statements of births and deaths, 1896-1961

Birth notes, 1819-1954

Registers of marriages, 1837-1963

Marriage liberation and consent certificates, 1726-1888

Marriage papers, 1876-1967

Orders for burials, 1837-1869

Burial notes, 1870-1922

Financial and property records:

Accounts, 1857-1898

Record of public gifts within MM, 1737-1879

Schedule/report of trust property, 1844 & 1916

Title deeds re Carr House estate, Todmorden, 1785 & 1874

Miscellaneous:

Vol. re George Fox, including account of the origins of MM, no date

Lists of deeds, books and papers of MM, 1844 & c.1900

Separate deposit:

Abstract of sufferings of Friends in Halifax Meeting, 1827, with account of visit by Caleb Howarth of Marsden to Groat House and his business re Rishworth School (within Brighouse MM), July 1831

Accounts of MM, 1740-1857

Observations and remarks on trust property of MM, including at Sawley, Shewbroad, Todmorden, Carr House and Mankinholes in Yorkshire, 1847

Plans of Todmorden Meeting House, c.1800

Related material in repository:

Records of Sawley Preparative Meeting, and of Lancashire and Cheshire Quarterly Meeting

Related material in other repositories:

Records of Todmorden Preparative Meeting, Leeds University Library

Repository [2]: West Yorkshire Archive Service, Leeds (GB 0205)

Reference codes: Acc 1569

Dates of creation: 1755-1947

Extent: 26 items

Finding aids: printed catalogue

NRA code: none

Access: open

Content and scope:

Records of MM Trusts Committee re Carr House estate, Todmorden:

Minutes, 1827-1931
 Letter book, 1903-1917
 Report re estate, 1882
 File of memoranda, copy letters, reports and forms
 Cash books, 1785-1932
 Rent books, 1821-1947
 Accounts of Samuel Fielden with the trustees, 1822-1826
 Abstract book, 1755-1924
 Estate agreements (never executed), 1823 & 1849
 Plans of part of estate at Millwood, no date
 Plan for widening railway line from Todmorden to Brighouse, with notice to property owners, 1896-1897
 Plan of Boar's Head Inn, no date

Related material in other repositories:

Records of Todmorden Preparative Meeting, Leeds University Library

1.2.13 OWSTWICK MONTHLY MEETING (1669-1784)**Historical note:**

George Fox first travelled through Holderness in March 1652 and he was followed a few months later by William Dewsbury, who preached throughout the East Riding. Owstwick Monthly Meeting was created in 1669 and covered Hull and the Holderness peninsula; it was in fact sometimes known by the name Holderness. At that time its constituent Meetings included Hornsea, Hull, Owstwick, East End (based at Patrington), Paull and Sutton, all of which had been settled by 1665. Paull Meeting survived to 1671, whilst Sutton closed in 1681 and was briefly replaced by Meetings at Swine (to 1683) and Ganstead (1685). One of the first major conflicts between Quakers in Yorkshire, the 'York Separation' over the question of second marriages, spread to the East Riding in the mid-1680s. One of the local leaders was John Lyth of Hull. The late 18th century saw the expansion of the area covered by the Monthly Meeting, firstly by the transfer of Bridlington Meeting on the dissolution of Bridlington Monthly Meeting in 1773. The second major change was a merger with the much depleted Cave Monthly Meeting in 1784, bringing with it Meetings in Beverley, Cave and Shipton. This was known as Owstwick and Cave Monthly Meeting.

Publication note:

Fred Fletcher, *Quakerism in East Yorkshire 1652-1952* (unpublished BA dissertation, University of Hull, 1985)

Repository [1]: East Riding of Yorkshire Archives Service (GB 0047)

Reference codes: DDQR/17-25, 30

Dates of creation: 1654-1792

Extent: 9 items

Finding aids: printed catalogue; covered by YQHP name index database

NRA code: 13796

Access: open

Content and scope:*Minutes:*

Minutes of MM, 1669–1787, including testimonials of disownment, records of sufferings and epistles; rough minutes, 1777-1787
 Minutes of Women's MM, 1676–1788, including epistles

Sufferings:

Records of sufferings, 1654 - 1792

Related material in repository:

Records of Bridlington, East End and Owstwick Preparative Meetings

Related material in other repositories:

Records of Yorkshire Quarterly Meeting, Leeds University Library
 Records of Bridlington, East End, Hornsea, Owstwick and Hull Preparative Meetings, Brynmor Jones Library, University of Hull

Repository [2]: Brynmor Jones Library, University of Hull (GB 0050)

Reference codes: DQR/7/1, 17/64-75; DQR(2)/9/1, 3-11; DQR(3)/5/1-3, 9/14-15, 11/15

Dates of creation: 1658-1981

Extent: 29 items

Finding aids: printed and online catalogues

NRA code: 7612

Access: 50 year closure period

Content and scope:*Membership records:*

Certificates of removals into and out of MM, 1778-1784
 Minutes and certificates of disownments, 1779-1786
 Certificates of transfer and disownment, 1761-1784

Births, marriages and burials:

Photocopy alphabetical index to records of birth, marriages and burials, 1658-1776, with some 19th century additions
 List of births, marriages and burials, 1654-1774
 Register of births, 1776-1794
 Register of burials, 1776-1794

Financial and property records:

Title deeds re John Storr's annuity for the poor of the MM, 1678-1981

Epistles, advices, minutes etc. received:

From Yearly Meeting and YQM, 1705-1790

Related material in repository:

Records of Bridlington, East End, Hornsea, Hull and Owstwick Preparative Meetings, and Hull, and Pickering and Hull Monthly Meetings

Related material in other repositories:

Records of Yorkshire Quarterly Meeting, Leeds University Library
Records of Bridlington, East End and Owstwick Preparative Meetings, East Riding of Yorkshire Archives Service

Repository [3]: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)

Reference codes: MS 1981/2 (Clifford Street archive), I 7

Dates of creation: 1702-1809

Extent: 1 item

Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 75)

NRA code: 29651

Access: open

Content and scope:

Minutes of Meetings of Ministers and Elders, 1702 – 1809

Related material in repository:

Records of Yorkshire Quarterly Meeting

Related material in other repositories:

Records of Bridlington, East End and Owstwick Preparative Meetings, East Riding of Yorkshire Archives Service

Records of Bridlington, East End, Hornsea, Owstwick and Hull Preparative Meetings, and Hull, and Pickering and Hull Monthly Meetings, Brynmor Jones Library, University of Hull

1.2.14 PICKERING MONTHLY MEETING (1788-1858)

Historical note:

Pickering Monthly Meeting was formed out of the merger of between Malton and Scarborough Monthly Meetings in 1788. Its constituent Meetings at that point were Malton, Pickering, Scarborough, Thornton-le-Clay, and Whitby. Several changes occurred in the early 19th century, including the formation of a Meeting in Knapton at some point before 1819, the transfer of Bridlington Meeting from Hull Monthly Meeting in 1831, and of Helmsley and Kirkbymoorside Meetings from Guisborough Monthly Meeting in 1833, and the transfer of Thornton-le-Clay Meeting to York Monthly Meeting in 1827. In the early 1840s, Bridlington, Knapton and Helmsley closed in succession. In 1858, the decision was made to merge with Hull Monthly Meeting, to form Pickering and Hull Monthly Meeting, with effect from January 1859.

Repository: Brynmor Jones Library, University of Hull (GB 0050)

Reference codes: DQR/8/4-30, 32-35, 15/1, 17/56

Dates of creation: 1781-1923

Extent: 33 items

Finding aids: printed and online catalogues; covered by YQHP name index

NRA code: 7612

Access: open

Content and scope:

Minutes:

Minutes of MM, 1795 - 1859; fair copies, 1789 - 1819; rough minutes, 1806 - 1834

Minutes of Women's MM, 1781-1793, 1796-1859; rough minutes, 1789-1793

Minutes of Select Meeting, 1827 - 1858

Membership records:

Lists of members, 1813 - 1859

Certificates of removals into and out of MM, 1788 – 1835

Births, marriages and burials:

Marriage register, 1838-1923

Financial and property records:

Inventory of property owned by MM, 1818

Miscellaneous:

List of books belonging to MM, 1845

Related material in repository:

Records of Malton, Scarborough, and Pickering and Hull Monthly Meetings, and Bridlington, Kirkbymoorside, Malton, Pickering, Scarborough and Whitby Preparative Meetings

Related material in other repositories:

Records of Yorkshire Quarterly Meeting, and Helmsley and Thornton-le-Clay Preparative Meetings, Leeds University Library

Records of Kirkbymoorside Preparative Meeting, North Yorkshire County Record Office

1.2.15 PICKERING AND HULL MONTHLY MEETING (1859 to date)

Historical note:

In 1855, a Quarterly Meeting committee began to consider how the Meetings in the East Riding might be strengthened. It was recommended that Hull and Pickering Monthly Meetings should merge and this took place in January 1859. The new Monthly Meeting was known as Pickering and Hull. At the time of the merger, the existing Preparative Meetings comprised: Cave (to 1865); Filey (to 1866; 1909-1920; 1955-1960); Hull; Kirkbymoorside; Malton; Pickering (to 1874; 1880-to date); Scarborough; and Whitby. A decade after its formation, the Meeting had a total of 223 members and 47 attenders, making it one of the smallest in Yorkshire. This had increased to 277 members and 106 attenders in 1896. During the 20th century, a few new Meetings opened and other historic Meetings reformed, including: Beverley (1955-to date); Bridlington (1903-1907; 1912-to date);

Cloughton (1922-1940; 1952-1968); Hornsea (1971-1975); and Scalby (1905-1924). The Meeting is still in existence.

Publication note:

F Fletcher, Quakerism in East Yorkshire 1652-1952 (unpublished BA dissertation, University of Hull, 1985)

Repository: Brynmor Jones Library, University of Hull (GB 0050)

Reference codes: DQR/8/31, 9, 14/7, 15/1-4, 16/5; DQR(2)/12, 23/16-17; DQR(3)/7

Dates of creation: 1774-1993

Extent: 119 items

Finding aids: printed and online catalogues; covered by YQHP name index database

NRA code: 7612

Access: 50 year closure period

Content and scope:

Minutes:

Minutes of MM, 1850-1990; rough minutes, 1930-1932, 1971-1991; files of related reports and correspondence, 1986-1990

Minutes of Women's MM, 1859-1902; rough minutes, 1889-1917

Minutes of Meetings of Ministers and Elders, later Ministry and Oversight, later Elders and Overseers, 1859-1880, 1899-1907, 1919-1923, 1940-1969, 1971-1985

Membership records:

Lists and registers of members, 1850-1931, [1950s/60s]

Tabular statements, 1912-1990

Membership cards for those leaving MM, 1956-1966

Card index of membership losses due to transfers, terminations, resignations and deaths, for 1968-1987

File of correspondence about membership applications and visits, 1987-1990

Certificates of removals into and out of MM (with acceptance forms), 1925-1927, 1940-1946, 1950 - 1985

Certificates of acceptance of removals, with burial notes, 1922-1928

Births, marriages and burials:

Birth notes, 1863-1875, 1910-1933

Marriage registers, 1838-1967

Marriage certificate books, 1908-1911, 1934-1939

Financial and property records:

Cash book, 1940-1946

Ledger, 1940-1946

Paper by JT Sewell on MM finances, 1901

Statements of accounts of charitable trusts, 1918 & 1953-1961

Ledger of legacies and property in Bridlington, Hutton-le-Hole, Whitby, Pickering, Kirkbymoorside and Helmsley, 1858-1903

Inventories of property within MM, covering Scarborough and Hull, 1934- 1956

Property register, 1978-1979

Friends Trusts Ltd. property record for Pickering and Hull Monthly Meeting, [1979]

Series of subject files of Treasurer and Convenor of Properties Committee, including about sale of Hornsea Meeting House and restoration of Malton Meeting House, 1975-1993

Bundle of papers and accounts about Norfolk Cottage, Staintondale, 1786-1935

Series of subject files of Clerk, including about Norfolk Cottage, sale of Helmsley Meeting House, new Meeting House in Scarborough, 1961-1990

Maps and plans:

Map of boundaries of MM by S Newton, [post 1859]

Miscellaneous:

Original bundle of 'Sundry papers and documents held by LR Steventon during his clerkship', 1837 - 1934

Bundle of papers, 1774- [1850]

Related material in repository:

Records of Beverley, Bridlington, Filey, Hull, Kirkbymoorside, Malton, Pickering, Scarborough and Whitby Preparative Meetings

Related material in other repositories:

Records of Yorkshire Quarterly Meeting, Leeds University Library

1.2.16 PONTEFRACT MONTHLY MEETING (c.1665 to date)

Historical note:

This is the only Monthly Meeting to have survived from the mid 1660s, and to have kept the same boundaries since the reforms of 1669, when Brighouse, Balby and York Monthly Meetings were carved out of its north western, south eastern and north eastern areas respectively. In 1669 its constituent Preparative Meetings were based in Pontefract (c.1665-to date); Denby (later High Flatts) (c.1665-1977, 1980-to date); Burton (later Barnsley) (c.1657-to date); and Wakefield (c.1669-to date). Meetings began in Ackworth and Wooldale in 1779 and 1792 respectively. This was however a period of weakness and decline in the Monthly Meeting generally, with a particular lack of active ministers and elders. Meetings founded in the 19th century included: Batley (1884 - 1885); Castleford (1883 - 1940; 1945 - 1954); and Dewsbury (1812 - 1968). In 1863 Pontefract recorded the second highest number of members after Brighouse Monthly Meeting, with a total of 413, around a quarter of the total for Yorkshire as a whole. After this point, the trend was downwards, so that by 1896 Pontefract had roughly the same number of members as Balby Monthly Meeting, around 350.

Publication note:

A Briggs, *A history of Pontefract Quakerism* (up to 1932) (Pontefract PM, 2000)

Repository: West Yorkshire Archive Service, Wakefield Headquarters (GB 0201)

Reference codes: C786/1/A-D; 2/A-B, E; 3/A-B; 4/A-C; 5/A-B; 6/A-F; 7/A-D, F; 8/A-B; 9/A-E; 17-19; add. deposit

Dates of creation: 1664-1986

Extent: c.208 items

Finding aids: printed catalogue

NRA code: 10955

Access: open

Content and scope:

Minutes:

Minutes of MM, 1671 - 1975; rough minutes, 1898 - 1906

Ts. transcript of minutes covering 1672 - 1694

Minutes of Women's MM, 1678 - 1908; rough minutes, 1899 - 1908

Minutes of Meetings of Ministers and Elders, 1867 - 1906

Other minutes:

Minutes of Property Committee, 1967 - 1968

Minutes of Friends Women's Relief Service and Friends Ambulance Unit Committee, with accounts, 1943 - 1947

Sufferings:

Records of sufferings, 1688 - 1873

Membership records:

Lists of members, 1813 - 1964 & 1969

Registers and books of certificates of removals, 1837 - 1962

Books of disownments (including testimonies of denial and acknowledgements of sin), c.1690 - 1836

Births, marriages and burials:

Transcript of part of digest register of births and burials covering MM, for 1640 - 1837, made c.1842, with covering letter

Register of births and deaths, 1862 - 1969

Birth notes, 1910 - 1936

Transcript of part of digest register of marriages covering MM, for 1650 - 1837, made c.1842

Registers of marriages, 1837 - 1984

Bundles of marriage notifications and counterfoils, 1854-1886, 1923-1976

Bundle of marriage A form booklets, 1832 - 1956

Burial notes, 1910 - 1961

Financial and property records:

Account books, 1930 - 1961

Financial statements and accounts, 1935 - 1940, 1957 - 1976

Ledger, 1956 - 1968

Account book for Licorice Garth, 1778 - 1877

Account books of Unemployment Relief Fund, 1932 - 1972

Account book of Relief Fund, 1940 - 1960

Cash receipt book of War Emergency Fund, 1940-1960

Schedules/abstracts/lists of title deeds for MM property, 1664 - c. 20th century

Inventories of MM property, 1840 - 1949, 1956 - 1966, with related correspondence and report

Registration of Meeting Houses, certificates and correspondence, 1848 - 1955

Copy returns to the Charity Commissioners re burial grounds and Meeting Houses administered by MM, 1854

Title deeds re Hillam burial ground, 1716 - 1908

Orders by Charity Commissioners, memoranda of agreement, correspondence and receipts re Priestroyds charity, High Flatts, 1839 - 1956

Agreement, orders by Charity Commissioners, memorandum and statement of income re Jackson's charity, Wooldale, 1760, 1902 - 1963

Agenda, minutes, correspondence, accounts and bills re Thomas English Trust, 1980 - 1986

Correspondence and papers re various charities/legacies/bequests, 1814 - 1970

Correspondence with Friends Trusts Limited, 1944 - 1966

Correspondence re property and finance, including sales of Meeting Houses, 1926 - 1978

Insurance policies and correspondence, 1877-1977

Epistles, advices, minutes etc. received:

From Yearly Meeting, Meeting for Sufferings and YQM, 1754 - 1890

From Yearly Meeting of Women Friends in Philadelphia, 1792 - 1837

Miscellaneous:

Copy of sermon preached by Samuel Fothergill at Horsley Down Meeting, 1769

'Writings by Friends', anon., 18th/19th century

Draft of 'A history of Quakerism in Pontefract' by Albert Briggs, c.1934

Correspondence re conscientious objectors, 1940 - 1960

Scrapbook of notes on history of MM and PMs, and photographs of Meeting Houses, burial grounds etc., 1900 - 1908

Related material in repository:

Records of Ackworth, Barnsley, Castleford, Dewsbury, High Flatts, Pontefract, Wakefield and Wooldale Preparative Meetings

Related material in other repositories:

Records of Yorkshire Quarterly Meeting, Leeds University Library

1.2.17 RICHMOND MONTHLY MEETING (c.1665 to date)

Historical note:

George Fox first reached Wensleydale in summer 1652, after his vision on Pendle Hill. Richard Robinson of Countersett (1628-1693) was the first Quaker in Wensleydale and his influence as an itinerant minister was particularly strong in the Yorkshire Dales. Many of the Meetings in the area were settled in the early 1650s through his work and that of other First Publishers of Truth such as Richard Hubberthorne, James Nayler, Thomas Taylor and Robert Widders. By 1665, Richmond Monthly Meeting had been formed, and included

Meetings in Coverdale, Osmotherley and Borrowby, Richmond, Snape, Swaledale, and Wensleydale. There continued to be a Monthly Meeting based on Richmond after the reforms of 1669, although reduced in size by the creation of Guisborough Monthly Meeting to the east. By this point it covered Richmond, Swaledale, Wensleydale and Coverdale, and Masham Meetings. During the course of its history, the Monthly Meeting has included Meetings in: Appersett (1891-1900); Aysgarth (c.1670-to date); Coverdale (later Leyburn) (c.1653-1821); Hawes (1882-1931); Langstrothdale (1785-c.1803); Masham (c.1669 - 1828); Richmond (1669-1796); Swaledale (1669 - 1861); Wensleydale (now Bainbridge) (c.1652-to date). In 1816 the Monthly Meeting became part of Westmorland Quarterly Meeting; it was then transferred to Durham Quarterly Meeting in 1860. Since 1999, it has been known as Wensleydale and Swaledale Monthly Meeting.

Publication note:

R Robinson, *A blast blown out of the North* (1680)

Repository: North Yorkshire Record Office (GB 0191)

Reference codes: R/Q/R/1/117-125, 127-150, 244-245; 2/1-2, 12-13, 17-19, 22; 3/1-5, 27-64, 75-76; 4/3-23; 5/1-39; 6/1-40; 7; 10 [MIC 1463-1467, 1569, 3854]

Dates of creation: 1618-1934

Extent: c.736 items

Finding aids: printed catalogue

NRA code: 6665

Access: open; microfilm copies must be used

Content and scope:

Minutes:

Minutes of MM, 1673 & 1688 - 1857, 1873 - 1926; rough minutes, 1773 - 1892

Minutes of Women's MM, 1715/16 - 1843

Sufferings:

Registers of sufferings, 1660 - 1856

Accounts of distraints for non-payment of tithes, 1743 - 1765

Testimonies against tithe payments by female Friends, c.1700 - 1710

Other miscellaneous lists and notes of sufferings and distraints, 1735 - 1852

Membership records:

Tabular statements, 1861 - 1870 & 1890 - 1900

List of Friends, possibly in Wensleydale, c.1820

Notebook recording acknowledgments of removal certificates from other MMs, 1801 - 1817

Notices of acceptance of removals out of MM, with some certificates of removal, 1885 - 1903

Testimony against John Thwait, 1774

Certificates for Friends travelling in the ministry, 1736 - 1772

Births, marriages and burials:

Miscellaneous birth notes, and birth note book, 1754 - 1894

Certificates of notification and registration of death, with death certificates, 1875 - 1904

Financial and property records:

Miscellaneous accounts and receipts, 1732 - 1934, including account books for trusts of Francis Smithson, Philip Swale, Robert Nicholson, Jonathan Horner, Robert Nicholson and Joseph Dobinson, and statements of accounts of charities under care of MM

Registers of records relating to MM property, 1687 - 1799 & 1814 - 1893

Title deeds of property in Askrigg, Middleham, Muker, West Rounton, Scotton, Thoraby and Thorner, 1618-1895

Forms and provisional valuations with claims for site value deductions concerning duties on land values, 1911 - 1914

Epistles, advices, minutes etc. received:

Letter to Friends in Preston Patrick area, 21 February 1650/1

Book of epistles and exhortations, with note of sufferings, 1661 - 1667 and note of registered Meeting Houses, 1659 - 1689

Letters and epistles from early Friends, including William Adamson, John Whitehead, Samuel Thornton, London Friends, Whitby Friends, George Fox, Richmond Friends, Philip Swale, Robert Sandilands and Judith Boulbie, c.1652 - 1689

Queries to Friends about proposed history of Quakerism, c.1718

Epistles from Philadelphia and London Women's Yearly Meetings, 1784 - 1810

Miscellaneous:

Series of epistles, correspondence and papers, 1650/1 - 1951, including correspondence concerning case of John Blakey and support of his family, 1804, reports of temperance work in Askrigg, Hawes and Carperby, 1895, and reports on Meeting libraries for Bainbridge and Carperby, 1896 - 1903

Pedigrees of the Metcalfe, Routh and Hunter families, c.1885

Related material in repository:

Records of Aysgarth, Bainbridge, Hawes, Leyburn, Masham, Richmond and Swaledale Preparative Meetings

Related material in other repositories:

Records of Yorkshire Quarterly Meeting, Leeds University Library

Records of Westmorland Quarterly Meeting, Cumbria Record Office, Kendal

Records of Durham Quarterly Meeting, Durham County Record Office

Norman Penney's Narrative of the Friends' Mission in Hawes and Wensleydale, 1882-1888, LSF

1.2.18 SCARBOROUGH MONTHLY MEETING (1669-1788)

Historical note:

Scarborough Monthly Meeting was formed in 1669 out of the eastern coastal area of Kirkbymoorside Monthly Meeting. It consisted of three Preparative Meetings, based in Scarborough (c.1651- to date), Silpho (later Staintondale) (1669-1782) and Whitby (c.1652- to date). Until 1675, the Monthly Meeting met at William Worfolk's house, Rigg Hall, in Staintondale; Meeting Houses in Scarborough and Whitby were opened in 1675 and 1676, and the Monthly Meeting circulated between the three locations from this point onwards. A Meeting House was also built in Staintondale around 1708 and was used by the Monthly Meeting until the closure of the local Meeting in 1782. A Quarterly Meeting committee appointed in 1784 highlighted the fact that the Monthly Meeting was by now very weak. This was due in part to widespread emigration from the area, as well as to a particular dispute about the arming of vessels which resulted in the disownment of several members in Scarborough and Whitby. In consequence, a merger took place in 1788 with neighbouring Malton Monthly Meeting to form Pickering Monthly Meeting.

Repository: Brynmor Jones Library, University of Hull (GB 0050)

Reference codes: DQR/11

Dates of creation: 1669-1788

Extent: 17 items

Finding aids: printed and online catalogues; covered by YQHP name index database

NRA code: 7612

Access: open

Content and scope:

Minutes:

Minutes of MM [copies for Whitby PM], 1669-1788

Minutes of MM [copies for Scarborough PM], 1669-1781

Minutes of MM [copies for Staintondale PM], 1669-1783

Minutes of Women's MM, 1757-1788

Minutes of Select Meeting, 1752- 1786

Volume labelled 'Sundry papers', containing MM minutes, 1781-1788, and other documents

Related material in repository:

Records of Pickering, and Pickering and Hull Monthly Meetings, and Scarborough, Staintondale and Whitby Preparative Meetings

Related material in other repositories:

Records of Yorkshire Quarterly Meeting, Leeds University Library

1.2.19 SETTLE MONTHLY MEETING (c.1665 to date)

Historical note:

This Monthly Meeting dates from 1665, when it covered a large swathe of the West Riding to the north west of Bradford and Leeds, and was

known as Skipton Monthly Meeting. It was renamed Settle in 1669, after losing about half of its geographical area (including Skipton) to the newly formed Knaresborough Monthly Meeting to the east. At this point, its constituent Preparative Meetings were Bentham (c.1652-1853, 1924-to date); Broughton (later Salterforth, then Lothersdale, then Salterforth again) (c.1653-1853, 1924-1961); Newton-in-Bowland (c.1653-1855, 1943-1948); Scalehouse (later Airton) (c.1652-1853, 1943-1948); Scarhouse (later Starbotton, then Langstrothdale) (1669-1785); and Settle (c.1652-1853, 1924-to date). During the 18th century Meetings were also settled in Moneybent (no dates) and Selside (c.1700-1728). By the early 19th century, the pattern of small, geographically dispersed Meetings brought the viability of the Monthly Meeting into question. It was proposed in 1814 to transfer the Monthly Meeting to Westmorland Quarterly Meeting, but the latter disagreed, and it was not until 1853 that the decision to incorporate both Settle and Knaresborough into Brighouse Monthly Meeting was implemented. After a period of seventy years, Settle Monthly Meeting was re-formed, comprising the five north westerly Meetings within Brighouse, namely Bentham, Keighley, Salterforth, Settle and Skipton. By the end of 1924, it had 162 members, the smallest of the Yorkshire Monthly Meetings. Two relatively short-lived Allowed Meetings were formed in the early 20th century, Cowling (1925-1942) and Linton (1945-1947).

Repository: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)

Reference codes: MS 1979/1 (Carlton Hill archive), D 1-6, 8-11, 12.0-12.4; H 1-9, 21; U 16B/2, 18, 23, 25; LL 4; SE 1-7, 8-11, 35-39, 40-41, 51, 81-85

Dates of creation: 1654-1990

Extent: 58 items

Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 99); covered by Leeds University Library Quaker Archives Database

NRA code: 17118

Access: 50 year closure period

Content and scope:

Minutes:

Minutes of MM, 1666 - 1853, 1924 - 1971; rough minutes, 1809 - 1853 & 1964 - 1968

Minutes of Women's MM, 1701 - 1845; rough minutes, 1823 - 1830

Minutes of Meetings of Ministers and Elders, 1699 - 1814

Sufferings:

Records of sufferings, 1654 - 1792

Membership records:

List of members, 1813 - 1817

Register and certificates of removals, 1924 - 1968

Certificates of disownment and letters of discipline, 1732 - 1799

Letters of contrition etc., 1733 - 1805

Certificates and minutes of liberation for travelling ministers, 1711 - 1802

Births, marriages and burials:

Registers of births and burials, 1759 - 1775 & 1925 - 1959

Birth and burial notes, 1837 - 1853

Burial notes, 1840 - 1863 & 1925 - 1954

Registers of marriages, 1839 - 1870 & 1924 - 1990

Index of marriages, 1655 - 1852

Financial and property records:

Account book, 1830 - 1854

Abstract books, 1687 - 1904 & 1712 - 1872

Inventory of property, 1817 - [1819]

Charity Commission documents [also covering Brighouse MM], 1923 - 1930

Maps and plans:

Plans of lands for the use of the poor, 1816

Epistles, advices, minutes etc. received:

From Yearly Meeting and YQM, 1768 - 1853

Miscellaneous:

Papers, 1772 - 1849 & 17th - 20th centuries

Related material in repository:

Records of Airton, Bentham, Newton-in-Bowland, Keighley, Salterforth, Selside, Settle and Skipton Preparative Meetings, and Yorkshire Quarterly Meeting

1.2.20 STAINDROP MONTHLY MEETING (1668-1820)

Historical note:

Shakerton Monthly Meeting was one of the original constituents of Durham Quarterly Meeting in 1668; it included a North Yorkshire-based Meeting in Lartington (later Cotherstone), dating from the same period. In 1675 it was renamed Raby Monthly Meeting. Almost a century later a new Meeting House was built in 1771 in Staindrop to accommodate the Monthly Meeting and it became known as Staindrop. In 1820 the Monthly Meeting was discontinued and its remaining Meetings transferred to the newly formed Darlington Monthly Meeting.

Repository: Durham County Record Office (GB 0032)

Reference codes: SF/St/MM

Dates of creation: 1671-1820

Extent: 11 items

Finding aids: printed and online catalogues

NRA code: 26839

Access: open

Content and scope:

This summary covers the majority of the collection, except where items are clearly not relevant to Yorkshire.

Minutes:

Minutes of MM, 1671-1820

Minutes of Women's MM, 1679-1820

Minutes of Meetings of Ministers and Elders, 1791-1809

Sufferings:

Records of sufferings, 1737-1820

Related material in repository:

Records of Cotherstone Preparative Meeting

1.2.21 THIRSK MONTHLY MEETING (1669-1827)

Historical note:

Thirsk Monthly Meeting was formed in 1669 and centred on Thirsk because it was the only urban centre and had the only Meeting House in the area, purchased by Thomas Pratt in 1647. At this point its constituent Meetings were Crayke (later Huby) (c.1654-1827), Wilden (later Thirsk) (c.1662-1827), Borrowby (c.1652-1827) and Bilsdale (c.1663-1827). Helmsley Meeting formed at some point after 1669. A letter addressed by Quarterly Meeting in 1672 'to the apostates belonging to Thirsk Monthly Meeting' makes this the first case of Separatism amongst Yorkshire Quakers. The Monthly Meeting was historically weak and the Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders reported 'a want of love and unity' amongst its members in 1789. Quarterly Meeting reviewed its boundaries in 1825 and proposed its dissolution. This was carried out in 1827, with the constituent Meetings allocated as follows: Borrowby joined Darlington Monthly Meeting within Durham Quarterly Meeting; Bilsdale and Helmsley joined Guisborough Monthly Meeting; and Huby and Thirsk joined York Monthly Meeting. Northallerton Meeting had already closed in 1793.

Publication note:

I Hall, 'An extinct Monthly Meeting', in *FQE*, vol.XXXVII, 1903, pp.353-361

Repository: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)

Reference codes: MS 1981/2 (Clifford Street archive), A 4-5, 7, 10, 13; B 22-24; F 3.1-4.4; K 3, 6.1; L 6; M 5

Dates of creation: 1660-1839

Extent: 24 items

Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 75)

NRA code: 29651

Access: open

Content and scope:

Minutes:

Minutes of MM, 1670 - 1827

Minutes of Women's MM, 1687 - 1827

Minutes of Meetings of Ministers and Elders, 1755 - 1826

Sufferings:

Records of sufferings, 1660 - 1826

Membership records:

List of members, 1813 - 1818

Financial and property records:

Charity money and School Fund accounts, 1781 - 1839

Record of title deeds, 1729 - 1822

Epistles, advices, minutes etc. received:

From Yearly Meeting and YQM, 1707 - 1772

Miscellaneous:

Papers re maintenance of the family of John Hutchinson 1810 - 1811, and re removals, 1810 - 1827

Related material in repository:

Records of Helmsley, Huby, Northallerton, Rounton and Thirsk Preparative Meetings, and Yorkshire Quarterly Meeting

Related material in other repositories:

Records of Bilsdale Preparative Meeting, North Yorkshire County Record Office

Records of Osmotherley Preparative Meeting, Durham County Record Office

Microfilm copies of MM records from Clifford Street archive, Borthwick Institute of Historical Research, University of York

1.2.22 YORK MONTHLY MEETING (1669 to date)

Historical note:

York Monthly Meeting was formed in 1669, principally out of the north eastern corner of the existing Pontefract Monthly Meeting. Its original constituent Meetings were Selby, Tadcaster (later Clifford), Whixley and York, with a Meeting in Skipwith (later Cottingwith, then Bubwith) settled from Selby around 1670. The Monthly Meeting suffered a severe Separatist split in the 1680s, over the issue of second marriages. With the exception of Harrogate in 1854, no other Meetings seem to have formed during the 18th or 19th centuries, and both Clifford and Whixley had closed by 1773. The Monthly Meeting was enlarged by the absorption of Meetings from Thirsk and Pickering Monthly Meetings in 1827 (Huby and Thirsk; Thornton-le-Clay), and from Knaresborough Monthly Meeting in 1853 (Darley). Over a similar period, membership also expanded in York itself, from 137 members in 1807 to 236 in 1860. In the early decades of the 20th century new Meetings formed in Leeman Road, York, Acomb and New Earswick, and Northallerton Meeting was transferred from Darlington Monthly Meeting in 1913.

Repository: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)

Reference codes: MS 1981/2 (Clifford Street archive), VII 11-65; VIII 12; A 1-3.2, 6, 8, 11-12; B 11.1-16, 21, 25; C 2.1-3.2, 5.1-5.2, 7-8.3; D 1-16; E 1-14; F 2.1-2.8; K 1.1-2.2, 4.1-5.2, 6.2, 8.1-9.2; L 1.1-1.3; M 3.1-3.3, 6-9.3

Dates of creation: 1668-1974

Extent: c.146 items

Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 99)

NRA code: 29651

Access: 50 year closure period

Content and scope:

Minutes:

Minutes of MM, 1668 – 1897, including notes of births, burials and removals

Minutes of Women's MM, 1674 - 1906

Minutes of Meetings of Ministers and Elders, later on Ministry and Oversight, 1709 - 1907

Other minutes:

Education Committee minutes, 1912 - 1964

Land and Buildings Committee minutes, 1914 - 1958

Committee for Visiting Meetings minutes, 1873 - 1882

Temperance Association committee and sub committee minutes, 1880 - 1900

Sufferings:

Account of sufferings, 1793 - 1865

Membership records:

Lists of members, 1790 - 1960

Printed lists of members and attenders, 1861 - 1916

Statistical notes and tables collected by Samuel Tuke, 1824 - 1844

Certificates of removals, 1700 - 1974

Applications for membership, disownments, documents of discipline etc., 1672 - 1848

Certificates of Friends travelling in the ministry, 1686 - 1862

Births, marriages and burials:

Removals, births, marriages and burials, 1823 - 1911

Registers of marriages, 1838 - 1976

Declarations of intentions and consents to marriage, 1681 - 1848

Marriage forms, 1838 - 1911 & onwards

Financial and property records:

Treasurer's account/cash books, 1853 - 1971

Receipted bills/receipts/vouchers and related correspondence of treasurer, 1678 - 1959 (with gaps)

Ledger of Robert Waller's Education Fund, 1845 - 1934

Account of trust property, and list of trustees, 1836 - 1895

Estates book: statement of charitable funds and other property belonging to York Monthly Meeting or its constituent meetings, 1906

Quaker meeting houses, burial grounds, properties and funds in the area of York Monthly Meeting, 1964

Epistles, advices, minutes etc. received or issued:

From YQM, 1673 - 1848

By Meeting of Ministers and Elders, York MM, 1773 - 1847

Miscellaneous:

Letters and papers re the York Separatists, 1683 - 1708

Reports and papers received, 1837 - 1853
Letter books, 1881 - 1896

Related material in repository:

Records of Bubwith, Darley, Harrogate, Helmsley, Huby, New Earswick, Selby, Thirsk, Thornton-le-Clay, York and York: Acomb Preparative Meetings, and Yorkshire Quarterly Meeting

Related material in other repositories:

Microfilm copies of MM records in Clifford Street archive, Borthwick Institute of Historical Research, University of York

1.3 PREPARATIVE MEETINGS

This section includes Preparative Meetings which have historically fallen within the three Yorkshire Ridings. It is NOT a complete list of such Meetings, but includes only those with surviving archives. For those Meetings not listed here, Monthly Meeting archives can be an alternative source of local information. Meetings are listed under their most recent historical name. The only exceptions to this are where limited archives survive from a specific period, and in such cases, Meetings are listed under the name used during that period. All historical variants of Meeting names are cross-referenced in the index.

1.3.1 ACKWORTH PREPARATIVE MEETING (1779 to date)

Historical note:

A Meeting was settled in Ackworth with the foundation of Ackworth School in 1779. A meeting room was fitted out in the east wing, south of the pediment, the following year. It was not until 1848 that a purpose-built Meeting House was erected; this seated c.850 people and was connected by a colonnade to the main school building. The school was wholly Quaker in its intake until 1870 and attendance at regular Meetings for worship an integral part of school life. This explains the strength of the meeting as recorded by the Religious Census of 1851, when a total of 379 attended the First Day morning meeting. A burial ground at Low Ackworth, originally bequeathed to Friends in 1707, was extended in 1780. The Meeting has historically been part of Pontefract Monthly Meeting.

Publication note:

E Vipont [Foulds], *Ackworth School* (Lutterworth Press, 1959)

Repository: West Yorkshire Archive Service, Wakefield Headquarters (GB 0201)

Reference codes: C786/11/A-F; 2/C/I; 2/D/I; 7/A/II/8; add. deposit

Dates of creation: 1780-1980s

Extent: 48 items

Finding aids: printed catalogue

NRA code: 10955

Access: open

Content and scope:

Minutes:

Minutes of PM, 1780 - 1980

Minutes of Women's PM, 1780 - 1875

Minutes of Elders and Overseers' Meetings, 1933 -1966

Membership records:

List of members, 19th century

Births, marriages and burials:

Birth notes, 1828 - 1910, 1939 - 1950

Burial notes, 1825 - 1960

Financial and property records:

Account books, 1854 - 1921

Accounts of Ackworth Poor Fund, 1885 - 1922

Accounts, 1950-1980s

Maps and plans:

Plan of burial ground, 19th century

Miscellaneous:

Reports of scripture meetings, 1877 - 1886

Note of discussions re new building for Meeting, 20th century

Related material in repository:

Records of Pontefract Monthly Meeting and of Ackworth School

Related material in other repositories:

Records of Ackworth School, held by the School

1.3.2 ACOMB PREPARATIVE MEETING (c.1905 to date)

Historical note:

A meeting for worship began in Acomb, near York, around 1905. In 1911 a former Primitive Methodist chapel on the Green was converted for a Meeting House. An Allowed Meeting was recognised in 1914, but it did not become a full Preparative Meeting until 1983. Historically a small Meeting, it struggled to continue during the 1930s and 1940s. It is part of York Monthly Meeting and is still in existence.

Repository: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)

Reference codes: MS 1981/2 (Clifford Street archive), J 10.1, 10.8-10.9

Dates of creation: 1914-1966

Extent: 3 items

Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 75)

NRA code: 29651

Access: 50 year closure period

Content and scope:

Minutes of PM, 1914-1940

Attendance records, 1946-1965

Papers, 1936-1966

Related material in repository:

Records of York Preparative Meeting and York Monthly Meeting

1.3.3 ADDINGHAM PREPARATIVE MEETING (c.1665-1862)

Historical note:

William Dewsbury, Christopher Taylor and Gervase Benson preached in the area around Bolton-in-Craven in the early 1650s and convinced Anthony Myers. He began to hold meetings at his home, Farfield Hall, Catgill, and in 1666 gave part of the estate to Friends for a burial ground. A settled Meeting is recorded under the name of Beamsley in 1665, as part of Skipton Monthly Meeting, and in 1669, as part of the newly formed Knaresborough Monthly Meeting. The Meeting drew in Friends from Bolton and Addingham, as well as Beamsley, and its leading members included Charles Walmsley, Richard Smith, John Moore, Thomas Smithson and Thomas Tennant. In 1689, Anthony Myers gave an adjoining plot of land for a Meeting House, and it is likely that the Meeting changed its name at this point to Farfield. The Meeting House was in use until 1816, when, due to declining local strength, Friends rented a room in Addingham instead. After its transfer to Brighouse Monthly Meeting in 1853, Addingham Meeting closed in 1862.

Publication note:

MH Long & MF Pickles eds., *The early history of the Society of Friends in Mid-Wharfedale and Craven* (Mid-Wharfedale Local History Research Group, 1998)

Repository: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)
Reference codes: MS 1979/1 (Carlton Hill archive), D 16; F 29; T 7
Dates of creation: 1689-1931
Extent: 6 items
Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 99)
NRA code: 17118
Access: open

Content and scope:

Minutes:
Minutes of Women's PM, 1797-1822

Births, marriages and burials:
Burial notes, including for Farfield, 1864-1931

Financial and property records:
Title deeds for Farfield Meeting House, 1689-1804

Related material in repository:

Records of Knaresborough and Brighouse Monthly Meetings

1.3.4 ADEL PREPARATIVE MEETING (1928 to date)

Historical note:

This Meeting was settled in 1928 as an offshoot of Carlton Hill Meeting in Leeds. It formed part of the recently created Leeds Monthly Meeting and became a full Preparative Meeting in 1938. Land given by Hannah Baker at Adel was used to create a burial ground in 1868, after the closure of Leeds: Meadow Lane burial ground. A keeper's cottage, with a small Meeting House attached, was built in 1872 and it was this building which Adel Meeting used for worship. The Meeting flourished, but plans for enlarging the Meeting House were postponed by the Second World War and never carried out. The Meeting is still in existence.

Repository: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)
Reference codes: MS 1979/1 (Carlton Hill archive), V 34; DD 2; KK 3; LL 87; OO 1, 10-19.1
Dates of creation: 1868-1979
Extent: 13 items
Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 99)
NRA code: 17118
Access: 50 year closure period

Content and scope:

Minutes:
Minutes of PM, 1940-1979

Births, marriages and burials:
Record of burials at Adel burial ground, 1868-1891

Financial and property records:
Account book, 1958-1979

Maps and plans:
Plans of Meeting House and burial ground, [1814]-1856

Miscellaneous:
Certificate of registration of Meeting House as place of religious worship, 1938

Related material in repository:

Records of Leeds Monthly Meeting

1.3.5 AIRTON PREPARATIVE MEETING (c.1652-1948)

Historical note:

This Meeting was settled at Scalehouse, near Skipton-in-Craven, in the early 1650s by the combined efforts of William Dewsbury, Richard Farnsworth, Thomas Stubbs, Miles Halhead and James Nayler. It was recorded in 1665 as a constituent of Skipton Monthly Meeting and again in 1669, when it became part of Settle Monthly Meeting. It drew in a community of Friends from Airton, Cracoe, Eshton, Flasby, Hetton and Rylstone, as well as Scalehouse itself, and two of its members, Richard Scostrop and John Hill, became widely travelled ministers. One of the mainstays of the Meeting was the

Watkinson family of Scalehouse. Some of the general meetings for the north of England which took place from 1657 to 1660 and formed the precursor of the Yearly Meeting, were held at the Watkinsons' farm. In 1675, a few years after the death of George Watkinson, the Meeting became known as Rylstone. A Meeting House was built at Airton in 1700, financed by William Ellis and situated on his land. He gave the building and its burial ground to the Meeting in 1706. The Meeting flourished during this period and its name changed again to Airton. Another Meeting House was built in Rylstone in 1711, known as Fox House Barn. Both were in use throughout the 18th century, until the number of Friends declined and meetings ceased to be held in Rylstone in 1792. When Settle Monthly Meeting was dissolved in 1853, the Meeting was transferred to Brighouse Monthly Meeting. In 1910 it was reduced to an Allowed Meeting, before being discontinued in 1922. An Allowed Meeting existed for a short period between 1943 and 1948, as part of the re-formed Settle Monthly Meeting.

Publication note:

MH Long & MF Pickles eds., *The early history of the Society of Friends in Mid-Wharfedale and Craven* (Mid-Wharfedale Local History Research Group, 1998)

R Harland, *The living stones of the Skipton Quaker Meeting* (author, 1993)

Repository: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)

Reference codes: MS 1979/1 (Carlton Hill archive), H 15, 40, 47; U 8, 10, 14, 19; DD 23; SE 12, 75

Dates of creation: 1658-1969

Extent: 29 items

Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 99)

NRA code: 17118

Access: 50 year closure period

Content and scope:

Minutes:

Minutes of Women's PM, 1699-1777

Births, marriages and burials:

Burial notes, including for Airton burial ground, 1882-1896

Financial and property records:

Title deeds for Airton Meeting House, 1697-1774

Title deeds for Rylstone Meeting House, 1658-1757

Lease and release, Gill estate, Airton, 1829

Maps and plans:

Plans of Airton Meeting House, no date

Miscellaneous:

Transcripts of correspondence of William Ellis of Airton, 1691-1709

Visitors' book for Airton Meeting House, 1969-1976

Papers re Airton, 1841-1842 & 1941-1969

Related material in repository:

Records of Settle and Brighouse Monthly Meetings

1.3.6 AYSGARTH PREPARATIVE MEETING (c.1670 to date)

Historical note:

The first reference to Quaker activity in this area is to the preaching of Richard Robinson in Carperby around 1658/9. The reaction was mainly one of hostility and it was several years before he preached there again, this time with more success. A number of families were convinced and joined neighbouring Coverdale Meeting. The Conventicle Act of 1670 unleashed a wave of persecution in the Yorkshire Dales, due largely to the work of an informer, William Thornaby of Richmond. At this point, the local centre of Quaker worship was the home of Thomas Simpson at West Burton in Bishopdale. Meetings were broken up on a regular basis and Friends were fined a total of £450 over a 14-month period. In 1689 there were six meeting places registered in the parish of Aysgarth (in Carperby and West Burton), but a Meeting House did not open in Aysgarth itself until 1704, situated in a converted barn behind Constable House. For many years, this was also home to Richmond Monthly Meeting. A Meeting House was acquired in Carperby in the same year. From about 1790 until its closure c.1802, Langstrothdale Meeting was closely allied with Aysgarth. During the 19th century, the centre of Quakerism in the area shifted to Carperby, where a new Meeting House was erected in 1864. The name of the Meeting was changed to Aysgarth and Carperby, then Carperby, to reflect this. It reverted to Aysgarth Meeting in 1967 and has met in Leyburn since 1984. It has historically been part of Richmond Monthly Meeting, renamed Wensleydale and Swaledale Monthly Meeting since 1999.

Publication note:

DS Hall, *Richard Robinson of Countersett (1628-1693) and the Quakers of Wensleydale* (Sessions, 1989)

Repository: North Yorkshire County Record Office (GB 0191)

Reference codes: R/Q/R/1/151-156; 2/3, 7, 21; 3/6-19, 23-26, 65, 68, 72, 78; 5/6; 7/224, 254, 257, 259-60, 262, 264; 10/1-15, 23 [MIC 1465-1466, 2807]

Dates of creation: 1691-1934

Extent: 101 items

Finding aids: printed catalogue

NRA code: 6665

Access: open; microfilm copies must be used

Content and scope:

Minutes:

Minutes of PM, 1772-1934

Minutes of Women's PM, 1736-1863

Sufferings:

Records of sufferings, 1720

Births, marriages and burials:

Certificates of Quaker marriages in Aysgarth parish, 1699-1791

Burial notes, including for Aysgarth, 1862-1897

Burial register for Aysgarth, 1866-1887

Orders for graves at Aysgarth burial ground, 1838-1843

Notebook listing those buried at Aysgarth burial ground during 1822-1863, c.1940

Burial register for Carperby, 1880-1889

Financial and property records:

Miscellaneous accounts for repairs to Aysgarth Meeting House, 1760-1763

Account book for receipts and expenditure of Francis Smithson, trust lands in Carperby for the use of poor Friends, 1739-1812

Title deeds for Meeting House, stable and burial ground at Aysgarth, 1703-1768

Title deeds relating to Horner's trust, Aysgarth, 1707-1895

Miscellaneous title deeds for Aysgarth, 1691-1931

Trust deeds for Quaker property in various places, including Aysgarth, 1818-1908

Title deeds relating to Francis Smithson's trust, Carperby, 1686-1908

Miscellaneous:

Report of temperance work in Carperby, c.1895

Reports on Friends library at Carperby, 1896-1902

Related material in repository:

Records of Richmond Monthly Meeting

1.3.7 AYTON PREPARATIVE MEETING (c.1652 to date)

Historical note:

The settling of a Meeting in Stokesley is attributed to John Whitehead, who travelled throughout the Cleveland area in 1652; some of the first local Friends were Thomas Jackson, Francis Rowntree and Richard Harpson. The Meeting is recorded in 1665 as part of Kirkbymoorside Monthly Meeting and again in 1669 within Guisborough Monthly Meeting. At this point there were about 30-40 local Friends. By 1745, the Meeting had been renamed Ayton; this may have reflected the erection of a Meeting House in High Green, Great Ayton in 1700 (rebuilt 1722). Friends already had a registered meeting place in the village in 1689. The history of the Meeting is closely linked with that of the Friends North of England Agricultural School in Ayton, which opened in 1841 on an adjoining site. The Meeting was united with Guisborough from 1789 to 1829. Friends from Bilsdale temporarily joined the Meeting for a period from 1850 to 1870. The Meeting still exists and meets in the same building.

Repository: North Yorkshire County Record Office (GB 0191)

Reference codes: R/Q/G/1/45, 47-54; 2/1; 7/1-3; 8/3 [MIC 1301; 3070]

Dates of creation: 1700-1914

Extent: 15 items

Finding aids: printed catalogue

NRA code: none

Access: open; microfilm copies must be used

Content and scope:

Minutes:

Minutes of PM, 1830 - 1914

Minutes of Women's PM, 1763 - 1890

Financial and property records:

Title deeds relating to the Meeting House at Great Ayton, 1700 - 1722

Maps and plans:

Plans of Meeting House and burial ground at Great Ayton, c.1868

Miscellaneous:

Bundle of accounts and memoranda, including about the extension of Great Ayton burial ground, 1866 - 1903

Related material in repository:

Records of Guisborough Monthly Meeting, Great Ayton School and Bilsdale Preparative Meeting

1.3.8 BAINBRIDGE PREPARATIVE MEETING (c.1652 to date)

Historical note:

Wensleydale Meeting drew Friends from the villages of Bainbridge, Countersett and Hawes, and was recorded as part of Richmond Monthly Meeting in 1665. In 1669, it was known as Wensleydale and Coverdale Meeting, but this arrangement did not last long. The first and most influential Quaker in Wensleydale was Richard Robinson (1628-1693), who lived at Countersett Hall. He is attributed with settling the Meeting in Wensleydale in winter 1652/3, after preaching for several weeks with Richard Hubberthorne throughout the local villages. The first Quaker families in the area are identified in Robinson's account of local sufferings endured since the early 1660s, *A blast blown out of the North* (1680). One of these waves of persecution in the Dales followed the Conventicle Act of 1670, due largely to the work of an informer, William Thornaby of Richmond. Meetings held at Bainbridge Pastures and the houses of Thomas Fawcett in Hawes and Anne Coward in Bainbridge were broken up and Friends were fined a total of £134 15s over a 14-month period. Anne Coward's cottage had in fact been bought by Friends in 1668 for use as a Meeting House, and was the first such in Wensleydale. It was rebuilt in 1700 and in use until 1836, when a new building was opened at Holme Bray, next to the Friends burial ground. It is this Meeting House which is still in use today. In Countersett, meetings were held at Countersett Hall and possibly also at Carr End, home of the Fothergills. In 1710, meetings

moved out of Countersett Hall into a barn and this was converted by Richard Robinson's son Michael into a Meeting House. It was not given to Friends until 1778. The site of the Meeting House in Hawes was acquired in 1698, with the building opening in 1710. It was rebuilt in 1816. At some point, the Meeting became known solely as Countersett, then Bainbridge and Countersett from 1824. Around this time, Hawes began to hold its own Preparative Meeting, but this did not last beyond 1838. Preparative Meetings ceased to be held in Countersett in 1846, and it was thereafter known as solely as Bainbridge Meeting. Despite these successive changes of name, recorded centrally in the Book of Meetings, locally it was often referred to as Wensleydale Meeting. Since 1999 it has been part of Wensleydale and Swaledale Monthly Meeting.

Publication note:

R Robinson, *A blast blown out of the North* (1680)
E Cooper, *The Quakers of Swaledale and Wensleydale* (Quaker Home Service, 1979)
DS Hall, *Richard Robinson of Countersett 1628-1693 and the Quakers of Wensleydale* (Sessions, 1989)

Repository: North Yorkshire County Record Office (GB 0191)

Reference codes: R/Q/R/1/185-206; 2/4, 20, 21; 3/23-26, 66-67, 71-72, 77; 4/3; 5/1, 26-27; 7/155-156, 255-256, 258, 261, 263, 265, 411-412; 8/1; 14/1-2 [MIC 1465-1466, 2256, 2807]

Dates of creation: 1615-1909

Extent: 123 items

Finding aids: printed catalogue

NRA code: 6665

Access: open; microfilm copies must be used

Content and scope:

Minutes:

Minutes of PM, 1681/2-1884

Minutes of Women's PM, 1706-1854

Sufferings:

Record of sufferings in Wensleydale, 1660-1679
Registers of distraints for tithes in Wensleydale, 1764-1765

Membership records:

List of Friends, possibly in Wensleydale, c.1820

Births, marriages and burials:

Burial notes and registers for Bainbridge burial ground, 1862 - 1897

Orders for graves at Bainbridge burial ground, 1838 - 1906

Financial and property records:

Title deeds for Bainbridge Meeting House and burial ground, 1668 - 1788

Title deeds for Countersett Meeting House, 1772 - 1778

Miscellaneous title deeds relating to Bainbridge, 1615 - 1957

Title deeds relating to Dobinson's trust, Bainbridge and Hawes, 1745 - 1960

Trust deeds for Quaker property in various places, including Bainbridge, 1818 - 1908

Valuations of lands and tenements a) belonging to Friends in Wensleydale, and b) bequeathed by Joseph Dobinson in Hawes and Bainbridge, October 1866

Rental for manor of Bainbridge with Duke of Leeds' agistement rental (copy made by Alexander Fothergill, 1784), c.1670

Miscellaneous:

Notes on early Friends in Wensleydale drawn from Meeting minutes, no date

Reports, record of loans and catalogues, Bainbridge Friends library, 1868-1909

Related material in repository:

Records of Richmond Monthly Meeting, and Hawes Preparative Meeting

Related material in other repositories:

Norman Penney's Narrative of the Friends' Mission in Hawes and Wensleydale, 1882 - 1888, LSF

1.3.9 BALBY PREPARATIVE MEETING (c.1651-1937)

Historical note:

There was a strong group of Seekers in Balby who were converted to Quakerism and formed a settled Meeting soon after George Fox first visited the area in 1651. Thomas Aldam, Richard Farnsworth and Thomas Killam, from Warmsworth, Tickhill and Balby respectively, joined Fox in touring Yorkshire and the north west as First Publishers of Truth. Balby was also significant in the development of the discipline and organisation of the Society of Friends, particularly through the Epistle of Balby Elders issued in 1656. The sufferings of Thomas Aldam, Benjamin Nicholson, Christopher Todd and John Killam are amongst the first to be recorded by Besse. These were cases of imprisonment for speaking in local churches after the sermon and date from 1652-1654. The community in Tickhill soon split off and became part of Sand and Clay Monthly Meeting in Nottinghamshire. Balby Meeting was recorded in 1665 as part of Pontefract Monthly Meeting and again in 1669, within Balby Monthly Meeting. By that point, it covered Cantley, Harlington, Warmsworth and Hooton Pagnell, as well as Balby. Its leading members included John and Thomas Killam, Thomas Aldam, Thomas Broughton, Samuel Box, Thomas Jackson and John Burgess. Thomas Aldam gave land for a burial ground in Quaker Lane, Warmsworth, around 1660; a Meeting House was built on the same site by his son William in 1705. This was initially used for Monthly Meeting gatherings; the Preparative Meeting continued to meet in its constituent villages until around 1730. The Meeting was renamed Warmsworth in 1775 and by the 1790s, it was in

decline. On Quarterly Meeting initiative, the formation of a new joint Preparative Meeting with Doncaster Friends was finally agreed in 1795. A separate Meeting for Worship continued in Warmsworth until 1798. For the period 1914-1937, an Allowed Meeting was again based in Warmsworth, making use of the same building.

Publication note:

R Hoare, *Balby beginnings: the launching of Quakerism* (Balby MM/Sessions, 2002)

Repository [1]: Doncaster Archives Department (GB 0197)

Reference codes: NF/2/1

Dates of creation: 1710-1730

Extent: 1 item

Finding aids: printed catalogue

NRA code: none

Access: open

Content and scope:

Minutes of PM, 1710-1729/30

Related material in repository:

Records of Doncaster Preparative Meeting

Related material in other repositories:

Records of Balby Monthly Meeting, Sheffield Archives

Repository [2]: Sheffield Archives (GB 0199)

Reference codes: QR 139

Dates of creation: 1808-1809

Extent: 2 items

Finding aids: printed catalogue

NRA code: 18500

Access: open

Content and scope:

Statements of case with counsels' opinion on title to Warmsworth Meeting House, 1808-1809

Related material in repository:

Records of Balby Monthly Meeting and Doncaster Preparative Meeting

1.3.10 BARNSELY PREPARATIVE MEETING (c.1657 to date)

Historical note:

A Meeting originally known as Burton [Monk Bretton] and Dircar was first recorded as part of Pontefract Monthly Meeting in 1665. By 1669, it was referred to simply as Burton Meeting. It drew in Friends from Barnsley, Ardsley, Billingley, Cudworth and Carleton, as well as Burton itself, and its members included George and Henry Ellis, Francis Penhill, Henry Roebuck, Christopher Chapman and Robert Leatham. There were Friends in the area before this date however. James Nayler, one of the earliest Quaker leaders, came from West Ardsley. He

was convinced, along with William Dewsbury, when George Fox passed through 'the country about Wakefield' in 1651. The burial ground in Burton dates from the late 1650s and around this time meetings were being held in private houses in Burton and Barnsley. George Fox recorded holding a great meeting at Burton in 1660 and groups of Friends from East and West Ardsley were amongst those imprisoned in January 1661 for refusing to swear the oath of allegiance. A Meeting House was built in Burton in 1698 on the same site as the burial ground. Thomas Shillitoe visited Burton several times in the early 19th century (he lived in Barnsley 1812-1820) and noted the poor condition of the building. It was in use until 1815, when the Meeting moved to newly built premises in Huddersfield Road, Barnsley. To reflect the move, the Meeting became known as Barnsley; it still meets today in the same building (rebuilt in 1969).

Publication note:

B Elliott, 'The early Friends of Monk Bretton 1657-1700: a study of dissent in a South Yorkshire village', in *Transactions of the Hunter Archaeological Society*, vol.10 part 4, 1977, pp.260-272

Repository: West Yorkshire Archive Service, Wakefield Headquarters (GB 0201)

Reference codes: C786/13/A; 2/C/II; 2/D/II; 7/A/II/5 & 9; add. deposit

Dates of creation: 1776-[1994]

Extent: 18 items

Finding aids: printed catalogue

NRA code: 10955

Access: open

Content and scope:

Minutes:

Minutes of PM, 1776 - 1909

Minutes of Women's PM, 1786 - 1839

Births, marriages and burials:

Birth notes, 1839 - 1904

Burial notes, 1839 - 1908

Maps and plans:

Plan of Monk Bretton burial ground, with sale plan and extract from enclosure award, no date

Miscellaneous:

Papers on Burton and Barnsley Meeting Houses, and Barnsley and Gawber Adult Schools, 1814 - 1969

Photocopy of plaque from Burton burial ground, with transcript and historical notes, [1994]

Related material in repository:

Records of Pontefract Monthly Meeting and Barnsley Friends Adult School Trust Fund

1.3.11 BENTHAM PREPARATIVE MEETING (c.1652 to date)

Historical note:

A group of First Publishers of Truth, William Dewsbury, Richard Farnsworth, Robert Fell and John Snowden, visited the market town of High Bentham in 1652 or 1653, and a number of local people were convinced. The response was not altogether favourable - Robert Fell died shortly after being attacked outside the local church. A Meeting was settled nonetheless, and was recorded in 1665 as part of Skipton Monthly Meeting, and again in 1669, as part of Settle Monthly Meeting. Its members included Jarvis Benson, George Bland, Richard Guy, Thomas Gibson, Tristram Ray and Jo[h]n Topham. A barn was bought in 1686 in Low Bentham (or Calf Cop) and adapted for meetings. By the early 18th century, the Meeting was flourishing and in need of larger premises. A new Meeting House was completed in 1720 and was in use until about 1797 when it was completely rebuilt. The Meeting was in decline by the early 19th century. In 1853 it became part of Brighouse Monthly Meeting. Friends began to meet separately for worship in neighbouring High Bentham and in 1866, the two Meetings were combined. A Meeting House and mission hall was built on Main Street, and used until 1973, when the Meeting returned to its 18th century home in Low Bentham. The Meeting is still in existence and has been part of the re-formed Settle Monthly Meeting since 1924.

Repository: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)
Reference codes: MS 1979/1 (Carlton Hill archive), D 7; F 27; H 16-19; M 20; DD 3; EE 7-16, 40-74; LL 72-73
Dates of creation: 1652-1982
Extent: 41 items
Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 99)
NRA code: 17118
Access: 50 year closure period

Content and scope:

Minutes:

Minutes of PM, with some accounts, 1685-1811, 1819-1852, 1874-1982
Minutes of Women's PM, 1791-1795

Other minutes:

Minutes of Extension and Visitation Committee, 1948-1960

Membership records:

List of members, 1875-1979

Births, marriages and burials:

Register of births, deaths and marriages, 1652-1835
Birth notes, 1874-1908
Burial notes, 1875-1944
Orders for burials, Calf Cop burial ground, 1891-1947

Financial and property records:

Calf Cop estate account book, 1834-1847
Cash accounts, Low and High Bentham Meeting Houses, 1910-1947, 1969-1973
Receipts and expenditure account book, and pass books, for John Thomas Rice Legacy Fund, 1900-1967
Receipts, 1900-1964
Correspondence re frontage of Meeting House on Main Street, High Bentham, 1961-1964
Correspondence of Joshua Hall, with specifications and estimates for alterations to Calf Cop Cottage, Low Bentham, 1966-1968

Maps and plans:

Plan of Calf Cop estate, no date
OS maps of Bentham and Calf Cop, 1909

Epistles, advices, minutes etc. received:

From Yearly Meeting and YQM, 1736-1777

Miscellaneous:

Papers, 1843-1979

Related material in repository:

Records of Settle and Brighouse Monthly Meetings, and Bentham Friends Essay Society

1.3.12 BEVERLEY PREPARATIVE MEETING (c.1651 to date)

Historical note:

George Fox reached Beverley in December 1651, where he preached at the Minster. A group of Friends gathered soon after this and began to meet in private houses; in 1661 for example, Elizabeth Dawson, Elizabeth Brown, Jeremy Burton and Christopher Weatherill were imprisoned in the town gaol for meeting at Thomas Hutchinson's house. A settled Meeting was recorded in 1665, within East Riding Monthly Meeting. In 1669, it became part of Elloughton, later Cave, Monthly Meeting, and covered Friends in several outlying villages, including Lockington, Woodmansey, Cottingham and Cherry Burton. Its members at that time were listed as Thomas Hutchinson, John Nettleton, Samuel Barton, Thomas and Francis Robinson, Robert Bukell and John Garfett. It was not until 1702 that the first Meeting House was built, on land in Lairgate already leased by Thomas Waite as a Quaker burial ground. From 1708, Friends rented alternative premises, prior to the rebuilding of the Lairgate site in 1714. Over the course of the 18th century, membership declined and for a period between 1789 and 1803, the Meeting merged with Hull. One indicator of this decline is that the Meeting very rarely sent representatives to Monthly Meeting for the period up to 1766. It became part of Owstwick and Cave, later Hull, Monthly Meeting from 1784. A new Meeting House was built on land in Love Lane conveyed by Christopher and Mary Geldart in 1810, but nonetheless the Meeting closed in 1831. The building was sold in 1890. It was not until the 1950s that Beverley saw a new influx of Friends into the area. Meetings for Worship and public meetings were held, and after a short spell as an

Allowed Meeting, a Preparative Meeting reopened in 1957, as part of Pickering and Hull Monthly Meeting. In 1961, Quaker Lane, off Wood Lane, became the site of a new Meeting House, which is still in use.

Publication note:

F Fletcher, *Friends in Beverley: a brief history of a Quaker meeting* (Beverley PM, 2001)

Repository: Brynmor Jones Library, University of Hull (GB 0050)

Reference codes: DQR/17/1-18; DQR(2)/2/1-19, 24/11; DQR(3)/1/1-7, 3/56, 9/13

Dates of creation: 1724-1991

Extent: 46 items

Finding aids: printed and online catalogues

NRA code: 7612

Access: 50 year closure period

Content and scope:

Minutes:

Minutes of PM, 1774-1789, 1803-1831, 1957-1987

Minutes of Allowed Meeting, 1955-1957

Minutes of Particular Meeting Extension Committee, 1957-1963

Minutes of Women's PM, 1803-1822

Minutes of Meetings of Elders and Overseers, 1956-1987

Other minutes:

Finance Committee minutes, 1959-1974

Premises Committee minutes, 1960-1979

Births, marriages and burials:

Birth notes, including for Beverley, 1910-1951

List of burials in old burial ground, made in 1831

Financial and property records:

Income and expenditure account book, 1959-1977

File of financial statements, 1959-1985

Building fund account book, 1960-1962

Bundle of bills, receipts, notices to quit, accounts and rentals, 1812-1830

Title deeds for Meeting Houses and burial grounds in Lairgate and Wood Lane, 1724-1886

Correspondence of WD Priestman about disposal of burial grounds in Woodlands and Lairgate, 1926

Correspondence of treasurer re development of Meeting Houses and legacies, 1960-1991

Maps and plans:

Plan of extensions to Meeting House and burial ground, with sketch and covering letter from James Clapham, 1862

Miscellaneous:

Correspondence of clerk, 1963-1966

PM newsletters, 1972-1988 (with gaps)

Related material in repository:

Records of Cave, Hull, and Pickering and Hull Monthly Meetings, and Hull Preparative Meeting

Related material in other repositories:

Records of Cave Monthly Meeting, East Riding of Yorkshire Archives Service

1.3.13 BILSDALE PREPARATIVE MEETING (c.1663-1940)

Historical note:

There were two main Quaker families in Bilsdale in 1663, the Hugills and the Trowsdales. A settled Meeting was first recorded in 1665 within Kirkbymoorside Monthly Meeting; in 1669 this became part of Thirsk Monthly Meeting. The earliest sufferings recorded by Besse for this area date from 1684, when a meeting at the house of John Baites in Laskill Bridge was broken up, and Thomas Hart and John Jackson were imprisoned for non-payment of tithes. The first Meeting House was built at Laskill Bridge in 1734, although several private houses had been registered for worship before this, including Abbot House, in 1705. In 1743, the Meeting had 20 members. After its transfer to Guisborough Monthly Meeting in 1827, the Meeting was temporarily united with Ayton for a period (1850-1870). However by 1875, only the Ventress family lived and worshipped in the dale. After the death of the last Friend in Bilsdale c.1882, the ownership of the Meeting House came into dispute with the local landowner, the Earl of Feversham. This was resolved in favour of local Friends and worship continued there until 1940. It was reduced to the status of an Allowed Meeting in 1892.

Publication note:

JH Rushton, *They kept faith* (Beck Isle Museum, 1967), pp. 215-216

Repository: North Yorkshire County Record Office (GB 0191)

Reference codes: R/Q/G/1/46; 7/9; 8/10 [MIC 1301-1302; 3070]

Dates of creation: 1839-1898

Extent: 5 items

Finding aids: printed catalogue

NRA code: none

Access: open; microfilm copies must be used

Content and scope:

Minutes:

Minutes of PM, 1839 - 1848

Maps and plans:

Plans of Meeting House and burial ground at Bilsdale (Laskill Pasture), no date & April 1890

Miscellaneous:

Correspondence re Bilsdale Meeting House and dispute with Lord Feversham, vicar of Helmsley, over rights to the Meeting House, 1875 - 1898

Related material in repository:

Records of Guisborough Monthly Meeting, and Ayton Preparative Meeting

1.3.14 BINGLEY PREPARATIVE MEETING (1958-1978)

Historical note:

There were Friends in Bingley from as early as 1664, when Jonas Bottomley and his children were imprisoned for non-payment of tithes. In 1682 John Eastburne, Richard Shackleton, Joshua Bottomley, John Milner, Richard Walker and William Frankland, all of Bingley, were committed to York Castle by the Quarter Sessions in Wakefield for refusing to take the oath of allegiance. There is also evidence of a Meeting House and burial ground in Sleningford Road, Crossflatts in the early part of the 18th century. The burial ground was owned by Timothy Maud (died 1734) and includes the burials of several members of the Maud, Lister, Taylor and Shackleton families. New premises were acquired on Elm Tree Road in 1753 and were in use for worship until around 1800. Local Friends were members of Keighley Preparative Meeting, which occasionally met in Bingley. It was not until 1958 that Bingley opened as an Allowed Meeting in its own right, becoming a Preparative Meeting a year later. It was part of Brighouse Monthly Meeting and met in Southfield Road from 1964 until its closure in 1978.

Repository: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)

Reference codes: MS 1979/1 (Carlton Hill archive), H 200-202

Dates of creation: 1960-1978

Extent: 3 items

Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 99)

NRA code: 17118

Access: 50 year closure period

Content and scope:

Minutes:

Minutes of PM, 1965-1978

Minutes of Elders and Overseers Meetings, 1960-1976

Miscellaneous:

Papers, c.1967-1978

Related material in repository:

Records of Brighouse and Knaresborough Monthly Meetings, and Keighley Preparative Meeting

1.3.15 BRADFORD PREPARATIVE MEETING (c.1652 to date)

Historical note:

A Meeting was settled in Bradford around 1652 by Christopher Taylor (who had been convinced by the preaching of William Dewsbury). A group of Quakers from Bradford was amongst those imprisoned in York Castle in early 1661. John Wynn and his wife Deborah Kitchin were both early ministers and held meetings at their home. When the structure of the Society was

formalised in 1669, Bradford Friends became part of Brighouse Preparative Meeting. This arrangement did not last beyond 1670 or 1671, when an independent Meeting in Bradford is recorded by Besse. A burial ground was acquired in 1672 at Goodman's End and the first Meeting House opened on the same site in 1698. The journal of William Edmundson gives evidence of the strength of Quakerism in the area in the 1690s. Over the following centuries, Bradford Meeting had amongst its members the Bartlett, Hustler, Seebohm, Peckover, Harris, Maud and Priestman families. Local Quakers were involved in the wool trade, banking and insurance (the Friends Provident Institution was founded in the city in 1832); large numbers of them were also apothecaries and doctors. In 1732 a new Meeting House was built on the same site; this was demolished and replaced by a new building in 1811. Despite successive improvements, the whole property was sold in 1876 and a new Meeting House opened in Fountain Street two years later. 11 Melbourne Place, was bought in 1951, following a decline in membership; the Meeting has been housed in Russell Street since 1995. Quaker burials took place in the municipal cemetery at Undercliffe from 1856 onwards. The Meeting has historically been part of Brighouse Monthly Meeting.

Publication note:

HR Hodgson, *The Society of Friends in Bradford* (Percy Lund, Humphries & Co., 1926)

W Pearson Thistlethwaite, *Some notes on Bradford Quaker Meeting* (author, 1989)

Repository: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)

Reference codes: MS 1979/1 (Carlton Hill archive), N 1-108, 134-164; T 4; CC 5-6, 9-10; DD 12/1980, 15

Dates of creation: 1650-1980

Extent: c.175 items

Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 99)

NRA code: 17118

Access: 50 year closure period

Content and scope:

Minutes:

Minutes of PM, 1698-1968; rough minutes, 1701-1765, 1886-1897

Minutes of Women's PM, 1709-1769, 1790-1901

Minutes of Meetings on Ministry and Oversight, later of Overseers, 1876-1906, 1919-1930

Other minutes:

Finance (later Finance and Property) Committee minutes, 1925-1974

Social Arrangements Committee minutes, 1897-1902

Record book of Fellowship Group, 1951-1952

Sufferings:

Record of sufferings, 1661-1752

Membership records:

Lists of members, 1839-1926

Births, marriages and burials:

Register of births, 1652-1922
Birth notes, 1827-1961
Register of marriages, 1650-1926
Register of burials, 1656-1926
Burial notes, 1827-1961
Orders for burials in Undercliffe Cemetery, 1862-1962
Grave book for Undercliffe Cemetery, 1856-1952
List of names for grave stones, Goodman's End burial ground, 1769-1855
Correspondence, papers and receipts re burials, 1839-1959

Financial and property records:

Accounts, 1882-1956
Accounts of Bradford Trust property, 1834-1869
Accounts of John Swaine's legacy, 1806-1847, 1863-1909
Subscription and collection lists, 1843-1847
Papers re Cemetery trust fund, 1925-1927
Property register and correspondence file, 1963-1968
Title deeds re Idle burial ground, 1690-1812
Title deeds re Bridge Street Meeting House, 1809-1876
Papers re Fountain Street Meeting House, 1875-1897
Minutes, copy of rules, accounts and trustees report, Melbourne Almshouses, 1857-1980

Maps and plans:

Plans of Meeting Houses, post-1802-1974

Epistles, minutes and advices received:

From Yearly Meeting and YQM, 1707-1769, 1796-1798

Miscellaneous:

HR Hodgson, *The Society of Friends in Bradford* (1926), with author's ms. amendments
Photographs, 20th century

Related material in repository:

Records of Bradford Friends Essay and Discussion Society, Bradford Friends First Day School, Bradford Friends Literary Association, Bradford ('Heaton') Friends Adult School, Bradford Friends Schools, Bradford Friends Band of Hope, Bradford Friends Young Men's Mutual Improvement Society, and Brighouse Monthly Meeting

1.3.16 BRIDLINGTON PREPARATIVE MEETING (1652-2005)

Historical note:

This Meeting was settled by William Dewsbury in mid-1652 and after the dissolution of East Riding Monthly Meeting in 1669, it fell within the boundaries of Kelk, later Bridlington, Monthly Meeting. According to Besse, early Friends met at Bridlington Key (1660) and the house of Thomasin Swales (1671). They included Robert Prudom, William Clifton, Robert Lamplugh, Robert Fowler and William Dawson. The Meeting flourished in the 1670s, and was visited by Margaret Fox. It also encompassed Friends

in Bempton, Carnaby, Hunmanby and Haisthorpe. In 1743 there were 13 Quaker families in the parish. After its transfer to Owstwick Monthly Meeting in 1773, the Meeting declined in strength and was discontinued in 1784, its members transferring to Hornsea. A meeting place and burial ground had been purchased in 1678 in St. John's Street, and were temporarily let to Unitarians until a separate Meeting re-opened around 1810. The building was sold several years after the closure of the Meeting in 1844. The fortunes of Friends in the town revived in the early 1900s, with a new Meeting being established in 1903, housed in a wooden Meeting House on the old burial ground in Havelock Street. Apart from a period of closure from 1907 to 1912, the Meeting has been in continuous existence since then, as part of Pickering and Hull Monthly Meeting. A new Meeting House adjoining the burial ground was opened in 1984. The Meeting closed in 2005.

Publication note:

JH Rushton, *They kept faith* (Beck Isle Museum, 1967), p.218

Repository [1]: East Riding of Yorkshire Archives Service (GB 0047)

Reference codes: DDQR/26

Dates of creation: 1735-1791

Extent: 1 item

Finding aids: printed catalogue

NRA code: 13796

Access: open

Content and scope:

Minutes of Women's PM, 1735 - 1791

Related material in repository:

Records of Bridlington and Owstwick Monthly Meetings

Related material in other repositories:

Records of Hull, and Pickering and Hull Monthly Meetings, Brynmor Jones Library, University of Hull

Repository [2]: Brynmor Jones Library, University of Hull (GB 0050)

Reference codes: DQR/1/1, 4/1, 9/15, 14/1, 16/1, 5, 17/19; DQR(2)/2/1-10, 6/12, 12/35, 34/1; DQR(3)/10/10

Dates of creation: 1774-1983

Extent: 40 items

Finding aids: printed and online catalogues

NRA code: 7612

Access: 50 year closure period

Content and scope:

Minutes:

Minutes of PM, 1774-1839, 1929-1964

Membership records:

Ms. list of Friends in East Riding, including Bridlington, no date

Births, marriages and burials:

Birth notes, 1828-1835
Register of marriages, including for Bridlington, 1967-1974
Burial notes, including for Bridlington, 1830-1834, 1910-1930, 1943-1956

Financial and property records:

Account book, 1938 - 1955
Account for repairs to Meeting House, 1815
Account of expenses of public meetings in Bridlington area, 1822
Ledger, including property of Bridlington Meeting, 1858-1903
Mortgage for tenements in Bridlington Key, 1694
File of correspondence re conversion of Meeting House, with plans, 1981-1983

Miscellaneous:

Letters to Hull MM about state of Meeting in Bridlington, 1815-1819 & 1823
Report of committees of Hull and Pickering Monthly Meetings about future of Meeting in Bridlington, 1817
Letters to Hull MM about insolvency of George Wetherald of Bridlington, 1814 & 1817

Related material in repository:

Records of Hull, and Pickering and Hull Monthly Meetings, and Hornsea Preparative Meeting

Related material in other repositories:

Records of Bridlington and Owstwick Monthly Meetings, East Riding of Yorkshire Archives Service

1.3.17 BRIGFLATTS PREPARATIVE MEETING (c.1652 to date)

Historical note:

George Fox first visited Brigflatts, near Sedbergh, in summer 1652. He recorded in his journal how he went to a meeting of Seekers at Gervase Benson's house at Borrats and convinced the gathering there. This was confirmation of his recent vision on Pendle Hill: 'this was the place that I had seen a people coming forth in white raiment. A mighty meeting there was and is to this day, near Sedbergh, which I gathered in the name of Jesus'. The following week, he held an open air meeting at Firbank Fell, attended by hundreds of people, large numbers of whom were also convinced. The rock from which he preached is now known as Fox's Pulpit. Dorothy and Gervase Benson, Anne and John Blaykling, Edward Burrough, John Burnyeat, and Francis and Mary Howgill, were amongst the first Friends in the area and went on to become early Quaker leaders. The Seekers of this part of Yorkshire and Westmorland were the nucleus of the Valiant Sixty, a band of travelling preachers who set out in 1654 to publish the Truth and spread the Quaker movement beyond the north. A burial ground was in use in Brigflatts from 1656, and purchased from Richard Robinson four years later. This is still in use. The Meeting House

was built on a separate site in the hamlet in 1674-5 and is also still in use. Prior to this Friends met in houses, barns or on the open fells; at least 15 houses were regularly used for worship. In the 1660s Friends suffered persecution in this area as they did elsewhere; however the local Justice of the Peace, Sir John Otway of Ingmire Hall, was sympathetic to the Quaker cause and helped to secure the release of Friends from gaol. Brigflatts Preparative Meeting was formally recorded in 1668 as part of Sedbergh Monthly Meeting. During the 18th century, the local population decreased with the decline of the flax weaving industry and the growth of the Lancashire cotton mills. This, as well as other factors, weakened the Meeting. Despite this, the Meeting survived, becoming part of Kendal and Sedbergh Monthly Meeting in 1903 and continuing to the present day.

Publication note:

WC Braithwaite, 'The Westmorland and Swaledale Seekers in 1651', in *JFHS*, vol.5 no.1, January 1908, pp.3-10

Repository: Cumbria Record Office, Kendal (GB 0024)

Reference codes: WDFC/F1/201, 235

Dates of creation: 1702-1902

Extent: 4 items

Finding aids: printed catalogue

NRA code: none

Access: open

Content and scope:

Minutes of PM, 1702 - 1846, 1878-1902

Related material in repository:

Records of Kendal and Sedbergh Monthly Meeting

1.3.18 BRIGHOUSE PREPARATIVE MEETING (c.1652-1988)

Historical note:

A Meeting was settled in Brighouse around 1652 by Christopher Taylor (who had been convinced by the preaching of William Dewsbury). Groups of Quakers from the area were amongst those imprisoned in York Castle in January 1661, including John Green of Liversedge, who eventually died in prison in 1676. The Meeting was recorded in 1665 as Brighouse and Mankinholes, part of Pontefract Monthly Meeting. In 1669, it became part of the newly formed Brighouse Monthly Meeting. It drew in Friends from Liversedge, Oakenshaw, Bradford, Bowling and Great Horton, as well as Brighouse. Meetings were held at the homes of Thomas Taylor of Brighouse, John Green of Liversedge and William Pearson of Oakenshaw. Mankinholes formed a separate Meeting and Bradford broke away by 1670 or 1671. A decade later, Friends had acquired their first Meeting House and burial ground, on Snake Hill, Rastrick. The site was known as Scar Mill Cliff

and was rebuilt in 1737. Land at Newlands was bought in 1863 and six years later a large Meeting House with classrooms opened on the site. Since this was sold in 1958, the Meeting continued in rented accommodation until its closure in 1988.

Publication note:

H Travis Clay, 'Brighthouse Quaker Meeting', in *Transactions of the Halifax Antiquarian Society*, 1948, pp. 19-25

Repository: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)
Reference codes: MS 1979/1 (Carlton Hill archive), M 16-17; P 36-37, 41, 43; Y 8, 11; AA 6/5, 11-16; DD 8/1, 31; PA 73, 79; SS 1-2, 21
Dates of creation: 1701-1990
Extent: 23 items
Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 99)
NRA code: 17118
Access: 50 year closure period

Content and scope:

Minutes:
Minutes of PM, 1701-1968
Minutes of Women's PM, 1706-1875

Membership records:
Lists of members, 1839-1925

Financial and property records:
Abstract book, [1873]
Copy title deed for Brighthouse Meeting House, 1699
Papers re sale of part of old burial ground, 1880-1990

Maps and plans:
Plans of Brighthouse Meeting House and burial ground, 1857 & no dates

Miscellaneous:
Notes re Brighthouse Friends, including Captain Thomas Taylor, 19th century - 1951
Papers, 1769-1811
Volume of marriages and registration acts, 1836-1837

Related material in repository:

Records of Brighthouse Monthly Meeting

1.3.19 BUBWITH PREPARATIVE MEETING (c.1670-1912)

Historical note:

Friends within this area of the East Riding were originally part of Selby Meeting, which had been settled by 1665 and was recorded in 1669 as a constituent of York Monthly Meeting. A separate Meeting seems to have emerged in Skipwith by 1670, when large numbers of Friends suffered distraint of goods for holding meetings for worship in the village. Of these, John Winder, George and Stephen Tomson, William Ward and Francis Herbert, all of Skipwith, were excommunicated in 1684 and imprisoned at

York. Several Friends from East and West Cottingwith paid fines for non-payment of tithes during the 1680s. The Meeting had acquired a burial ground in Skipwith by 1717. Friends began to meet in Cottingwith in the late 18th century and the name of the Meeting was changed to reflect this in April 1773. A Meeting House was built in Cottingwith in 1789 and a burial ground opened the following year. The Meeting moved again in 1876 to neighbouring Bubwith and a small Meeting House was erected two years later. This was in use until the closure of the Meeting in 1912.

Repository: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)
Reference codes: MS 1981/2 (Clifford Street archive), B 19, 30.2, 30.7; L 20.2
Dates of creation: 1662-1912
Extent: 8 items
Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 75)
NRA code: 29651
Access: open

Content and scope:

Minutes:
Minutes of PM, 1818-1902

Sufferings:
Record of sufferings in Skipwith and Cottingwith, 1662-1815

Births, marriages and burials:
Birth notes, 1838-1872
Burial notes, 1837-1897

Financial and property records:
Papers re Skipwith burial ground, 1717-1755
Papers re Bubwith Meeting House, 1878-1912

Related material in repository:

Records of York Monthly Meeting

1.3.20 CASTLEFORD PREPARATIVE MEETING (1883-1954)

Historical note:

On the initiative of John Cass (1817-1903), owner of a house furnishing business in Castleford, an Allowed Meeting opened in the town in 1883, becoming a Preparative Meeting three years later. His son William acted as Meeting Clerk, and his other sons, James and John Atherton, founded an Adult School. Until the erection of a Meeting House in Bank Street in 1891, Friends met at the Mechanics Institute or the Cooperative Hall. Many members suffered unemployment during the Great Depression and the Meeting was adopted by Warwickshire Monthly Meeting in 1935 to provide Castleford Friends with practical and spiritual assistance. An Unemployment Relief Fund was set up and land purchased for allotments. However by late 1938 the Meeting had to be discontinued. It remained closed until 1945, when it reopened as an Allowed Meeting. In 1947 it became a Preparative Meeting again

and continued until 1954. It was historically a constituent of Pontefract Monthly Meeting.

Publication note:

A Briggs, *A history of Pontefract Quakerism* (Pontefract PM, 2000), pp. 59-60, appendix B

Repository: West Yorkshire Archive Service, Wakefield Headquarters (GB 0201)

Reference codes: C786/2/C/III; 2/D/III

Dates of creation: 1887-1907

Extent: 2 items

Finding aids: printed catalogue

NRA code: 10955

Access: open

Content and scope:

Births, marriages and burials:

Birth notes, 1887 - 1900

Burial notes, 1892 - 1907

Related material in repository:

Records of Pontefract Monthly Meeting, and Castleford Friends Adult School

1.3.21 CASTLETON PREPARATIVE MEETING (c.1719-1924)

Historical note:

The area of Upper Eskdale includes some of the earliest property owned by Friends as a body, including a Meeting House in Castleton and a burial ground in Danby, both acquired in 1658. George Fox is said to have stayed at the house of John and Euphemia Hartas in Danbydale around 1655 and held meetings there whenever he passed through the area. William Dewsbury also preached throughout Cleveland in 1654. By 1669 there was a Meeting based at Liverton, within Guisborough Monthly Meeting, which drew in Friends from Lealholm, Westerdale and Danby. Besse recorded very few cases of sufferings in this part of Yorkshire; many local Friends had been able to purchase their farms and tenements in 1655 and were exempted from payment of tithes on their property. There is however a list of 'Friends in Blakemore [Blackmires], in Cleveland Monthly Meeting [sic]', from whom goods worth £158 4s 6 d were seized in 1670, under the Conventicle Act. A large, active Quaker community (including the Hartas, Baker, Unthank and Pearson families) developed in Upper Eskdale which had five registered meeting places in 1689, in Danby, Fryup, Glaisdale, Lealholm and Westerdale. Burial grounds existed in all of these places, as well as in Diderhowe and Skelton. At some point in the late 17th or early 18th centuries, separate Meetings centred on Castleton, Moorsholm and Roxby were formed out of Liverton Meeting. Castleton Meeting may have been formed around 1719, when a new Meeting House was built in the town. Luke Cock, formerly a butcher in Staithe, was living in Ugthorpe in Danbydale by 1712, and became a well-known local Friend. The Meeting had been

renamed Danby by 1745, but reverted to Castleton in 1814 and by this point was in decline. This is reflected by the fact that no minutes are recorded for the period from 1818 to 1864. The Meeting was finally closed in 1924. Roxby and Moorsholm Meetings closed between 1773 and 1800.

Publication note:

G Baker, *Unhistoric acts* (Headley, 1906)

AE Pease, 'Some records of bygone Quakerism in Cleveland', *FQE*, vol. XII, 1908, p. 44

JH Rushton, *They kept faith* (Beck Isle Museum, 1967), p. 218

Repository: North Yorkshire County Record Office (GB 0191)

Reference codes: R/Q/G/1/57; 2/2-3; 3/39; 7/7-8; 8/1-4, 7/1-2 [MIC 1301]

Dates of creation: 1733-1886

Extent: 24 items

Finding aids: printed catalogue

NRA code: none

Access: open; microfilm copies must be used

Content and scope:

Minutes:

Minutes of PM, 1803 - 1818 & 1864 - 1870

Financial and property records:

Title deeds for Meeting Houses and burial grounds at Roxby and Hinderwell, and message in Great Moorsholm, 1733 - 1860

Correspondence and papers relating to Great Moorsholm Trust, 1819 - 1886

Abstract of deeds re Roxby Meeting House, with report on condition of building and plan, 19th century & 1845

Maps and plans:

Plans of Meeting Houses and burial grounds by George Dixon, surveyor, including Danby Head, Lealholm Bridge and High Castle burial grounds and Castleton Meeting House, c.1868

Sketch plan of Liverton burial ground, with relative correspondence, 1880

Sketches, including of a headstone in Danby burial ground and an old ruined house in Danby, August 1886

Related material in repository:

Records of Guisborough Monthly Meeting

1.3.22 CAVE PREPARATIVE MEETING (c.1661-1865)

Historical note:

George Fox first travelled through the area around Elloughton and North Cave in the early 1650s, but it was not until a decade later that a Meeting was settled. A group of Friends including Marmaduke and William Stoddart, Robert Marshall, William Foster and William Richardson were arrested at a meeting in North Cave in early 1661 and imprisoned in York Castle. The Meeting was recorded by the name

of Elloughton in 1665, as part of East Riding Monthly Meeting, and again in 1669, as part of the eponymous Elloughton Monthly Meeting. By this point, it drew in Friends from Ferriby, Ellerker, Brantingham and Brough as well. They included Robert Langley, William Southern, Robert Stephenson, Thomas Wawne and Thomas Parkins. Worship was held in private homes, such as that of Elizabeth Padley in North Cave, until property was purchased in 1697 in Kirkgate (later Church Street), North Cave, for use as a Meeting House and burial ground. This was rebuilt in 1793. There was also a burial ground in Elloughton in use from around 1685 and sold in 1819. It is not clear whether a Meeting House ever existed in the village. In 1743, Elloughton Monthly Meeting renamed itself Cave Monthly Meeting, and the Preparative Meeting followed suit. In 1784, it became part of the merged Owstwick and Cave Monthly Meeting, known as Hull Monthly Meeting from 1803. It was still in existence in 1859, when Hull and Cave Meetings joined Pickering and Hull Monthly Meeting, but it was discontinued in 1865.

Repository: Brynmor Jones Library, University of Hull (GB 0050)

Reference codes: DQR/16/23, 17/34-39; DQR(3)/2/12-13, 3/57, 5/3, 9/2, 10/6-7, 11/2

Dates of creation: 1697-1926

Extent: 15 items

Finding aids: printed and online catalogues

NRA code: 7612

Access: open

Content and scope:

Births, marriages and burials:

Birth notes, 1827-1838

Marriage certificates, 1724 & 1765

Burial register, 1865

Orders for burials at North Cave burial ground, 1828-1846

List of births and deaths of children of James and Hannah Dixon of North Cave, 1784

Financial and property records:

Title deeds for Meeting House and burial ground, 1697-1829

Correspondence, reports and memorandum of agreement re burial ground, 1926

Miscellaneous:

Answers to queries, no date & 1851, with list of books owned by PM

Related material in repository:

Records of Cave, Hull, and Pickering and Hull Monthly Meetings

Related material in other repositories:

Records of Cave Monthly Meeting, East Riding of Yorkshire Archives Service

1.3.23 COTHERSTONE PREPARATIVE MEETING (c.1666 to date)

Historical note:

James Nayler was the first Quaker to preach in this area, the far north western tip of the North Riding, in summer 1653, where he held a meeting at the home of Ambrose Appleby of Startforth. According to episcopal returns, there were five Friends in the parish by 1669 and a Meeting grew up in the dales of Lune, Balder and Greta. The first local case of persecution recorded by Besse dates from 1666 when a large group of Friends meeting at the home of Thomas Wrightson in North Gill were arrested and sent to the House of Correction at Richmond. They included members of the Appleby and Raine families, as well as John Bowron of Cotherstone, one of the First Publishers of Truth to come from the area. There was a Preparative Meeting based in Lartington by 1675, with meeting places registered there and in Cotherstone in 1689. Ann Kipling's house in Bowes and James Raine's in Stoneykeld were also registered in 1694. A Meeting House and a burial ground were acquired in the village of Lartington in 1701. This was sold in 1796 and the proceeds used to purchase a new site in Cotherstone; this Meeting House opened the following year and is still in use. Reflecting the move, the Meeting changed its name to Cotherstone. It is still in existence and originally formed part of Shakerton (later Raby, then Staindrop) Monthly Meeting, before being transferred to Darlington Monthly Meeting in 1820.

Repository: Durham County Record Office (GB 0032)

Reference codes: SF/Co/PM

Dates of creation: 1675-1962

Extent: c.31 items

Finding aids: printed and online catalogues

NRA code: 41718

Access: open

Content and scope:

Minutes:

Minutes of PM, 1740-1902

Minutes of Women's PM, 1761-1925

Membership records:

List of members, 1837-1867

Births, marriages and burials:

Lists of marriages, births and deaths at Cotherstone, Lartington, Bowes and Barnard Castle, 1588-1860; including descriptions of origins of Meeting, biographies of John Bowron and Thomas Raylton, and accounts, 1837-1962

Financial and property records:

Accounts for building of Raby Meeting House, 1732

Draft list of subscriptions to MM Fund, 1916-17 & 1921

List of contributions to the West of Ireland Distress Fund, 1925

Epistles, advices, minutes etc. received:
From Yearly Meeting, 1791 & 1923

Miscellaneous:

Bundle of papers of Mrs Andrews of Cotherstone, mainly marriage certificates and title deeds of the Allanson family, 1675-1789
Papers re births and deaths of Knight, Wilkinson and Lightfoot families, 1793-1886
Vol. including poems copied by Mary Graham, record of births, deaths and marriages of Allanson family, 1588-1851, and history of Cotherstone Meeting, c.1860
List of MMs within Durham QM, 1883

Related material in repository:

Records of Staindrop and Darlington Monthly Meetings, and papers of Bowron family

1.3.24 DARLEY PREPARATIVE MEETING (c.1665-1887)

Historical note:

Christopher Taylor was the first to preach the Quaker message in Dacre, but no date is given for this. The sufferings of local Friends are recorded by Besse from 1660 onwards; several were imprisoned in January 1683 by Wetherby Sessions for not attending church and refusing to take the oath of allegiance. Netherdale Meeting, based at Dacre, is first recorded in 1665 as part of Skipton Monthly Meeting. In 1669 it became a constituent of Knaresborough Monthly Meeting. Its leading members were Henry Settle, Miles Oddy, Peter Hardcastle and John Bainbridge, and they met in private houses, such as Hardcastle Garth, for almost three decades. Two plots of land were given to Friends for a burial ground in Dacre in 1697; a Meeting House built the previous year was sited on one of these plots. Friends from Knaresborough joined the Meeting in 1792. The state of the building at Dacre after more than a century influenced Friends to move to Darley and erect a new Meeting House in 1802. This was partly funded by the sale of the burial ground at Stanbury. The name of the Meeting was changed to Darley to reflect this move. In 1853 it became part of York Monthly Meeting. The Meeting declined in numbers and by 1880, Friends were meeting at the home of Thompson Walker at Birstwith. The Meeting was discontinued in 1887, but it was not until 1950 that the Meeting House was sold.

Repository [1]: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)

Reference codes: MS 1981/2 (Clifford Street archive), III 9.41; B 5.1-5.3, 30.3; C 4.0-4.5; L 4-5.2, 12, 14

Dates of creation: 1701-1950

Extent: 16 items

Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 75)

NRA code: 29651

Access: open

Content and scope:

Minutes:

Minutes of PM, 1701-1878

Minutes of Women's PM, 1710/11-1862

Births, marriages and burials:

Birth notes, 1850-1874

Burial notes, 1836-1886

Maps and plans:

Plan of Darley burial ground, no date

Miscellaneous:

Papers re Darley Meeting House, 1928-1950

Borrowers' register and catalogue for Friends Meeting Library, 1852-1884

Repository [2]: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)

Reference codes: MS 1979/1 (Carlton Hill archive), C 4; DD 20

Dates of creation: 1700-1714

Extent: 2 items

Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 99)

NRA code: 17118

Access: open

Content and scope:

Minutes:

Minutes of PM, 1700-1714

Maps and plans:

Plan of Darley Meeting House, no date

Related material in repository:

Records of Settle, Knaresborough and York Monthly Meetings

1.3.25 DEWSBURY PREPARATIVE MEETING (c.1812-1968)

Historical note:

Friends began to meet in Dewsbury in the early 1800s, in a cottage in Rosemary Lane owned by Morrit Matthews. In the period 1801-1810, five applications for membership were submitted from Dewsbury residents. A public meeting was held by Thomas Colley in 1807, which acted as a stimulus to regular worship, but it was not until 1812 that a Meeting was formally settled. Initially this was under the care of Wakefield Meeting, later becoming a full Preparative Meeting. A site for a Meeting House and burial ground on Bradford Road was given to the Meeting by George Brearey in 1830 and a year later, the building was opened for worship. An Adult School was formed in 1859, which made use of the Meeting House for its work, until an extension to the building was completed in 1887. The Meeting, historically part of Pontefract Monthly Meeting, was discontinued in 1968.

Publication note:

[Samuel Gill], *Some account of the origin and progress of the Society of Friends in Dewsbury by one of their number*, [1885]

Repository: West Yorkshire Archive Service, Wakefield Headquarters (GB 0201)
Reference codes: C786/16/B; 2/B/4-5; 2/C/IX
Dates of creation: 1865-1985
Extent: 10 items
Finding aids: printed catalogue
NRA code: 10955
Access: open

Content and scope:

Minutes:
Minutes of PM, 1898 - 1968

Births, marriages and burials:
Birth notes, 1956 - 1958
Burial notes, 1924 - 1969
Transcripts of burial registers, made by keeper, Matthew Ridgway, 1865 - 1869

Financial and property records:
Accounts and correspondence, 1918 - 1967
Copy conveyance of burial ground, 1985

Related material in repository:

Records of Pontefract Monthly Meeting and Wakefield Preparative Meeting

1.3.26 DONCASTER PREPARATIVE MEETING (1798 to date)

Historical note:

Local Friends originally formed part of Balby, later Warmsworth Meeting, until the late 18th century. The expansion of Doncaster during this period gradually led to the formation of an independent Meeting. Until the purchase of property in Upper Laith Gate in 1798, Friends met at the home of John Clark in French Gate. When Warmsworth Meeting was discontinued around the turn of the century, its remaining members joined Doncaster. The Meeting House was extended in 1897 to include facilities for an Adult School and library, and again in 1936 to provide space for Young Friends. After the war, plans for redevelopment in Doncaster meant that the Meeting House and burial ground had to be surrendered to the Council. It was not until 1975 however that Friends finally moved into new premises provided by the Council off Oxford Place in the 'Balby redevelopment area'. The Meeting is still in existence and has always been part of Balby Monthly Meeting.

Publication note:

R Hoare, *Doncaster Quakers' 350th anniversary: some historical notes* (author, 2002)

Repository [1]: Doncaster Archives Department (GB 0197)
Reference codes: NF/1/1-4
Dates of creation: 1763-1959
Extent: 15 items
Finding aids: printed catalogue
NRA code: none
Access: open

Content and scope:

Minutes:
Minutes of PM, 1875-1959
Minutes of Women's PM, 1840-1864
Minutes of Meetings on Ministry and Oversight, 1904-1955

Membership records:
Certificates of liberation for William Coning, Joseph Ingle and Daniel Wheeler, 1768, 1769 & 1832

Births, marriages and burials:
Certificates of marriage, 1762 & 1763

Related material in repository:

Records of Doncaster Friends Adult School, Doncaster Friends Sunday School, Doncaster and District Adult School Union and Balby Preparative Meeting, and papers of the Clark family

Related material in other repositories:

Records of Balby Monthly Meeting, Sheffield Archives

Repository [2]: Sheffield Archives (GB 0199)
Reference codes: QR 48, 93
Dates of creation: 1672-1940
Extent: 2 items
Finding aids: printed catalogue
NRA code: 18500
Access: open

Content and scope:

Births, marriages and burials:
Burial notes, 1910 - 1940

Epistles, advices, minutes etc. received:
From Yearly Meeting, 1672 - 1772

Related material in repository:

Records of Balby Monthly Meeting

Related material in other repositories:

Records of Doncaster Friends Adult School, Doncaster Friends Sunday School, Doncaster and District Adult School Union and Balby Preparative Meeting, and papers of the Clark family, Doncaster Archives Department

1.3.27 EAST END PREPARATIVE MEETING (c.1660-1816)

Historical note:

This Meeting was originally based in Patrington and is first documented as part of Owstwick Monthly Meeting in 1669, when it covered the far reaches of the Holderness peninsula. However, according to Besse, Quakers were preaching there as early as 1652, reflecting the fact that George Fox had travelled through the area around that time. By 1660, there is evidence of

a settled Meeting, its members including William Blossom and Thomas Stanfield of Patrington, Peter Johnson of Hollyrm and Daniel Hardy of Withernsea. It was known as East End Meeting and by 1718, its centre had moved to Welwick, where a Meeting House was built in Row Lane/Humber Lane. Friends continued to meet in Easington as well as Welwick until the end of 1739. It lasted barely a century more, being discontinued in 1816. It fell successively within Owstwick and Hull Monthly Meetings.

Repository [1]: East Riding of Yorkshire Archives Service (GB 0047)

Reference codes: DDQR/28

Dates of creation: 1702-1792

Extent: 1 item

Finding aids: printed catalogue

NRA code: 13796

Access: open

Content and scope:

Minutes of Women's PM, 1702 – 1792, including epistles

Related material in repository:

Records of Owstwick Monthly Meeting

Related material in other repositories:

Records of Owstwick and Hull Monthly Meetings, Brynmor Jones Library, University of Hull

Repository [2]: Brynmor Jones Library, University of Hull (GB 0050)

Reference codes: DQR/17/48-50

Dates of creation: 1743-1829

Extent: 3 items

Finding aids: printed and online catalogues

NRA code: 7612

Access: open

Content and scope:

Title deeds for Welwick Meeting House and burial ground, 1743-1829

Related material in repository:

Records of Owstwick and Hull Monthly Meetings

Related material in other repositories:

Records of Owstwick Monthly Meeting, East Riding of Yorkshire Archives Service

1.3.28 GARSDALE PREPARATIVE MEETING (c.1668-1900)

Historical note:

During the summer of 1652 when George Fox first reached Brigflatts, a large number of local people were convinced in the area. Several 'First Publishers of Truth', including James Nayler and Richard Farnsworth, joined Fox to preach and settle Meetings in neighbouring

villages and dales. Amongst these were Garsdale and Grisedale. The first Quakers in Garsdale were James Guy and his wife; and in Grisedale, Thomas Winn, his wife and family. They were initially members of Brigflatts Meeting. Garsdale Meeting was recorded as part of Sedbergh Monthly Meeting in 1668. James Guy, who died in 1688, left a bequest toward the building of a Meeting House, but it was not until 1703 that a farmhouse and land at Birkrigg were purchased for this end. A burial ground was bought in 1699, from William Thistlethwaite of Dandra Garth farm. There was also a Meeting House in Grisedale, built in 1706 on a close known as Stubstacks. At some point in its history, the Meeting became known as Garsdale and Grisedale. It closed in 1860, only to reopen in 1868 as Garsdale Meeting once again. By 1900 it had been discontinued.

Publication note:

J Brey, *The Quaker registers of Ravenstonedale, Grisedale and Garsdale* (RFG Hollett, 1994)

Repository: Cumbria Record Office, Kendal (GB 0024)

Reference codes: WDFC/F1/223-224

Dates of creation: 1709-1854

Extent: 7 items

Finding aids: printed catalogue

NRA code: none

Access: open

Content and scope:

Minutes of PM, 1709-1713, 1740-1848

Minutes of Women's PM, 1709 - 1854

Related material in repository:

Records of Kendal and Sedbergh Monthly Meeting

1.3.29 GILDERSOME PREPARATIVE MEETING (1705 to date)

Historical note:

The first Friends in Gildersome were convinced in the early 1660s and formed part of Leeds Meeting. They included Thomas Benson, a clothier, and his wife Grace Scott, and Michael Pratt, who was amongst those imprisoned in York Castle in January 1661 for failing to take the oath of allegiance. Meetings for worship for local Friends began to be held in Gildersome twice a month from 1705 onwards. Land for building a Meeting House in the town was purchased from Joseph and Susanna Dickinson in 1709, and the following year, an independent Preparative Meeting was established (within Brighouse Monthly Meeting). The trustees of the Meeting House (and hence some of the new Meeting's leading Friends) were Samuel and William Dickinson, Thomas Benson jnr. and John Thackerah, all of Gildersome, and Robert Arthington of Farnley. In 1756 a new Meeting House, with a burial ground, was built on land

acquired in John Reyner, and this is still in use by the Meeting today. Gildersome Meeting was also responsible for burial grounds at Hare Park Lane (originally a private ground of the Bartlett family), and in Morley. The Meeting was in decline from 1820 onwards; from 1830, joint Preparative Meetings were held for men and women, and a standing committee appointed by Brighouse Monthly Meeting to visit the Meeting. The Preparative Meeting was finally discontinued in 1835, with local Friends joining Leeds Meeting. Meetings for worship however continue in Gildersome to the present day.

Publication note:

JE Mortimer, *Quakers in Gildersome: the history of a Yorkshire Meeting* (author, 1990)

Repository: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)

Reference codes: MS 1979/1 (Carlton Hill archive), J 63; M 18; P 15-32; Z 3

Dates of creation: 1706-1993

Extent: 21 items

Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 99)

NRA code: 17118

Access: 50 year closure period

Content and scope:

Minutes:

Minutes of PM, 1710-1739, 1750-1835; rough minutes, 1749-1818

Minutes of Women's PM, 1711-1830

Membership records:

List of members of Leeds PM, later MM, including for Gildersome, c.1906-1945

Tabular statements, 1881-1896

Births, marriages and burials:

Index of births, marriages and deaths by Caleb Haworth, 1828, and other papers, 1750-1914

Birth notes, 1826-1835

Orders for burials, 1828-1833

Miscellaneous:

Papers, 1706-1993

Related material in repository:

Records of Brighouse Monthly Meeting, Leeds: Carlton Hill Preparative Meeting and Gildersome School

1.3.30 GUISBOROUGH PREPARATIVE MEETING (c.1652 to date)

Historical note:

John Whitehead preached in Guisborough in 1652 and was responsible for settling the Meeting there. Its first members were John Enock, Barbara Jacey and Alice Soula, as well as George Robinson of Lazenby. It is recorded in 1665 as part of Kirkbymoorside Monthly Meeting, but from 1669, became part of Guisborough Monthly Meeting and drew Friends from Lackenby, Lazenby and Scugdale, as well as Guisborough itself. The Meeting had grown

to around 30 members by this point, described in an episcopal return as 'laymen mechanick fellows'. Goods to the value of £167 19s were seized from local Friends in 1670, under the Conventicle Act; another similar period of persecution occurred in the area in 1677. Friends met in private houses, including those of Edward Hunter, Robert Jackson and William Jowse, before acquiring a specific meeting room in a house on Westgate, Guisborough in 1687. They continued to meet there until 1768, when a new Meeting House was constructed on the same site. The limited size of the building meant that it was soon outgrown, and another larger Meeting House was built and opened in 1815, on the north side of Westgate. For the period 1789 to 1829, Friends from Ayton were united with the Meeting. It was in decline by the mid 19th century, but did not finally close until 1918. It re-opened as a Recognised Meeting in 1987.

Repository: North Yorkshire County Record Office (GB 0191)

Reference codes: R/Q/G/1/43-45; 2/4; 8/9 [MIC 1301]

Dates of creation: 1740-1829

Extent: 8 items

Finding aids: printed catalogue

NRA code: none

Access: open; microfilm copies must be used

Content and scope:

Minutes:

Minutes of PM, 1791 - 1829

Financial and property records:

Bundle of vouchers and accounts relating to Guisborough Meeting House, 1816

Title deeds for John Barker of Guisborough's charity, 1740-1743

Related material in repository:

Records of Guisborough Monthly Meeting

1.3.31 HALIFAX PREPARATIVE MEETING (c.1652-to date)

Historical note:

William Dewsbury is attributed with settling the Meeting in Halifax after preaching there in the early 1650s. The earliest local sufferings recorded by Besse were in January 1661, when Nathaniel Crowther and John Howker were amongst those imprisoned in York Castle for refusing to take the oath of allegiance. Halifax Meeting is first recorded in 1669 as part of the newly formed Brighouse Monthly Meeting. It included Friends in neighbouring Rishworth (or Rushworth), and its leading members were Abraham Hodgson, Robert Colme, Joshua Smith, Edward Haley, Henry Dyson and Abraham Wadsworth. Halifax Friends were amongst those who suffered distraint of goods under the Conventicle Act in the early 1670s and again, and much more severely, in 1683, for absence from the national worship. Five Friends lost livestock, household goods and crops to the

total value of £196. The first Meeting House and burial ground were purchased in 1696 and lay outside the town, at Harwood Wells, Skircoat (also known as Highroad Wells). 'The most persistent and intractable case of tythe evasion ever to come before QM' is how Pearson Thistlethwaite described the Halifax modus case. Suspicious payments by local Friends were first queried in 1701 and judged to be a composition in lieu of tithes. But it took over a century, with many investigations into the peculiar local circumstances, before the matter was finally settled. In 1723, a Meeting House was opened in Rishworth and an independent Preparative Meeting formed. This was discontinued in 1802 and local Friends returned to Halifax. The Meeting re-located to a site in Clare Road, in the centre of Halifax in 1743, where a new Meeting House was built. This had been extended by 1851, and was superseded by a smaller house in the same road in 1990. The Preparative Meeting was discontinued in 1996, but Meetings for Worship continue. The Meeting has always been a constituent of Brighouse Monthly Meeting.

Repository: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)
Reference codes: MS 1979/1 (Carlton Hill archive), P 39; X 1-10; EE 16-27, 30-39
Dates of creation: 1654-1980
Extent: c.60 items
Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 99)
NRA code: 17118
Access: 50 year closure period

Content and scope:

Minutes:

Minutes of PM, 1724-1796, 1822-1980
Minutes of Women's PM, 1707-1797
Minutes of Meetings of Elders and Overseers, 1953-1975

Sufferings:

Histories of the modus in Halifax parish, 1721-1729 & [1799]

Births, marriages and burials:

Birth notes, 1912-1950
Presentations of marriage, 1707-1780
Burial notes, 1939-1950
Register of births and burials, 1654-1828

Financial and property records:

Accounts, 1926-1971
Bank pass books, 1936-1964
Schedule of deeds for Meeting Houses and burial grounds at Harwood Wells, Skircoat; Rishworth; Clare Road, Halifax; and Sowerby Street, [Halifax], 1829-1870
Premises account book, Harwood Wells Meeting House, 1856-1879
Title deeds for Rishworth Meeting House, 1723/24-1771
Title deeds for Halifax burial ground, 1863-1870
Title deeds for Halifax: Clare Road Meeting House, 1742-1760
Miscellaneous title deeds and related documents for property in Halifax and district, 1789-1885

Maps and plans:

Plans and other related documents for Harwood Wells property, c.1869-1888
OS map of Rishworth property, 1893

Miscellaneous:

Scrapbook about activities of Halifax Meeting, 1928-1990
Photograph album re Slater Ing Guest House, 1929
Miscellaneous papers, 1910-1934

Related material in repository:

Records of Brighouse Monthly Meeting and Halifax: Clare Road Adult School
Other papers on the Halifax modus are amongst the QM archives

1.3.32 HARROGATE PREPARATIVE MEETING (1854 to date)

Historical note:

There was a community of Quakers in Harrogate and district in the late 17th century. The cases of John Hogg, who was put in the stocks for 'speaking to the Priest at Rippon' in 1657, and Isabel Hogg, who was imprisoned in 1664 for non-payment of tithes, are both recorded by Besse. However the town did not have an independent Meeting and came within the orbit of neighbouring Knaresborough. In the 1820s and 1830s, travelling ministers such as Elizabeth Robson (1771-1843) and James Backhouse (1774-1869) visited Harrogate and held public meetings. By early 1835, a meeting for worship was established, solely for the use of visiting Friends, for there were none resident in the town at that time. An Allowed Meeting opened 'during the season' from 1854, with its own purpose-built Meeting House on Chapel Street (now Oxford Street). This became a full Preparative Meeting in 1861. After the closure of Darley Meeting in 1887, Friends from there joined Harrogate and the Meeting was known locally as Darley and Harrogate until 1915. A new Meeting House was built at 12a Queen Parade in 1966 and is still in use. The Meeting has historically formed part of York Monthly Meeting.

Publication note:

W Pearson Thistlethwaite, *The Quaker Meetings of Knaresborough and Harrogate* (Society of Friends, 1984)

Repository: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)
Reference codes: MS 1981/2 (Clifford Street archive), B 18; L 13, 16, 17.1-17.2
Dates of creation: 1864-1907
Extent: 5 items
Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 75)
NRA code: 29651
Access: open

Content and scope:

Minutes:

Minutes of Meetings on Ministry and Oversight, 1905-1907

Births, marriages and burials:

Birth notes, 1864-1909

Burial notes, 1866-1907

Related material in repository:

Records of York Monthly Meeting

Related material in other repositories:

Records of Harrogate Friends Literary and Debating Society and further records of PM, Harrogate Friends Meeting House

1.3.33 HAWES PREPARATIVE MEETING (post 1801-1931)

Historical note:

There was an active body of Friends in Hawes from the early 1660s, forming part of Wensleydale Meeting. Its leaders were Thomas Fawcett and Oswald Routh, both of whom held meetings in their homes from an early date. Oswald Routh bequeathed a piece of land for a Friends burial ground in Hawes in 1681. The site of the Meeting House in Hawes was acquired in 1698, again from Oswald Routh, with the building opening in 1710. It was rebuilt in 1816. Around this time, Hawes became an independent Preparative Meeting. However as the number of Quaker families in the village declined, it was discontinued in 1838. It was due largely to the missionary work of Norman Penney that the Meeting reopened as an Allowed Meeting in 1882, beginning a rebirth of Quaker activity in Wensleydale. Hawes was the centre of this work, gaining a full Preparative Meeting a year later. By 1884, there were Meetings for Worship in Hawes and Bainbridge, an Adult School in Hawes, bible classes in both villages, and a First Day School for children in Appersett. After Norman Penney left Wensleydale in 1886, the only significant development was the opening of a mission meeting in Appersett in 1891. This closed in 1906 and in fact the main Meeting at Hawes also declined in strength and was closed in 1931. The Meeting formed part of Richmond Monthly Meeting throughout its existence.

Publication note:

E Cooper, *The Quakers of Swaledale and Wensleydale* (Friends Home Service, 1979)
DS Hall, *Richard Robinson of Countersett (1628-1693) and the Quakers of Wensleydale* (Sessions, 1989)

Repository: North Yorkshire County Record Office (GB 0191)

Reference codes: R/Q/R/2/20, 21; 3/23-26, 69-74, 79; 6/1-10; 7/156, 223 [MIC 1465-1466, 2807]

Dates of creation: 1736-1940

Extent: c.43 items

Finding aids: printed catalogue

NRA code: 6665

Access: open; microfilm copies must be used

Content and scope:

Membership records:

Certificates of liberation for Alice Routh (and companions), 1736-1772

Births, marriages and burials:

Burial note books, including for Hawes, 1862 - 1897

Burial registers, 1866-1890

Orders for graves at Hawes burial ground, 1838 - 1906

List, plan and notebook of graves at Hawes burial ground, 1878, 1885 & c.1940

Financial and property records:

Valuation of lands and tenements in Hawes and Bainbridge bequeathed by Joseph Dobinson, 1866

Title deeds relating to Dobinson's trust, Bainbridge and Hawes, 1745 - 1960

Trust deeds for Quaker property in various places, including Hawes, 1818 - 1908

Miscellaneous:

Report of temperance work in Hawes, c.1895

Related material in repository:

Records of Richmond Monthly Meeting and Bainbridge Preparative Meeting

Related material in other repositories:

Norman Penney's Narrative of the Friends Mission in Hawes and Wensleydale, 1882 - 1888, LSF

1.3.34 HELMSLEY PREPARATIVE MEETING (post 1669-1841)

Historical note:

Ampleforth Meeting was settled from Thirsk at some point after 1669, and formed part of Thirsk Monthly Meeting. In the mid 1660s local Quakers included members of the Garbutt, Baites, Dale and Swailes families. Thomas Swailes died in York Castle in 1678 after imprisonment for non-payment of tithes. After meeting in various villages in Ryedale for many years, a Meeting House with a burial ground was built in 1693 in Carr Close (now Westwood Lane) in Ampleforth, on land leased from William Stead. The majority of local Friends came from Helmsley, but the Meeting also included the parishes of Coxwold, Kilburn and Scawton. By 1743 only two of the 59 families in Ampleforth were Quaker. The Meeting changed its name to Helmsley in 1797 and by 1803, was meeting in a house rented by Simon Hutchinson in Bridge Street, Helmsley. By 1812, the number of Friends had outgrown the size of the premises. A new building was completed the following year, on the same site. The Meeting was transferred to Guisborough Monthly Meeting in 1827, and then Pickering Monthly Meeting in

1833. It was discontinued in 1841 and its remaining members joined Kirkbymoorside Meeting. Special meetings for worship were held in Helmsley in 1876 and 1877, as part of a wider Quarterly Meeting effort to spread the Quaker message, but this did not lead to a revival of the local Meeting.

Publication note:

JH Rushton, *They kept faith* (Beck Isle Museum, 1967), p. 215

Repository [1]: Brynmor Jones Library, University of Hull (GB 0050)

Reference codes: DQR/17/51-54; DQR(2)/24/7-8

Dates of creation: 1693-1984

Extent: 6 items

Finding aids: printed and online catalogues

NRA code: 7612

Access: open

Content and scope:

Births, marriages and burials:

Orders for burials, including at Helmsley burial ground, 1835-1868

Financial and property records:

Assignment of lease of Ampleforth Meeting House, with endorsements, 1693-1766

Bond for property in Helmsley, with plan of Meeting House and burial ground and covering letter, 1812 & 1981-1984

Related material in repository:

Records of Pickering Monthly Meeting

Related material in other repositories:

Records of Thirsk Monthly Meeting, Leeds University Library

Records of Guisborough Monthly Meeting, North Yorkshire County Record Office

Repository [2]: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)

Reference codes: MS 1981/2 (Clifford Street archive), A 18

Dates of creation: 1783-1814

Extent: 1 item

Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 75)

NRA code: 29651

Access: open

Content and scope:

Minutes of PM, 1783-1814

Related material in repository:

Records of Thirsk Monthly Meeting

Related material in other repositories:

Records of Guisborough Monthly Meeting, North Yorkshire County Record Office

Records of Pickering Monthly Meeting, Brynmor Jones Library, University of Hull

1.3.35 HIGH FLATTS PREPARATIVE MEETING (c.1665 to date)

Historical note:

A Meeting known as Denby [Dale] and Hoyland [Swaine] was first recorded in 1665 as part of Pontefract Monthly Meeting; by 1669 it was known simply as Denby. It drew in Friends from Wooldale, Holmfirth, Hoylandswaine, Langsett and Midhope Hall, as well as Denby Dale itself. Its members included Henry Dickenson, Thomas Ellis, John Swift, Richard Priest, Amor and John Moxon, and John Woodhouse, many of whom had been convinced in the 1650s. Henry Jackson (1633-1710) of Totties was a local First Publisher of Truth and a friend of William Dewsbury. The earliest cases of sufferings recorded by Besse date from 1660 when a group of Friends from Holmfirth were imprisoned for refusing to take the oath of allegiance and for holding meetings. Friends met in private houses throughout the area, such as Lane Head house, home of the Firth family, until a Meeting House was acquired in 1697 in the hamlet of High Flatts. The Meeting was known as High Flatts from as early as 1678, as documented by Monthly Meeting minutes. In the early 1700s Pontefract Monthly Meeting began to meet there and the Meeting House was substantially rebuilt in 1755. Modernised in 1984, it is still in use. Adjoining land was used as a burial ground. Meetings at Lane Head were discontinued by 1768. At its peak in the late 18th century, High Flatts was one of the largest and wealthiest Meetings in this part of Yorkshire. A solid Quaker community had grown up in the area with wide influence, both as a religious group, and in agricultural and related activities. The size of the Meeting was reduced by the creation of Wooldale as an independent Meeting in 1792 and the transfer of Friends living nearer to Huddersfield to Paddock Meeting around the same period. Meetings for worship were held in Lumbroyd between 1767 and 1847, but Friends remained part of High Flatts Preparative Meeting. The Meeting closed for a period from 1977 until 1980, and is still in existence.

Publication note:

D Bower & J Knight, *Plain country Friends: the Quakers of Wooldale, High Flatts and Midhope* (Wooldale PM, 1987)

Repository: West Yorkshire Archive Service, Wakefield Headquarters (GB 0201)

Reference codes: C786/10/A-E, H; 2/B/3; 2/C/IV; 2/D/IV; 12/D/2

Dates of creation: 1713-1955

Extent: 37 items

Finding aids: printed catalogue

NRA code: 10955

Access: open

Content and scope:

Minutes:

Minutes of PM, 1752 - 1901; rough minutes, 1814-1955

Minutes of Women's PM, 1713 -1886

Minutes of Meetings of Ministers and Elders, 1762 - 1822

Births, marriages and burials:

Birth notes, 1838 - 1849

Burial notes, 1837 - 1909

Book of interments in High Flatts burial ground, 1782 - 1945

Transcript of burial register, by keeper Joseph Firth, 1865-1868

Orders for burials at High Flatts burial ground, 1880 - 1896

Financial and property records:

Ledger: accounts of legacies and charities administered by PM, 20th century

Miscellaneous:

Vol. entitled 'An alphabet of ye names of traveling Friends' [who visited High Flatts], 1736-1769

Related material in repository:

Records of Pontefract Monthly Meeting, High Flatts Friends First Day School, High Flatts Adult School, High Flatts Guest House and Wooldale Preparative Meeting

Related material in other repositories:

Records of Huddersfield Preparative Meeting, Leeds University Library

1.3.36 HORNSEA PREPARATIVE MEETING (1669-1975)

Historical note:

Hornsea Meeting was first recorded in 1665, within East Riding Monthly Meeting. After the boundary reforms of 1669, it became part of Owstwick Monthly Meeting, and encompassed Seaton, Brandesburton, Nunkeeling, Great Hatfield and Great Cowden, as well as Hornsea. Its early members included Peter Acklam (twice imprisoned in York Castle), Oliver Ketteridge, George Smith, John Raines, [Piers] Newsam, John Fisher, Hugh Bayley, John Cox and Peter Gardham. The first meeting place was registered in 1711, and a bequest in 1750 gave the Meeting its own Meeting House and burial ground (possibly the same site), known as Quaker Cottage, in Back Westgate. The Meeting included Bridlington Friends from 1784 until 1810, and was itself discontinued in 1813. From 1784, it was part of Owstwick and Cave, later Hull, Monthly Meeting. The Meeting briefly re-formed (without Preparative Meeting status) for the period 1971-1975, within Pickering and Hull Monthly Meeting.

Repository: Brynmor Jones Library, University of Hull (GB 0050)

Reference codes: DQR/3/1; DQR(2)/6/63-66, 12/33, 19/13, 21/4-7 & 9-10; DQR(3)/13/3

Dates of creation: 1755-1980

Extent: 21 items

Finding aids: printed and online catalogues

NRA code: 7612

Access: 50 year closure period

Content and scope:

Minutes:

Minutes of Women's PM, 1790-1816

Financial and property records:

Statements of accounts and form of general enquiry re Hornsea Meeting House and burial ground, 1853-1858

File of correspondence, accounts and papers of MM treasurer re Hornsea Meeting House, 1975-1980

Epistles, advices, minutes etc. received:

From YQM and Yearly Meeting, 1755-1838

Related material in repository:

Records of Hull, and Pickering and Hull Monthly Meetings

Related material in other repositories:

Records of Bridlington Preparative Meeting, East Riding of Yorkshire Archives Service

1.3.37 HUBY PREPARATIVE MEETING (c.1654-1851)

Historical note:

The first Quakers in this area of the North Riding were Valentine Johnson and Thomas Wedall of Crayke, who were convinced by the preaching of William Dewsbury around 1652. Two years later, Jane Wilkinson was imprisoned for preaching in the church at Crayke, and William Dewsbury was also arrested at a meeting of Friends in the hamlet. Alexander Hebblethwaite and Richard Vause of Huby were imprisoned for non-payment of tithes in 1662. There was a burial ground in Crayke by 1661, which was in use until c.1755. A settled Meeting is recorded in 1669 as part of Thirsk Monthly Meeting, under the name of Crayke, and including Sutton, Huby, Tollerton, Tholthorpe and Stillington. Its members included Valentine Johnson, John Lupton, James Cookson, George Fallowfield, Richard Smith, Richard Dobson, Josiah Cookson, [Mach] Todd, John Taylor and William Woodworth. At some point between 1710 and 1773, the Meeting changed its name to Huby; this may have followed the construction of a Meeting House in the High Street in 1712. Huby Meeting was transferred to York Monthly Meeting in 1827 and discontinued in 1851.

Repository: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)

Reference codes: MS 1981/2 (Clifford Street archive), III 9.5/5; A 16.1-16.3, 17.1-17.2; K 6.1; L 6-7

Dates of creation: 1775-1911

Extent: 10 items

Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 75)

NRA code: 29651

Access: open

Content and scope:

Minutes:

Minutes of PM, 1775-1847

Minutes of Women's PM, 1784-1802, 1831

Births, marriages and burials:

Birth notes, 1805-1840

Burial notes, 1822-1844

Maps and plans:

OS map of Huby, 1911

Related material in repository:

Records of Thirsk and York Monthly Meetings

1.3.38 HUDDERSFIELD PREPARATIVE MEETING (c.1770 to date)

Historical note:

There were very few Quakers in Huddersfield before the Industrial Revolution. Edmund Horsefall, Edward Key and John Brook suffered distraint of goods in 1683 for being absent from the national worship; of these, the Brook family of Row in Lockwood continued to be Quaker into the 18th century. A Meeting known as Paddock was settled in the early 1770s to accommodate the large number of Friends, particularly those in the textile trade, who had removed to Huddersfield from High Flatts and Lumbroyd. It was a constituent of Brighouse Monthly Meeting. A plot of common land was enclosed in 1769, on which a Meeting House was built. When a new Meeting House superseded this in 1812, it was used as a women's Meeting House and a schoolroom, before being demolished in 1898. A large hall to accommodate the Adult School was added to the Meeting House in the same year. The name of the Meeting was changed to Huddersfield from May 1804. One of the mainstays of the Meeting was the Firth family, particularly Thomas Firth (1797-1879), a tea dealer in Kirkgate. In the later 19th and early 20th centuries, the Robson family, bleachers and dyers of Dalton, were influential both as Friends and in the wider local community. The Meeting is still in existence.

Publication note:

D Bower & J Knight, *Plain country Friends: the Quakers of Wooldale, High Flatts and Midhope* (Wooldale PM, 1987)

Repository: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)

Reference codes: MS 1979/1 (Carlton Hill archive), P 4-10; W 3-5; DD 6; EE 1-6; PA 1-51, 60-61, 68-70, 72, 74-80, 82, 87-88

Dates of creation: 1769-1977

Extent: 93 items

Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 99)

NRA code: 17118

Access: 50 year closure period

Content and scope:

Minutes:

Minutes of PM, 1794-1836, 1844-1977; rough minutes, 1794-1922

Minutes of Women's PM, 1817-1832, 1844-1888

Minutes of Meetings of Women Elders and Overseers, 1912-1975

Membership records:

Lists of members, 1839-1926

Tabular statements, 1863-1925

Births, marriages and burials:

Birth notes, 1838-1950

Burial notes, 1824-1968

Orders for burials, 1862-1965

Paddock burial ground book of graves, c.1800-1965

Papers re births and burials, including some birth and burial notes, 1820-1947

Financial and property records:

Treasurer's account books, 1849-1912

Subscriptions stock book, 1923-1932

National stock collections book, 1870-1881

Ackworth and Rawdon Schools subscriptions books, 1871-1908

Library accounts, 1947-1966

Copy title deeds for Meeting House and burial ground, 1769-1919

Registration of Meeting House, 1902

Trust deeds, 1899-1910

Maps and plans:

Plans of Meeting House and burial ground, c.1850 & 1867-1966

Miscellaneous:

Notes re Huddersfield Friends, Meeting House and Captain Thomas Taylor, 19th century-1925

Miscellaneous papers, 20th century

Related material in repository:

Records of Brighouse Monthly Meeting

Related material in other repositories:

Huddersfield (Paddock) Friends Library, West Yorkshire Archive Service: Kirklees

1.3.39 HULL PREPARATIVE MEETING (c.1660 to date)

Historical note:

George Fox visited Hull in 1652 on his way from Patrington to Balby. However the first Friends in the city, Richard Emmerson and John Holmes, were convinced by William Dewsbury, who preached throughout the East Riding in the early 1650s. A Meeting was settled in Hull by around 1660, during a period of intense persecution, particularly at the hands of officers of the local garrison. Meetings were broken up and Friends seized by force not only from Meetings, but also from their own homes and in the streets. The Meeting was recorded in 1665 as part of East Riding Monthly Meeting and again in 1669 as

part of the newly formed Owstwick Monthly Meeting. The size of the Meeting has been estimated to number some 62 adults by 1668. Its members included William Garbutt, Thomas Wilson, Richard Haggett, John Lyth, Anthony Wells, William Reader, John Nettleton and Thomas Somerscales. The Meeting covered Marfleet and Newland, as well as the old town of Hull itself. There was also a separate Meeting in Sutton, a village to the east of Hull, from at least 1665; amongst its members was John Whitehead of Swine, one of the Valiant Sixty. After moving to Swine in 1681 and then Ganstead in 1683, Sutton Meeting closed in 1685, and local Friends then joined Hull Meeting. Premises in Lowgate, Hull were acquired from William Garbutt for a Meeting House in 1672; this had an adjoining burial ground and was rebuilt in 1781. A burial ground was also in use in Sutton (later known as Hodgson Street burial ground) from as early as 1659, on land originally owned by Anthony Wells. In 1852 a former Wesleyan schoolroom in Mason Street was purchased and adapted for a new Meeting House and First Day School. To accommodate the expansion of Adult School work in Hull, the Meeting House was rebuilt on an adjoining site in 1880. When membership began to decline, this was superseded in 1918 by the purchase of a Georgian building in Percy Street, which still serves as the Meeting House today. The Meeting became part of Owstwick and Cave (later Hull) Monthly Meeting in 1784, followed by Pickering and Hull Monthly Meeting from 1859.

Publication note:

F Fletcher, *Early Quakerism in Hull 1652-1709* (unpublished diploma dissertation, University of Hull, 1980)
 F Fletcher, *Quakers in Hull* (Hull PM, 1985)

Repository: Brynmor Jones Library, University of Hull (GB 0050)

Reference codes: DQR/15/1-2, 16/5-8 & 19; DQR(2)/6/1-10, 23/1-12 & 16-17; DQR(3)/3/1-78, 9/3-13, 10/3, 11/3-14, 12/1-16, 13/7-8 & 27

Dates of creation: 1672-1994

Extent: c.160 items

Finding aids: printed and online catalogues

NRA code: 7612

Access: 50 year closure period

Content and scope:

Minutes:

Minutes of PM, 1779-1973, with interleaved correspondence, reports and accounts; rough minutes, 1762-1771, 1848-1864

Minutes of Women's PM, 1816-1881

Minutes of Meetings of Ministers and Elders, later on Ministry and Oversight, then of Elders and Overseers, 1845-1858, 1898-1907, 1928-1994

Other minutes:

Minutes of Finance Committee, 1957-1994

Births, marriages and burials:

Register of births, 1776-1825

Birth notes, 1825-1951

Marriage registers, including for Hull, 1838-1967

Marriage consent certificates, no date & 1814-1842

Burial register, 1865-1872

Burial notes, 1825-1961

Orders for burials at Friends burial plot, Hull General Cemetery, 1862-1909

Financial and property records:

Account books and loose accounts, 1737-1897, 1924-1964

Bank pass books, 1937-1964

Bundles of members' contribution schedules, 1954-1959

Bills and receipts, including for Meeting House and burial ground repairs, 1802-1841, 1928-1958

Correspondence of treasurer, 1937-1958

Title deeds for Hodgson Street burial ground, 1672-1849

Letter and photocopy deed of covenant re Society of Friends area of Hull General Cemetery, 1855 & 1889

Files, mainly of Premises Committee, re refurbishment of Percy Street Meeting House, 1972-1994, with plans and specifications

Correspondence of clerk re burial grounds in Hull and surrounding villages, 1920-1927, 1972-1977

Maps and plans:

Plan of Hodgson Street burial ground, with index of plots, 1829

Plan and specification for alterations, Mason Street Meeting House, 1851

Plan of Society of Friends area of General Cemetery, Spring Bank West, 1962

Plans of Percy Street Meeting House, with proposed alterations, 1970

Epistles, minutes, advices etc. received:

From Women's Yearly Meeting and Meeting for Sufferings, 1778-1858

Miscellaneous:

Correspondence and reports, 1817-1897

Report re Meeting library, 1896

List of records in safe at Mason Street Meeting House, 1910

Report of conference between members of PM and Yorkshire 1905 Committee, 1915

Correspondence about transfer of Quaker books and records to Hull Central Library and East Riding Record Office, 1949, 1958 & 1974

Ts. list of Quaker records at Hull Central Library, compiled by Fred Fletcher, 1987

Related material in repository:

Records of Owstwick, Hull, and Pickering and Hull Monthly Meetings, Hull Friends Adult School and Hull Auxiliary Tract Association

Related material in other repositories:

Records of Owstwick Monthly Meeting, East Riding of Yorkshire Archives Service

1.3.40 ILKLEY PREPARATIVE MEETING (1862 to date)

Historical note:

An Allowed Meeting opened in Ilkley in 1862, as part of Brighouse Monthly Meeting. It is said to have been settled from Addingham Meeting. It acquired its own purpose-built Meeting House in Queen's Road in 1869. A few years later, in 1872, it became a full Preparative Meeting. Thomas Pumphrey was briefly a member of the Meeting, after his retirement from Ackworth School in the months leading up to his death. From 1924 onwards, the Meeting joined the newly formed Leeds Monthly Meeting. It is still in existence.

Repository: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)

Reference codes: MS 1979/1 (Carlton Hill archive), J 49, 51, 80-83; K 1-19, 25-27, 29-40; T 4; AA 2a; DD 27; LL 76

Dates of creation: 1690-1992

Extent: 51 items

Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 99)

NRA code: 17118

Access: 50 year closure period

Content and scope:

Minutes:

Minutes of PM, 1891-1987, with separate index to 1925-1932

Minutes of Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, 1892-1963

Membership records:

List of members, 1890-1978

Tabular statements, 1905, 1917, 1923-1940

Births, marriages and burials:

Birth notes, 1890-1893, 1924-1926, 1941-1952

Burial notes, 1896-1958

Financial and property records:

Treasurer's annual statements of accounts, 1885-1968

Cash books, 1926-1964

Bank pass books, 1954-1963, and bank statements, 1963-1970

Cash receipts, 1961-1968

Treasurer's papers, 1957-1969

Title deeds for burial ground, 1690-1812

Correspondence and papers re alterations to Meeting House, 1956-1967

Maps and plans:

Plans of Meeting House, no date

OS map of Ilkley, 1921

Miscellaneous:

PM newsletter, *Touchline*, 1981-1984

Papers, mainly correspondence, committee minutes, accounts and reports on the state of the Meeting, 1826 onwards

Related material in repository:

Records of Brighouse and Leeds Monthly Meetings, Ilkley Young Friends and Missionary Helpers Union, Ilkley

1.3.41 KEIGHLEY PREPARATIVE MEETING (c.1653 to date)

Historical note:

William Dewsbury and Thomas Stubbs (a local man from Ive Delves, Warley) are attributed with settling the Meeting in Keighley, after preaching in the area around 1653. Those convinced included Christopher Smith of Stanbury and Anthony Moore of Oakworth Hall. A burial ground was provided for Friends by Thomas Brigg in c.1659; this was conveyed to trustees in 1691. William Clough of Keighley was amongst those imprisoned for non-payment of tithes in 1665. The Meeting was recorded in 1665 as part of Skipton Monthly Meeting and in 1669 as part of the newly formed Knaresborough Monthly Meeting. It covered Steeton and Stanbury, as well as Keighley, and its leading members were William Clough, Joshua Dawson, [Denis] Waid, Thomas Briggs, Robert Smith and Henry Ambler. The first Meeting House was built in Mill Street in 1709. It is uncertain whether this was rebuilt in 1797, or whether Friends simply bought another building in the same street. The Meeting was in decline at this point, and the premises were let as a school from 1807. By the time of the 1851 census of religious worship Friends are recorded as meeting in a rented room in Change Gate. In 1853, the Meeting was transferred to Brighouse Monthly Meeting, but it was discontinued two years later. An Allowed Meeting opened again in 1872, becoming a full Preparative Meeting three years later. The former Meeting House was repaired and re-opened for worship in 1877. This was superseded in 1936 with a new building on the outskirts of town, in Strawberry Street, off Skipton Road, and this is still in use. The Meeting became part of the re-formed Settle Monthly Meeting in 1924.

Repository: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)

Reference codes: MS 1979/1 (Carlton Hill archive), C 1-3, 27; F 32; T 12, 25; DD 21; LL 77, 93; SE 30, 55-56, 90-91

Dates of creation: 1681-1982

Extent: 58 items

Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 99)

NRA code: 17118

Access: 50 year closure period

Content and scope:

Minutes:

Minutes of PM, 1700-1959

Minutes of Women's PM, 1703-1798, including ms. history of origins of Quakerism in Keighley and district

Membership records:

List of members, 1854-1978

Births, marriages and burials:

Birth notes, including for Keighley, 1917-1925

Financial and property records:

Account book, 1965-1982
Copies of leases for Stanbury burial ground, 1681-1710
Tenancy agreement for Mill Street Meeting House, 1841

Maps and plans:

Plans of Strawberry Street Meeting House, 1936
OS map of Keighley, 1919

Miscellaneous:

Photocopy from *Yorkshire Notes and Queries*, vol.I, 1888, & vol.II, 1890, containing extracts from Quaker registers for Stanbury and Keighley, with other papers
Register of library borrowers, 1875-1921
Miscellaneous papers, 1959-1981

Related material in repository:

Records of Settle, Knaresborough, Brighouse and Leeds Monthly Meetings, and Keighley Friends Adult School

1.3.42 KIRKBYMOORSIDE PREPARATIVE MEETING (c.1669 to date)

Historical note:

There were Friends in this area from as early as 1654, reflecting the local influence of Roger Hebden of Malton, who had farm at South Holme and was an early convert of George Fox. By 1665, a Monthly Meeting was centred on Kirkbymoorside, but this did not survive the reforms of 1669. Kirkbymoorside was split from Malton Meeting and became part of Guisborough Monthly Meeting. Friends in Farndale, Hutton-le-Hole, Gillamoor and Kirkbymoorside attended Rosedale Meeting until at some point in the late 17th century this was broken up into separate Meetings for Kirkbymoorside and Hutton-le-Hole. The sufferings of many local Quakers are recorded by Besse; the most widely known itinerant minister from the area was John Richardson (1660-1754) of Hutton-le-Hole. By 1700, Friends had re-formed a single Meeting, which lasted until 1849. A meeting place was first registered in Kirkbymoorside in 1689, followed by the erection of a Meeting House a year later at 78 West End. This was rebuilt in 1790 and is still in use. There was also a Meeting House at Hutton-le-Hole, built in 1698 and sold in 1859. In 1743 there were nine Quaker families in the parish. In 1833, the Meeting was transferred to Pickering Monthly Meeting (later Pickering and Hull). The union with Hutton-le-Hole ended in 1849 with the latter's closure; thereafter it was known simply as Kirkbymoorside Meeting. In an attempt to stem its decline, it was united with Pickering Meeting between 1857-1869, and then Malton Meeting. It operated as an Allowed Meeting from 1878 to 1894, when it became a Preparative Meeting again. Kirkbymoorside hosted the annual holiday of the Yorkshire Adult

Schools in 1897. The Meeting is still in existence. Burial grounds for Kirkbymoorside and Hutton-le-Hole included Pryhills in Rosedale and Lowna in Farndale (from 1675).

Publication note:

RW Crosland, 'Kirkbymoorside and Hutton-le-Hole: notes on the history of the Friends Meeting from the 17th to the 19th centuries', in *JFHS*, vol.49 no.2, spring 1960, pp.105-109
M Rowlands, *The Quakers of Kirkbymoorside and district 1652-1990* (Kirkbymoorside PM, 1990)
JH Rushton, *They kept faith* (Beck Isle Museum, 1967), pp.214-215

Repository [1]: Brynmor Jones Library, University of Hull (GB 0050)

Reference codes: DQR/5/1, 9/15, 15/1-2, 16/2-5, 14, 20-21; DQR(2)/7/1-8, 12/23, 13/1, 22/2, 24/2, 4, 7-9; DQR(3)/4/10, 10/10

Dates of creation: 1702-1982

Extent: 29 items

Finding aids: printed and online catalogues

NRA code: 7612

Access: 50 year closure period

Content and scope:

Minutes:

Minutes of PM, 1702-1781, 1843-1855, 1858-1869, 1932-1982
Minutes of Women's PM, 1833-1843

Membership records:

List of members and attenders, 1936-1965

Births, marriages and burials:

Birth notes, including for Kirkbymoorside, 1946-1951
Marriage registers, including for Kirkbymoorside, 1838-1940, 1967-1974
Burial notes, including for Hutton-le-Hole and Kirkbymoorside, 1844-1937, 1953-1961
Orders for burials, including at Hutton-le-Hole and Kirkbymoorside burial grounds, 1835-1932

Financial and property records:

Account books, 1863-1877, 1947-1971
Ledger, including property of Hutton-le-Hole and Kirkbymoorside Meetings, 1858-1903
Correspondence and papers re Ann Hartas's property in Kirkbymoorside, 1961-1962

Miscellaneous:

Photograph of Lowna burial ground by Mary Rowlands, no date

Related material in repository:

Records of Pickering, and Pickering and Hull Monthly Meetings, and Malton and Pickering Preparative Meetings

Related material in other repositories:

Records of Guisborough Monthly Meeting, North Yorkshire County Record Office

Repository [2]: North Yorkshire County Record Office (GB 0191)
Reference codes: R/Q/G/1/55-56, 59-64 [MIC 3206, 2080]
Dates of creation: 1702-1800
Extent: 8 items
Finding aids: printed catalogue
NRA code: none
Access: open; microfilm copies must be used

Content and scope:

Rough minutes of PM, 1702-1800
Minutes of Women's PM, 1710 - 1789

Related material in repository:

Records of Guisborough Monthly Meeting

Related material in other repositories:

Records of Pickering, and Pickering and Hull Monthly Meetings, and Malton and Pickering Preparative Meetings, Brynmor Jones Library, University of Hull

**1.3.43 KNARESBOROUGH
PREPARATIVE MEETING
(c.1665-1826)**

Historical note:

In the mid-1650s, several Friends were active in Knaresborough, and suffered imprisonment for preaching at the parish church; they included John Snawdon, John Hogg, Thomas Warriner and John Geldart. Knaresborough Meeting was first recorded in 1665 as part of Skipton Monthly Meeting, and again in 1669, as part of the newly formed Knaresborough Monthly Meeting. Friends in Harrogate, Pannal and Scotton came within its orbit. Its leading members included George and Ann Watkinson of Scotton, and the Middleton family of Knaresborough. In 1689 the home of Mary Middleton was licensed for religious worship and the first purpose-built Meeting House opened in 1701 in Gracious Street, Knaresborough. The Meeting declined during the 18th century, one of the reasons being the lack of resident ministers. In 1792 it merged with Netherdale Meeting (based at Dacre). This arrangement lasted until 1826 and the Quaker connection with Knaresborough ceased.

Publication note:

W Pearson Thistlethwaite, *The Quaker Meetings of Knaresborough and Harrogate* (Society of Friends, 1984)

Repository: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)
Reference codes: MS 1981/2 (Clifford Street archive), B 2.1-2.2, 3, 5.2-5.3; C 4.3
Dates of creation: 1701-[1826]
Extent: 6 items
Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 75)
NRA code: 29651
Access: open

Content and scope:

NB Later minutes are for Netherdale, later Darley and Knaresborough, PM

Minutes of PM, 1719-1760, 1778-1790, 1798-[1826]
Minutes of Women's PM, 1701-1789, [1792]-[1826]

Related material in repository:

Records of Knaresborough Monthly Meeting and Harrogate Preparative Meeting

**1.3.44 LEA YEAT PREPARATIVE
MEETING (1681-1911)**

Historical note:

George Fox visited Stone House in Dentedale in 1652 and although he was not particularly well received, the first Friends in the area were convinced at that time, including brothers Thomas and George Mason. They were few in number and belonged initially to Brigflatts Meeting. The movement spread through the dale after the preaching of Gervase Benson, Thomas Taylor and George Harrison in the mid 1650s. Meetings were regularly held at the homes of Alexander Hebblethwaite, William Mason, Thomas and Jason Greenwood, Anthony Mason, and Richard Harrison, and they were often fined as a result. The number of Friends in Dent increased in the early 1670s, despite a period of persecution, and in 1681 a separate Preparative Meeting was formally settled, as part of Sedbergh Monthly Meeting. The Meeting suffered renewed persecution during its early years, mainly at the hands of Richard Trotter, a public notary for the bishop's court. A house in Loneing was bought for a Meeting House in 1682, and rebuilt in 1701. There was also a burial ground across the lane. Another Meeting House was built in 1703 at Lea Yeat [otherwise known as Cowgill], financed by Friends in Kirkthwaite, so that worship took place in two locations until around 1800, when Friends ceased to meet in Loneing. The once vibrant Meeting was in decline by this point, suffering from the impact of migration from the dales. The Meeting continued as Lea Yeat until 1911, when it was discontinued. It had become part of Kendal and Sedbergh Monthly Meeting in 1903.

Publication note:

D Boulton, *Early Friends in Dent* (Dales History Monographs, 1986)

Repository: Cumbria Record Office, Kendal (GB 0024)
Reference codes: WDFC/F1/200, 232-233
Dates of creation: c.1701-1862
Extent: 4 items
Finding aids: printed catalogue
NRA code: none
Access: open

Content and scope:*Minutes:*

Minutes of PM, 1708 - 1862, and of Women's PM, 1709-1816

Miscellaneous:

Ms. 'The breaking forth of truth in Dent', by Richard Harrison, c.1701

Ms. 'The building of Dent and Leyet Meeting Houses', no date

Related material in repository:

Records of Kendal and Sedbergh Monthly Meeting

1.3.45 LEEDS: BEESTON HILL PREPARATIVE MEETING (1870-1960)

Historical note:

An Allowed Meeting, based at Fleece Lane in Leeds, opened in 1870, within Brighouse Monthly Meeting. This was attached to the new Adult School, opened in 1868 when the main Meeting moved to its new Meeting House at Carlton Hill. New premises were built in 1877 and the name of the school and its meeting for worship changed to Great Wilson Street. It became a Sub-Preparative Meeting in 1905, a full Preparative Meeting in 1920, and was part of the newly formed Leeds Monthly Meeting from 1924. The Meeting moved to Beeston Hill in 1946, changing its name accordingly, and was discontinued in 1960.

Publication note:

W Allott, 'Leeds Quaker Meeting', in *Thoresby Society Miscellany*, vol.14 part1, 1966, p. 61

Repository: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)

Reference codes: MS 1979/1 (Carlton Hill archive), S 1-4, 36, 40-45, 52-55, 58-63, 65-66

Dates of creation: 1869-1967

Extent: 29 items

Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 99)

NRA code: 17118

Access: 50 year closure period

Content and scope:*Minutes:*

Minutes of (Sub-) PM, 1878-1895, 1909-1942

Other minutes:

Minutes of Premises Committee, 1910-1919
Committee on collections in Sunday evening meetings, 1925

Membership records:

List of members and attenders, c.1895-1899

Financial and property records:

Subscriptions book, 1902-1915
Collections book, 1916-1960

Correspondence and papers re Industrial Crisis Relief Fund, 1926-1927

Accounts, 1947-1961

Bank pass books, 1950-1961

Cash receipt books, 1952-1960

Miscellaneous:

Pocket book containing register of attendance at evening meeting, 1909-1910, women's monthly tea accounts, 1909-1912, and caretaker's diary of meetings, 1909-1917

Jubilee celebration programme, 1927

Miscellaneous papers, c.1911-1940, 1869-1967

Related material in repository:

Records of Brighouse and Leeds Monthly Meetings, Leeds: Carlton Hill Preparative Meeting, Leeds: Beeston Hill Friends Adult School, and Leeds: Great Wilson Street Friends First Day School

1.3.46 LEEDS: CARLTON HILL PREPARATIVE MEETING (c.1651 to date)

Historical note:

William Dewsbury of Allertorpe was convinced by George Fox in 1651 and began to travel with Fox through Yorkshire. When Fox made his way towards the north west, Dewsbury remained to preach in Leeds, and a Meeting was settled soon afterwards. Meetings were held in private houses, as well as on Holbeck Moor and Woodhouse Moor. According to Besse, the first instance of a meeting being broken up in Leeds was in 1656; large numbers of arrests at meetings were made during 1683-84, including a raid on the home of Grace Sykes. Friends were also beaten and arrested for attempting to preach at local churches. Leeds Meeting was recorded in 1665 as part of Pontefract Monthly Meeting, and again in 1669 as part of the newly formed Brighouse Monthly Meeting. The Meeting covered a wide area beyond the city, including Morley, Carlton, Holbeck, Hunslet, Churwell, Wortley and Woodhouse. Its leading members in 1669 were Christopher Roads, Henry Ewbank, John Wails, Simon Whitehead, Bartholomew Horner, Stephen Elbeck, Richard Stirke and Thomas Thackery. The first Meeting House was built in Water Lane in Leeds, on land adjoining an existing burial ground, in 1699; from 1703 this was also host to Brighouse Monthly Meeting and in 1788 it was rebuilt to accommodate meetings of Yorkshire Quarterly Meeting. There was a boarding school based at the Meeting House, run by Joseph Tatham, from 1756 onwards. Leeds was a very active Meeting during the mid to late 19th century. Its members established a Peace Association in 1842, and were involved in the anti-slavery movement (such as Thomas Harvey and Wilson Armistead). In 1864 part of the estate of Robert Jowitt at Carlton Hill on Woodhouse Lane was bought and a new Meeting House, with schoolrooms, erected. This opened in 1868. By 1892 Leeds was the third largest Meeting in

England, but until the Adult School movement gained momentum, its membership was largely drawn from the more prosperous. The first Yearly Meeting to be held outside London took place in Leeds in 1905 and spawned the Yorkshire 1905 Committee. The Meeting was known as Carlton Hill from 1920, when Preparative Meetings were created at Great Wilson Street and Burley Road. From 1924, it became part of the newly formed Leeds Monthly Meeting. The main Meeting House at Carlton Hill was sold in 1921, and the Meeting left the site completely in 1979. A new Meeting House was built in 1987, further up Woodhouse Lane, where the Meeting is still based.

Publication note:

JE & RS Mortimer eds., 'Leeds Friends' minute book 1692-1712', in *YAS Record Series*, vol.CXXXIX, 1980

W Allott, 'Leeds Quaker Meeting', in *Thoresby Society Miscellany*, vol.14 part1, 1966, pp. 1-77

JE Mortimer, 'Leeds Friends and the Beaconite controversy', in *JFHS*, vol.54, 1976-1982, pp.52-66

JE Mortimer, 'Thoresby's 'poor deluded Quakers': the sufferings of Leeds Friends in the 17th century', in *Thoresby Society Miscellany*, second series, vol.I, 1990, pp. 35-57

MA Ellison, 'Further thoughts on Leeds Friends and the Beaconite controversy', in *JFHS*, vol.57 no.1, 1994, pp.57-73

JE Mortimer, 'Quaker women in the 18th century: opportunities and constraints', in *JFHS*, vol.57 no.3, 1996, pp.228-259

A Prior & M Kirby, 'The Society of Friends and business culture 1700-1830', in D Jeremy ed., *Religion, business and wealth in modern Britain* (Routledge, 1998), pp.115-136

Repository: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)

Reference codes: MS 1979/1 (Carlton Hill archive), E 1-28; J 1-40, 63; M 18; O 1-7, 9-10, 12-16, 23-48, 52-56, 58, 60-66, 73-77; V 6-8, 10, 12-13, 15-22, 26-30, 32-40; DD 14; FF 81-85; KK 1-2, 6-10; LL 78; OO 7

Dates of creation: 1672-1989

Extent: c.238 items

Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 99)

NRA code: 17118

Access: 50 year closure period

Content and scope:

Minutes:

Minutes of PM, 1692-1850, 1863-1979; rough minutes, 1790-1877

Minutes of Women's PM, 1703-1904

Minutes of Meetings of Overseers, 1923-1964

Minutes of Meetings of Elders, 1943-1980

Minutes of Headingley evening meeting, 1891-1895

Other minutes:

Minutes of Overseers' Education Committee, 1911-1955

Minutes of Finance Committee, 1975-1989, including petty cash book, 1924-1975

Minutes of Carlton Hill Trust Fund Committee, 1922-1967

Minutes of Premises Committee, 1942-1976

Minutes of Advisory Committee for Conscientious Objectors, 1944-1961

Sufferings:

Account of sufferings, 1776-1795

Membership records:

Lists of members, c.1797-1807, c.1828-1853, 1858-1909

Tabular statements, 1881, 1883, 1889-1896

Births, marriages and burials:

Birth notes, 1822-1895

Burial notes, 1823-1903

Leave for interments, 1770-1887

Financial and property records:

Account book, 1748-1824

Record of payments from legacy funds, and various financial memoranda, 1820-1850

Charitable funds book, 1816-1818

Guide Fund account book, 1827-1910

Building accounts for Carlton Hill Meeting House, 1864-1881

Collections account books, 1880-1896, 1927-1929

Cash books, 1909-1954

Vouchers and correspondence, 1909-1928

Receipts and accounts, 1923-1968

Title deeds and related papers for property in Leeds, 1672-1989

Papers re Cottage Estate Fund, 1873-1911

Papers re Maria Binns Trust, 1854-1946

Maps and plans:

Plans of Carlton Hill Meeting House, 1873-1923

OS map, Carlton Hill area of Leeds, 1910

Epistles, advices, minutes etc. received:

From Yearly Meeting and YQM, 1675-1738

Miscellaneous:

Ms. 'A glance at the first spreading of the truth and the rise of Friends', Isaac Brown, 1868

Account of the history of Leeds Meeting and Carlton Hill Meeting House, Richard Dawson Gardner, 1918

Correspondence file, 1938-1956

Educational register, c.1900-1930

Miscellaneous papers, 1707-1911, 1874 onwards, 1944-1960 & 1961 onwards

Related material in repository:

Records of Brighouse and Leeds Monthly Meetings, Leeds Friends Adult Schools and First Day Schools, other Leeds Preparative Meetings, Leeds Fifty Club, Leeds Young Friends Club, Leeds Friends Tract Association, Leeds Friends Essay and Illustration Society, Leeds Friends Old Library, Leeds Peace Association, and Great Wilson Street Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour and Friends Christian Union

1.3.47 LEEDS: FELLOWSHIP HOUSE PREPARATIVE MEETING (1904-1971)

Historical note:

An Allowed Meeting opened at Burley Road Adult School in Leeds in 1904, becoming a full Preparative Meeting a year later. This formed part of Brighouse Monthly Meeting, until 1924, when it joined the newly formed Leeds Monthly Meeting. In 1938 the Adult School premises were subject to compulsory purchase by Leeds Corporation and a new site in Headingley, known as Bleak House, was acquired. This became known as Fellowship House Friends Adult School and the name of the Meeting changed accordingly. When the Adult School closed in 1971, the Meeting was discontinued.

Repository: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)
Reference codes: MS 1979/1 (Carlton Hill archive), DD 32; KK 16-21
Dates of creation: 1920-1971
Extent: 38 items
Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 99)
NRA code: 17118
Access: 50 year closure period

Content and scope:

Minutes:

Minutes of PM, 1932-1971

Membership records:

List of members, 1920-1971

Financial and property records:

Accounts, 1938-1971
Bank book, 1965-1971
Declaration of Trust, Fellowship House Meeting House, 1939

Maps and plans:

Plans of Fellowship House Meeting House, 1938-1951

Related material in repository:

Records of Leeds: Fellowship House Adult School

1.3.48 LEYBURN PREPARATIVE MEETING (c.1653-c.1738)

Historical note:

A Meeting was settled in Coverdale around 1653, following the work of Gervase Benson and John Blaykling in the area. The first local Quakers were Richard Geldart and his wife, of Carlton-in-Coverdale, who had been convinced by the preaching of Richard Robinson of Countersett some months previously. The first local meetings were held at their house. The Conventicle Act of 1670 unleashed a wave of persecution in the Yorkshire Dales, due largely to the work of an informer, William Thornaby of

Richmond. At this point, the homes of William Horner of Coverdale and Stephen Winn of Melmerby were centres of Quaker worship. Meetings were broken up on a regular basis and Friends were fined a total of £445 15s over a 14-month period. In 1669, local Friends formed part of Wensleydale and Coverdale Meeting, within Richmond Monthly Meeting, but by 1688 Wensleydale had its own Meeting. There was a burial ground in Carlton acquired in 1726, and two meeting places were registered there (in 1689 and 1743), as well as one at Leyburn. But there is no evidence of a specific Meeting House in either place. At some point between 1704 and 1738 it became known as Leyburn Meeting. After 1738 there is no record in the minutes of representatives being sent to Richmond Monthly Meeting and it appears that the Meeting lapsed. In 1796 Friends from Richmond and Swaledale Meetings united and began to meet in Leyburn, but this too came to a close in 1821. The remaining members then transferred to Aysgarth Meeting.

Publication note:

R Robinson, *A blast blown out of the North* (1680)
DS Hall, *Richard Robinson of Countersett (1628-1693) and the Quakers of Wensleydale* (Sessions, 1989)

Repository: North Yorkshire County Record Office (GB 0191)

Reference codes: R/Q/R/1/169-170, 171-179, 183; 2/5, 6; 5/1;12/3 [MIC 1465-1466]

Dates of creation: 1665-1868

Extent: 19 items

Finding aids: printed catalogue

NRA code: 6665

Access: open; microfilm copies must be used

Content and scope:

Minutes:

NB These are the minutes of Swaledale PM, which met mainly at Leyburn for the period 1796 to 1818. Early minutes do not survive.

Minutes of PM, [1796] - [1818]; rough minutes, 1808-[1821]

Minutes of Women's PM, [1796]-1811

Sufferings:

Record of sufferings of Friends in Coverdale, 1665 - 1694

Financial and property records:

Title deeds re Braidley and Carlton-in-Coverdale, 1666-1667 & 1725/6-1730

Maps and plans:

Plan and elevation of Mr Rowntree's house, possibly at Leyburn, 1868

Related material in repository:

Records of Richmond Monthly Meeting and Aysgarth Preparative Meeting

1.3.49 MALTON PREPARATIVE MEETING (c.1652 to date)

Historical note:

This Meeting was recorded as part of Kirkbymoorside Monthly Meeting in 1665, but there was a body of Quakers in the region for many years before this. One of these, Roger Hebden, a draper, was convinced by George Fox in 1651, gave up his business, retired to his farm at South Holme and began life as a travelling minister. Richard Farnsworth of Tickhill was also influential in the area. Malton gained a certain notoriety in 1652 when a meeting of over 200 people lasting several days ended with the burning of ribbons, silk and other finery in the market place. An anti-Quaker tract of 1653 refers to these events. Early meetings were held in private homes, such as that of Thomas Thompson of New Malton, as well as that of Hebden himself. Local Friends were mainly tanners, millers, drapers and grocers. In 1669, the Meeting became part of a new Monthly Meeting, also based in Malton. At this point, its membership was spread between Malton, South Holme, Hovingham, Rillington, Scampston, Langton and Settrington. The first Meeting House was acquired in 1677, situated in Spital Street. This served the Meeting until 1823, when a new building was erected in Greengate, influenced by the work of William Alexander. This was restored in 1993 and is still in use. Friends in Pickering attended the Meeting intermittently over the period 1843-1936, when their own Meeting was discontinued and then gradually re-formed; Kirkbymoorside Friends did so over the period 1870-1878. Malton became part of Pickering Monthly Meeting in 1788, and Pickering and Hull Monthly Meeting in 1859.

Publication note:

A plain account of the Christian experiences of Roger Hebden (1700)

JH Rushton, *They kept faith* (Beck Isle Museum, 1967), pp.216-217

J Davis, 'Hebdens and Flowers: Quakers of Ryedale', in *The Ryedale Historian*, no.12, 1984, pp.12-21

Repository: Brynmor Jones Library, University of Hull (GB 0050)

Reference codes: DQR/6/1-4, 12-14 & 19-20, 14/2 & 8, 15/1-2, 16/2-4, 10, 12-14, 16-18 & 22, 17/57-58; DQR(2)/8/1-7, 12/37-40, 22/1, 24/2-3, 9-10; DQR(3)/4/1-15, 10/10

Dates of creation: 1703-1996

Extent: 58 items

Finding aids: printed and online catalogues

NRA code: 7612

Access: 50 year closure period

Content and scope:

Minutes:

Minutes of PM, 1818-1983

Minutes of Women's PM, 1823-1886

Minutes of Meetings of Elders and Overseers, 1916-1953

Membership records:

Certificates of removal out of PM, 1907-1940

Births, marriages and burials:

Birth notes, 1830-1835, 1877-1970

Marriage registers, including for Malton, 1838-1940, 1967-1974

Burial notes and registers, including for Malton, 1824-1977

Orders for burials, including at Malton burial ground, 1877-1964

Financial and property records:

Title deeds for Rillington burial ground, 1703 & 1769

Files of Convenor of Pickering and Hull MM Property Committee re restoration of Meeting House, with plans, 1985-1993

Files of Clerk of PM, mainly about re Meeting House and its refurbishment, 1964-1996

Maps and plans:

Map of Meeting House and burial ground, Greengate, with details of plots, 1824

Plans of proposed redevelopment of site of Greengate site, 1986-1992

Plan of Meeting House, 20th century

Miscellaneous:

Catalogue of books belonging to Meeting, 1827-1870

Bundle of notes, press cuttings and other papers re history of Quakerism in Malton and Ryedale, 1975-1992

Related material in repository:

Records of Malton, Pickering, and Pickering and Hull Monthly Meetings

1.3.50 MASHAM PREPARATIVE MEETING (c.1669-1819)

Historical note:

One of the first Quakers in Masham was Robert Lodge, a butcher; he was 'pretty early convinced of the blessed Truth', but a date for his conviction is not given. A Meeting had been settled by 1669, as part of Richmond Monthly Meeting; this drew Friends from Patrick Brompton, Well and High Burton, as well as Masham. Its leading members included William Pratt and Marmaduke Beckwith, who, along with Robert Lodge, were amongst the large numbers of Friends imprisoned in the North Riding in the first months of 1661 for refusing to swear. The Conventicle Act of 1670 unleashed a wave of persecution in the Yorkshire Dales, due largely to the work of an informer, William Thornaby of Richmond. At this point, Meetings were being held at the homes of Richard Whorlton in Snape, Anne Blackburn in High Ellington and Jane Bridgewater in Masham itself. Meetings were broken up on a regular basis and Friends were fined a total of £399 over a 14-month period. It is likely that these were the meeting places

registered in 1689. The first Meeting House was acquired in a back lane (now Quaker Lane) in Masham in 1708 and this served the Meeting until its closure in 1819 (somewhat misleadingly, it continued to appear in the Book of Meetings until 1828). A burial ground was maintained from 1714 in Low Ellington.

Publication note:

R Robinson, *A blast blown out of the North* (1680)

DS Hall, *Richard Robinson of Countersett (1628-1693) and the Quakers of Wensleydale* (Sessions, 1989), pp. 11-13, 16

Repository: North Yorkshire County Record Office (GB 0191)

Reference codes: R/Q/R/1/157-162; 2/8, 10, 21 [MIC 1464-1465]

Dates of creation: 1708-1908

Extent: 19 items

Finding aids: printed catalogue

NRA code: 6665

Access: open; microfilm copies must be used

Content and scope:

Minutes:

Minutes of PM, 1719/20-1815

Minutes of Women's PM, 1760-1807

Financial and property records:

Title deeds for Masham Meeting House, 1708-1789

Title deeds for Low Ellington burial ground, 1713/14-1789

Trust deeds for Quaker property in various places, including Masham, 1818-1908

Related material in repository:

Records of Richmond Monthly Meeting

**1.3.51 MIDDLESBROUGH
PREPARATIVE MEETING (1846
to date)**

Historical note:

The roots of Quakerism in this area date back to 1669, when a settled Meeting was recorded for Airson [Ayresome], which lies to the south of Middlesbrough near Linthorp, within Guisborough Monthly Meeting. Its leading members were Thomas and James Jackson. There is no evidence of a Meeting House, although there was a local burial ground (this became part of the municipal cemetery in 1869). However it was not until 1846 that a Meeting was opened in Middlesbrough itself, under the care of Stockton Meeting until 1850. The town was created in the early 1830s following the extension of the Stockton and Darlington Railway to a new deep water port on the Tees. An iron foundry opened in 1844 and this employed a number of Friends, both as managers and workers, providing the nucleus of the Meeting. The land on which the town was built was owned by the Quaker Joseph Pease

(1799-1872) and a group of other Friends, known as the Owners of the Middlesbrough Estate. In 1847 they gave land for a Friends Meeting House and burial ground, in Wilson Street. This was enlarged in 1853 to accommodate Darlington Monthly Meeting. The Religious Census of 1851 recorded a total of 50 attenders at the morning meeting, and 31 in the afternoon. When Middlesbrough Corporation acquired the site of the Meeting House for redevelopment in 1873, Friends moved to a new building in Grange Road (now Dunning Street). These extensive premises also housed a First Day School and an Adult School. The building was requisitioned during the Second World War and it was not until 1961 that a permanent home was found in Cambridge Road, which is still in use. The Meeting has always been part of Darlington Monthly Meeting.

Repository: Durham County Record Office (GB 0032)

Reference codes: SF/Mi/PM

Dates of creation: 1850-1904

Extent: 12 items

Finding aids: printed and online catalogues

NRA code: 26839

Access: open

Content and scope:

Minutes:

Minutes of PM, 1850-1901, including lists of members

Minutes of Women's PM, 1850-1898

Other minutes:

Minutes of Meeting House Building Committee, 1871-1874

Births, marriages and burials:

Lists of Friends moved from burial ground in Wilson Street to Ayresome, 1902

Financial and property records:

Abstract of accounts, 1860-1862

Related material in repository:

Records of Darlington Monthly Meeting, Middlesbrough Friends Adult School and Middlesbrough Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour

**1.3.52 MORLEY
PREPARATIVE
MEETING (c.1905-1969)**

Historical note:

Morley Preparative Meeting was formed around 1905 and met in a hall in Ackroyd Street. It was constituent of Brighouse Monthly Meeting until 1924, when it joined the newly formed Leeds Monthly Meeting. It was discontinued in 1969. There was also a burial ground in Morley, dating back to the early 18th century, on land originally purchased by William Jackson of Armley and Robert Arthington of Farnley as early as 1689. This was sold in 1867.

Repository: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)
Reference codes: MS 1979/1 (Carlton Hill archive), V 10/9, 13, 21; V 12/2; AA 6/7; KK 22
Dates of creation: 1700-1969
Extent: 6 items
Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 99)
NRA code: 17118
Access: 50 year closure period

Content and scope:

Minutes of PM, 1923-1969
Title deeds for Morley burial ground, 1700-1812

Related material in repository:

Records of Brighouse and Leeds Monthly Meetings, and Morley Friends Adult School

1.3.53 NARTHWAITE PREPARATIVE MEETING (c.1652-1907)

Historical note:

Ravenstonedale, as this Meeting was originally known, has always been part of Westmorland. It is included here due to its historic membership of Sedbergh, later Kendal and Sedbergh, Monthly Meeting.

George Fox, accompanied by Francis Howgill, John Blaykling and Thomas Robertson, visited Ravenstonedale in summer 1652, during a tour of Westmorland and north Lancashire. Amongst the first to be convinced were James Clarkson and John Pinder, and a Meeting was settled around this time. James Nayler followed shortly afterwards, and held a large meeting at Pinder's house. It was not until 1704 that land for a Meeting House was purchased from Anthony Robinson of Dovengill. The building opened the following year and was in use until 1793, when the Meeting moved to a converted barn at Narthwaite. The Meeting changed its name to reflect the move. A burial ground adjoining the Meeting House in Ravenstonedale was used from c.1709 to 1838. There were also burial grounds at two other early centres of Quakerism in the district, Dovengill (from c.1659) and Wath (from 1661). Narthwaite Meeting became part of Kendal and Sedbergh Monthly Meeting in 1903 and closed in 1907.

Publication note:

J Brey, *The Quaker registers of Ravenstonedale, Grisedale and Garsdale* (RFG Hollett, 1994)

Repository: Cumbria Record Office, Kendal (GB 0024)
Reference codes: WDFC/F1/202
Dates of creation: 1709-1903
Extent: 2 items
Finding aids: printed catalogue
NRA code: none
Access: open

Content and scope:

Minutes of PM, 1709 - 1903, and of Women's PM, 1716-1859
Ralph Anderson's notebook, 1732/3

Related material in repository:

Records of Kendal and Sedbergh Monthly Meeting

1.3.54 NEW EARSWICK PREPARATIVE MEETING (1917 to date)

Historical note:

New Earswick, a model village designed by Joseph Rowntree, dates to 1903 and lies on the northern edge of York. An Allowed Meeting opened in 1917, within York Monthly Meeting, which met in the Folk Hall. It became a full Preparative Meeting a decade later. A purpose-built Meeting House was opened in 1988 in White Rose Avenue on the village green. This was partly funded by the Joseph Rowntree Memorial Housing Trust.

Repository: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)
Reference codes: MS 1981/2 [Clifford Street archive], N 1.1-3.3, 9
Dates of creation: 1917-1970
Extent: 13 items
Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 75)
NRA code: 29651
Access: 50 year closure period

Content and scope:

Minutes:
Minutes of PM, 1917-1970

Financial records:
Account book, 1914-1959
Subscription accounts and schedules, 1940-1962

Miscellaneous:
Papers, 1917-1965

Related material in repository:

Records of York Monthly Meeting, New Earswick Friends First Day School and New Earswick Women's Adult School

1.3.55 NEWTON-IN-BOWLAND PREPARATIVE MEETING (c.1653-1948)

Historical note:

This area of the West Riding was visited by a number of First Publishers of Truth in succession, beginning in spring 1653. Thomas Vears and Christopher Atkinson were the first to hold meetings there, in Newton and Easington; amongst those convinced were James Bond and Cuthbert Hayhurst. William Dewsbury followed shortly afterwards, staying at the homes of John Crosdale, Richard Leigh and Cuthbert Hayhurst, and preaching in the local villages. John

Audland also held a meeting at Richard Leigh's house. Cuthbert Hayhurst went on to become a minister and together with other local Friends, formed a Meeting based in Newton. This was first recorded in 1669 as part of Settle Monthly Meeting. A Meeting House was built in 1698 at Pighill Head and rebuilt in 1767, at the same time as a Friends school was founded in the village. In 1853 the Meeting was transferred to Brighthouse Monthly Meeting, and discontinued two years later. It reopened as an Allowed Meeting in 1871 and had become a Preparative Meeting by the time of its closure in 1922. It briefly operated as an Allowed Meeting again for the period 1943 to 1948, as part of the re-formed Settle Monthly Meeting.

Repository: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)
Reference codes: MS 1979/1 (Carlton Hill archive), H 25; U 9, 11-12; LL 80; SE 12
Dates of creation: 1654-1993
Extent: 26 items
Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 99)
NRA code: 17118
Access: 50 year closure period

Content and scope:

Births, marriages and burials:

Register of births, marriages and burials, 1654-1780, including testimonies of disownment
Burial notes, including for Newton, 1882-1896

Financial and property records:

Title deeds and related documents for Newton burial ground, 1692/3-1969
Title deeds and related documents for Newton Meeting House, 1776-1946

Maps and plans:

OS maps covering Newton, 1908 & 1910

Miscellaneous:

Order of Skipton Quarter Sessions for licence for Newton Meeting House, 1769
Visitors' book for Newton Meeting House, 1967-1987
Papers, 1963-1993

Related material in repository:

Records of Settle and Brighthouse Monthly Meetings, and Newton School

1.3.56 NORTHALLERTON PREPARATIVE MEETING (c.1691-1962)

Historical note:

There were Friends in Northallerton from as early as 1669, forming part of Borrowby Meeting within Thirsk Monthly Meeting. One of the First Publishers of Truth to preach in the town was Richard Robinson of Countersett. John Drake and his son John from Northallerton are recorded by Besse as being imprisoned in 1682 for refusal to swear the oath of allegiance. A meeting place was registered for worship in

1689, followed by the erection of a Meeting House behind 37/38 Church Street two years later. It is possible that the town acquired its own Preparative Meeting around this time; it was certainly in existence by 1712. By the later 18th century the Meeting was in decline; the Preparative Meeting ceased to meet in 1785 and in 1793, the Meeting was closed completely, against the wishes of local Friends. The Meeting House and burial ground were sold in 1811. An Allowed Meeting was briefly held between 1845 and 1847, as part of Darlington Monthly Meeting. It re-opened in 1910 and was transferred to York Monthly Meeting in 1913. In 1949 the Meeting returned to Darlington Monthly Meeting, and was finally closed in 1962.

Repository: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)
Reference codes: MS 1981/2 (Clifford Street archive), A 19.1-20
Dates of creation: 1712-1949
Extent: 3 items
Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 75)
NRA code: 29651
Access: open

Content and scope:

Minutes of PM, 1733-1785, 1922-1949
Minutes of Women's PM, 1712-1778

Related material in repository:

Records of Thirsk and York Monthly Meetings

Related material in other repositories:

Records of Darlington Monthly Meeting, Durham County Record Office

1.3.57 OSMOTHERLEY PREPARATIVE MEETING (c.1652-1961)

Historical note:

George Fox first visited Borrowby in 1651 during his first journey through Yorkshire; as a result 'the people were convinced and have stood ever since'. A Meeting was settled there by John Whitehead, a year later, as well as one at neighbouring Osmotherley. Early Friends included Thomas Foster and Rose Sneadon of Borrowby, and Cuthbert Tireman and James Hildred of Osmotherley. Their sufferings are amongst those recorded by Besse; the earliest date from February 1661 when they were amongst the mass of Friends imprisoned for refusing to swear. George Fox had a 'glorious meeting' in Borrowby in 1663, on his way from Derbyshire to Durham. A Meeting for Osmotherley and Borrowby is recorded as part of Richmond Monthly Meeting in 1665. Following the reforms of 1669, it became known solely as Borrowby and was incorporated into Thirsk Monthly Meeting. It drew in Friends from Osmotherley, Thimbleby, Northallerton and Keybeck, including members of the Robinson, Tireman, Hildred and Dunning families. In the 1670s worship was held at the homes of Cuthbert Tireman and George Robinson; the

latter played host to George Fox in 1677. Although meeting places were registered in Borrowby from 1689 onwards, there is no evidence of a Meeting House as such. A burial ground had been acquired by 1700. The site for a Meeting House and burial ground was purchased in Osmotherley in 1723; confusingly this was not reported to Yearly Meeting until a decade later. By the 19th century the Meeting was in decline and was transferred to Darlington Monthly Meeting in 1827. In 1836 it was renamed Borrowby and Osmotherley, then Osmotherley two years later. In 1855 the Meeting was united with Crathorne; the following year, the Preparative Meeting was closed and the Meeting House in Osmotherley let. Meetings for worship were held in Crathorne at the home of William Flounders until 1861. A revival of Quakerism in the area meant that an Allowed Meeting for Osmotherley was reopened in 1890, becoming a full Preparative Meeting in 1902. This reverted to an Allowed Meeting in 1955 and closed in 1961.

Repository: Durham County Record Office (GB 0032)

Reference codes: SF/Os/PM

Dates of creation: 1832-1856

Extent: 1 item

Finding aids: printed and online catalogues

NRA code: 26839

Access: open

Content and scope:

Minutes of PM, 1832-1856

Related material in repository:

Records of Darlington Monthly Meeting

Related material in other repositories:

Records of Richmond Monthly Meeting, North Yorkshire County Record Office

Records of Thirsk Monthly Meeting, Leeds University Library

1.3.58 OTLEY PREPARATIVE MEETING (c.1665-1822)

Historical note:

There were Quakers in this area of the West Riding from as early as the mid 1650s, based in Weston, Askwith, Farnley and Otley. The sufferings of the Thompson family of Weston were particularly acute and date from 1654, when Henry Thompson 'having reproved the Priest of that Parish for lying, was beaten by him in the open Street'. The local vicar Thomas Thwaite was a notorious persecutor of Quakers. A burial ground was in use in Askwith from c.1660, on land owned by Edmund Greenwood, and in 1665, a wooden Meeting House was built on the same site. Despite this, it was recorded in that same year as Otley Meeting, within Skipton Monthly Meeting. By 1669 it was known as Weston Meeting and formed part of Knaresborough Monthly Meeting. Its leading

members were Henry Thompson, Nicholas Pawson, and Robert and William Smith. Several houses were licensed for worship in Askwith and Weston in 1689. The Meeting House in Askwith was rebuilt in stone in 1705 and around this time, the Meeting became known as Askwith. Two cottages on Main Street in Otley were converted for a Meeting House in 1776 and Friends began to meet there from around that time. The Meeting was then known as Otley until its closure in 1822. Burials continued until 1849.

Publication note:

MH Long & MF Pickles eds., *The Society of Friends in mid-Wharfedale and Craven 1650-1790* (Mid-Wharfedale Local History Research Group, 1998)

Repository: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)

Reference codes: MS 1979/1 (Carlton Hill archive), D 17; T 5, 8, 10; DD 19; LL 81

Dates of creation: 1666-1982

Extent: 38 items

Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 99)

NRA code: 17118

Access: 50 year closure period

Content and scope:

Minutes:

Minutes of PM, 1761-1792, and of Women's PM, 1777-1790

Financial and property records:

Title deeds for Askwith Meeting House, 1700-1932

Title deeds for land in Askwith, 1666-1800, with correspondence and papers about sale of burial ground, 1962-1982

Title deeds for Otley Meeting House, Cross Green, 1726-1887, with related correspondence, 1886-1887 & 1974-1980

Maps and plans:

Plan of Askwith Meeting House, no date

Plan of Otley Meeting House and burial ground, no date

OS map covering Otley Meeting House and land, 1890

Related material in repository:

Records of Settle and Knaresborough Monthly Meetings

1.3.59 OWSTWICK PREPARATIVE MEETING (c.1660-1849)

Historical note:

A Meeting was settled here in the early 1660s, with the first reference to Owstwick by Besse being to the arrest of Marmaduke Storr in 1659. In February 1661, a meeting in the village was broken up and its participants imprisoned in York Castle. A settled Meeting was recorded in 1665, within East Riding Monthly Meeting, and again in 1669, as part of the newly formed

Owstwick Monthly Meeting. It covered Friends in Hilston, Roos, Burton Pidsea, Elstronwick, Flinton, Aldbrough, Tunstall, Rimswell, Waxholme and Halsham, as well as Owstwick. John Whitehead (1630-1696), a local First Publisher of Truth, was listed as a member in 1669, along with members of the Storr family. A meeting place was acquired in c.1670 and served local Friends until 1839. In the early 1840s, the Meeting gradually ceased to worship in Owstwick itself and moved its meetings to William Stickney's farm at Ridgmont. The Meeting was discontinued altogether in 1849. From 1784, it was part of Owstwick and Cave, later Hull, Monthly Meeting. The last burial in Owstwick burial ground was that of William Stickney in July 1848.

Repository [1]: East Riding of Yorkshire Archives Service (GB 0047)

Reference codes: DDQR/27

Dates of creation: 1706-1728

Extent: 1 item

Finding aids: printed catalogue

NRA code: 13796

Access: open

Content and scope:

Minutes of Women's PM, 1706-1717, 1755-1768

Related material in repository:

Records of Owstwick Monthly Meeting

Related material in other repositories:

Records of Owstwick and Hull Monthly Meetings, Brynmor Jones Library, University of Hull

Repository [2]: Brynmor Jones Library, University of Hull (GB 0050)

Reference codes: DQR/7/1, 9/32, 17/40-46; DQR(2)/34/1

Dates of creation: 1658-1910

Extent: 10 items

Finding aids: printed and online catalogues

NRA code: 7612

Access: open

Content and scope:

Membership records:

Ms. list of Friends in Owstwick, Hull, Beverley, Bridlington and Cave, no date

Births, marriages and burials:

Photocopy index to record of births, marriages and burials, 1658-1776

Financial and property records:

Title deeds for Meeting House and burial ground, 1713-1861

File of correspondence of Pickering and Hull MM Clerk re Owstwick Meeting House and burial ground, 1910

Related material in repository:

Records of Owstwick, and Hull Monthly Meetings

Related material in other repositories:

Records of Owstwick Monthly Meeting, East Riding of Yorkshire Archives Service

1.3.60 PICKERING PREPARATIVE MEETING (c.1652 to date)

Historical note:

There were Friends in this area from the early 1650s, when George Fox first preached in Pickering. Their sufferings are recorded from 1658, and Besse also notes several Friends imprisoned in Pickering Castle around this period. Marishes Meeting was recorded in 1669 as part of Malton Monthly Meeting, its members including Roger Skelton, Roger Chapman, Robert Smales, Stephen Keddy, Richard Foster and Richard Camplin. It had been renamed Pickering by the date of the first surviving minute book, ie 1718. There were two Quaker families of longstanding in the area, the Priestmans of Thornton-le-Dale and the Rowntrees of Riseborough. The first Meeting House at 1 Undercliffe was bought c.1675 and registered in 1689. The garden was used as a burial ground from 1696. A new Meeting House was built in 1793 at 19 Castlegate, as a means of accommodating both the Preparative Meeting and the recently formed Monthly Meeting of the same name. The Meeting declined in strength and was discontinued in 1843. Thereafter local Friends attended Malton Meeting (and were also united with Kirkbymoorside for a brief period between 1857-1869, when it too merged with Malton). Allowed Meetings operated in Pickering between 1870-1874, and from 1880 until the granting of Preparative Meeting status in 1896, following the initiative of the Manners sisters. As a result the Meeting House was in use only infrequently over the period 1843-1936. The Meeting is still in existence, and falls within Pickering and Hull Monthly Meeting.

Publication note:

EE Taylor, 'Life of a meeting', in *FQE*, 1943, pp.268-273

JH Rushton, *They kept faith* (Beck Isle Museum, 1967), pp. 212-213

E Alley, *Faithfully to meeting* (Pickering PM, c.1993)

Repository: Brynmor Jones Library, University of Hull (GB 0050)

Reference codes: DQR/8/1-3, 15/1-2, 16/4, 12, 14, 24; DQR(2)/11/1-8, 13/1, 22/1-2, 24/2, 4, 9-10; DQR(3)/10/10, 11/16

Dates of creation: 1718-1984

Extent: 26 items

Finding aids: printed and online catalogues

NRA code: 7612

Access: 50 year closure period

Content and scope:

Minutes:

Minutes of PM, 1718-1843, 1858-1869, 1907-1983

Minutes of Meetings of Elders and Overseers, 1936-1984

Other minutes:

Minutes of Finance and General Purposes Committee, 1958-1971

Minutes of Meeting House Hostel Committee, 1947-1959

Births, marriages and burials:

Birth notes, including for Pickering, 1911-1970

Marriage registers, including for Pickering, 1838-1940, 1967-1974

Burial notes, including for Pickering, 1838-1937, 1953-1961

Orders for burials, including at Pickering burial ground, 1877-1964

Related material in repository:

Records of Malton, Pickering, and Pickering and Hull Monthly Meetings, and Malton Preparative Meeting

1.3.61 PONTEFRACT PREPARATIVE MEETING (c.1665 to date)

Historical note:

There were Quakers in Pontefract, Knottingley and district from the early 1650s, including William Sykes, who died in York Castle in late 1652 for his testimony against tithes. This is a reflection of the fact that several early Quaker leaders came from surrounding towns and villages. Mary Fisher (c.1623-1698) for example was active in the area and was arrested for preaching in Pontefract in 1653 and 1654. The first Friends in the town were probably Peter and Mary Scaife, and Henry and Mary Calfe. A settled Meeting is recorded in 1665 and again in 1669 as part of Pontefract Monthly Meeting. Its members included Thomas English, Samuel Poole, William Stones, Philip Austwick and William Bream. Meetings for worship were held in private houses, such as the home of Henry and Mary Calfe in Mickelgate. A burial ground was acquired in Southgate in 1685 and the first Meeting House was built on this site in 1698. Rebuilt in 1844, the building stood until 1947, when it was demolished following war damage. From the 1680s until around the middle of the next century, there was also a thriving Quaker community in Hillam, north east of Pontefract. This was part of Pontefract Preparative Meeting which met there once a month. Pontefract seems to have produced a large number of Friends in the grocery business, including Thomas English, who produced his own token coinage. Longstanding local Quaker families have included the Englishes, the Leathams, and the Clarksons. From 1952, Friends met in the old Meeting House cottage, until 1974, when a house was purchased in Mayor's Walk Avenue. This was sold in 1992, but it was not until 1998 that a new Meeting House was erected in Swales Yard, where Friends still meet.

Publication note:

A Briggs, *A history of Pontefract Quakerism* (up to 1932) (Pontefract PM, 2000)

Repository: West Yorkshire Archive Service, Wakefield Headquarters (GB 0201)

Reference codes: C786/14; 2/A/6; 2/C/V-VI; 7/A/II/6; 17/B/14; 19/A/1; add. deposit

Dates of creation: 1665-1975

Extent: 26 items

Finding aids: printed catalogue

NRA code: 10955

Access: open

Content and scope:

Minutes:

Minutes of PM, 1766 - 1831, 1910 - 1968

Minutes of Women's PM, 1769 - 1847

Membership records:

List of attenders, 1858 - 1899

Births, marriages and burials:

Birth notes, 1825 - 1905, 1918 - 1924

Burial notes, 1821 - 1880, 1885 - 1975

Orders for burials at Pontefract burial ground, 1868 - 1909

Financial and property records:

Treasurer's accounts, 1925 - 1956

Account of rent of garden of Pontefract meeting, with survey of garden, 1877

Deeds etc. re Meeting House and burial ground on Southgate, Pontefract, 1664/5 - 1975

Maps and plans:

Plan of burial ground, no date

Miscellaneous:

Papers re Pontefract Handicraft Club for Boys, 1966 - 1970

Ts. 'A history of Quakerism in Pontefract' by Albert Briggs, c.1934

Photograph album, 20th century, including Meeting House, Adult School gatherings, local Friends and Pontefract Handicraft Club for Boys

Related material in repository:

Records of Pontefract Monthly Meeting

1.3.62 RAWDON PREPARATIVE MEETING (c.1665 to date)

Historical note:

Guiseley Meeting was recorded in 1665 as part of Skipton Monthly Meeting, and again in 1669 as part of Knaresborough Monthly Meeting. A group of Friends from Rawdon, Henry Whitacre, Samuel Marshall, Abraham and Edward Grimshaw, and Matthew and John Hargraves, were imprisoned in 1682 for refusal to swear the oath of allegiance. Distraints of goods for non-payment of tithes from Friends in the area, including several members of the Grimshaw family, are also recorded by Besse for the period up to 1690. A Meeting House was built in

Rawdon in 1697 on a piece of enclosed common land, with an adjoining burial ground; local Friends also used a burial ground in Dibhouse [Yeadon] from 1671 until 1699. Around this time the name of the Meeting changed to Rawdon. The conduct of worship at Rawdon was investigated by Quarterly Meeting in 1717 after reports that Friends were not removing their hats during prayer. The accounts of travelling Friends who visited Rawdon during the 18th century testify to a well-attended Meeting which became the largest within Knaresborough Monthly Meeting. The Meeting House was enlarged and altered at several points during 1700s and 1800s, and is still in use for worship today. In 1853, the Meeting was transferred to Brighouse Monthly Meeting, and again in 1924 to Leeds Monthly Meeting.

Publication note:

J Guise, *Quakers in Rawdon 1697-1997* (1997)

Repository: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)
Reference codes: MS 1979/1 (Carlton Hill archive), B 1-8, 11-12, 21-22, 31, 41, 45-46, 51-53, 60-63, 65, 70-71, 80-86
Dates of creation: 1700-1992
Extent: 36 items
Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 99)
NRA code: 17118
Access: 50 year closure period

Content and scope:

Minutes:

Minutes of PM, 1700-1966; rough minutes, 1823-1842, 1862-1878
Minutes of Women's PM, 1811-1837
Minutes of Overseers' Meetings, 1899-1908

Other minutes:

Minutes of Bi-centenary [of Meeting House] Committee, 1897-1904, and of its refreshment, hospitality, objects, building, programme and publishing committees, 1897-1899, with related papers, 1897-1901

Membership records:

List of members, 1854-1947
Notices of removal, 1904-1942

Births, marriages and burials:

Register of births, 1838-1917
Birth notes, 1838-1917
Register of deaths, 1838-1919
Burial notes, 1839-1960
Orders for burials, 1920-1949
Papers re burials, 1837-1953

Financial and property records:

Account books, 1874-1963
Accounts, pass book and receipts, Bi-centenary [of Meeting House] Fund, 1897-1904
Papers re repairs to Meeting House, 1990-1992

Related material in repository:

Records of Settle, Knaresborough, Brighouse and Leeds Monthly Meetings, Rawdon Adult School and Rawdon School

1.3.63 REDCAR PREPARATIVE MEETING (c.1840-1969)

Historical note:

This began as a summer holiday meeting, housed in a building on the Esplanade in Redcar around 1840. Its meetings were attended by members of the Pease family, including Edward (1767-1858), who noted in his diary for 1845 that the Meeting House was about to undergo extensive alterations. His son Joseph (1799-1872) built new premises for the Meeting in 1867, in Station Road, and by 1871, it was a full Preparative Meeting. Until 1876 Meetings were held only during the holiday season. By the mid-20th century, the premises were proving too expensive to maintain and Friends purchased a house in Blenheim Terrace in 1953. It was reduced to an Allowed Meeting in 1962 and four years later, moved to the Old Vicarage at Kirklevington, before closing completely in 1969. It formed part of Darlington Monthly Meeting.

Repository: Durham County Record Office (GB 0032)
Reference codes: SF/Re/PM
Dates of creation: 1871-1902
Extent: 3 items
Finding aids: printed and online catalogues
NRA code: 26839
Access: open

Content and scope:

Minutes of PM, 1871-1902

Related material in repository:

Records of Darlington Monthly Meeting

1.3.64 RICHMOND PREPARATIVE MEETING (c.1652-c.1800)

Historical note:

The first Friends in Richmond came from an existing community of Seekers, led by Thomas Taylor of Carlton-in-Craven, who was himself convinced by George Fox in late 1652. A strong Meeting was settled in the town, which is recorded as part of Richmond Monthly Meeting in 1665 and again in 1669, when its leading members were Francis Smithson, Philip Swale, Robert Gosling, John Chayter and Thomas Johnson. The Meeting drew in Friends from Catterick and Hartforth, as well as Richmond. The first sufferings recorded by Besse date from 1655, when Christopher Moore and John Hopps of Richmond were imprisoned for 'speaking in the plain Language, and keeping on their Hats before a certain Alderman'. The Conventicle Act of 1670 unleashed a wave of persecution in the Yorkshire Dales, due largely to the work of an informer, William Thornaby of Richmond. At this

point, Meetings were being held at the homes of Jane Chaytor and her son John in Richmond, as well as in the High Street. Meetings were broken up on a regular basis and Friends were fined a total of £188 10s over a 14-month period. A plot of land west of Grey Friars Tower was acquired in 1669 from Francis and Hugh Smithson for use as a Friends burial ground. The first Meeting House lay in Friars Wynd and was purchased from Robert Gosling in 1677. This was rebuilt in 1780, but by this point the Meeting was in decline, and the building was sold in 1818. The Meeting itself was discontinued in 1796 and local Friends joined Swaledale Meeting, worshipping mainly in Leyburn. For a short period this was known as Richmond and Swaledale Meeting, until 1801, when the connection with Richmond was lost completely.

Publication note:

R Robinson, *A blast blown out of the North* (1680)
DS Hall, 'Quakers in Richmond and Swaledale', in *Cleveland and Teesside Local History Society Bulletin*, no.20, spring 1973, pp. 1-11

Repository: North Yorkshire County Record Office (GB 0191)
Reference codes: R/Q/R/1/164-168; 2/16, 21; 5/1; 7/9, 11 [MIC 1465-1466, 3858]
Dates of creation: 1578-1908
Extent: 21 items
Finding aids: printed catalogue
NRA code: 6665
Access: open; microfilm copies must be used

Content and scope:

Minutes:
Minutes of PM, 1678-1795
Minutes of Women's PM, 1740-1795

Sufferings:
Record of sufferings for Richmond Meeting, 1685-1692

Financial and property records:
Title deeds relating to Richmond, 1578-1875
Trust deeds for Quaker property in various places, including Richmond, 1818-1908

Epistles, advices, minutes etc. received:
From George Fox in Lancaster Castle to Friends at Richmond, 15 January 1664/5
From Friends at Richmond to Friends at Preston Patrick, c.1668

Related material in repository:

Records of Richmond Monthly Meeting

1.3.65 ROUNDHAY PREPARATIVE MEETING (1927 to date)

Historical note:

An Allowed Meeting opened in Roundhay, near Leeds, in 1927, as part of Leeds Monthly

Meeting. This became a full Preparative Meeting in 1931 and Friends acquired a bungalow at 136 Street Lane for use as a Meeting House that same year. Worship still takes place at the same site.

Repository: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)
Reference codes: MS 1979/1 (Carlton Hill archive), DD 16; KK 23-36
Dates of creation: 1929-1988
Extent: 19 items
Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 99)
NRA code: 17118
Access: 50 year closure period

Content and scope:

Minutes:
Minutes of PM, 1929-1977
Minutes of Elders and Overseers Meetings, 1931-1987, with related papers, 1955-1980

Other minutes:
Minutes of Children's Work Committee, 1949-1971

Financial and property records:
Ledger, 1931-1950, and cash book, 1945-1967, with related papers

Miscellaneous:
Visitors' book, 1945-1988
Papers, 1930 onwards

Related material in repository:

Records of Leeds Monthly Meeting

1.3.66 ROUNTON PREPARATIVE MEETING (pre 1700-1799)

Historical note:

Private houses in West Rounton were registered for Quaker worship in 1689 and 1705, before the erection of a Meeting House in 1749, to the west of the village off the main street. The Meeting was settled at some point in the late 17th century from Borrowby Meeting, and formed part of Thirsk Monthly Meeting. It was discontinued in 1799.

Repository: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)
Reference codes: MS 1981/2 (Clifford Street archive), B 8-9
Dates of creation: 1762-1797
Extent: 2 items
Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 75)
NRA code: 29651
Access: open

Content and scope:

Minutes of PM, 1776-1797
Minutes of Women's PM, 1762-1794

Related material in repository:

Records of Thirsk Monthly Meeting

1.3.67 SALT BURN PREPARATIVE MEETING (1869-1914)

Historical note:

Saltburn was established as a spa town in 1860 on the initiative of Henry Pease (1807-1881), the development being carried out by the Saltburn Improvement Corporation. It flourished as a genteel resort after the extension of the Stockton and Darlington Railway from Redcar in 1861. Quaker worship was held during the holiday season from 1869, and an Allowed Meeting was created in 1873. This was a constituent of Darlington Monthly Meeting. Two years after becoming a full Preparative Meeting in 1885, a Meeting House with hall for school and mission work was built in Leven Street, on land acquired from the Owners of the Middlesbrough Estate. The Meeting closed in 1914.

Repository: Durham County Record Office (GB 0032)

Reference codes: SF/Sa/PM

Dates of creation: 1885-1899

Extent: 2 items

Finding aids: printed and online catalogues

NRA code: 26839

Access: open

Content and scope:

Minutes of PM, 1885-1896, with accounts, 1888-1896 and collections, 1885-1899

List of subscriptions for Meeting House, with details of tender by Thomas Dickinson and list of building expenses, 1886

Related material in repository:

Records of Darlington Monthly Meeting

1.3.68 SALTERFORTH PREPARATIVE MEETING (c.1653-1961)

Historical note:

The first Quakers to preach in Salterforth were William Dewsbury and James Nayler around 1653 and a Meeting known as Broughton was settled soon afterwards. The Meeting covered Salterforth, Kelbrook, Earby and Barnoldswick, as well as Broughton. It was recorded in 1665 as part of Skipton Monthly Meeting, and in 1669 as part of Settle Monthly Meeting. Some of its leading members were Robert Clough, Christopher Loftas and Richard Boothman. A Meeting House was acquired in Salterforth in 1678, replaced by a new building, possibly on the same site, in 1715. The Meeting was known as Salterforth from around 1678. Friends continued to hold meetings in their homes for several decades. The first meetings held in the neighbouring but remote dale of Lothersdale date from 1717. A Meeting House opened at Dale End in Lothersdale in 1723 and it was around this time that the Meeting became known as Salterforth and Lothersdale. A group of Lothersdale Friends suffered prosecution and

imprisonment for non-payment of tithes in 1795; they were not released until 1797, when the demands of vicar of Carlton, George Markham, were dismissed as exorbitant. Those imprisoned were Henry and John Wormald, John Wilkinson, Henry King, John Stansfield (in place of his wife Mary), Joseph Brown, James Walton and William Hartley. Meetings appear to have ceased completely in Salterforth in 1798 and the Meeting became known simply as Lothersdale. The Meeting House at Dale End was completely rebuilt in 1799, and was used for worship for another century until 1897. In 1853, Lothersdale Friends were transferred to Brighouse Monthly Meeting and ceased to have an independent Preparative Meeting, being incorporated with Addingham into Skipton Preparative Meeting. Salterforth Meeting re-formed in 1890, lasting only a decade to 1900, within Brighouse Monthly Meeting. In 1918 it was opened once more as an Allowed Meeting and transferred to the newly-established Settle Monthly Meeting in 1924. A year later it became a full Preparative Meeting again, but was reduced to Allowed Meeting for the period 1945 to 1955, and finally closed in 1961.

Publication note:

H Wormald et al., *The prisoners' defence supported: or an answer to the charges and allegations of George Markham, vicar of Carlton* (William Blanchard, 1798)

Repository: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)

Reference codes: MS 1979/1 (Carlton Hill archive), D 13-15, 20; F 28, 31; U 1-2, 16; DD 24, 26; EE 75; LL 92; SE 13-18, 42-43, 48, 57-58

Dates of creation: 1709-1990

Extent: 55 items

Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 99)

NRA code: 17118

Access: 50 year closure period

Content and scope:

Minutes:

Minutes of PM, 1709-1758, 1779-1826, 1948-1961; rough minutes, 1770-1842

Minutes of Women's PM, 1798-1839; rough minutes, 1819-1825

Membership records:

List of members, 1934-1954

Births, marriages and burials:

Register of births and burials, 1776-1826

Birth and burial notes, 1825-1869

Birth notes, 1871-1890

Burial notes, including for Lothersdale and Salterforth, 1853-1931

Financial and property records:

Accounts, 1920-1961

Title deeds and related papers re Salterforth Meeting House, 1725-1966

Papers re alterations to Salterforth Meeting House, 1963-1968

Title deeds for Dale End Meeting House, 1721-1898, with related correspondence, 1956
Trust deed for Lothersdale Cottages, 1802

Maps and plans:

Plans of Salterforth Meeting House, 1885 & no date
Plans of Dale End Meeting House, no date

Miscellaneous:

Research papers of Gilbert Bowman Ludlam re Lothersdale Friends, 20th century
Catalogue of books, 1760-1835
Papers, 1925-1990

Repository [2]: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)

Reference codes: MS 1981/2 (Clifford Street archive), V 4-5.3

Dates of creation: 1794-1803

Extent: 4 items

Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 75)

NRA code: 29651

Access: open

Content and scope:

Letters and papers relating to the Lothersdale prisoners, Yorkshire Quarterly Meeting, 1794-1798

Lothersdale prisoners stock accounts A & B, 1795-1803

Lothersdale prisoners cash book C, 1795-1797

Related material in repository:

Records of Settle and Brighouse Monthly Meetings, and Yorkshire Quarterly Meeting records of sufferings

1.3.69 SAWLEY PREPARATIVE MEETING (1668 to date)

Historical note:

Newby Meeting was settled in 1668 and had a Meeting House from c.1710, but changed its name after Friends acquired new premises in Sawley in 1742. It continued to form part of Marsden Monthly Meeting, within Lancashire (later Lancashire and Cheshire) Quarterly Meeting. The current Meeting House was built at Green End, Sawley in 1777, surviving the various periods of closure (1826-1891; 1896-1899) and reduction in status to Allowed Meeting (1891-1896; 1899-1908). The Meeting is still in existence.

Repository: Lancashire Record Office (GB 0055)

Reference codes: FRM/1/58; 7/1-3

Dates of creation: 1747-1808

Extent: 3 items

Finding aids: printed catalogue; covered by Access to Archives database

NRA code: 15337

Access: open

Content and scope:

Minutes of PM, 1747 - 1808

Minutes of Women's PM, 1763 - 1791

Burial register for Sawley, 1879 - 1894

Related material in repository:

Records of Marsden Monthly Meeting

1.3.70 SCARBOROUGH PREPARATIVE MEETING (c.1651 to date)

Historical note:

A Meeting was settled here by George Fox and William Dewsbury around 1651/2 and became part of Kirkbymoorside Monthly Meeting. One of the first local converts was John Whitehead, then a soldier at Scarborough Castle. Friends worshipped at the home of Peter Hodgson senior, corn and provisions merchant, and this was the meeting visited by George Fox on his release from Scarborough Castle in 1666. A decade later a Meeting House was built in Low Conduit Street, largely financed by Hodgson. This also housed the new Scarborough Monthly Meeting, which rotated between Scarborough, Whitby and Staintondale. Meetings were disrupted, and Friends imprisoned and fined on various occasions. Several families also emigrated to America, but despite this, by 1690 Quakers were very numerous in the town. Another high point in membership occurred around 1730 and this necessitated an enlargement of the Meeting House. Scarborough, like Whitby, suffered disownments during the 18th century over the question of arming vessels. In 1788, it became part of the newly formed Pickering Monthly Meeting. Town improvements at the turn of the century meant that the Meeting House moved to a new site off St. Sepulchre Street, and this in turn was superseded in 1894 with a new building in York Place. From 1859, it fell within Pickering and Hull Monthly Meeting. Scarborough was home to an important branch of the Rowntree family, and they were closely involved in the national revival of Quaker activity towards the end of the century. This work included an Adult School and the holding of the first summer school in Scarborough in 1897. Yearly Meeting was held in Scarborough in 1925. In 1990, the current Meeting House opened in Quaker Close, Woodlands Drive.

Publication note:

JH Rushton, *They kept faith* (Beck Isle Museum, 1967), pp.208-212

Repository: Brynmor Jones Library, University of Hull (GB 0050)

Reference codes: DQR/10/1-34, 37, 86-87, 89-97, 11/7-10, 14/5, 9-10, 15/1-2, 16/2-3, 12, 25, 27-29, 18/26; DQR(2)/14/1-3, 11-28, 31-36, 22/3, 24/5-6; DQR(3)/8/1-20, 10/10-11, 13/5; DX/258

Dates of creation: 1669-1993

Extent: c.377 items

Finding aids: printed and online catalogues

NRA code: 7612

Access: 50 year closure period

Content and scope:

Minutes:

Minutes of PM, with related papers, 1718-1993
Minutes of Women's PM, 1810-1874
Minutes of Select Committee, 1699-1786
Minutes of Meetings on Ministry and Oversight, and later of Elders and Overseers, 1922-1987

Other minutes:

Minutes of Committee for New Meeting House, with subscription list, 1892-1894
Minutes of Premises Committee, 1935-1970
Minutes of Friends Library Committee, 1926-1948
Copies of minutes of Scarborough MM (made for Scarborough PM), 1669-1781

Sufferings:

Account of sufferings, 1669-1754

Membership records:

Registers of members, c.1820 & c.1824
Applications for membership, 1782-1784
Certificates of removal into and out of PM, 1703-1788, 1951-1992
Papers acknowledging misconduct, 1706-1773
Minutes of disownment, with formulary, 1717-1788
Certificates of liberation for 'public Friends', 1725-1778

Births, marriages and burials:

Birth notes, 1822-1864, 1881-1904, 1954
Marriage certificates, 1688/9-1802
Marriage registers, including for Scarborough, 1838-1940, 1967-1986
Burial notes, including for Scarborough, 1838-1845, 1860-1930, 1947-1962
Burial register, 1865-1872
List of burials in St. Sepulchre Street burial ground, with plans and index, 1804-[1893]

Financial and property records:

Accounts, 1760-1836
Draft annual accounts, 1965-1966
Cash book, 1940-1945
Cash book of Overseers Meetings, 1957-1978
Subscription schedules, 1962-1966
Receipts and statements of accounts, 1964-1966
Accounts and vouchers for repairs to Meeting House, 1759-1784
Lawyer's account for sale of St. Sepulchre Street Meeting House, 1894
Accounts and vouchers re erection of new Meeting House, 1893-1895
Bundle of reports, plans, correspondence, subscriptions and accounts re new Meeting House, 1881-1898
Correspondence and plans re alterations to caretaker's flat, York Place Meeting House, 1971-1972
Inventory of property within Pickering and Hull Monthly Meeting, covering Scarborough, 1934-1956
Record of title deeds of Meeting House and burial ground, 1658-1782

Photocopies of title deeds of Meeting House and burial ground, with list, covering 1658-1803
Certificate of registration of York Place Meeting House as place of worship, 1909
File of MM Clerk re new Meeting House, 1981-1989
Accounts, minutes and other records of Joseph Taylor's coal charity, free dwellings charity, and education trust, 1816-1927, and of H Mennell's charity, 1839-1879

Epistles, minutes, advices etc. received:

From Yearly Meeting, YQM and individuals, 1697-1792

Miscellaneous:

Visitors' books for Meeting House, 1895-1947
Registers of library borrowers, 1845-1874, 1901-1963
List of documents in the safe at Meeting House, York Place, March 1960
Printed 'A collection of Acts of Parliament relative to those Protestant Dissenters usually called Quakers from the year 1688', inscribed 'Friends Biblical Library, Scarborough', 1776

Related material in repository:

Records of Scarborough, Pickering, and Pickering and Hull Monthly Meetings, Scarborough Friends Adult School, Scarborough Friends Discussion and Essay Society, Scarborough Young Friends, Scarborough Summer School, and Missionary Helpers Union, Scarborough branch

1.3.71 SCHOLES PREPARATIVE MEETING (1872 to date)

Historical note:

A group of Friends emerged around Liversedge in the early 1650s, after George Fox passed through the area; however they were historically part of Brighouse Preparative Meeting. They included the Green family, William Newby and Rowland Glaister in Liversedge, and Jonas Long in neighbouring Hightown. There was a Meeting House and burial ground in Quaker Lane on the outskirts of Hightown from at least 1700. During the 18th century, the Crosland family of Oldfieldnook, near Scholes, played a leading role amongst local Friends. However worship eventually ceased in the area before 1800. Many decades later, in 1872, Quaker worship began to be held in the Victoria Institute in Hartshead Moor, near Scholes, under the care of Brighouse Preparative Meeting. The site for a Meeting House and burial ground was given by James Crosland in 1880 and opened three years later. In 1884, Scholes acquired Preparative Meeting status. Despite a period of closure between 1961 and 1966, it is still in existence, as part of Brighouse Monthly Meeting.

Publication note:

D Blamires, *A history of Quakerism in Liversedge and Scholes* (author, 1973)

Repository: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)
Reference codes: MS 1979/1 (Carlton Hill archive), Y 10; EF 1-16
Dates of creation: 1874-1990
Extent: 17 items
Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 99)
NRA code: 17118
Access: 50 year closure period

Content and scope:

Minutes:
Minutes of PM, 1874-1887, 1909-1987

Membership records:
Lists of members and attenders, 1884-1958

Financial and property records:
Account of subscribers for new Meeting House, 1883
Account book, 1910-1951
Account of building and opening of new Meeting House, 1883

Miscellaneous:
Papers, 1884-1990

Related material in repository:

Records of Victoria Institute, Hartshead Moor; Brighouse Preparative Meeting, and Brighouse Monthly Meeting

1.3.72 SELBY PREPARATIVE MEETING (c.1652-1877)

Historical note:

George Fox first visited Selby in 1651, after his release from gaol in Derby. There is no evidence that he actually preached in the town at that time, but he had already made contact with John Leake of Selby, who had visited him in prison. Some of the first Friends to be convinced in the town were John Leake and his wife Ann, and Richard and Elizabeth Tomlinson. William Dewsbury preached in Selby in the early 1650s and was probably responsible for settling the Meeting. Mary Fisher, counted as one of the Valiant Sixty, came from Selby and began to preach in the local area as early as 1652. The Meeting was recorded in 1665 as part of Pontefract Monthly Meeting, and again in 1669 as part of York Monthly Meeting. It encompassed the villages of Cottingham, Skipwith, Aughton and Brayton, as well as Selby. Its leading members included George Canby, who compiled the history of the origins of Quakerism in Selby printed in *The First Publishers of Truth* (1907). Both he and John Leake were imprisoned in early 1661 along with hundreds of other Friends in Yorkshire. Land was purchased in Gowthorpe for a burial ground in 1692; it is probable that the Meeting House also dates from this time, although it was substantially rebuilt in 1785. The Meeting closed in 1877.

Repository: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)
Reference codes: MS 1981/2 (Clifford Street archive), A 21a-21.3; B 30.6; K 6.1; L 2-3, 13; M 1.14, 2.1
Dates of creation: 1698-1951
Extent: 10 items
Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 75)
NRA code: 29651
Access: open

Content and scope:

Minutes:
Minutes of PM, 1698-1875
Minutes of Women's PM, 1836-1876

Births, marriages and burials:
Birth notes, 1828-1875
Burial notes, 1836-1877

Financial and property records:
Papers re Meeting House, 1947-1951

Related material in repository:

Records of York Monthly Meeting

1.3.73 SELSIDE PREPARATIVE MEETING (c.1700-1728)

Historical note:

Selside Preparative Meeting had a relatively short history, being settled from Settle around 1700 and closed in 1728. There is no evidence of a Meeting House, although a burial ground at Ingman Lodge about a mile from Ribbleshead dates back to at least 1679, and indicates that there were Friends living in this area from the late 17th century. They included members of the Eglin, Bentham, Stonay and Potter families. The burial ground at Wharfe, near Austwick, was also used by local Friends, from as early as 1702/3. The Meeting formed part of Settle Monthly Meeting and on its closure, members joined Settle Preparative Meeting.

Repository: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)
Reference codes: MS 1979/1 (Carlton Hill archive), H 11, 13-14; U 5
Dates of creation: 1700-1777
Extent: 6 items
Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 99)
NRA code: 17118
Access: open

Content and scope:

Minutes of PM, 1701-1728
Minutes of Women's PM, 1700-1713
Title deeds for Wharfe burial ground, 1714-1777

Related material in repository:

Records of Settle Monthly Meeting and Settle Preparative Meeting

1.3.74 SETTLE PREPARATIVE MEETING (c.1652 to date)

Historical note:

The first Quakers to reach the town of Settle were William Dewsbury and John Camm, around 1652 or 1653. Both preached in the market place, held meetings for worship and made several convincements amongst local people. Some of the earliest Friends in Settle were John Armistead and John Kidd, and a Meeting was settled during this period. It was a constituent firstly of Skipton Monthly Meeting and from 1669, of Settle Monthly Meeting. Its members included Samuel Watson, John Moore, Peter Atkinson, James and Robert Banks, John Kidd, John Robinson and Christopher Armistead. A Meeting House was acquired in Kirkgate at least as early as 1661, and possibly dating back to 1659. It was demolished in 1678 and replaced by the current building, which is still in use. A separate Adult School on the same site was added in 1880. From 1853, the Meeting became part of Brighthouse Monthly Meeting, and was transferred back into the re-formed Settle Monthly Meeting in 1924.

Publication note:

T Stephens, 'The rise of the Quakers in Settle', in *Yorkshire History Quarterly*, vol.7 no.4, May 2002, pp.29-34

Repository: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)
Reference codes: MS 1979/1 (Carlton Hill archive), H 10, 12-12.1, 20; U 3; SE 12, 19-25.2, 59-60

Dates of creation: 1661-1984

Extent: 24 items

Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 99)

NRA code: 17118

Access: 50 year closure period

Content and scope:

Minutes:

Minutes of PM, 1700-1736, 1808-1916; rough minutes, 1736-1808

Minutes of Women's PM, 1823-1832

Membership records:

List of members, 1886-1955

Births, marriages and burials:

Burial notes, including for Settle burial ground, 1882-1896

Financial and property records:

Collection lists, 1702-1730

Title deeds for Meeting House and burial ground, 1661-1810

Maps and plans:

Plan of burial ground, 1862

Miscellaneous:

Papers, 1824-1984

Related material in repository:

Records of Settle and Brighthouse Monthly Meetings, and Settle Friends Adult School

1.3.75 SHEFFIELD PREPARATIVE MEETING (1669 to date)

Historical note:

Sheffield is first recorded as a settled Meeting in 1669, as part of Balby Monthly Meeting. It also covered Friends in Moorwood and its leading members included William and George Shaw, Richard Webster, William Aldam and George Hutchinson. There is no record of George Fox ever visiting Sheffield as such, although his journal records a meeting held at William Shaw's house at the Hill, near Stannington, west of the city. The Shaw family's sufferings in the 1680s are recorded by Besse. A burial ground was acquired in 1676 in Broad Lane; another site was also used at Bow Croft, near Stannington. The first Meeting House was built in 1708, off Hartshead in Sheffield, now Meeting House Lane, funded by a legacy from George Shaw. An orchard site on the other side of the lane was acquired for a new Meeting House and burial ground in 1737; the previous building continued in use for women's meetings until 1795. After the formation of Meeting House Lane, a smaller plot on the same site was purchased to build another Meeting House in 1764. By 1799, the level of attendance at meetings had outgrown the space available and a large building was designed; this did not open until 1806. Of the Quakers who lived in the city during the 18th and 19th centuries, some of the more well-known families were the Doncasters (steel converters), the Fairbanks (surveyors and schoolmasters) and the Hoylands (druggists). An air raid on Sheffield in 1940 destroyed the Meeting House and the Adult School (dating from 1870). New premises were developed in High Court, near Hartshead, in 1964; redevelopment of the area meant a move to the present site, on the corner of St James' Street and Vicar Lane, in 1990. The Meeting was renamed Sheffield Central in the same year.

Publication note:

R Hoare, *Balby beginnings: the launching of Quakerism* (Balby MM/Sessions, 2002)

Repository: Sheffield Archives (GB 0199)

Reference codes: QR 15-21, 29-43, 46, 49-59, 67, 74, 92, 96, 104 - 114, 144-145, 147, 149; WC 980

Dates of creation: 1672-1930

Extent: 55 items

Finding aids: printed catalogue

NRA code: 18500

Access: open

Content and scope:

Minutes:

Minutes of PM, 1764 - 1930

Minutes of Women's PM, 1883 - 1910

Other minutes:

Minutes of sub committee on the poor's account, 1808 - 1818

Minutes of Sheffield sub committee of Balby MM Mission Committee, February - October 1891, with register of cases assisted by sub committee, 1891 - 1894

Membership records:

Lists of members, 1839, 1842, 1843

Totals of members, 1835 & 1839

Testimony to Edward Smith (d.1868)

Births, marriages and burials:

Volume of births, marriages and deaths, 1691-1909

Registers of births, including some deaths and sufferings, 1749/50 - 1822

Birth notes, 1822 - 1837 & 1853 - 1921

Marriage certificates, mainly for Sheffield, 1837-1917

Orders for burials in Sheffield burial ground, 1776 - 1794

Register of burials, indexed, 1795 - 1822

Burial notes, 1822 - 1839, 1854, 1910 - 1926

Financial and property records:

Legacy money accounts, 1791 - 1856

Cash books, 1834 - 1913

Papers re Friends supported financially by Meeting, 1868-1903

Probate copy of will of George Shaw of Hill, near Stannington, including bequest to fund a Meeting House, March 1707

Correspondence re right of way between Fig Tree Lane and Meeting House Lane, Sheffield, 1842 & 1849

Epistles, advices, minutes etc. received:

From Yearly Meeting, 1672 - 1772

Miscellaneous:

List of guides for visiting ministers, 1825 - 1864

Report on Meeting library, 1847

Return for Sheffield Meeting House, religious census, 1851

Certificate of registration of Meeting House as place of worship, 1854

Related material in repository:

Records of Balby Monthly Meeting and Sheffield Friends Adult School

1.3.76 SKIPTON PREPARATIVE MEETING (c.1652 to date)

Historical note:

Skipton holds an important place in the history of Quakerism, both within Yorkshire and nationally. Following the settlement of a Meeting at neighbouring Scalehouse in the early 1650s, Friends were also convinced in Bradley, Carleton and Skipton. A series of general meetings for Friends in the north were held at Scalehouse and Skipton from 1657 to 1659, whilst in 1660, a general meeting for the whole country was held in Skipton. Cases of sufferings for Skipton are recorded by Besse for as early

as 1654, when Miles Halhead was attacked whilst preaching in the market place and William Simpson was beaten for going naked through the streets 'as a sign'. The Meeting was recorded under the name of Bradley in 1665, within Skipton Monthly Meeting, and again in 1669, within the newly formed Knaresborough Monthly Meeting. At this point, it covered Silsden, Skipton, Carleton, Lothersdale and Cononley, as well as Bradley, and its members included Thomas Sawley, Peter Scarborough, Robert Smith, James Dealtry, Edward Watkinson, Francis Dunn, Thomas Smith, Arthur Roberts, Jonas Booth and John Stott. Local First Publishers of Truth included the Taylor brothers, Christopher and Thomas, both schoolmasters from Carleton. The homes of John Hall and Abigail Stott in Skipton were licensed for Quaker worship in 1689; Abigail Stott's house had been used throughout the 1680s, with meetings frequently broken up. It is likely that the Meeting became known as Skipton during this decade, possibly after the death in 1684 of the early local Friend Edward Watkinson of Bradley. Two cottages off Newmarket in Skipton were acquired in 1693 by John Hall and John Cowper, the cottages demolished and a Meeting House erected in their stead, with an adjoining burial ground. The first local burial ground, at Bradley, was in use from around 1663. A Quaker boarding school for boys was set up in Skipton by David Hall in 1703 and this lasted until at least 1756, the date of David Hall's death. The Meeting was transferred to Brighthouse Monthly Meeting in 1853, and Friends in Addingham, Lothersdale and Keighley joined the Meeting. By the later 19th century the Meeting was in decline and closed in 1897, with the remaining members joining the re-formed Keighley Meeting. An Allowed Meeting opened in Skipton in 1907, following renewed Quaker activity in the area (such as the Airedale Tramp in 1905, the first Easter Settlement of the Yorkshire 1905 Committee in 1906, and the formation of an Adult School in Skipton also in 1906). It became part of the re-formed Settle Monthly Meeting in 1924, and re-gained full Preparative Meeting status in 1932. The Meeting still exists.

Publication note:

R Harland, *The living stones of Skipton Quaker Meeting* (author, 1993)

MH Long & MF Pickles eds., *The Society of Friends in Mid-Wharfedale and Craven 1650-1790* (Mid-Wharfedale Local History Research Group, 1998)

Repository: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)

Reference codes: MS 1979/1 (Carlton Hill archive), F 28, 32; T 2, 9, 24-25; LL 84; SE 26-29, 31, 44-47, 49-50, 56

Dates of creation: 1665-1969

Extent: 38 items

Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 99)

NRA code: 17118

Access: 50 year closure period

Content and scope:

Minutes:

Minutes of PM, 1756-1913, 1932-1963; rough minutes, 1854-1859
Minutes of Women's PM, 1784-1845

Membership records:

Lists of members, 1854-1961

Financial and property records:

Title deeds for Skipton Meeting House, 1665-1894
Papers re Meeting House, 1963-1969
Title deeds for Bradley burial ground, 1752-1932

Miscellaneous:

List of books, record of loans and accounts of Skipton Friends Library, 1813-1818, 1840-1841
Correspondence of Clerk, 1954-1969

Related material in repository:

Records of Knaresborough, Brighouse and Settle Monthly Meetings

Related material in other repositories:

Records of Skipton Friends Adult School, Craven Museum, Skipton

1.3.77 STAINTONDALE PREPARATIVE MEETING (1669-1782)

Historical note:

A Meeting was settled in Silpho by 1669, when it was recorded as part of Scarborough Monthly Meeting. It drew in Friends from Harwood Dale, Burniston, Hackness and Staintondale, including Robert Himer, Robert Trott, Robert Johnson, John Dickinson and Phillip Bellerby. Meetings were held at William Norfolk's house, Rigg Hall, until his death in 1707. He left a bequest to fund the building of a Meeting House and this was completed c.1708 and enlarged in 1711. A burial ground adjoined the Meeting House and was in use from at least 1712. Monthly Meetings met in rotation in Staintondale, Scarborough and Whitby. The Meeting closed in 1782 and the Meeting House fell into disuse. A cottage on the site was purchased by Friends in 1912, now owned by Pickering and Hull Monthly Meeting, and known as Norfolk Cottage.

Publication note:

JH Rushton, *They kept faith* (Beck Isle Museum, 1967), p.217
FC Rimington, *History of Ravenscar and Staintondale* (Scarborough Archaeological and Historical Society, 1988)

Repository: Brynmor Jones Library, University of Hull (GB 0050)

Reference codes: DQR/9/57-63; 11/11-14; DQR(2)/12/24

Dates of creation: 1669-1981

Extent: 6 items

Finding aids: printed and online catalogues

NRA code: 7612

Access: 50 year closure period

Content and scope:

Copies of Scarborough MM minute books for Staintondale Meeting, 1669-1783
Papers re history of Norfolk Cottage, Staintondale, 1786-1981

Related material in repository:

Records of Scarborough Monthly Meeting and papers of Fred Fletcher

1.3.78 SWALEDALE PREPARATIVE MEETING (c.1653-c.1861)

Historical note:

A Meeting was settled in Swaledale through the efforts of James Nayler, Robert Widders and Thomas Taylor, around the year 1653. Their message took root amongst an existing community of Seekers, including Nicholas and James Raw of Low Row, and James Alderson and widow [Anne] Langstaff of Healaugh. The earliest meetings in the dale were held in the houses of these Friends. Swaledale is recorded as a constituent of Richmond Monthly Meeting in 1665 and 1669, when its leading members included Nicholas Raw, Ralph Peacock and John Key. The Conventicle Act of 1670 unleashed a wave of persecution in the Yorkshire Dales, due largely to the work of an informer, William Thornaby of Richmond. At this point, Meetings were being held at the home of Elizabeth Cherry in Kearton, as well as on Kearton Field. Meetings were broken up on a regular basis and Friends were fined a total of £81 15s over a 14-month period. Despite the fact that there were some 60 Friends in the parish of Grinton (Swaledale) in 1669, with meeting places registered in Healaugh, Smarber and Kearton in 1689, this early strength was not sustained. A newly built Meeting House in Low Row opened in 1728, but it was not well used and Friends reverted to using an earlier Meeting House in Smarber around 1750. After Richmond Meeting was discontinued in 1796, its remaining members joined Swaledale and until 1801, this was known as Richmond and Swaledale Meeting. During this period meetings were mainly held in Leyburn. After this date, the Quaker connection with Richmond was lost and thereafter, the Meeting was referred to as Swaledale and Leyburn. This was discontinued in 1818 and resumed again as Swaledale Meeting for a brief period from 1822 to 1825. Its remaining members were then officially transferred to Aysgarth, although local Friends continued to meet sporadically at Reeth Friends School until about 1861.

Publication note:

R Robinson, *A blast blown out of the North* (1680)
WC Braithwaite, 'The Westmorland and Swaledale Seekers in 1651', in *JFHS*, vol.5 no.1, January 1908, pp.3-10

DS Hall, 'Quakers in Richmond and Swaledale', *Cleveland and Teesside Local History Society Bulletin*, no.20, spring 1973, pp. 1-11
E Cooper, *The Quakers of Swaledale and Wensleydale* (Friends Home Service, 1979)

Repository: North Yorkshire County Record Office (GB 0191)

Reference codes: R/Q/R/1/169-183; 2/11, 15; 5/1; 13 [MIC 1465-1466]

Dates of creation: 1613-1889

Extent: 34 items

Finding aids: printed catalogue

NRA code: 6665

Access: open; microfilm copies must be used

Content and scope:

Minutes:

Minutes of PM, 1727-1825; rough minutes, 1808-1825

Minutes of Women's PM, 1722-1811

Sufferings:

Records of sufferings in Swaledale, 1664-1748/9

Financial and property records:

Manorial records for Healaugh Manor, 1636-1808

Leases of Smarber Hall and Low Row Meeting House, 1653 & 1867

Title deeds for property in Reeth, 1613-1681

Miscellaneous:

Log book of Reeth Friends School, 1863-1889

Related material in repository:

Records of Richmond Monthly Meeting

1.3.79 THIRSK PREPARATIVE MEETING (c.1662 to date)

Historical note:

The Meeting House in Kirkgate in Thirsk has been in use since its purchase in 1647 by Thomas Pratt, originally, it is thought, as a place of worship for a group of Seekers who preceded Quakers in the area. It was registered by local Friends in 1689. The Meeting itself centred on the hamlet of Wildon, where there was a greater concentration of Friends. Friends were gathering here as early as 1662, when several were committed to York Castle for taking part in Quaker worship. The Meeting was recorded in 1665 as part of Kirkbymoorside Monthly Meeting and in 1669, as part of Thirsk Monthly Meeting. At that time its members included Isaac Linsley, Matthew Day, Benjamin Mason, William Thurnam, William Crosby, William Clarkson, John Deighton, Thomas Jackson, Bryan Peart and William Woodworth. The Meeting covered Thirsk, Balk, Oldstead and Ampleforth, as well as Wildon. At some point between 1669 and 1745, the Meeting was renamed Thirsk. In 1827, when Thirsk Monthly Meeting was dissolved, the Preparative Meeting was transferred to York Monthly Meeting. It ceased

to be a recognised Preparative Meeting in 1957, but regained that status in 1981. The Meeting House was rebuilt in 1701 and 1799, and is still in use. As well as the adjoining burial ground, a separate burial ground, known as Barbeck, on Micklegate, was bought in 1666.

Repository: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)

Reference codes: MS 1981/2 (Clifford Street archive), A 14.1-15; B 7

Dates of creation: 1745-1995

Extent: 9 items

Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 75)

NRA code: 29651

Access: 50 year closure period

Content and scope:

Minutes of PM, 1750/1-1957, 1985-1995

Minutes of Women's PM, 1744/45-1787, 1836-1866

Related material in repository:

Records of Thirsk and York Monthly Meetings

1.3.80 THORNE PREPARATIVE MEETING (c.1660-1942)

Historical note:

The earliest reference by Besse to Quaker activity in this area of the West Riding comes in 1655, when Susanna Dawney of Pollington was imprisoned for 'bearing her Testimony in the Steeplehouse at Snaith'. A body of Friends existed in the area by 1660, for William Reader, a bricklayer of Hull, was arrested for attending a meeting in Fishlake early that year. Settled Meetings are recorded for Pollington and Thorne in 1665, but it was as Fishlake Meeting that it was formally established as part of Balby Monthly Meeting in 1669. In its early years, this was a very large, active Meeting, which met at Fishlake, Thorne, Pollington, Rawcliffe and Sykehouse. A burial ground was acquired in Thorne in 1673; by 1689 there was also a Meeting House in the town, off Church Street. This was rebuilt in 1749 funded by a legacy from Robert Halifax. Other Meeting Houses were acquired or built in Braithwaite in 1703, Fishlake in 1701 and Rawcliffe in 1702. Each of these villages developed its own Meeting, so that by 1730, there were four Meetings in the area. Fishlake Meeting lasted until 1764 and Rawcliffe until 1769; both were then merged with Thorne Meeting. There is no surviving evidence for the dates of Braithwaite Meeting. The Meeting became known as Thorne in 1764. One of its more famous members was the missionary Daniel Wheeler (1771-1840). It was reduced to the status of Allowed Meeting for the period 1923-1931, but closed completely in 1942, after which the Meeting House in Thorne was sold.

Publication note:

R Hoare, *Balby beginnings: the launching of Quakerism* (Balby MM/Sessions, 2002)

Repository: Sheffield Archives (GB 0199)
Reference codes: QR 22-28, 44-45, 60-63, 119-132, 140, 155
Dates of creation: 1703-1938
Extent: 28 items
Finding aids: printed catalogue
NRA code: 18500
Access: open

Content and scope:

Minutes:

Minutes of PM, 1803 - 1813, 1879 - 1923; rough minutes, 1814 - 1825, including lists of members

Minutes of Women's PM, 1760 - 1787, 1799 - 1819, 1837 - 1851, including epistles

Births, marriages and burials:

Birth notes, 1828 - 1863

Orders for burials at Thorne burial ground, 1776 - 1827, 1867 - 1938

Burial notes, 1867 - 1938

Financial and property records:

Title deeds and related papers for Braithwaite Meeting House (Dearman's charity), 1703-1897

Title deeds for Rawcliffe Meeting House, 1724-1889

Maps and plans:

Plan of Thorne burial ground, 1815

Miscellaneous:

List of records received from Thorne Meeting after death of Francis Casson, 1897

Related material in repository:

Records of Balby Monthly Meeting

1.3.81 THORNTON-LE-CLAY PREPARATIVE MEETING (c.1669-1861)

Historical note:

Barton Meeting was first recorded in 1669, as part of Malton Monthly Meeting. It took in a group of villages to the south west of Malton, including Crambe, Bulmer, Sheriff Hutton, Strensall and Thornton-le-Clay, as well as Barton. Its members included Christopher Halliday, Thomas Agar, Ralph Green, John Hicks, Christopher Hardisty, Michael Nicholson, John Pickering and Thomas Scott. Goods worth 21 pounds were taken from John Hicks in 1670/1 for hosting a meeting at his house in Sheriff Hutton. Meeting places were registered in the parish in 1689 and 1700 (the home of John Priestman). A Meeting House was built on the north side of King Street, Thornton-le-Clay in 1702, and the Meeting subsequently renamed. In 1788 it became part of the newly formed Pickering Monthly Meeting, and in 1827 was transferred to York Monthly Meeting. It was closed in 1861.

Repository: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)

Reference codes: MS 1981/2 (Clifford Street), III 9.5/14; B 10.1-10.2; L 10-11

Dates of creation: 1761-1911

Extent: 5 items

Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 75)

NRA code: 29651

Access: open

Content and scope:

Minutes:

Minutes of PM, 1761-1785, 1827-1860

Births, marriages and burials:

Burial notes, 1827-1858

Maps and plans:

OS map of Thornton-le-Clay, 1911

Related material in repository:

Records of York Monthly Meeting

Related material in other repositories:

Records of Malton and Pickering Monthly Meetings, Brynmor Jones Library, University of Hull

1.3.82 TODMORDEN PREPARATIVE MEETING (c.1653-1988)

Historical note:

Mankinholes Meeting was settled in the 1650s, after Thomas Goodaire and Thomas Taylor preached in the area. In 1665 it was recorded under the name of Brighthouse and Mankinholes, within Pontefract Monthly Meeting. In 1669, it became independent of Brighthouse, within Brighthouse Monthly Meeting. Its members at that time included Thomas and Richard Sutcliffe, John Whaley, Richard Holden, John Fielding [Fielden], Joshua Smith and Henry Dyson. Meetings were held mainly at the Sutcliffe family farm in Mankinholes, until the first Meeting House was built in 1696 at Tenter Croft in Shewbread. It was bought by Friends three years later, enlarged in 1785 and in use until c.1811. In 1792, the name of the Meeting was changed to Todmorden and in 1807, it was transferred to Marsden Monthly Meeting, within Lancashire Quarterly Meeting. Friends began to meet in Todmorden in the early 19th century, purchasing land at Bank Top, Honeyholes in 1808, as the site for a Meeting House which opened in 1811. Its status was reduced to an Allowed Meeting in 1918, becoming a full Preparative Meeting again in 1929. It closed in 1964 and after this point the Meeting House was sold. The Meeting re-opened for the period 1983 to 1988, as part of Brighthouse Monthly Meeting.

Repository: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)

Reference codes: MS 1979/1 (Carlton Hill archive), P 38; AA 6, 19, 20; MM 2-8, 10

Dates of creation: 1700-1994

Extent: 12 items

Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 99)

NRA code: 17118
Access: 50 year closure period

Content and scope:

Minutes:
Minutes of PM, 1737-1867; rough minutes, 1816-1837, 1855-1870
Minutes of Women's PM, 1707-1796

Births, marriages and burials:
Index to registers, 1660-1828, compiled by Caleb Howarth, 1828
List of burials at Shewbroad burial ground, 1690-1807, compiled 1994, with related papers, 1915

Financial and property records:
Title deed re Shewbroad burial ground, 1700
Will of Anthony Crossley of Carr House, 1707

Miscellaneous:
Papers, 1784 onwards

Related material in repository:

Records of Brighthouse Monthly Meeting

Related material in other repositories:

Records of Marsden Monthly Meeting, Lancashire Record Office

1.3.83 WAKEFIELD PREPARATIVE MEETING (1669 to date)

Historical note:

Wakefield Meeting is not recorded as being settled until 1669, although George Fox had visited the town in the early 1650s and convinced James Nayler, Thomas Goodaire and William Dewsbury, all then resident in the area. Friends met in private houses in Wakefield and Ossett, until the first Meeting House was built in 1715 in Kirkgate. The sufferings of several early Friends are recorded by Besse, including those of Robert Lamb, William and Ellen Spray, John Roper, John and William Claughton, John Cooke and John Bradford. The first Meeting House was sold and a new one built in 1772 on Doncaster Road at Agbrigg, on land set aside as a Quaker burial ground since 1666. The Meeting was small and 'in a low state' by this point. It was temporarily united with Ackworth Meeting between 1785 and 1793. In 1805 a former Wesleyan chapel in Thornhill Street was bought and converted, to replace what had become an increasingly inconvenient site. Membership grew after the move. The burial ground became a public open space. Finally, the Thornhill Street building was demolished in 1962 and a new Meeting House opened three years later on the same site. The burial ground behind was closed c.1850. The Meeting has historically been part of Pontefract Monthly Meeting.

Repository: West Yorkshire Archive Service, Wakefield Headquarters (GB 0201)

Reference codes: C786/15; 2/C/VI; 2/D/VI; 7/A/II/1; add. deposit
Dates of creation: 1725-1948
Extent: 23 items
Finding aids: printed catalogue
NRA code: 10955
Access: open

Content and scope:

Minutes:
Minutes of PM, 1725 – 1940, including accounts
Minutes of Women's PM, 1814 - 1899

Membership records:
List of members, 1868 - 1875
List of attenders, [1873] - 1895

Births, marriages and burials:
Birth notes, 1830 - 1907
Burial registers, 1862 - 1909
Burial notes, 1828 - 1925
Register of burials at Wakefield burial ground, including plan, 1830 - 1937

Financial and property records:
File re Wakefield Meeting House [Thornhill Street?], including plan, 1888 - c.1948

Related material in repository:

Records of Pontefract Monthly Meeting and Ackworth Preparative Meeting

1.3.84 WHITBY PREPARATIVE MEETING (c.1652 to date)

Historical note:

Although George Fox visited Whitby in 1651, the settling of the Meeting there is attributed to John Whitehead the following year. The first Friends in the town included Zachariah and Dorothy Smales, Ellise Green, Margaret Grainer, Thomas Linskill and Henry Alder. Many First Publishers of Truth ministered at the Meeting. Land in Bagdale on the outskirts of the town was purchased in 1659 for use as a burial ground, and a decade later the present site in Church Street was bought and a Meeting House erected, which opened in 1676. This was registered in 1689. The Meeting flourished and attracted members from amongst the tanners, shipowners, mariners and bankers of Whitby. The evidence from the journals of many travelling ministers, such as Thomas Story, is that it continued to flourish until around the mid-18th century. Several prominent families, including the Walkers, the Chapmans, the Richardsons, the Linskills, and the Lotheringtons were Quakers. The Meeting House was re-built and enlarged in 1813, but by then the Meeting was in decline. Disownments for marrying out, as well as disputes over the arming of vessels owned by Quakers, had a severe impact on membership and the Meeting closed in 1850. A decision by the Quarterly Meeting to sell the Meeting House prompted renewed attempts to revive the Meeting. It was reopened in 1866 on the initiative of Emily Saunders and Edward

Fuller Sewell, and a period of outreach into the local community began, through an Adult School and mission work. The Meeting is still in existence and has been part of the Monthly Meetings of Kirkbymoorside (by 1665), Scarborough (from 1669), Pickering (from 1788), and Pickering and Hull (from 1859).

Publication note:

TH Woodward, *The Quakers of Whitby* (Whitby Historical and Philosophical Society, 1926)
JH Rushton, *They kept faith* (Beck Isle Museum, 1967), pp.206-208

Repository: Brynmor Jones Library, University of Hull (GB 0050)

Reference codes: DQR/11/1-6, 12/1-31, 14/3-4, 6, 15/1-2, 16/2-3, 9, 11, 14-15; DQR(2)/15/1, 22/4; DQR(3)/10/10

Dates of creation: 1669-1974

Extent: 92 items

Finding aids: printed and online catalogues

NRA code: 7612

Access: 50 year closure period

Content and scope:

Minutes:

Minutes of PM, 1726-1983; rough minutes, 1827-1843, including lists of members
Minutes of Women's PM, 1719-1798
Copies of minutes of Scarborough MM (for Whitby PM), 1669-1788; some PM minutes included

Membership records:

Lists of members, 1845-1850
Testimony for Sarah Helm, 1774

Births, marriages and burials:

Birth notes, 1823-1835, 1869-1898, 1912-1954
Marriage registers, including for Whitby, 1838-1940, 1967-1974
Burial notes, including for Whitby, 1822-1905
Burial register, 1865-1872

Financial and property records:

Accounts of collections, 1700-1767, 1775-1786
Bundle of correspondence, plan, list of subscribers, tenders, agreements, accounts and vouchers re rebuilding of Meeting House, 1809-1816
Account of property belonging to PM, covering 1700-1816

Related material in repository:

Records of Scarborough, Pickering, and Pickering and Hull Monthly Meetings

1.3.85 WOODHOUSE PREPARATIVE MEETING (c.1654-1980)

Historical note:

George Fox's first contacts in this area were the Staceys of Cinder Hill and Ballifield Hall. Meetings were held both at Cinder Hill Green and Thomas Stacey's house in 1654. Just over

a decade later in 1665, Cinder Hill Meeting was recorded as part of Pontefract Monthly Meeting. In 1669, it became part of Balby Monthly Meeting, covering Woodhouse and Hackenthorpe as well. The Stacey family was by this time the mainstay of the Meeting. Early Friends in Woodhouse included Ralph Proctor and Richard Stirke, who was imprisoned in York Castle three times during 1683-4 for attending Quaker meetings in Leeds. Land was given by Godfrey Newbold for a burial ground in Woodhouse in 1686. A Meeting House was built there two years later. The Meeting became known as Woodhouse during this period. The original Meeting House survived until 1885, when a new building was erected. Due to the weak state of the Meeting, a Monthly Meeting committee was formed in 1791 to visit and assist local Friends, and this helped the Meeting to survive. A similar situation arose in 1913, and a special committee of the Yorkshire Quarterly Meeting was formed to assist with difficulties in Woodhouse. As a result, it became an Allowed Meeting under the care of Sheffield Preparative Meeting. It became a Preparative Meeting again in its own right in 1916. The Meeting was discontinued in 1980 and the Meeting House sold.

Publication note:

R Hoare, *Balby beginnings: the launching of Quakerism* (Balby MM/Sessions, 2002)

Repository: Sheffield Archives (GB 0199)

Reference codes: QR 133-137, 149, 157; MD 2294, 3509-3515

Dates of creation: 1729-1909

Extent: 19 items

Finding aids: printed catalogue

NRA code: 23246

Access: open

Content and scope:

Births, marriages and burials:

Registers of burials in Handsworth Woodhouse burial ground, 1883 - 1909

Financial and property records:

Account of Woodhouse Meeting trustees for Thomas Taylor's trust, 1907
Title deeds for Handsworth Woodhouse Meeting House, 1729-1866
Deed and papers for property in Woodhouse (possibly site of Meeting House and burial ground), 1837

Maps and plans:

Plan of burial ground at Woodhouse, 1887, and rough plans of old and new Meeting Houses, 1889

Miscellaneous:

Notes and memoranda on Woodhouse Meeting, 1812 - 1846
Certificate for Handsworth Woodhouse Meeting House as place of religious worship for Protestant dissenters, 1854

Catalogues, issue register and rules, Meeting library, 1793 – 1899

Related material in repository:

Records of Balby Monthly Meeting and Sheffield Preparative Meeting

1.3.86 WOOLDALE PREPARATIVE MEETING (1792 to date)

Historical note:

Although there were Friends in this part of the West Riding from as early as 1654, they were historically members of the Meeting in High Flatts. There was a burial ground in use in Wooldale from 1664, which was vested in trustees by Robert Broadhead in 1673. By 1689, there was also a Meeting House, registered at the West Riding Quarter Sessions and located in Pell Lane, Kirkburton. There is evidence that it was rebuilt around 1713, but with some alterations, the same building is still in use today. It was not until 1792 that Wooldale acquired its own Preparative Meeting, a constituent of Pontefract Monthly Meeting. The main Quaker family in Wooldale until the mid 20th century was the Broadheads, who were originally clothiers. The Earnshaw, Brook and Haigh families were also local Friends.

Publication note:

D Bower & J Knight, *Plain country Friends: the Quakers of Wooldale, High Flatts and Midhope* (Wooldale PM, 1987)

Repository: West Yorkshire Archive Service, Wakefield Headquarters (GB 0201)

Reference codes: C786/12; 2/C/VII; 2/D/VII

Dates of creation: 1792-1987

Extent: 43 items

Finding aids: printed catalogue

NRA code: 10955

Access: open

Content and scope:

Minutes:

Minutes of PM, 1792 - 1987; rough minutes, 1815 - 1920

Minutes of Women's PM, 1802 - 1856

Membership records:

List of members, 1867 - 1904

Card indexes of members and attenders, c.1960

Births, marriages and burials:

Birth notes, 1853 - 1900

Bundle of delivery notes and notices of births, 1815 - 1849

Burial notes, 1824 - 1940

Books of interments at Wooldale burial grounds, 1820 - 1887

Orders for burials at Wooldale burial ground, 1861 – 1871

Financial and property records:

Yearly accounts, 1845 - 1877

Miscellaneous:

Catalogue of books in Wooldale Friends Library, 1896, with rules and list of books, 1822, and printed copies of catalogue

Related material in repository:

Records of Pontefract Monthly Meeting and High Flatts Preparative Meeting

1.3.87 YARM PREPARATIVE MEETING (1668-1861)

Historical note:

This Meeting was settled in 1668, as part of Norton (later Stockton, then Darlington) Monthly Meeting, although it lay just over the border in the North Riding. Richard Robinson of Countersett preached throughout this area, including at Yarm, after his conviction in 1652. Edward Fleatham, a local merchant, was fined in 1678 after Richard Watson had preached at his house. A house was registered for Quaker worship in 1701 and 20 years later, a purpose-built Meeting House opened in Bridge Street, with an adjoining burial ground. The Meeting moved south to Crathorne in 1832 and was discontinued in 1840. A Meeting reopened in Crathorne in 1855, as a joint Meeting with Osmotherley, was renamed Crathorne a year later and closed again in 1861. There is no evidence of a Meeting House in Crathorne itself.

Repository: Durham County Record Office (GB 0032)

Reference codes: SF/Ym/PM

Dates of creation: 1652-1822

Extent: 4 items

Finding aids: printed and online catalogues

NRA code: 26839

Access: open

Content and scope:

Minutes of PM, 1688-1762 & 1809-1821, including list of burials and accounts

Minutes of Women's PM, 1806-1822

Related material in repository:

Records of Darlington Monthly Meeting and Osmotherley Preparative Meeting

1.3.88 YORK PREPARATIVE MEETING (c.1651 to date)

Historical note:

George Fox visited York as early as 1651 and attempted to preach at York Minster. He was followed soon afterwards by William Dewsbury, who held a meeting in Richard Smith's orchard. Amongst the first to be convinced in York were Richard Smith and his wife, his sister Mary, and her future husband Thomas Wayte. The Meeting remained small during the 1650s, despite the public testimony of local Friends and

visits by Quaker leaders such as Stephen Crisp and John Whitehead. There were also of course large numbers of Friends from all over Yorkshire imprisoned in York Castle for various offences. Until 1659 they met in private homes, such as that of Thomas and Mary Wayte, then rented a property in High Ousegate from Edward Nightingale. The Meeting grew in the 1660s, during a period of intense persecution, and was recorded as part of Pontefract Monthly Meeting in 1665. In 1669, it became the principal Meeting within York Monthly Meeting. A Meeting House was opened in Far Water Lane in 1674, leased originally from Edward Nightingale, extended to accommodate Quarterly Meetings and then purchased by Yorkshire Quarterly Meeting in 1696. During the 1680s the Meeting suffered the loss of around a quarter of its members during a Separatist controversy over the issue of second marriages. The Separatists were led by two York Friends, John Cox and Edward Nightingale, and held separate meetings for worship in York until around 1693, as well as forming their own Monthly Meeting. In 1718 a new large Meeting House was built on the Far Water Lane site for Quarterly Meetings, and this was in use for almost 100 years before being completely rebuilt in 1817. The small Meeting House was also rebuilt and extended in 1885, following the creation of Clifford Street. There was a revival of Quakerism in York in the late 18th century, as local Friends came under the influence of Evangelicalism. This movement was led particularly by Esther Tuke and her husband William. The Tukes and the Rowntrees dominated the history of the Meeting from around this time, and were responsible for initiating Quaker schools, Adult Schools and the Retreat in York, as well as running local businesses. Over the period 1820 to 1860, when the Society of Friends nationally was declining in numbers, York Meeting acquired 15 new ministers and increased its membership from 137 in 1807 to 194 in 1826 and 236 in 1860. In 1980, the large Meeting House was demolished and the site redesigned, incorporating sheltered housing by the Tuke Housing Association. The main burial ground in York was at Bishophill, bought in 1667 and superseded in 1855 by land at the Retreat, on Heslington Road.

Publication note:

F Thorp, 'Friends in York and neighbourhood', in *FQE*, 1892, pp.167-182
 S Allott, *Friends in York: the Quaker story in the life of a Meeting* (Sessions, 1978)
 D Scott, *Quakerism in York 1650-1720* (University of York, 1991)
 S Wright, *Friends in York: the dynamics of the Quaker revival 1780-1860* (Keele University Press, 1995)
 D Rubinstein, *York Friends and the Great War* (University of York, 1999)
 D Rubinstein & O O'Toole, *Faithful to ourselves and the outside world: York Quakers during the 20th century* (Sessions, 2001)

Repository: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)

Reference codes: MS 1981/2 (Clifford Street archive), III 6.37; G 2.1-2.6, 3.1-3.2, 4.1-4.2, 5.1-5.9, 6-7, 10.2-10.7, 10.10, 11.1-11.2, 13.1-13.2, 14.1-14.4, 14.6-14.7, 16, 19, 22, 23; H 1.1-1.6; J 3.1-3.4, 4.1-4.7, 5.1-5.3, 6, 7.1-7.2; K 6.1; M 1.1-1.30, 2.1-2.10

Dates of creation: 1661-1980

Extent: 119 items

Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 75)

NRA code: 29651

Access: 50 year closure period

Content and scope:

Minutes:

Minutes of PM, 1669-1957

Minutes of Women's PM, 1707-1904

Minutes of Meetings of Overseers/Oversight Committee, 1882-1975

Minutes of Ministry Committee, 1908-1939

Minutes of Meetings of Elders, 1942-1956

Other minutes:

Minutes of Committee on Attenders/Non Members, 1863-1920

Property and Finance Committee minutes, 1908-1960

Meeting House, later Premises, Committee minutes, 1886-1959

Meeting House Alterations Committee minutes and papers, 1883-1906

Albert Library Committee minutes, 1901-1924

Extension Committee minutes, 1905-1915

Births, marriages and burials:

Birth notes, 1825-1829, 1838-1959

Burial notes, 1837-1939

Financial and property records:

Account books, 1794-1965

Collections, 1692-1846

Ledger, 1903-1915

Legacy Fund account books, 1707-1948

Cash book for Albert Library, 1880-1925

Accounts and papers for Heslington Road burial ground, 1911-1972

Subscriptions and papers of Subscriptions Committee, 1929-1976

List of subscriptions to Ackworth and Rawdon Schools, Hope Street schoolhouse etc., 1836-1851

Schedules of trust property, 1921-1953

Papers re legacies and gifts, 1924-1975

Correspondence on registration of charities, 1960-1965

Papers of Premises Committee, 1920-1976

Correspondence on listed buildings, 1954-1975

Papers on tenancies, 1940-1977

Papers on properties in Castlegate, 1661-1924

Maps and plans:

Plans of Meeting House, with related papers, 1662-1980

Miscellaneous:

Printed reports and papers, and library book, re Albert Library, 1862-1895

Related material in repository:

Records of York Monthly Meeting, Amethyst Band of Hope, York British Girls' School, York Friends Biblical Library Association, York Friends Book Society, York Friends Sewing Meeting, York Friends Temperance Association, York Young Friends, York: Acomb, York: Leeman Road and York: New Earswick Preparative Meetings, and York: Lawrence Street Adult School

Related material in other repositories:

Records of York Friends Adult Schools and related bodies, York City Archives

1.3.89 YORK: LEEMAN ROAD PREPARATIVE MEETING (1908-1925)

Historical note:

A separate Preparative Meeting based at Leeman Road Adult School in York, opened in 1908, and lasted until 1925. It was part of York Monthly Meeting. Its members were mainly newly convinced Friends, drawn from an area of the city inhabited by railway workers. However it had vital support from leading York Friends, including Arnold and Benjamin Seebohm Rowntree. The Adult School itself was the first branch school in York, formed in 1891.

Repository: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)
Reference codes: MS 1981/2 (Clifford Street archive), G 12.1-12.2
Dates of creation: 1911-1925
Extent: 2 items
Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 75)
NRA code: 17118
Access: open

Content and scope:

Minutes of PM, 1911-1925

Related material in repository:

Records of York Preparative Meeting; York: Leeman Road Adult School and Social Club

Related material in other repositories:

Records of York: Leeman Road Adult School and Social Club, York City Archives

1.4 FRIENDS FIRST DAY SCHOOLS AND ADULT SCHOOLS

This section includes the archives of First Day Schools (or Sabbath Schools) and Adult Schools set up by Friends in Yorkshire. Those schools which date back to the mid 19th century began by offering classes for children on Sundays. Gradually adult classes also developed and in many cases, broke away to form independent Adult Schools. Until the early 1900s, these

schools were closely connected with Friends Meetings, and frequently met in the local Meeting House. Friends continued to be involved in this work after 1906, when the movement became non-denominational.

1.4.1 BARNSELY FRIENDS ADULT SCHOOL TRUST (fl.1960-1988)

Historical note:

The Friends Adult School in Barnsley opened in 1876; from 1890 onwards classes for women were also offered. The school had a total attendance of 302 in 1886; by 1901 this had slightly increased to 311. The Trust Fund was created after the closure of the school to manage the revenue from its property.

Publication note:

JW Rowntree & HB Binns, *A history of the Adult School movement* (Headley, 1903), pp. 46, 48, 56

Repository: West Yorkshire Archive Service, Wakefield Headquarters (GB 0201)
Reference codes: C786/7/E; add. deposit
Dates of creation: [1876]-1988
Extent: 6 items
Finding aids: printed catalogue
NRA code: 10955
Access: open

Content and scope:

Minutes and agenda, c.1960-1986
Accounts, correspondence, bank statements and bank books, c.1960-1986
Correspondence and applications, 1968-1988
Papers, including on Adult Schools in Barnsley and Gawber, [1876]-1969

Related material in repository:

Records of Barnsley Preparative Meeting

1.4.2 BRADFORD (HEATON) FRIENDS ADULT SCHOOL (1875-1981)

Historical note:

Following the successful operation of a Friends First Day School in Bradford since the 1850s, a separate Adult School was established in 1875 by HB Priestman. This met initially in the Female Educational Institute and then at the Mechanics Institute. The school did not have its own savings bank, but instead the teachers acted as agents for the Yorkshire Penny Bank. By 1886, the school was the fourth largest in the country, with an average attendance of 646 and between 1000 and 2000 members on the register. Several classes began to meet separately in local Board Schools from 1883 onwards, and gained autonomy as branch schools. A Women's School began in the late 1880s. A purpose-built central schoolhouse was not acquired until 1890, on a site in Heaton

purchased by Walter Priestman. By 1901, the attendance figures had dropped to 347. The schools suffered competition from the popular PSA movement ('Pleasant Sunday Afternoons') and had dispersed themselves too widely across the city. The central school joined the Bradford and District Adult School Union in September 1906 and was known formally as the Bradford Friends Adult School Branch. Its premises were disposed of in 1917 and the proceeds invested. However the Adult School itself continued until 1981.

Publication note:

Bradford Friends Adult School: a sketch of the first ten years (1885)

Jubilee souvenir history of Bradford Friends First Day School 1850-1900 (1900)

JW Rowntree & HB Binns, *A history of the Adult School movement* (Headley, 1903), pp. 27, 47-48, 50-51, 56

G Currie Martin, *The Adult School movement: its origin and development* (National Adult School Union, 1924), pp. 109-111

NB Roper, The contribution of the non-conformists to the development of education in Bradford in the 19th century (unpublished MEd thesis, University of Leeds, 1967)

Repository: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)

Reference codes: MS 1979/1 (Carlton Hill archive), LL 88

Dates of creation: 1890-1925

Extent: 1 item

Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 99)

NRA code: 17118

Access: open

Content and scope:

Trust deeds, memoranda of appointment of trustees and correspondence relating to merger of Adult School with Bradford and District Adult School Union, 1890-1925

Related material in repository:

Records of Bradford Preparative Meeting and Bradford Friends First Day School

1.4.3 BRADFORD FRIENDS FIRST DAY SCHOOL (1850-post 1941)

Historical note:

A Friends First Day School opened in Bradford in March 1850, on the initiative of mill owner John Priestman. He and his partner James Ellis had already established a Ragged School in a building near the Soke Flour Mill. Children from a neighbouring street were taught there on weekdays. The First Day School used the same premises on Sundays to teach reading, spelling and scripture knowledge. 69 children from very poor families in the local area were admitted. Writing was not taught until 1854, and evening

classes began a few years later. A Juvenile Temperance Society (later known as a Band of Hope) and a Savings Fund were both established. John Priestman was the first superintendent of the school and on resigning in 1859, he was replaced by George Holt. In 1862, the school moved into purpose-built rooms at Bradford Meeting House in Wakefield Road. By 1865 the majority of scholars came from less deprived working class families and classes for young men were offered. In the 1870s attempts were made to introduce meetings for worship for scholars (this work was devolved to a Mission Society in 1883). A branch of the school opened in an eating house in Bolton Road, but met with local opposition and did not survive many months. A separate Adult School was established in 1875. When the new Meeting House in Fountain Street opened in 1877, the First Day School moved into a new schoolroom there. Its work was assisted by a donation of £459 from the Bradford Friends School Association the following year. Membership and attendance tripled over the period to 1883, with 424 scholars on the school register at its peak. Branches at Whetley Lane Board School and Otley Road Board School opened in 1885 and later affiliated to the Adult School. On the death of George Holt in 1890, Frederic Spinks and Charles Binns were appointed joint superintendents. By 1900, membership had declined to 158; by 1930 it stood at 87 and by the date of the last recorded teachers' meeting in April 1941, had reduced to 15. The school was closed soon after that date.

Publication note:

Jubilee souvenir history of Bradford Friends First Day School 1850-1900 (1900)

NB Roper, The contribution of the non-conformists to the development of education in Bradford in the 19th century (unpublished MEd thesis, University of Leeds, 1967)

Repository: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)

Reference codes: MS 1979/1 (Carlton Hill archive), N 119-126, 130, 151

Dates of creation: 1850-1943

Extent: 10 items

Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 99)

NRA code: 17118

Access: open

Content and scope:

Minutes, 1850-1941

Minutes of Sabbath School evening reading meetings, with programmes, 1870-1873

Jubilee souvenir history 1850-1900, 1900

Correspondence of First Day School Association Fund, 1942-1943

Related material in repository:

Records of Bradford Preparative Meeting, Bradford (Heaton) Friends Adult School and Bradford Friends Band of Hope

1.4.4 CASTLEFORD FRIENDS ADULT SCHOOL (1883-post 1911)

Historical note:

The Adult School in Castleford was set up in 1883 by James and John Atherton Cass, active members of the newly established Quaker Meeting. Their work helped to spread literacy amongst the local mining community. The school ran a Savings Bank for members. In 1902 it had 160 men on the register. After the Friends Meeting House in Bank Street opened in 1891, the school met in the top storey schoolrooms.

Publication note:

A Briggs, *A history of Pontefract Quakerism* (Pontefract PM, 2000), p.60

Repository: West Yorkshire Archive Service, Wakefield Headquarters (GB 0201)

Reference codes: C786/16/A

Dates of creation: 1889-1911

Extent: 5 items

Finding aids: printed catalogue

NRA code: 10955

Access: open

Content and scope:

Accounts of Adult School Savings Bank (men and women), 1889-1911

Related material in repository:

Records of Castleford Preparative Meeting

1.4.5 DEWSBURY FRIENDS ADULT SCHOOL (1859-post 1887)

Historical note:

An Adult School was started in Dewsbury in 1859, and by 1886, annual attendance was 109. By 1902, there were classes for men, women and children, with a total of 340 on the school register. The school met in the local Meeting House, and a purpose-built extension was added in 1887 for its use.

Publication note:

JW Rowntree & HB Binns, *A history of the Adult School movement* (Headley, 1903), pp. 21, 46

Repository: West Yorkshire Archive Service, Wakefield Headquarters (GB 0201)

Reference codes: add. deposit

Dates of creation: 1886-1972

Extent: 1 item

Finding aids: printed catalogue

NRA code: 10955

Access: open

Content and scope:

Title deeds of school property, 1886-1972

Related material in repository:

Records of Dewsbury Preparative Meeting

1.4.6 DONCASTER AND DISTRICT ADULT SCHOOL UNION (fl.1905-1913)

Historical note:

The Doncaster and District Adult School Union was in existence by 1905. The principal school in the area was that based at West Laithe Gate Friends Meeting House. Others were Hyde Park Adult School (from c.1906), Balby Adult School (from c.1910) and Bentley Adult School (from c.1910). Joseph Firth Clark was the President of the Union and of the West Laithe Gate School. Within the Union, a library, savings bank, sick club, coal club, Band of Hope, children's classes, recreation society and cricket club were organised for members. The schools held joint meetings on a monthly basis. The Union was still active in 1913.

Repository: Doncaster Archives Department (GB 0197)

Reference codes: NF/1/5/2

Dates of creation: 1905-1913

Extent: 1 item

Finding aids: printed catalogue

NRA code: none

Access: open

Content and scope:

Records of joint monthly meetings, 1905-1913

Related material in repository:

Records of Doncaster Friends Adult School; papers of Clark family

1.4.7 DONCASTER FRIENDS ADULT SCHOOL (c.1866-post 1916)

Historical note:

A First Day School was set up by Friends in Doncaster c.1866, with a library and savings bank. This was based at the Meeting House in West Laithe Gate. A night school began on Thursdays in 1870 and elementary classes for younger boys from early 1871. A sick club was established in 1881. By 1886, average attendances were 66; this had risen to 105 by 1901. Women's classes began in 1886. By 1905 it was known as a Friends Adult School. The school was still in existence in 1916.

Publication note:

JW Rowntree & HB Binns, *A history of the Adult School movement* (Headley, 1903), p.46

Repository: Doncaster Archives Department (GB 0197)

Reference codes: NF/1/5/1, 4-8; DZMD/609

Dates of creation: 1866-1916

Extent: 7 items
Finding aids: printed catalogue
NRA code: none
Access: open

Content and scope:

Minutes of teachers and scholars meetings, 1866-1881, including 'Sabbath School register' for 1866-1876
Reports, 1890 (with calendar), 1893 (with accounts), 1911 & 1916
Programmes of lectures, late 19th & early 20th centuries

Related material in repository:

Records of Doncaster Preparative Meeting and papers of Clark family

1.4.8 DONCASTER FRIENDS SUNDAY SCHOOL (fl.1927-1942)

Historical note:

This Sunday School for children only was already active by 1927. It was based at the West Laithe Gate Friends Meeting House. The school provided religious education and organised trips (including an annual summer trip to Cleethorpes), harvest festivals and teas. It was still active in 1942. Hannah M Clark was one of those involved in running the school.

Repository: Doncaster Archives Department (GB 0197)
Reference codes: NF/1/5/3
Dates of creation: 1927-1942
Extent: 1 item
Finding aids: printed catalogue
NRA code: none
Access: open

Content and scope:

Minutes of business meetings and accounts, 1927-1942

Related material in repository:

Records of Doncaster Friends Adult School; papers of Clark family

1.4.9 HALIFAX: CLARE ROAD FRIENDS ADULT SCHOOL (1862-1988)

Historical note:

The Adult School at Clare Road Meeting House was established in 1862. It was always a relatively small school. Its total membership, including both men and women, was 64 in 1886 and in 1901, 47. An afternoon class for women was established in 1907, and ran for over 80 years, before closing in 1988.

Publication note:

JW Rowntree & HB Binns, *A history of the Adult School movement* (Headley, 1903), p. 47

Repository: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)
Reference codes: MS 1979/1 (Carlton Hill archive), TT 69 CR/1
Dates of creation: 1907-1910
Extent: 1 item
Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 99)
NRA code: 17118
Access: open

Content and scope:

Record book of women's classes, 1907-1910

Related material in repository:

Records of Halifax Preparative Meeting

1.4.10 HIGH FLATTS ADULT SCHOOL (1908-post 1911)

Historical note:

The Adult School in High Flatts began in 1908 and met in the local Meeting House. Although it was run by Friends, in common with other Adult Schools of the period it was organised on non-denominational lines and was a member of the Yorkshire Adult School Union.

Publication note:

D Bower & J Knight, *Plain country Friends: the Quakers of Wooldale, High Flatts and Midhope* (Wooldale PM, 1987), p.109

Repository: West Yorkshire Archive Service, Wakefield Headquarters (GB 0201)
Reference codes: C786/10/G
Dates of creation: 1910-1911
Extent: 1 item
Finding aids: printed catalogue
NRA code: 10955
Access: open

Content and scope:

Attendance register, 1910 - 1911

Related material in repository:

Records of High Flatts Preparative Meeting, High Flatts Friends First Day School and High Flatts Guest House

1.4.11 HIGH FLATTS FRIENDS FIRST DAY SCHOOL (c.1834-pre 1899)

Historical note:

The Friends First Day School began in High Flatts around 1834 on the initiative of John Firth. The school was held in the Meeting House and had 35 pupils initially, rising to an average weekly attendance of 50. Due to lack of good teachers, the school was forced to close in 1847 and submitted a report to Pontefract Monthly

Meeting on its achievements. As well as Bible and Scripture study, the school also undertook some elementary education. Around 1865, a second First Day School started, also based in the Meeting House and with just over 70 pupils. The families involved in running the school were the Firths, Woods and Dickinsons. A Savings Bank was set up in 1868. In 1877 the school acquired purpose-built accommodation in a house behind the Meeting House, known as Three Wells. The school had closed by 1899, due to falling numbers and an attempt to revive the school in that year failed.

Publication note:

D Bower & J Knight, *Plain country Friends: the Quakers of Wooldale, High Flatts and Midhope* (Wooldale PM, 1987), pp.107-108

Repository: West Yorkshire Archive Service, Wakefield Headquarters (GB 0201)

Reference codes: C786/10/F

Dates of creation: 1835-1879

Extent: 3 items

Finding aids: printed catalogue

NRA code: 10955

Access: open

Content and scope:

Minutes of teachers meetings, 1835 - 1839, 1866 – 1879, including lists of scholars, attendances and teachers

Related material in repository:

Records of High Flatts Preparative Meeting, High Flatts Adult School and High Flatts Guest House

1.4.12 HULL FRIENDS ADULT SCHOOL (1870-post 1906)

Historical note:

A Friends First Day School opened in Hull soon after the move to a new Meeting House in Mason Street in 1852. The premises were a former Wesleyan schoolroom and easily accommodated both a meeting room and schoolrooms. In 1870, a separate Adult School began, with women's classes from 1879. To accommodate the expansion of the school, a new Meeting House was built on an adjoining site the following year, allowing the school to make use of the whole of the former building. The school ran a Coffee Cart Company from the mid 1870s and opened two branches in Dansom Lane and Constable Street in 1885. In 1886, the school was the fifth largest in the country, with an average attendance of 532 and between 1000 and 2000 members on its register. It inspired the formation of adult schools in Bradford and in London, at Bunhill Fields. By 1901 however, its attendance figures had declined dramatically to 106. This was due in large measure to the small number of teachers involved in adult school work in Hull, and the weakening of the central school following the

creation of branches. In 1906 the Hull schools joined the Yorkshire East Coast Adult School Union, but there are no surviving records after this date.

Publication note:

JW Rowntree & HB Binns, *A history of the Adult School movement* (Headley, 1903), pp. 22, 27, 47-48, 51-52

G Currie Martin, *The Adult School movement: its origin and development* (National Adult School Union, 1924), pp. 109, 111

Repository: Brynmor Jones Library, University of Hull (GB 0050)

Reference codes: DQR(3)/3/109-110

Dates of creation: 1876-1906

Extent: 2 items

Finding aids: printed and online catalogues

NRA code: 7612

Access: open

Content and scope:

Minutes of monthly meetings, 1876-1883, including list of officers and teachers
Minutes of teachers' meetings, 1892-1906, including interleaved correspondence and notes of resolutions

Related material in repository:

Records of Hull Preparative Meeting

1.4.13 KEIGHLEY FRIENDS ADULT SCHOOL (1882-c.1934)

Historical note:

The Adult School was founded in Keighley in 1882 and met at the Mechanics Institute. A Mutual Improvement Society, a Temperance Society and a savings bank were founded by members in the same year. The school seems to have reached its peak in the mid-1890s, with a membership of 89. Its traditional annual tea became a festival of entertainment and discussion, with speakers from other Yorkshire Adult Schools. However the school was always relatively small in size, and had declined to 52 members by 1902. At some point after 1917, the school closed, but a new school was established in the town in 1927, encouraged by Alice Robson, Arthur Raistrick and members of Adult Schools in Skipton and Saltaire. It had 29 members at the end of its first year, and there are no surviving records after 1934.

Repository: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)

Reference codes: MS 1979/1 (Carlton Hill archive), SE 32-33, 52-54

Dates of creation: 1882-1934

Extent: 5 items

Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 99)

NRA code: 17118

Access: open

Content and scope:

Minutes, 1882-1913
Minutes of Mutual Improvement Society, 1882-1897, with minutes of Adult School proper, 1927-1934
Account book, 1895-1906, with minutes, 1913-1917
Savings Bank accounts, 1884-1888
Attendance register, c.1890s-1911

Related material in repository:

Records of Keighley Preparative Meeting

1.4.14 LEEDS AND DISTRICT ADULT SCHOOL SUB UNION (1903-post 1948)

Historical note:

Following the jubilee of the Friends First Day Schools in Leeds, celebrated in 1897, the movement lost momentum. The Adult Schools lapsed their membership in 1898 and organised their own United Quarterly Meetings. In 1903, following on from enthusiastic meetings at the Friends Adult School in Burley Road, a special meeting took place, addressed by Edwin Gilbert on the question of 'The Adult School Movement in Leeds: shall it go forward?'. The so-called 'forward movement' addressed the lack of recruitment of new members, the failure of the Adult Schools to promote themselves, and the need for more efficient internal organisation. A Leeds and District Adult School Sub Union, on broad undenominational lines, was formed that same year. The first members were Burley Road and Camp Road, followed by Woodhouse Carr and Carlton Hill. By 1909, 22 Adult Schools had affiliated to the Sub Union, 14 of which had separate classes for women. The total membership stood at 2311. The Sub Union was still in existence in 1948.

Publication note:

[S Southall], *The story of the Leeds Adult Schools* (Leeds and District Adult School Sub Union, 1909)

Repository: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)
Reference codes: MS 1979/1 (Carlton Hill archive), O 11/13; TT 62
Dates of creation: 1909-1948
Extent: 2 items
Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 99)
NRA code: 17118
Access: open

Content and scope:

Minutes, 1937-1948
[Samuel Southall], *The story of the Leeds Adult Schools* (Leeds and District Adult School Sub Union, 1909)

Related material in repository:

Records of Yorkshire Adult School Union and individual Adult Schools in Leeds

1.4.15 LEEDS FRIENDS ADULT SCHOOLS CENTRAL COMMITTEE (1896-c.1906)

Historical note:

By the end of 19th century, there were three times as many Adult School members in Leeds than there were Friends. Over the period 1886 to 1901, the total membership of the five schools in Leeds (based at Burley Road, Carlton Hill, Great Wilson Street, Pontefract Lane and Woodhouse Carr) increased 21% from 585 to 709 members. This is accounted for by the fact that the schools in Burley Road and Woodhouse Carr opened in 1885 and 1887 respectively, both with 100s of members, and a new junior class of 96 members was also started. The Adult School based at the principal Friends Meeting in Leeds, Carlton Hill, peaked at 266 members in 1884/5, and was weakened by the establishment of successful branch schools. In 1896 a Central Committee was formed, on the initiative of Carlton Hill, to bring together the various Adult Schools in Leeds. The committee's main work was to organise United Quarterly Meetings, with each school reporting on attendances and events, followed by a talk on a special subject. United Quarterly Meetings seem to have ended around 1906 due to lack of interest amongst scholars.

Publication note:

JW Rowntree & HB Binns, *A history of the Adult School movement* (Headley, 1903), pp. 12, 21-22, 46-47, 56
[S Southall], *The story of the Leeds Adult Schools* (Leeds and District Adult School Sub Union, 1909)
W Allott, 'Leeds Quaker Meeting', in *Thoresby Society Miscellany*, vol.14 part1, 1966, pp. 61-62

Repository: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)
Reference codes: MS 1979/1 (Carlton Hill archive), O 11/14; 21; 22
Dates of creation: 1896-1906
Extent: 3 items
Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 99)
NRA code: 17118
Access: open

Content and scope:

Minutes of Central Committee, 1896-1902
Minutes of United Quarterly Meetings, 1896-1906
Printed list of Adult Schools of the Society of Friends, no date

Related material in repository:

Records of Leeds and District Adult School Sub Union, Leeds: Beeston Hill, Fellowship House, and Pontefract Lane Friends Adult Schools, and Leeds Friends First Day Schools

1.4.16 LEEDS: BEESTON HILL FRIENDS ADULT SCHOOL (1859-c.1983)

Historical note:

This Adult School dates back to 1859, when an existing First Day School for children, based at the Camp Lane Court Meeting House in Leeds, acquired new enlarged premises and expanded its work. The first Adult School teachers were John Henry Rhodes, Samuel Southall and John Whiting, and membership grew steadily as boys from the children's classes grew up and entered the Adult School. A Savings Bank, a Sick Club and a Temperance Society were also established. When Leeds Meeting relocated to a new Meeting House on Carlton Hill in 1868, a decision was made that the Adult School should remain in the local area, and alternative accommodation was found in Fleece Lane, off Meadow Lane. A meeting for worship was also started. A decade later, a new building was opened on the corner of the Friends burial ground in Great Wilson Street, funded largely by Thomas Harvey. By 1909 the school had a membership of 121. In 1946 it moved to Beeston Hill and was still running in 1983.

Publication note:

[S Southall], *The story of the Leeds Adult Schools* (Leeds and District Adult School Sub Union, 1909)

W Allott, 'Leeds Quaker Meeting', in *Thoresby Society Miscellany*, vol.14 part1, 1966, p. 61

Repository: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)

Reference codes: MS 1979/1 (Carlton Hill archive), S 28-35, 37-39, 46-50, 56, 67

Dates of creation: 1859-1983

Extent: 20 items

Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 99)

NRA code: 17118

Access: 50 year closure period

Content and scope:

Minutes, 1859-1929

Minutes of women's classes, 1960-1983

Attendance registers for various classes, with list of officers, [1924]-1926 & 1957-1960

Treasurer's income and expenditure accounts, 1933-1960

Accounts of collections, 1936-1960

Savings club cash book, 1870-1873

Papers re men's class, 1958-1959

Related material in repository:

Records of Leeds: Beeston Hill Preparative Meeting, other Leeds Adult Schools, Leeds District Adult School Union, Leeds Friends Adult Schools Central Committee, Leeds: Great Wilson Street Friends First Day School, Leeds: Great Wilson Street Friends Christian Union and Leeds: Great Wilson Street Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour

1.4.17 LEEDS: FELLOWSHIP HOUSE FRIENDS ADULT SCHOOL (1885-1971)

Historical note:

This Adult School was formed in 1885 as an offshoot from the main school at Carlton Hill, by a large class of men who lived in the Burley Road area of Leeds. Morning meetings were held at Burley Road Board School until 1886, when the school moved to Wordsworth Street Temperance Hall. Women's classes began and the activities of the school expanded, including a Band of Hope/Temperance Society. New premises were funded by Friends and opened in 1890 by Joseph Storrs Fry as the Burley Road Friends Adult School. By 1909 membership totalled 439. In 1938 the premises were subject to compulsory purchase by Leeds Corporation and a new site in Headingley, known as Bleak House, was acquired. This became known as Fellowship House Friends Adult School. The school continued to be active until well into the 1960s, but by 1971, its ageing membership and rising costs were causing difficulties. The decision was made to close the school and sell the premises. The proceeds formed the basis of the Fellowship House Friends Adult School Trust, to be used to support the objects of the original trusts of 1888.

Publication note:

[S Southall], *The story of the Leeds Adult Schools* (Leeds and District Adult School Sub Union, 1909)

Repository: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)

Reference codes: MS 1979/1 (Carlton Hill archive), O 11/16, 82; DD 13; KK 16.1

Dates of creation: 1888 & 1972-1983

Extent: 4 items

Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 99)

NRA code: 17118

Access: 50 year closure period

Content and scope:

Minutes of Adult School Trust, 1972-1983

Copy plan of school, 1888

Ts. history by Denis Winteringham, c.1978

Related material in repository:

Records of Leeds: Fellowship House Preparative Meeting, other Leeds Friends Adult Schools, Leeds Friends Adult Schools Central Committee and Leeds and District Adult School Sub Union

1.4.18 LEEDS: PONTEFRACT LANE FRIENDS ADULT SCHOOL (1869-c.1983)

Historical note:

This was originally known as the Leeds Friends Sunday School and met at Mill Street, Bank,

from 1869 until 1874. It was run by John Hall Thorpe and T Benson Pease Ford, and began classes for adults in a relatively small way. A First Day School was created at the same time. After moving to the Miners Institute on York Road however, it soon became the largest Adult School in Leeds. It was known as York Road Friends Adult School until 1890, when the school moved into new premises funded by the Harvey family, in Pontefract Lane, off York Road. Its new name was Pontefract Lane Friends Adult School. It had 404 members, both men and women, in 1902.

Publication note:

[S Southall], *The story of the Leeds Adult Schools* (Leeds and District Adult School Union, 1909)

Repository: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)
Reference codes: MS 1979/1 (Carlton Hill archive), O 101-113; LL 89; KK 15
Dates of creation: 1869-1983
Extent: 18 items
Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 99)
NRA code: 17118
Access: 50 year closure period

Content and scope:

Minutes, 1870-1962
Minutes of Temperance Society, 1892-1933
Minutes of Friends Christian Union, later Christian Fellowship Meeting, 1927-1981
Register of members, 1869-[1883]
Account books and other financial records, including of Recreation and Social Club, Band of Hope, Sick Fund and School Fund, 1894-1983
Papers, 1880-1960

Related material in repository:

Records of other Leeds Friends Adult Schools, Leeds Friends Adult Schools Central Committee and Leeds and District Adult School Sub Union

1.4.19 LEEDS FRIENDS FIRST DAY SCHOOLS (1868-c.1898)

Historical note:

Until 1868, the only Friends First Day School in Leeds was based at Camp Lane Court Meeting House. When the main Leeds Meeting moved to Carlton Hill in 1868, a new First Day School was set up there, whilst the original school stayed in the locality, in new premises in Fleece Lane. The teachers of both schools held joint meetings from 1868; from 1870, they were joined by teachers from the recently established First Day School in Mill Street. From 1895, there were also First Day classes for children based at Woodhouse Carr Adult School. Jubilee celebrations were held in 1897, marking the beginning of the first Friends First Day School in Camp Lane Court in 1847. However, this became a turning point, not of new growth, but of declining enthusiasm and inertia. The Friends Adult Schools began to organise as a separate

body around this time and in 1903 formed their own Leeds and District Adult Schools Sub Union. This finally broke the official ties of the Adult School movement to the Society of Friends in Leeds.

Publication note:

[S Southall], *The story of the Leeds Adult Schools* (Leeds and District Adult School Sub Union, 1909)

Repository: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)
Reference codes: MS 1979/1 (Carlton Hill archive), O 11/3-12, 18
Dates of creation: 1868-1898
Extent: 11 items
Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 99)
NRA code: 17118
Access: open

Content and scope:

Information about the schools at Carlton Hill, Pontefract Lane (formerly Mill Street) and Woodhouse Carr is contained in the combined annual reports issued by Friends First Day Schools in Leeds; there are no other surviving records for these schools.

Minutes of teachers' meetings, [1868]-1898, including interleaved annual reports
Printed annual reports, 1885-1892
Miscellaneous papers, 1869-1896, including annual reports for 1868-1871, 1878 & 1883

Related material in repository:

Records of Leeds: Great Wilson Street Friends First Day School

1.4.20 LEEDS: GREAT WILSON STREET FRIENDS FIRST DAY SCHOOL (1832-c.1946)

Historical note:

A bible class for children was first given by Joseph Tatham during the years 1832 to 1841. This took place on Sundays in the school premises at Camp Lane Court Meeting House. This developed into a formal First Day School, established in 1847, and with 56 scholars by the end of 1858. In 1859, the school acquired new enlarged premises and expanded its work to include classes for girls. An Adult School began in the same year. The school stayed in the local area after Leeds Meeting moved to Carlton Hill in 1868, and alternative accommodation was found in Fleece Lane. A Band of Hope and a library were set up. In 1877, the First Day School moved with the Adult School to a new building on Great Wilson Street. There is no evidence of the school continuing after the move to Beeston Hill in 1946.

Publication note:

[S Southall], *The story of the Leeds Adult Schools* (Leeds and District Adult School Sub Union, 1909)

Repository: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)
Reference codes: MS 1979/1 (Carlton Hill archive), O 11/2-3; S 5-16, 21, 57, 64; DD 4-5
Dates of creation: 1844-1942
Extent: 20 items
Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 99)
NRA code: 17118
Access: open

Content and scope:

Minutes of teachers' meetings, 1852-[1868] & 1868-1892, including printed annual reports
Minutes of Band of Hope, 1883-1904
Attendance registers and certificates of abstinence, Band of Hope, 1868-1938
Junior Friends First Day logbook, 1940-1942
Library borrowers' register, c.1882-1893
Notices re right holding of meeting for worship, no date
Plan of small Meeting House, shed and committee room/school, Camp Lane Court, with specifications of work, 1844 & [1859]

Related material in repository:

Records of Leeds: Carlton Hill Preparative Meeting, Leeds: Beeston Hill Preparative Meeting, Leeds: Beeston Hill Friends Adult School, Leeds: Great Wilson Street Friends Christian Union, Leeds: Great Wilson Street Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour, and Leeds Friends First Day Schools

1.4.21 MIDDLESBROUGH FRIENDS ADULT SCHOOL (1868-post 1901)

Historical note:

Opened in March 1868, this school was originally housed in a room in Lower Feversham Street, under the supervision of William Taylor. The work of the school expanded with the erection of the new Friends Meeting House in Grange Road, Middlesbrough in 1873; its design incorporated several classrooms. The close ties between local Friends and the development of Middlesbrough meant that the Meeting was active in mission and education work within the local community. By 1886, the Adult School had 207 members, but this had declined to 46 in 1901.

Publication note:

JW Rowntree & HB Binns, *A history of the Adult School Movement* (Headley, 1903), pp. 23, 47

Repository: Durham County Record Office (GB 0032)
Reference codes: SF/Mi/PM/6/1
Dates of creation: 1868-1896
Extent: 1 item
Finding aids: printed and online catalogues
NRA code: 26839
Access: open

Content and scope:

Attendance book, 1868-1896, including poster advertising opening of school, 1868

Related material in repository:

Records of Middlesbrough Preparative Meeting

1.4.22 NEW EARSWICK FRIENDS FIRST DAY SCHOOL (c.1917-c.1969)

Historical note:

A Friends First Day School was set up soon after the Allowed Meeting was formalised in New Earswick, near York, in 1917 and had 34 members in 1918, rising to 57 in 1929. Weekend lecture schools were held, addressed by such speakers as J Edward Hodgkin and Edward Grubb, and study circles were held from 1918/19. The school was active until at least 1969.

Publication note:

S Allott, *Friends in York: the Quaker story in the life of a Meeting* (Sessions, 1978), p.105

Repository: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)
Reference codes: MS 1981/2 (Clifford Street archive), N 4.1-5, 5
Dates of creation: 1940-1969
Extent: 3 items
Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 75)
NRA code: 29651
Access: 50 year closure period

Content and scope:

Minutes of committee, 1940-1969
Papers, 1963-1967

Related material in repository:

Records of New Earswick Preparative Meeting and New Earswick Women's Adult School

Related material in other repositories:

Records of York Adult Schools, York and District Adult School Union, and York and District Adult Schools and Social Clubs Ltd., York City Archives

1.4.23 NEW EARSWICK WOMEN'S ADULT SCHOOL (1930-c.1977)

Historical note:

A Women's Adult School was established in the village of New Earswick, near York, in 1930, with encouragement and assistance from the existing Men's Adult School. The first President was Mrs Annie Hallaways, and the Co-Secretaries Mrs K Gould and Miss E Stabler. The school had 37 members initially. The school was active until at least 1977.

Repository: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)

Reference codes: MS 1979/1 (Carlton Hill archive), TT 69 NE/1-3
Dates of creation: 1930-1977
Extent: 3 items
Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 99)
NRA code: 17118
Access: 50 year closure period

Content and scope:

Minutes of committee meetings, with annual reports, 1930-1977

Related material in repository:

Records of New Earswick Preparative Meeting and New Earswick Friends First Day School

Related material in other repositories:

Records of York Adult Schools, York and District Adult School Union, and York and District Adult Schools and Social Clubs Ltd., York City Archives

1.4.24 PADDOCK FRIENDS ADULT SCHOOL (1856-post 1974)

Historical note:

Huddersfield Friends First Day School began in 1856, following a tour of Yorkshire by a deputation from the Friends First Day School Association, and it met in the Meeting House in Church Street, Paddock. Women's classes started in 1862. From 1896, it was known as the Paddock Friends Adult School, but children's classes were still offered. Its membership in 1902 was recorded as 317 men and women. During the First World War, its members (including the Robson family of Dalton) were part of the anti-war community which emerged in the town. By 1936, it was known as Huddersfield Adult School. A women's Adult School was still active in the town in 1974.

Publication note:

JW Rowntree & HB Binns, *A history of the Adult School movement* (Headley, 1903), pp.21, 46
G Currie Martin, *The Adult School movement: its origin and development* (National Adult School Union, 1924), pp.106-107
C Pearce, *Comrades in conscience: an English community's opposition to the Great War* (Francis Boutle, 2001)

Repository [1]: West Yorkshire Archive Service, Kirklees branch (GB 0204)
Reference codes: S/PAS
Dates of creation: 1856-1929
Extent: c.38 items
Finding aids: printed and online catalogues
NRA code: none
Access: open

Content and scope:

Minutes and reports:

Minutes [of Teachers' Meetings], 1856-1895, with accounts 1856-1859
Minutes of Quarterly Meetings, 1896-1925
Minutes of General Meetings of teachers and scholars, 1870-96
Minutes of Committee, 1896-1928
Minutes of children's classes, 1910-29, with accounts
Annual reports, 1909-1913, 1915

Financial records:

Appeal Fund Book of JW Robson, no date
Building accounts, 1898
Account book of Sick Club treasurer, 1900-1903, with related papers

Plans:

Plans and elevations of school, no date

Miscellaneous:

List of members and activities, 1925
Programmes of lessons, 1857-1866
Printed scripture lessons, no date & 1865
Testimonial on [Joshua] Robson's retirement, no date
Correspondence from William White, 1856 & 1864
Fundraising leaflet and letters, 1897
Hymn sheet for jubilee celebrations, 1906
Ts. '150 years of adult school work', [1948]
Press cuttings, 1989-1906

Related material in repository:

Huddersfield Friends Library

Repository [2]: Huddersfield University Library (GB 1103)

Reference codes: NASU 01, 04-05

Dates of creation: 1879-1974

Extent: 265 items

Finding aids: online catalogue

NRA code: none

Access: open

Content and scope:

Minutes of Women's Adult School, 1957-1974
Class registers of Friends Adult School, 1879-1912, 1914-1922
Attendance register of Adult School, 1936-1946

Related material in repository:

Records of Yorkshire Adult School Union, and Brighouse and Lindley Adult Schools

1.4.25 RAWDON FRIENDS ADULT SCHOOL (1885-c.1962)

Historical note:

The Friends Adult School in Rawdon was established in 1885. It had a total of 86 members in 1902, declining to 77 in 1909, and was affiliated to the Leeds and District Adult School Sub Union. The school closed and the premises were sold c.1962.

Repository: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)

Reference codes: MS 1979/1 (Carlton Hill archive), B 54; 90-94; DD 17/23-24

Dates of creation: 1945-1962

Extent: 8 items

Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 99)

NRA code: 17118

Access: 50 year closure period

Content and scope:

Papers re sale of premises, 1949-1962

Account book, 1945-1962

Account book of Adult School Trust, 1963

Leeds Skyrac & Morley Trustee Savings Bank pass books, 1949-1962

Plans of Adult School, no date

Related material in repository:

Records of Rawdon Preparative Meeting

1.4.26 SCARBOROUGH FRIENDS ADULT SCHOOL (1860-c.1947)

Historical note:

A First Day School was set up by Friends in Scarborough during 1859; this opened in January 1860 for boys and girls of 14 years and upwards, primarily for those who did not already attend Sabbath school or any other form of education. Reading and writing of passages from Scripture were taught. Classes were held in the Meeting House under the superintendence of Henry Hopkins. The first annual report gives 58 pupils on the register, but the school did not progress and was closed in summer 1861. Joshua Rowntree (1844-1915), on returning to settle in his hometown in 1866, decided to apply his experiences of Adult School work in York and set up a Friends Adult School in a hired room above 'a store stacked with fish-boxes'. This was on Courting Steps, off Eastborough in Scarborough. He was at first the only teacher and the school was slow to attract members. With the help of his cousin William Stickney Rowntree, he developed the school, moving to St. Sepulchre Street in 1870. A new school building was opened in 1872 in the garden of the old Friends Meeting House, known as Spring Gardens. The school undertook temperance work and by 1875 had established the Scarborough Coffee Cart Company, as well as a British Workman's Reading Room. Women's classes began in 1871. By 1886, the school had 268 members, declining to 176 by 1901. When Joshua Rowntree travelled to South Africa during the Boer War, he sent letters home to his Adult School scholars about his experiences. The school had a library, established a Sick Society and a Savings Fund for members, and held an annual tea. During 1904, additional classes began to be held in new premises known as the Roscoe Rooms, and by 1911, in premises in William Street as well.

Publication note:

JW Rowntree & HB Binns, *A history of the Adult School movement* (Headley, 1903), pp. 22, 27, 47

SE Robson, *Joshua Rowntree* (Allen & Unwin, 1916)

G Currie Martin, *The Adult School movement: its origin and development* (National Adult School Union, 1924), pp. 90-91

Repository [1]: Brynmor Jones Library, University of Hull (GB 0050)

Reference codes: DQR/10/49, 52, 62-80, 82-85 & 88, 17/59-61; (2)/14/29

Dates of creation: 1859-1957

Extent: 30 items

Finding aids: printed and online catalogues

NRA code: 7612

Access: 50 year closure period

Content and scope:

Minutes and reports:

Minutes of FFDS teachers' meetings and Adult School quarterly and teachers' meetings, 1859-1883, including annual reports and accounts, class reports, attendance figures and handbills
Minutes of Mission Meeting, 1889-1893
Minutes of 'A' Class Committee, 1891-1909
Annual reports, 1894, 1898-1899, 1904-1909, 1911

Financial and property records:

Annual accounts, 1933, 1936, 1940 & 1941
Lease of Beech Grove, West Parade Road, Scarborough, for Adult School, 1913
Deed of appointment of trustees for Roscoe Rooms, with order of Charity Commission authorising sale, 1938 & 1946
Order of Charity Commission authorising sale of Adult School and burial ground, St. Sepulchre Street, with correspondence, 1946 & 1954-1957

Miscellaneous:

Vol. of signatures [probably of Adult School members], 1877-1894
Programmes, notices, tickets, handbills etc., 1876-1926
Circular letter and handbook of adult school lessons, National Council of Adult School Unions, 1910-1911

Related material in repository:

Records of Scarborough Preparative Meeting

Repository [2]: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)

Reference codes: MS 1979/1 (Carlton Hill archive), TT 65

Dates of creation: 19th century-1947

Extent: 2 items

Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 99)

NRA code: 17118

Access: open

Content and scope:

Minutes, 1929-1947

Papers, photographs etc., 19th-20th centuries

Related material in other repositories:

Records of Scarborough Preparative Meeting, Brynmor Jones Library, University of Hull

1.4.27 SETTLE FRIENDS ADULT SCHOOL (1860-post 1925)

Historical note:

An Adult School was set up by Friends in Settle in 1860; separate women's classes were not offered until 1900. A separate building to house the school was erected c.1880, on the initiative of Edward Brockbank. In 1886, total attendance was 102; by 1901, this had declined to 69.

Publication note:

JW Rowntree & HB Binns, *A history of the Adult School movement* (Headley, 1903), p.47

Repository: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)

Reference codes: MS 1979/1 (Carlton Hill archive), SE 70-74

Dates of creation: 1860-1925

Extent: 5 items

Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 99)

NRA code: 17118

Access: open

Content and scope:

Minutes of Bible class, 1860
Treasurer's annual accounts, 1896-1925
Other financial records, 1916-1925
Papers, 1883-1925

Related material in repository:

Records of Settle Preparative Meeting

1.4.28 SHEFFIELD FRIENDS ADULT SCHOOL (1845-post 1910)

Historical note:

A First Day School was opened for children in 1845 by James Henry Barber. It was originally based in a room in George Street, but soon moved into the loft of the large Meeting House in Sheffield. It was one of the earliest such schools in the country to be established by Friends. For two decades, its classes for both adults and children were conducted in such space as the Meeting in Sheffield could provide. Eventually new premises for 300 scholars were built on the Meeting House site in 1870, with a large amount of the funding provided by the Pease family. The Doncaster family were involved in funding and running the school. During the 1870s and 1880s, a variety of societies were set up by its members, including a Band of Hope, a Mutual Improvement Society, a Field Naturalists Society, a Temperance Society (with a related Coffee Cart Company) and a branch of the Peace Society. In 1895 the school opened a Reading and Recreation Club to celebrate its jubilee. At its peak in the late

1880s, its membership averaged around 2,800, making it the second largest Friends Adult School in the country. Rowntree and Binns describe this growth as 'of the nature of a religious revival', and it was not sustained beyond the turn of the century. Competition from the PSA movement ('Pleasant Sunday Afternoons') and men's bible classes run by the curates of several working class parishes in the city both contributed to the decline of the Adult School.

Publication note:

HM Doncaster ed., *James Henry Barber* (London, 1903)

JW Rowntree & HB Binns, *A history of the Adult School movement* (Headley, 1903), especially pp.48-50

G Currie Martin, *The Adult School movement: its origin and development* (National Adult School Union, 1924)

Repository: Sheffield Archives (GB 0199)

Reference codes: LD 379 - 389

Dates of creation: c.1828-1919

Extent: 11 items

Finding aids: printed catalogue

NRA code: none

Access: open

Content and scope:

Financial records:

Treasurer's accounts, 1857-1876

List of subscriptions, 1857-1881

List of donations for new school buildings, 1870
Breakfast accounts, 1868-1881, including accounts of alterations to Women's Meeting House, 1875

Miscellaneous papers, including appeal for funds for new building and reports, 1872-1880 & 1917-1919

Minutes and reports of the Coffee Cart Company, 1875-1879

Accounts of the Coffee Cart Company, 1875-1907

Miscellaneous:

Volume of admissions to Ackworth School from Sheffield Meeting, 1839-1878, with accounts of David Doncaster at rear, c.1828

Related material in repository:

Records of Sheffield Preparative Meeting

1.4.29 WAKEFIELD FRIENDS ADULT SCHOOL (1871-post 1908)

Historical note:

An Adult School was set up by Friends in the Thornhill Street Meeting House in Wakefield in 1871; classes for women were also offered from 1895. By 1902, there were 116 men, women and children on the register. A Sick Club and a Savings Fund were in existence by 1884, and annual teas were being held. In 1888, a Young Men's Improvement and Debating Society was

also formed, but held meetings irregularly. A branch school based in Westgate board school was opened in November 1894. There was also an Adult School in the New Scarborough area of Wakefield from the early 20th century.

Publication note:

JW Rowntree & HB Binns, *A history of the Adult School movement* (Headley, 1903), p.46

Repository: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)

Reference codes: MS 1979/1 (Carlton Hill archive), TT 67

Dates of creation: 1884-1974

Extent: 3 items

Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 99)

NRA code: 17118

Access: 50 year closure period

Content and scope:

Minutes of Quarterly Meetings, 1884-1897
Minutes of homestead trustees, New Scarborough Adult School, 1912-1961
Correspondence and papers of homestead trustees, New Scarborough Adult School, 1952-1974

Related material in other repositories:

Records of Wakefield Preparative Meeting, West Yorkshire Archive Service, Wakefield Headquarters

1.4.30 YORK AND DISTRICT ADULT SCHOOL UNION (1903-post 1948)

Historical note:

York and District Adult School Union was established in 1903 to bring together the four existing schools in York (Central, Leeman Road, Acomb and Lawrence Street) and extend the Adult School movement in the city. The Union was a secular body and broke the direct links between the Society of Friends and the movement. However many Friends continued to be involved in a personal capacity and the Union itself was presided over by Arnold Stephenson Rowntree (1872-1951). During 1903 new schools opened in Melbourne Terrace, Groves, Layerthorpe, South Bank and Northallerton; a school also re-opened in Hope Street, site of the original Friends Sabbath School. The following year, new schools in Burton Lane and Hungate in York, Selby and Harrogate joined the Union. A Sick Club was also established. The expansion continued in 1905, with new schools in Bishophill and Holgate in York, and Cawood and Thirsk. The Union was active until at least 1948.

Repository: York City Archives (GB 0192)

Reference codes: Acc 118 12, 29-30, 32, 45-46, 50-51; Acc 379

Dates of creation: 1903-1965

Extent: 15 items

Finding aids: printed catalogue

NRA code: 16398

Access: open

Content and scope:

Minutes, 1936-1948
Annual reports, 1903-1905
Programme of first annual meeting, 1904
Agenda and balance sheet for annual meeting, 1929
Bank statements and bank book, 1951-1965
Printed list of members and committees of council, 1904
Papers re formation of Sick Club, 1903-1904
Papers re annual contribution to Yorkshire Adult School Union, 1920s & 1930s
Miscellaneous papers, 1907-1910
Correspondence, 1950s & 1960s

Related material in repository:

Records of York Adult Schools, York and District Adult Schools and Social Clubs Ltd. and York Friends Central Adult School Trust

Related material in other repositories:

Records of York Preparative Meeting, Leeds University Library

1.4.31 YORK AND DISTRICT ADULT SCHOOLS AND SOCIAL CLUBS LTD. (1905-c.1985)

Historical note:

This body was formed in 1905 to administer the property of Adult Schools and their attached social clubs within the York and District Adult School Union. By this point, the Union included a total of 18 schools, 12 of which were in York itself. The first directors included Arnold Stephenson Rowntree, Theodore Hotham Rowntree and Francis Henry Rowntree. The company held the freehold of Adult School properties. It was still in existence in 1985.

Repository: York City Archives (GB 0192)

Reference codes: Acc 118 37, 56-62, 64-67, 69-95; Acc 412 1-8; Acc 379

Dates of creation: 1905-1985

Extent: 49 items

Finding aids: printed catalogue

NRA code: 16398

Access: 30 year closure period

Content and scope:

Rules, with draft and related correspondence, 1905
Memorandum by E Richard Cross, 1905
Minutes of Annual General Meetings and directors' meetings, 1905-1983
Register of members and share ledger, 1905-1979
Book of share certificates, 1906-1966

Financial statements and balance sheets, 1907, 1913, 1916-1923, 1925-1939, 1941-1947, including directors' reports and memoranda on ownership of properties
General ledger/account book, c.1906-c.1950, 1981-1982
Journal of accounts, 1906-1982
Cash book, 1905-1985

Related material in repository:

Records of York and District Adult School Union; York Friends Central Adult School Trust; York Adult Schools

Related material in other repositories:

Records of York Preparative Meeting, Leeds University Library

1.4.32 YORK FRIENDS CENTRAL ADULT SCHOOL (1857-c.1927)

Historical note:

Adult classes, which began at the Sabbath School in Hope Street around 1851, broke away to form a separate Adult School in November 1857. The school was set up in premises in Lady Peckitt's Yard by John Stephenson Rowntree (1834-1907) and his brother Joseph (1836-1925). It became known as the Central Adult School as more schools were opened in York from the 1890s onwards. The school was slow to expand. There were 30 men on the register when it opened; by 1862 this had doubled to 60. From the early 1870s however, growth took off until it was one of the largest schools in Yorkshire and averaged attendances of between 200 to 300. These figures include the branch schools at Leeman Road and Acomb, founded in 1891 and 1893 respectively. York was one of the first schools to run a Coffee Cart Company, from 1871. This was started by members of the Adult School Temperance Society on the initiative of Henry Isaac Rowntree (1838-1897). The school also had a library, a Savings Fund and a Sick Club (started in 1897). In 1875 a former Methodist Chapel in Lady Peckitt's Yard was converted into new premises for the Adult School. The property was owned by York Preparative Meeting. The school closed around 1927, when the property was let and York Friends Central Adult School Trust formed to manage the revenue.

Publication note:

JW Rowntree & HB Binns, *A history of the Adult School movement* (Headley, 1903), pp.19, 21, 27, 29, 46-47, 56
G Currie Martin, *The Adult School movement: its origin and development* (National Adult School Union, 1924), pp.82-83
A Swann, *Quakers and education: a study of Quakers and education in York 19th and 20th centuries* (unpublished University of York thesis, 1967)
S Allott, *Friends in York: the Quaker story in the life of a Meeting* (Sessions, 1978), pp.92-93

AJ Peacock, 'Adult education in York 1800-1947', in *York History*, no.5, 1981, pp.225-262

Repository: York City Archives (GB 0192)

Reference codes: Acc 118 2, 5, 7, 11, 13-18, 20-21, 23, 25-28, 31, 33-36, 38, 41-44, 47-49, 53-55, 241-242, 245-247

Dates of creation: 1856-1914

Extent: 54 items

Finding aids: printed catalogue

NRA code: 16398

Access: open

Content and scope:

Minutes of teachers' meetings, 1874-1877

Minutes of business committee, 1883-1886

Annual reports, 1857-1861, 1863, 1865-1869, 1871-1880, 1884, 1886-1887, 1894-1899, 1902 Register, 1856-1861

Scrapbooks of circulars, rules and membership cards, with photographs, 1903-1906

Ts. 'First beginnings of the Adult School movement in York', no date

Notes for Adult School classes and talks by TH & MK Rowntree, 1898-1914

Photograph album presented to JS Rowntree by scholars, 1881

Miscellaneous papers, including library catalogue, letters and rules of Sick Club, 1861-1910

Related material in repository:

Records of York: Hope Street Friends Sabbath School, other York Adult Schools, York and District Adult School Union, York and District Adult Schools and Social Clubs Ltd. and York Friends Central Adult School Trust

Related material in other repositories:

Records of York Preparative Meeting, Leeds University Library

1.4.33 YORK FRIENDS CENTRAL ADULT SCHOOL TRUST (1927-post 1949)

Historical note:

The Trust was set up in 1927 to manage the revenue from the property of the former Friends Central Adult School in York. The premises in Lady Peckitt's Yard were let to Thomas Herd and the cottage to Frances West. The first trustees included Theodore Hotham Rowntree, Arnold Stephenson Rowntree and other local Friends. The trustees made grants from the revenue, including to York Preparative Meeting for the renovation of Bishophill Adult School. During the Second World War, the premises were requisitioned by the army.

Repository: York City Archives (GB 0192)

Reference codes: Acc 118 96-196

Dates of creation: 1927-1949

Extent: 101 items

Finding aids: printed catalogue

NRA code: 16398

Access: open

Content and scope:

Appointment of trustees, notice and minutes of first meeting, and cash statement, 1927

Statements of accounts, 1932-1938, 1944

Statement of grants made, 1927-1932

Balance sheets and estimates of expenditure by York and District Adult School and Sick Club Ltd., 1931-1933, 1935-1937

Receipts and notes of weekly expenditure, 1936 & 1938

Correspondence, notes and copy minutes, mainly of TH Rowntree, 1929-1948

Annual report and accounts of York Educational Settlement, 1946/47

Related material in repository:

Records of York Friends Central Adult School, York and District Adult School Union, and York and District Adult Schools and Social Clubs Ltd.

Related material in other repositories:

Records of York Preparative Meeting, Leeds University Library

1.4.34 YORK: BURTON LANE ADULT SCHOOL (1903-post 1930)

Historical note:

The Adult School in Burton Lane began in 1903, after the formation of the York and District Adult School Union, and as part of its expansion drive in the city. The men's Adult School closed in 1919, but classes for women continued until at least 1930.

Repository: York City Archives (GB 0192)

Reference codes: Acc 118 8-9, 63, 68

Dates of creation: 1904-1930

Extent: 4 items

Finding aids: printed catalogue

NRA code: 16398

Access: open

Content and scope:

Attendance register for women's classes, 1904-1906

Memorandum and letter by FJ Gillman re leasing of premises, 1911 & 1919

Cash book, women's classes, 1925-1930

Related material in repository:

Records of York and District Adult School Union, York and District Adult Schools and Social Clubs Ltd., and other York Adult Schools

Related material in other repositories:

Records of York Preparative Meeting, Leeds University Library

1.4.35 YORK: HOPE STREET FRIENDS SABBATH SCHOOL (1848-c.1869)

Historical note:

A Sabbath School for boys and young men aged 12 to 20 years of age was opened in Hope Street schoolroom in February 1848. Its founders were Richard Cadbury Barrow and Joseph Theobald. The surrounding area had already been canvassed for potential scholars and a number of local Friends volunteered as teachers. Its stated aim was 'to combine with secular education a practical knowledge of Scripture truth'. A library was begun in 1848, a Savings Fund in 1850 and an annual tea held from 1851 onwards. Adult classes for older scholars began around 1851; in 1857 a separate Adult School was formed in Lady Peckitt's Yard. A Sabbath School for girls was established in 1856, with 40 scholars on the register. By this point there were 140 on the register of the boys' school. The girls' school moved into its own premises in Kings Staith in 1869.

Publication note:

S Allott, *Friends in York: the Quaker story in the life of a Meeting* (Sessions, 1978), pp.91-92

Repository: York City Archives (GB 0192)

Reference codes: Acc 118 1, 2-4, 238-240

Dates of creation: 1848-1870

Extent: 6 items

Finding aids: printed catalogue

NRA code: 16398

Access: open

Content and scope:

Minutes of teachers' meetings, 1848-1850, 1859-1864, including librarians' reports

Annual reports, 1848-1881 (with gaps), and rules and memoranda for government of school, 1848

Register, 1857-1869, including list of teachers, superintendents and librarians from 1848 and attendance figures

Histories of York Friends Sabbath School, 1856, 1869-1870, and of its Savings Fund, 1868

Related material in repository:

Records of York Friends Central Adult School

Related material in other repositories:

Records of York Preparative Meeting, Leeds University Library

1.4.36 YORK: LAWRENCE STREET FRIENDS ADULT SCHOOL (1895-1977)

Historical note:

The Adult School in Lawrence Street, York, was set up by Friends in 1895, with 30 members

initially. It was the third branch of the Central Adult School in the city. Women's and children's classes began the following year, and a Sick Fund was established in 1899. In 1903, it became part of the York and District Adult School Union.

Repository: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)
Reference codes: MS 1981/2 (Clifford Street archive), G 24.1-24.3
Dates of creation: 1912-1977
Extent: 3 items
Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 75)
NRA code: 29651
Access: 50 year closure period

Content and scope:

Trust deeds, 1912 & 1934
Letter re end of Adult School trust, 1977

Related material in repository:

Records of York Preparative Meeting

Related material in other repositories:

Records of other York Adult Schools, York and District Adult School Union and York and District Adult Schools and Social Clubs Ltd., York City Archives

1.4.37 YORK: LEEMAN ROAD ADULT SCHOOL AND SOCIAL CLUB

Historical note:

Leeman Road was the site of the first branch school in York, formed in 1891. A Social Club followed around 1895, and women's and children's classes a year later. In 1899, a Sick Club was also started for scholars. Its attendance figures were 93 men and 34 women in 1902. For the period 1908 to 1925, Quaker worship, with a full Preparative Meeting, was held at the school. The school closed around 1928 and its property was taken over by trustees. The premises suffered war damage during the Second World War.

Repository [1]: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)
Reference codes: MS 1981/2 (Clifford Street archive), G 10.9
Dates of creation: 1933-1967
Extent: 1 item
Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 75)
NRA code: 29651
Access: 50 year closure period

Content and scope:

Papers re trust property, 1933-1967

Related material in repository:

Records of York: Leeman Road Preparative Meeting and York Preparative Meeting

Related material in other repositories:

Records of York Adult Schools, York and District Adult School Union, and York and District Adult Schools and Social Clubs Ltd., York City Archives

Repository [2]: York City Archives (GB 0192)
Reference codes: Acc 118 22, 197-237
Dates of creation: 1896 & 1933-1948
Extent: 42 items
Finding aids: printed catalogue
NRA code: 16398
Access: open

Content and scope:

Annual report, 1896
Notices and minutes of trustees meetings, 1944, 1946 & 1948
Annual balance sheets, with drafts and estimates, 1933-1947 (with gaps)
War damage repairs accounts, with related correspondence and notes, 1942-1947
Correspondence and notes of TH Rowntree, 1933-1947

Related material in repository:

Records of other York Adult Schools, York and District Adult School Union and York and District Adult Schools and Social Clubs Ltd.

Related material in other repositories:

Records of York: Leeman Road Preparative Meeting and York Preparative Meeting, Leeds University Library

1.4.38 YORKSHIRE ADULT SCHOOL UNION (1906-c.1988)

Historical note:

The Yorkshire Adult School Union was formed in 1906. It was a non-denominational body which broke the formal ties between the Society of Friends and the Adult School movement. Large numbers of Friends remained involved in the movement in a personal capacity.

Repository [1]: Huddersfield University Library (GB 1103)
Reference codes: NASU 06
Dates of creation: 1974-1979
Extent: 2 items
Finding aids: online catalogue
NRA code: none
Access: open

Content and scope:

Minutes of Women's Executive Committee, 1974-1979
Minutes of Women's Executive Committee for annual and half-yearly Council meetings, 1975-1979

Related material in repository:

Records of Brighouse and Lindley Adult Schools, and Huddersfield (Paddock) Friends Adult School

Related material in other repositories:

Records of Leeds and District Adult School Sub Union, Leeds University Library
Records of Doncaster and District Adult School Union, Doncaster Archives Department
Records of York and District Adult School Union, York City Archives

Repository [2]: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)

Reference codes: MS 1979/1 (Carlton Hill archive), TT 60-61

Dates of creation: 1922-1988

Extent: 16 items

Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 99)

NRA code: 17118

Access: 50 year closure period

Content and scope:

Minutes of Executive and Finance Committee, and yearly and half-yearly Council meetings, 1922-1983

Visitors' books of Royston Guest House, Burley-in-Wharfedale, 1952-1969

Circular letters, 1972-1973

Papers, including correspondence, accounts and ts. 'History of the Adult School Movement', 1947-1988

Related material in repository:

Records of individual Adult Schools, and Leeds and District Adult School Sub Union

Related material in other repositories:

Records of York District Adult School Union, York City Archives

Records of Doncaster and District Adult School Union, Doncaster Archives Department

Repository [3]: York City Archives (GB 0192)

Reference codes: Acc 118 39-40

Dates of creation: 1906

Extent: 2 items

Finding aids: printed catalogue

NRA code: 16398

Access: open

Content and scope:

Printed summary of business at inaugural meeting, February 1906

Printed rules, 1906

Related material in repository:

Records of York District Adult School Union and individual Adult Schools

Related material in other repositories:

Records of Leeds and District Adult School Sub Union, Leeds University Library

Records of Doncaster and District Adult School Union, Doncaster Archives Department

1.5 LOCAL FRIENDS ORGANISATIONS

The archives of the various societies set up by local Friends are treated here separately from Preparative Meeting records. There were societies devoted to essay writing and debate, peace campaigning, religious tract distribution and book clubs. More informal were youth groups and sewing groups for women Friends.

1.5.1 BENTHAM FRIENDS ESSAY SOCIETY (1900-c.1937)

Historical note:

This Society was formed in August 1900 and met in the schoolroom at the Friends Meeting House in High Bentham or in members' homes. Its first secretary was R Charles Ford and meetings were held once a month at which essays and talks were presented by members and attenders of Bentham Meeting. The emphasis of the gatherings gradually changed to include more musical and social activities. The Society was active until at least 1937.

Repository: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)

Reference codes: MS 1979/1 (Carlton Hill archive), EE 58-59

Dates of creation: 1900-1937

Extent: 2 items

Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 99)

NRA code: 17118

Access: open

Content and scope:

Minutes, 1900-1937

Related material in repository:

Records of Bentham Preparative Meeting

1.5.2 BRADFORD FRIENDS BAND OF HOPE (1854-c.1906)

Historical note:

This was founded in 1854 and originally known as the Juvenile Temperance Society. Although its members were drawn from the children of the Friends First Day School, it was an independent body until 1870. By 1865 it had been renamed the Band of Hope and had a membership of 150. A peak was reached in the early 1880s, when lectures, lantern shows and musical entertainment drew 100s of people to its meetings. However this did not last and the Band of Hope was in severe decline by 1905, with only five meetings held during the course of that year. There are no recorded minutes after April 1906.

Publication note:

Jubilee souvenir history of the Bradford Friends First Day School 1850-1900 (1900), pp.8, 12, 16

Repository: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)
Reference codes: MS 1979/1 (Carlton Hill archive), N 127-129
Dates of creation: 1868-1906
Extent: 3 items
Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 99)
NRA code: 17118
Access: open

Content and scope:

Committee minutes, 1868-1906, including annual reports and accounts of subscriptions

Related material in repository:

Records of Bradford Friends First Day School and Bradford Preparative Meeting

1.5.3 BRADFORD FRIENDS ESSAY AND DISCUSSION SOCIETY (1874-c.1918)

Historical note:

An Essay and Discussion Society was set up by Friends in Bradford in September 1874, with Henry Rowntree appointed as first president and Arthur Priestman as secretary. It superseded the Bradford Friends Young Men's Mutual Improvement Society. The society initially had 12 members, but this increased to around 50 during its first few years. Essays were presented and debates held on varied historical, scientific, literary and political topics. Social events, including musical recitals and drama, were later introduced into the programme in an attempt to attract members. During the war, the society saw declining attendance and was run almost entirely by women Friends. In April 1918, members resolved to continue the society, but only on an ad hoc basis, rather than with a formal monthly programme. There are no surviving minutes after this date.

Repository: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)
Reference codes: MS 1979/1 (Carlton Hill archive), N 113-117
Dates of creation: 1874-1918
Extent: 5 items
Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 99)
NRA code: 17118
Access: open

Content and scope:

Minutes, 1874-1918, including annual reports and programmes

Related material in repository:

Records of Bradford Preparative Meeting, Bradford Friends Literary Association and Bradford Friends Young Men's Mutual Improvement Society

1.5.4 BRADFORD FRIENDS LITERARY ASSOCIATION (1856-c.1905)

Historical note:

The Bradford Friends Literary Association was formed in 1856 and its membership overlapped with the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Society and later, the Essay and Discussion Society. Its object was to circulate books and periodicals amongst members, and arrange discussions and debate, not just on literary subjects. An annual book sale was held, and members also went on an annual excursion. The association was always relatively small and met in members' homes. There are no surviving minutes after July 1905.

Repository: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)
Reference codes: MS 1979/1 (Carlton Hill archive), N 131-133
Dates of creation: 1862-1905
Extent: 3 items
Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 99)
NRA code: 17118
Access: open

Content and scope:

Minutes, 1862-1905

Related material in repository:

Records of Bradford Preparative Meeting, Bradford Friends Essay and Discussion Society and Bradford Friends Young Men's Mutual Improvement Society

1.5.5 BRADFORD FRIENDS YOUNG MEN'S MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY (1867-c.1873)

Historical note:

This Society was established in December 1867 to promote the 'mental, moral and social improvement of its members, by means of essays, debating and general miscellaneous readings'. It met every two weeks and its first secretary was GH Braithwaite. Meetings were opened and closed by reading 'a portion of scripture'. By mid 1873, the Society was in decline. Activity revived the following year in the form of the Bradford Friends Essay and Discussion Society.

Repository: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)
Reference codes: MS 1979/1 (Carlton Hill archive), N 111-112
Dates of creation: 1867-1873
Extent: 3 items
Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 99)
NRA code: 17118
Access: open

Content and scope:

Minutes, 1867-1873, including constitution and rules, attendance register and secretary's report for 1873

Magazine, nos. 1-2, 1871

Related material in repository:

Records of Bradford Preparative Meeting; Bradford Friends Essay and Discussion Society; Bradford Friends Literary Association

1.5.6 DONCASTER AUXILIARY OF THE LONDON PEACE SOCIETY (fl.1845-1851)**Historical note:**

Following a lecture on the principles of the Peace Society given at the Mansion House, Doncaster, in March 1845 by Joseph Chapman, a local association was formed in the town. This was known as the Doncaster Auxiliary of the London Peace Society. Joseph, John and Richard Ecroyd Clark were committee members. The Auxiliary distributed pacifist literature, organised public meetings, campaigned against the Militia Bills, sent petitions to Parliament, and sent delegates to peace congresses in London and Paris. The Auxiliary was still active in 1851.

Repository: Doncaster Archives Department (GB 0197)

Reference codes: DD/CL/4/3

Dates of creation: 1845-1851

Extent: 1 item

Finding aids: printed catalogue

NRA code: 33081

Access: open

Content and scope:

Minutes, 1845-1851

Related material in repository:

Papers of Clark family and Doncaster Preparative Meeting

Related material in other repositories:

Records of Peace Society, in the possession of Mr CP Dunnico

Records of Leeds Peace Association, Leeds University Library

1.5.7 HIGH FLATTS GUEST HOUSE (c.1908-pre 1939)**Historical note:**

Originally known as the Rest House, this was an initiative of the Yorkshire Adult School Union, designed to enable Adult School scholars to spend holidays together. The Rest House was originally based in Three Wells, the premises above the Meeting House that formerly housed the First Day School. Improvements were made

to the building during the 1920s, before being sold to William Tuke Robson in 1925. The Chairman of the Rest House Committee, Alfred Blakely, offered the use of Strines, the former home of the Dickinson family, which he had recently purchased. In the event the property was knocked down and two old army huts erected on the site. The property reopened as the Guest House. It was run by a Management Committee until 1929, when the Yorkshire Adult School Union took over. It acted as a centre for conferences, summer schools and weekend discussion groups, as well as accommodating individual visitors. Use of the Guest House declined during the 1930s and the premises were sold to Barnsley Corporation before 1939.

Publication note:

D Bower & J Knight, *Plain country Friends: the Quakers of Wooldale, High Flatts and Midhope* (Wooldale PM, 1987), pp. 100-110

Repository: West Yorkshire Archive Service, Wakefield Headquarters (GB 0201)

Reference codes: C786/10/J/1

Dates of creation: 1920-1929

Extent: 1 item

Finding aids: printed catalogue

NRA code: 10955

Access: open

Content and scope:

Minutes of Rest House Committee, 1920-1929

Related material in repository:

Records of High Flatts Preparative Meeting, High Flatts Friends First Day School, and High Flatts Adult School

Related material in other repositories:

Records of Yorkshire Adult School Union, Leeds University Library

1.5.8 HULL AUXILIARY TRACT ASSOCIATION (1840-c.1857)**Historical note:**

At a meeting of subscribers to the Friends Tract Association held in Lowgate Meeting House in April 1840, it was decided to form the Hull Auxiliary Tract Association. In return for an annual subscription, Friends received a supply of Christian tracts to distribute in their neighbourhoods. John Good, a ship chandler whose business brought him into contact with the overseas shipping trade, was given special responsibility for distributing foreign tracts amongst sailors and emigrants passing through Hull. The association was active until at least 1857.

Repository: Brynmor Jones Library, University of Hull (GB 0050)

Reference codes: DQR(3)/3/111

Dates of creation: 1840-1857

Extent: 1 item
Finding aids: printed and online catalogues
NRA code: 7612
Access: open

Content and scope:

Minutes of committee and general meetings of subscribers, 1840-1857, including minutes of founding meeting, rules, annual reports and lists of subscribers to 1848

Related material in repository:

Records of Hull Preparative Meeting

1.5.9 ILKLEY MISSIONARY HELPERS' UNION BRANCH (1899-1953)

Historical note:

The branch of the Missionary Helpers Union based in Ilkley was founded in 1899 and at the end of its first year had eight active members. Its work revolved around 'sewing meetings', where members produced garments for distribution through overseas missions. The Ilkley branch worked mainly in support of mission stations in India, Pemba, Ceylon and China. Over time the branch grew in size and also began to hold social events, children's gatherings and lectures. From the First World War onwards, work was done for the Friends War Victims Relief Committee and later, for the Friends Service Council European Relief Fund. By 1952/3, membership was declining and fewer meetings being held.

Repository: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)
Reference codes: MS 1979/1 (Carlton Hill archive), K 20-22
Dates of creation: 1899-1953
Extent: 3 items
Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 99)
NRA code: 17118
Access: open

Content and scope:

Record books, 1899-1953, comprising annual reports, accounts, lists of garments produced and photographs of members

Related material in repository:

Records of Ilkley Preparative Meeting

1.5.10 LEEDS FIFTY CLUB (1925-1941)

Historical note:

The Fifty Club was set up in 1925 at a social evening organised by Joe and Mary Wood. It was a social and literary society, along the lines of the old Leeds Friends Essay and Illustration Society. The committee organised a programme of talks and social events, held in members' homes during the months of October to March. After the outbreak of war in 1939, meetings were disrupted by black-out conditions; in late 1940,

the club began to meet at Carlton Hill Meeting House, but this was abandoned after fears that it was too close to the city centre. The Club did not revive after the war.

Repository: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)
Reference codes: MS 1979/1 (Carlton Hill archive), O 49-50
Dates of creation: 1925-1941
Extent: 2 items
Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 99)
NRA code: 17118
Access: open

Content and scope:

Minutes of committee, 1925-1941

Related material in repository:

Records of Leeds Friends Essay and Illustration Society and Leeds: Carlton Hill Preparative Meeting

1.5.11 LEEDS FRIENDS ESSAY AND ILLUSTRATION SOCIETY (1878-c.1908)

Historical note:

The Leeds Friends Essay and Illustration Society was formed in 1878. It met during October to May each year, with organised talks, readings and social events taking place in members' homes. Each member was to contribute an essay or 'illustration', or take a leading part in a debate, during each session. The society was still active and well attended in 1908, but there are no surviving minutes after this date. At some point between 1908 and 1925, when its successor, the Leeds Fifty Club, was founded, the society closed.

Repository: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)
Reference codes: MS 1979/1 (Carlton Hill archive), O 17-18
Dates of creation: 1890-1908
Extent: 2 items
Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 99)
NRA code: 17118
Access: open

Content and scope:

Minutes of meetings, 1890-1908, including lists of members, accounts and programmes

Related material in repository:

Records of Leeds Fifty Club; Leeds: Carlton Hill Preparative Meeting

1.5.12 LEEDS FRIENDS TRACT ASSOCIATION (1854-c.1924)

Historical note:

The Leeds Friends Tract Association was formed in 1854, for the purpose of distributing

Christian tracts, such as those produced by the Friends Tract Associations in London and York. The city was divided into districts, each with a Friend responsible for maintaining a stock of tracts for loan or distribution. Tracts were also supplied to Friends Meetings and Adult Schools in Leeds and the West Riding. The Association was active until around 1889; in 1899, the work revived under a Tract Committee of Leeds: Carlton Hill Preparative Meeting, but eventually ceased in the mid-1920s.

Repository: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)
Reference codes: MS 1979/1 (Carlton Hill archive), O 71-72
Dates of creation: 1873-1924
Extent: 2 items
Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 99)
NRA code: 17118
Access: open

Content and scope:

Minutes of committee, 1873-1889, 1899-1911, including annual reports and accounts
Receipts for tracts purchased, 1886-1924

Related material in repository:

Records of Leeds: Carlton Hill Preparative Meeting

1.5.13 LEEDS PEACE ASSOCIATION (1842-c.1861)

Historical note:

In October 1842, a group of Friends in Leeds, 'holding to the doctrine of the unlawfulness of all war under the gospel', formed the Leeds Peace Association. This was a local branch of the Society for the Promotion of Permanent and Universal Peace (the Peace Society). The first secretaries were Thomas Harvey and Wilson Waterfall, and its treasurer Joseph Walker. Membership remained small and its impact limited until 1851, when the first non-Quakers joined the committee, and activities were broadened beyond distributing peace literature. Allott describes how 'in the next ten years the Association created an informed public opinion in Leeds on war and foreign affairs'. The Association campaigned against the Militia Bill, and organised protests against the various colonial and other wars pursued by the British during that decade. These included the Kaffir War in South Africa of 1850-1852, the second Burma War of 1852, the Crimean War, the Persian War of 1856-1857, the Indian Mutiny of 1857-1858, the bombardment of Canton and the subsequent war with China, 1856-1860. Its members also participated in the Arbitration and Peace Conference in Manchester in 1853. One of the Association's great events was in January 1855, when Richard Cobden, MP for the West Riding, addressed 1000s of people at an open-air public meeting in Leeds and condemned the war with Russia. The Association was active until at least late 1861.

Publication note:

W Allott, 'Leeds Quaker Meeting', in *Thoresby Society Miscellany*, vol.14 part 1, 1966, pp.51-56
P Brock, *Pacifism in Europe to 1914* (Princeton University Press, 1972), pp.346-347

Repository: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)
Reference codes: MS 1979/1 (Carlton Hill archive), KK 5/1-5/2
Dates of creation: 1842-1861
Extent: 2 items
Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 99)
NRA code: 17118
Access: open

Content and scope:

Minutes of committee meetings, 1842, 1851-1861, including interleaved press cuttings, reports of meetings, annual reports, correspondence with the Peace Society and others, and handbills

Related material in repository:

Records of Leeds: Carlton Hill Preparative Meeting

Related material in other repositories:

Records of the Peace Society, in possession of Mr CR Dunnico
Records of Doncaster Auxiliary of the London Peace Society, Doncaster Archives Department

1.5.14 LEEDS YOUNG FRIENDS CLUB (1919-1944)

Historical note:

The Leeds Young Friends Club began in 1919. Its activities included rambles, visits to sites of special interest in the area, talks and conferences, swimming, tennis, dances and regular visits to local Friends Meetings. The club continued to be active after the outbreak of the Second World War and organised a varied programme until 1943. However the nucleus of friends who had grown up in the area and kept the club alive broke down as the war progressed and the club was wound up in 1944.

Repository: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)
Reference codes: MS 1979/1 (Carlton Hill archive), O 67-70
Dates of creation: 1919-1944
Extent: 4 items
Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 99)
NRA code: 17118
Access: open

Content and scope:

Minutes, 1919-1944
Register of attendances, 1938-1944
Secretary's correspondence file, 1942-1943

Related material in repository:

Records of Yorkshire Young Friends and Yorkshire Young Friends Campers

Related material in other repositories:

Records of Yorkshire Young Friends, Brynmor Jones Library, University of Hull

1.5.15 LEEDS: GREAT WILSON STREET FRIENDS CHRISTIAN UNION (1876-c.1924)

Historical note:

The Friends Christian Union was established at Fleece Lane Friends Adult School in April 1876 and had about 100 members initially. It held monthly meetings on Sundays, after meeting for worship, and a quarterly fellowship meeting. Its rules for membership were that applicants should 'admit having experienced a change of heart' and could demonstrate evidence of this in their daily lives, and that they wished 'to unite in worship with the congregation in Fleece Lane'. The Union continued after the Adult School moved to Great Wilson Street. A Mission Room was established by the Union at Great Wilson Street. There are no minutes for the Union after 1917, and records of the Mission Room's classes end c.1924.

Repository: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)
Reference codes: MS 1979/1 (Carlton Hill archive), S 18-19, 22-26
Dates of creation: 1876-c.1924
Extent: 7 items
Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 99)
NRA code: 17118
Access: open

Content and scope:

Minutes, 1876-1917, including lists of members to 1888 and minutes of Overseers meetings, 1904-1915
List of members, 1899-1911
Attendance registers for primary department and young men's class, Mission Room, 1915-1920 & c.1924

Related material in repository:

Records of Leeds: Beeston Hill Friends Adult School, Leeds: Great Wilson Street Friends First Day School and Leeds: Beeston Hill Preparative Meeting

1.5.16 LEEDS: GREAT WILSON STREET YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR (1899-c.1909)

Historical note:

This branch of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour was formed at Great Wilson Street Adult School in 1899. Its activities included holding outdoor public meetings and weekly prayer meetings for members, sending

flowers to the sick and organising social events, including an annual tea. A 'look-out' committee was also appointed to watch over the spiritual life of members and record attendances at prayer meetings. There are no surviving records after 1909.

Repository: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)
Reference codes: MS 1979/1 (Carlton Hill archive), S 27
Dates of creation: 1899-1909
Extent: 1 item
Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 99)
NRA code: 17118
Access: open

Content and scope:

Minutes and accounts, 1899-1909

Related material in repository:

Records of Leeds: Great Wilson Street Friends First Day School, Leeds: Beeston Hill Adult School and Leeds: Beeston Hill Preparative Meeting

1.5.17 MIDDLESBROUGH YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR (fl.1899-1903)

Historical note:

A branch of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour also flourished in Middlesbrough during the years 1899 to 1903. It operated on the same basis as that at Great Wilson Street Friends Adult School in Leeds.

Repository: Durham County Record Office (GB 0032)
Reference codes: SF/Mi/PM/4/4
Dates of creation: 1899-1903
Extent: 1 item
Finding aids: printed and online catalogues
NRA code: 26839
Access: open

Content and scope:

Minutes, 1899-1903

Related material in repository:

Records of Middlesbrough Preparative Meeting and Middlesbrough Friends Adult School

1.5.18 SCARBOROUGH FRIENDS DISCUSSION AND ESSAY SOCIETY (1872-c.1885)

Historical note:

A Discussion and Essay Society was set up amongst Scarborough Friends in December 1872, after a meeting at Oliver's Mount. This was to meet monthly at Friends' homes and

discussions covered a wide variety of political, literary, historical and other topics. The Society was active until at least 1885.

Repository: Brynmor Jones Library, University of Hull (GB 0050)
Reference codes: DQR/10/98-102
Dates of creation: 1872-1885
Extent: 95 items
Finding aids: printed and online catalogues
NRA code: 7612
Access: open

Content and scope:

Minutes, 1872-1885, including lists of members, programmes and accounts
Annual reports, 1874/75 & 1880/81
List of essays in circulation, no date
Bundle of essays and poems by members, no date

Related material in repository:

Records of Scarborough Preparative Meeting and Scarborough Friends Adult School

1.5.19 SCARBOROUGH MISSIONARY HELPERS' UNION BRANCH (1891-c.1970)

Historical note:

The Scarborough branch of the Missionary Helpers' Union was started in 1891 on the initiative of Maria Ellis, wife of John Edward Ellis MP and sister of Joshua Rowntree. Women Friends and their daughters took part in monthly 'sewing meetings', where members produced garments and other articles for distribution through overseas missions. The branch worked mainly in support of mission stations in India and China, in the period up to 1918. Members also held social events and attended talks. A Ladies Sewing Meeting operating on the same principles is recorded from 1948 onwards until 1970, and its minutes are treated together here.

Repository: Brynmor Jones Library, University of Hull (GB 0050)
Reference codes: DQR(2)/17/1; 14/4-8
Dates of creation: 1891-1918, 1948-1970
Extent: 6 items
Finding aids: printed and online catalogues
NRA code: 7612
Access: 50 year closure period

Content and scope:

Minutes, 1891-1918, 1948-1970

Related material in repository:

Records of Scarborough Preparative Meeting

1.5.20 SCARBOROUGH SUMMER SCHOOL (1897)

Historical note:

A summer school for religious study, designed to provide Friends with training for their service in local Meetings and First Day Schools, was first held in Scarborough in August 1897 on the initiative of John Wilhelm Rowntree. Lectures and classes were given by a variety of speakers, including J Rendel Harris, Thomas Hodgkin, John Stephenson Rowntree, William C Braithwaite and Edward Grubb. The practical arrangements for the school were made by the Preparative Meeting in Scarborough. After 1897, the idea was taken up in other parts of the country, returning to Scarborough in 1901. More localised summer schools for Friends in particular districts were also started in the early 1900s, including at Kirkbymoorside in 1904. John Wilhelm Rowntree's series of lectures on the rise of Quakerism in Yorkshire were given there. The summer school movement marked the ascendancy of liberal theology within the Society of Friends, a theology which countenanced Bible criticism and emphasised personal religious experience.

Publication note:

The British Friend, 1897, p.197
JW Rowntree, *Essays and addresses* (Headley Brothers, 1905), especially pp.151-160
E Isichei, *Victorian Quakers* (OUP, 1970), pp.39-42

Repository: Brynmor Jones Library, University of Hull (GB 0050)
Reference codes: DQR/10/48, 50, 57-60; (2)/14/30
Dates of creation: 1897-1901
Extent: 7 items
Finding aids: printed and online catalogues
NRA code: 7612
Access: open

Content and scope:

Preliminary proposal for summer school at Scarborough, 1897
Guide, with maps, of Scarborough and district, August 1897
Account of first summer school, by Mary J Burt, 1897, including timetable, photographs, tickets and summary of lectures attended
Vols. of signatures of attenders, 1897
Proposals and timetable for summer school at Birmingham, 1899
Timetable for settlement for religious study at Scarborough, 1901

Related material in repository:

Records of Scarborough Preparative Meeting

Related material in other repositories:

Papers of John Wilhelm Rowntree, LSF

1.5.21 SCARBOROUGH YOUNG FRIENDS (fl.1931-1940)

Historical note:

Scarborough Young Friends was organised on a similar basis to the wider Yorkshire Young Friends and was already in existence by 1931. It held social events, talks and debates, rambles, camps and drama productions, as well as visiting the local Quaker school at Great Ayton to recruit new members. It was active until at least early 1940 and may have closed as a result of the war.

Repository: Brynmor Jones Library, University of Hull (GB 0050)

Reference codes: DQR(2)/14/10

Dates of creation: 1931-1940

Extent: 1 item

Finding aids: printed and online catalogues

NRA code: 7612

Access: open

Content and scope:

Minutes, 1931-1940

Related material in repository:

Records of Scarborough Preparative Meeting and Yorkshire Young Friends

Related material in other repositories:

Records of Yorkshire Young Friends, Leeds University Library

1.5.22 VICTORIA INSTITUTE, HARTSHEAD MOOR (1868-c.1922)

Historical note:

The Victoria Institute, at Hartshead Moor near Scholes, was established in 1868. This was largely on the initiative of Robert Firth Crosland (of the long-established local Quaker family), who acted firstly as Secretary and Treasurer, and then as President. One of the Institute's first activities was to form a brass band. An Adult School for men and women, a Band of Hope, a reading room and circulating library, a cricket club and a savings bank also developed at the Institute, which formed a social centre for the village. Meetings for worship began in the Institute in 1872. Its activities were in decline by the early 1900s, and Robert Wilfred Crosland set up a new committee which ran the Institute until the early 1920s. There are no surviving minutes after 1922 and it became defunct around this time.

Publication note:

D Blamires, *A history of Quakerism in Liversedge and Scholes* (author, 1973), pp.24-31

Repository: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)

Reference codes: MS 1979/1 (Carlton Hill archive), EF 20-21, 30

Dates of creation: 1868-1922

Extent: 3 items

Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 99)

NRA code: 17118

Access: open

Content and scope:

Minutes, 1868-1872

Minutes of Institute Committee, 1903-1922

Attendance book for Adult School, 1906-1910

Related material in repository:

Records of Scholes Preparative Meeting

1.5.23 WAKEFIELD FRIENDS ESSAY SOCIETY (fl.1878)

Historical note:

This Society was active during 1878 and ran on the same lines as those in Bentham, Bradford, Leeds and Scarborough.

Repository: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)

Reference codes: MS 1979/1 (Carlton Hill archive), TT 80

Dates of creation: 1878

Extent: 1 item

Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 99)

NRA code: 17118

Access: open

Content and scope:

Vol. of essays, with photographs and illustrations, 1878

Related material in other repositories:

Records of Wakefield Preparative Meeting, West Yorkshire Archive Service, Wakefield Headquarters

1.5.24 YORK: AMETHYST BAND OF HOPE (1874-c.1886)

Historical note:

At a meeting at the home of Jemima Spence in September 1874, a group of York Friends decided to set up the Amethyst Band of Hope for the children of Friends. Fielden Thorp was the first president and Elizabeth Burrst acted as secretary. Children pledged 'I promise to abstain from all intoxicating liquors as a beverage' in order to join. The opening meeting was held a month later. The Band of Hope was still active in 1886, and indeed its meetings were attracting record attendances of around 50, but no minutes have survived after this period.

Several other Bands of Hope also operated in York.

Repository: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)
Reference codes: MS 1981/2 (Clifford Street archive), G 18.1-18.2
Dates of creation: 1874-1886
Extent: 2 items
Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 75)
NRA code: 29651
Access: open

Content and scope:

Minutes, 1874-1886, including annual reports
Attendance book, 1874-[1883]

Related material in repository:

Records of York Preparative Meeting and York Friends Temperance Association

Related material in other repositories:

Records of York: Hope Street Friends Sabbath School, York City Archives

1.5.25 YORK FRIENDS BIBLICAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION (1854-post 1946)

Historical note:

Following a conference held in York, a decision was taken in 1854 to create a Biblical library for the use of local Friends and a committee, comprising Joseph Rowntree, John Ford and John Kitching, was appointed to acquire a set of recommended books from which the library developed. The York Friends Biblical Library Association was formed by those interested in supporting this venture. In 1985, a number of important 17th and 18th century works from the library were donated to Leeds University Library to be added to the Birkbeck Library.

Repository: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)
Reference codes: MS 1981/2 (Clifford Street archive), J 2.6-2.9
Dates of creation: 1852-1946
Extent: 4 items
Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 75)
NRA code: 29651
Access: open

Content and scope:

Treasurer's account books, 1854-1946
Catalogue of York Friends Biblical Library, 4th edition (Sessions, 1904)
Papers, comprising report of founding conference, printed annual reports and accounts, and ms. accounts, 1852-1923

Related material in repository:

Records of York Preparative Meeting, York Friends Book Society and Birkbeck Library

1.5.26 YORK FRIENDS BOOK SOCIETY (fl.1852-1911)

Historical note:

The York Friends Book Society was already in existence by 1852. It began as a book club which acquired religious works recommended by individual Friends and then sold copies to its members. It developed a social side to its activities by holding lectures on literary topics. It was still active in 1911.

Repository: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)
Reference codes: MS 1981/2 (Clifford Street archive), J 2.1-2.3
Dates of creation: 1852-1911
Extent: 3 items
Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 75)
NRA code: 29651
Access: open

Content and scope:

Minutes, 1852-1911, including lists of books acquired and lists of members

Related material in repository:

Records of York Preparative Meeting and York Friends Biblical Library Association

1.5.27 YORK FRIENDS SEWING MEETING (1834-c.1927)

Historical note:

The Friendly Society for Benevolent Objects was set up in York in 1834 to meet the social needs of women Friends. It was modelled on a similar body in Hull. Members met monthly in each others' homes to take tea, listen to readings and sew garments for charity. From 1851, the society was renamed the York Friends Sewing Meeting. By the end of the century, overseas missions in Syria, China and India, and refugees in the Balkans were supported by this charitable work, as well as the poor of York. During and after the First World War, work was undertaken for the Friends War Victims Relief Society and the Friends Ambulance Unit. It was still active in 1927.

Publication note:

S Allott, *Friends in York: the Quaker story in the life of a Meeting* (Sessions, 1978), pp.46-47, 91

Repository: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)
Reference codes: MS 1981/2 (Clifford Street archive), J 1.1-1.4
Dates of creation: 1834-1973
Extent: 4 items
Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 75)
NRA code: 29651
Access: 50 year closure period

Content and scope:

Minutes and proceedings, 1834-1880, 1906-1927

Account book, 1954-1973

Related material in repository:

Records of York Preparative Meeting

1.5.28 YORK FRIENDS TEMPERANCE ASSOCIATION (1874-c.1880)**Historical note:**

A circular sent out in November 1874 to members of York Preparative Meeting resulted in the creation of a Friends Temperance Association in the city. It began with 120 members and by 1880, had 200 Friends on its books. Its first secretary was Fielden Thorp. The association held annual public meetings and several of its members ran Bands of Hope for the children of Friends. It was still active in 1880.

Repository: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)

Reference codes: MS 1981/2 (Clifford Street archive), G 17

Dates of creation: 1875-1880

Extent: 1 item

Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 75)

NRA code: 29651

Access: open

Content and scope:

Minutes, 1875-1880, including reports of annual meetings and membership list

Related material in repository:

Records of York Preparative Meeting and York: Amethyst Band of Hope

1.5.29 YORK YOUNG FRIENDS (1917-c.1965)**Historical note:**

The origins of the York Young Friends Group lie in the concern expressed in 1916 by William Kay of the Oversight Committee that young Friends be given more responsibility within the Meeting and form their own groups. A Younger Members' Committee was set up to foster social activities. The first such group met mainly in New Earswick. It held discussions and study circles, as well as organising cycle rides, camps and tramps, undertaking youth work and distributing peace literature. A recreation room was also opened in the Clifford Street Meeting House in 1923. In 1945, a Young Friends Group was formed in New Earswick to cater for those who were too old for Sunday school and too young for meeting for worship. This was a debating forum for current affairs and was active until at least 1965.

Publication note:

S Allott, *Friends in York: the Quaker story in the life of a Meeting* (Sessions, 1978), pp.105-106

D Rubinstein & O O'Toole, *Faithful to ourselves and the outside world: York Quakers during the 20th century* (Sessions, 2001), pp. 14, 61, 95, 121

Repository: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)

Reference codes: MS 1981/2 (Clifford Street archive), J 15.1, 15.5 & 15.9

Dates of creation: 1954-1968

Extent: 3 items

Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 75)

NRA code: 29651

Access: 50 year closure period

Content and scope:

Record book, 1954-1965

Accounts, 1963-1965

Papers, 1956-1968

Related material in repository:

Records of York and New Earswick Preparative Meetings

1.5.30 YORKSHIRE YOUNG FRIENDS (1927-c.1946)**Historical note:**

The first open committee meeting of Yorkshire and Durham Young Friends was held in Leeds in January 1927. After the meeting in February 1929 in Newcastle, the group split into two and continued to meet separately, in the case of Yorkshire at least until 1946. The group organised discussion week-ends, often at Airton Friends Hostel, and began a series of visits to Friends schools in 1931, with the aim of recruiting future members.

Repository [1]: Brynmor Jones Library, University of Hull (GB 0050)

Reference codes: DQR(2)/18/1

Dates of creation: 1935-1946

Extent: 1 item

Finding aids: printed and online catalogues

NRA code: 7612

Access: open

Content and scope:

Minutes of committee meetings, 1935-1946

Related material in repository:

Records of Scarborough Young Friends

Related material in other repositories:

Records of Yorkshire Young Friends Campers, Ilkley Young Friends, Leeds Young Friends Club and York Young Friends, Leeds University Library

Repository [2]: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)

Reference codes: MS 1979/1 (Carlton Hill archive), TT 40-42; H 45-46

Dates of creation: 1909-1988

Extent: 14 items

Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 99)

NRA code: 17118

Access: 50 year closure period

Content and scope:

Minutes of open committee meetings and reports of weekends and visits, 1927-1943

Papers, 1988 onwards

Visitors' books, Airton Friends Hostel, 1909-1947

Log books, Airton Friends Hostel, 1944-1976

Related material in repository:

Records of Yorkshire Young Friends Campers, Ilkley Young Friends, Leeds Young Friends Club and York Young Friends

Related material in other repositories:

Records of Scarborough Young Friends, Brynmor Jones Library, University of Hull

1.5.31 YORKSHIRE YOUNG FRIENDS CAMPERS (1905-1939)

Historical note:

After the death of John Wilhelm Rowntree in 1905, a conference at Scalby organised by some of his friends proposed to spread the Quaker message by travelling on foot through Yorkshire. These journeys became known as 'Quaker tramps' and in the years leading up to the First World War, tramps took place in Wensleydale, Nidderdale, and the Pateley Bridge, Osmotherley, Pickering and Whitby areas. After the war, activity revived on the initiative of the Yorkshire 1905 Committee and a camp was held in Carperby, Wensleydale in 1922. Camps were then held on an annual basis until 1939, with numbers attending ranging from 24 to 60, drawn mainly from the Yorkshire and Durham Young Friends and including many visitors from overseas. Camps were held in many locations in the Yorkshire Dales and North Yorkshire Moors. The campers' motto was 'Smile you beggars, smile', which, abbreviated to SYBS, became a shorthand for the movement itself.

Repository: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)

Reference codes: MS 1979/1 (Carlton Hill archive), O 59, TT 18-38

Dates of creation: 1922-1974

Extent: 22 items

Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 99)

NRA code: 17118

Access: 50 year closure period

Content and scope:

Minutes, 1929-1946, including accounts

Private ledger, schedules and accounts, 1928-1939

Camp albums and log books, for Hawes, Wensleydale, Sinnington, Fylingdales, Aysgarth, Runswick Bay, Laverton, Low Row, Reighton, Wharfedale, Kildale, Langdale End, Wharfe, Gillamoor, Gunnerside and Firbank, 1924-1939

Box of slides of camps, 1922-1937

Lantern slides of various Yorkshire and Quaker related subjects, [1920s/1930s]

Ts. account of SYBS by John W Scaife, 1974

Related material in repository:

Records of Yorkshire Young Friends

Related material in other repositories:

Records of Yorkshire Young Friends, Brynmor Jones Library, University of Hull

1.6 FRIENDS SCHOOLS

From the early 18th century onwards, several local, short-lived Quaker schools were formed in Yorkshire, including Joseph Tatham's school in Leeds and Gildersome School. The foundation of Ackworth School in 1778 was not a Quarterly Meeting initiative, but it did set up a School Fund to fund places for poor children. Quarterly Meeting schools for boys and girls were established in York in 1823 and 1831, now known as Bootham School and The Mount School. Rawdon School was also set up by Quarterly Meeting in 1831 to educate the children of those who had 'married out' but still attended Quaker worship; after its closure in 1920, Quarterly Meeting acquired a stake in Great Ayton School. Newton School became the responsibility of Quarterly Meeting in 1848. By 1851, 418 out of a total of 772 Quaker scholars were in Yorkshire boarding schools.

1.6.1 ACKWORTH SCHOOL (1779 to date)

Historical note:

Ackworth School was founded in 1779 by Dr John Fothergill (1712-1780), the Quaker physician, botanist and philanthropist. A report on the state of Friends schools had been produced in 1760 which revealed that there were not enough schools or skilled teachers to cater for Quaker children. In 1777 Yearly Meeting highlighted the need for boarding schools for the children of those 'not in affluence'. Dr Fothergill found a suitable site in the buildings of the Yorkshire branch of the London Foundling School at Ackworth, which had closed in 1773. The new school was governed by London Yearly Meeting, which delegated the administration to an annual General Meeting, composed of representatives from each Quarterly Meeting. General Meeting appointed a London Committee to deal with finance and admissions, and a Country Committee to organise and run the school. Both

Committees oversaw rules and regulations, and alterations to the buildings and estate. The London Committee was dissolved in 1869 and a single Committee, or Board of Governors, instituted. The first curriculum introduced at Ackworth included English language, writing and arithmetic for boys and girls, with housewifery and needlework for girls only. This was combined with manual work on the school farm and in the gardens, dairy and bakery, and household duties around the school. Girls and boys were educated and boarded separately. The Meeting for Worship was the spiritual centre of the school. The posts of Treasurer (later Superintendent), and 'Mistress of the Family' were filled by John and Judith Hill, with their daughter Ann in charge of the girls' school. To assist the schoolmasters, pupils were selected as teaching apprentices from 1782. Monitors were also chosen from amongst the girls and boys to set standards of behaviour and cases of misdemeanour were dealt with before weekly Masters Meetings. After John Hill's retirement, successive Superintendents were: John Hipsley (to 1795); Dr Jonathan Binns (to 1804); Robert Whitaker, the first salaried Superintendent, (to 1834); Thomas Pumphrey (to 1862); George Satterthwaite (to 1877); Frederick Andrews (to 1920); Gerald K Hibbert, the first formally known as Headmaster, (to 1930); and Arthur Cooper (to 1946). The first qualified Headmistress of the girls school, Mary Hartley, came in 1913, replacing the traditional role of Governess. A turning point for the school was the decision to accept non-Quaker scholars in 1870, at slightly higher fees. The school became fully co-educational in the early 1950s and the dual headship was replaced by a Head and Deputy Head. The first to hold these new posts were Albert Lindley and Phyllis Sadler. Ackworth School continues as an independent boarding school, and is still accountable to Britain Yearly Meeting. Despite the fact the majority of its pupils are no longer Quaker, it maintains a distinctive Quaker ethos.

Publication note:

T Pumphrey, *The history of Ackworth School* (GF Linney, 1853)

JH Barber ed., *A narrative of the proceedings at the celebration of the centenary of Ackworth School* (Ackworth School Centenary Committee, 1879)

H Thompson, *A history of Ackworth School during its first 100 years* (Samuel Harris & Co., 1879)

E Vipont [Foulds], *Ackworth School from its foundation in 1779 to the introduction of co-education in 1946* (Lutterworth Press, 1959)

E Vipont Foulds & E Milligan, *So numerous a family: 200 years of Quaker education at Ackworth* (Ackworth School, 1979)

Repository [1]: Ackworth School (GB 2572)

Reference codes: none

Dates of creation: 1779 to date

Extent: c.550 items

Finding aids: printed catalogue

NRA code: none

Access: postal enquiries only

Content and scope:

NB The archive is split between the School itself and West Yorkshire Archive Service, Wakefield Headquarters. The printed catalogue covers the whole archive.

Administrative records:

General Meeting minutes, 1779-1903
Country (later School) Committee minutes, 1779-to date

Women's and Joint Staff Meeting minutes, 1937-1975

Scholars Council minutes, 1937-1945, 1964-1968
Joint School Council minutes, 1937-1945

School Inn Committee minutes, 1947-1952
School Committee reports to Yearly Meeting, 1779-1857

Annual reports, 1779-1986

School prospectuses, 1930-1986

Admissions books, 1779-to date

Financial records:

Cash books and petty cash books, 1933, 1937, 1942 & 1948, 1956-1980

Children's ledger and ledger sheets, sundries accounts, and day books, 1919-1981

Arrears book, 1917-1964

Journals, 1919-1954

Purchase day books, 1927-1956

School Inn ledger and cash books, 1945-1951

Impersonal ledgers, 1965-1982

Wages books, including for workmen and maids, 1928-1950

Wages cards and sheets, and tax returns, 1961-1982

Salaries books, sheets, cards and tax returns, 1912-1980

Minutes, trust deeds, regulations, prospectuses, financial records, list of scholarships awarded, list of rejected applications, letter book and apprenticeship books, Ackworth Benefit Fund, 1798-1958

Miscellaneous *staff records*, 1865-1983

Estate and buildings records:

Architects' drawings and plans, 1935-1980

Financial records and garden report book of school farm, 1929-1968

Correspondence, catalogue and accounts of *school library*, 1935-1977

Visitors' book, correspondence, articles and other papers about events, especially about the school *bicentenary*, 1941-1983

Family trees, photographs, notes and correspondence on various families connected with the school, no dates

Publications mainly about the history of the school, 1936-1983

Records of Ackworth Old Scholars Association, including papers re foundation, annual reports,

correspondence, minutes of branches, and financial records, 1880-1985

Scholars records:

Lists of duties, rules and other papers re discipline, 1939-1980

Writing books of classes of Joseph Donbavand, William Hayward, Thomas Brown and William Doeg, 1805-1827

Writing, geography, French, domestic science, history, biology and other exercise books, 1816-1987

Letters to, from and about scholars, c.1780-c.1980

Record of boys' careers at school, 1779-1843

Minutes, correspondence, magazines, news sheets, reports and other papers of Natural History Society, 1931-1986

Minutes of Meccano Club, 1927-1929

Essays of Boys Essay Society, 1938-1941

Minutes of Debating Society, 1950-1952

Cricket score books of Masters XI and of Boys First and Second XI, 1928-1950

Cricket Club cash books, 1925-1945

Football match records, 1925-1965

Vol. of cricket averages, 1931-1945

Related material in repository:

Photographic collection

Memorabilia of Dr John Fothergill

Quaker samplers (over 100), 1780-1860

Repository [2]: West Yorkshire Archive Service, Wakefield Headquarters (GB 0201)

Reference codes: C678

Dates of creation: 1779-1966

Extent: c.1030 items

Finding aids: printed catalogue

NRA code: none

Access: open by arrangement

Content and scope:

Administrative records:

Yearly Meeting epistle, 1760

Yearly Meeting minutes, 1777-1851, 1880-1881

London Committee minutes, 1778-1869

General Meeting minutes, 1799-1883

Country (later School) Committee minutes, 1778-1835 & 1854

Masters' Meeting minutes, 1795-1853, 1869-1873, 1888-1937

Masters' and Monitors' Meeting minutes, 1807-1836

Mistresses' Meeting minutes, 1867-1895

Lists of names of committee members, 1804 & 1877-1902

General Meeting reports to Yearly Meeting, 1779-1837

General Meeting reports to committee, 1884-1923, including Women's Committee reports, Inspection Committee reports, Board of Education report of inspection, 1904, recommendations of committees, 1797-1809, and school sanitation engineer's report, 1908

Reports from General Meeting on finance and admissions, 1778-1782

Report on the state of the school, 1788

Report of sub committee visiting Friends schools in the north, 1852

Report of the Schools Enquiry Commission, vol.XVIII, 1869

School prospectuses, 1900, 1915, c.1920, 1925, 1929

Registers of admissions, 1779-1918

Admittance forms, 1778, 1782-1824, 1826, 1835, 1888 & 1898

Visitors' books, 1796-1804, 1830-1849

Correspondence files, 1780-1898

Financial records:

Household accounts, 1777-1790, 1803-1892

School accounts and journals, 1778-1917

Donations books, 1779-1787

Ledgers, including deposits, stove and coal, and tailors' ledgers, 1779-1925

Vols. of bequests, 1780-1916

Treasurer's accounts and memoranda, 1780-1897

Superintendent's wages, cash and account book, 1785-1786 & 1825

Shoemaker's accounts and wages book, 1790-1805

Boys' private money ledgers, 1791-1794, 1798-1801

John Chorley's account book, 1792-1795

Superintendent's petty cash book, 1799, and cash books, 1814, 1822-1823, 1850-1883

Cash books and petty cash books, 1779-1780, 1787-1788, 1809-1854, 1857, 1863-1968 (with many gaps)

London Committee cash books, 1828-1869

Pupils' account books, 1857-1876

Superintendents' rent agreements and rent books, 1866-1869, 1921-1929

Children's ledgers, sundries accounts and day books, 1874-1927

Stock books, 1892-1925

Music cash account, 1890-1908

Building and extension fund account book, 1910-1911

Wages books, including for workmen and sewing, 1847-1928

Teaching staff salaries books, 1855-1885

Staff records:

Ms. book of Robert Whitaker, book keeper and superintendent, c.1800

Register of officers and servants, 1809-1879

Minutes of examinations of apprentices, 1844-1847

Memoir of Thomas Pumphrey, 1864

Thomas Puplett's teaching notes, 1838, 1854 & 1869

Copy of Mary Rous' commonplace book, 1843

WF Nicholson's scripture notes, c.1885-1900

Frances M Wilmot's archaeological diary, 1893

Mark book of T Mallinson, master of 3rd class, boys, c.1900

Estate and buildings records:

Title deeds, wills and sales particulars re school property, 1399 & 1675-1920

Estate maps, 1772-1943

Architects' drawings and plans, 1780-1928

Stock books for all departments including farm, 1780-1787, 1808-1825, 1840-1889

Inventories of school effects, 1840-1891

Financial records, occupation and tillage records, committee minutes, corn books, stock books, wages books, schedule of acreage, poultry and egg book, garden books, and other records of school farm, 1796-1927
Monthly meteorological statistics, 1824-1921
Housekeeper's book, 1898-1906

Correspondence and catalogues of *school library*, 1798-1879

Correspondence, programmes and other papers about *events*, especially about school centenary, 1814-1917

Various prints of the school and portraits of John Fothergill etc., 1690-1849

Publications mainly about the history of the school, 1753-1931

Scholars records:

Boys and girls penmanship and drawing books, 1784-1876

Minutes, reports and letters on the curriculum, including religious instruction, 1792-1891

Miscellaneous papers on school diet, 1818-1873

Records of offences and punishments, 1781-1785, 1815-1876

Rules, lists of duties and other papers re discipline, c.1790-1929

Reports on children admitted, 1790-1802

Examinations books, reports, papers, timetables and results, 1803-1932

Arithmetic, writing, English, Scripture, land surveying, history and other exercise and copy books, 1784-1921

Records of illness and deaths, 1781-1896

Poems, essays and diaries by scholars, c.1795-1966

Class reports, 1792-1819

Form mark books of various masters, 1866- 20th century

Women's committee minutes and reports, 1798-1880

Various school magazines, 1820-1857

Essays, lists of members, correspondence and minutes of Association for the Improvement of the Mind, 1821-1879

Accounts of Horticultural and Floricultural Society, 1835-1845

Minutes, accounts, judges reports, examining committee reports and curators reports of Boys Society of Arts, 1836-1866

Minutes and papers read to Literary and Scientific Association, 1852-1870

Minutes of Friends of Ackworth Scripture Meeting, 1859-1862

Minutes of Ackworth School Field Cricket Club, 1860-1870

Minutes and papers of Boys Essay Society, 1859 & 1870-1905

Essays and reports of Boys Literary Association, 1883 & 1886

Printed reports of Essay, Natural History and Debating Societies, 1884-1888

Papers of Girls Essay Society, 1893-1894, 1905-1917

Minutes of Astronomy Society, 1899-1902

Minutes of Junior Essay Society, 1900-1941

Journal of Natural History Society, 1904-1909

Minute book and list of members of School Fire Brigade, 1912 & no date

Minutes of Boys Debating Society, 1919

Cricket score books of Masters XI, Ackworth Wanderers, and Boys First and Second XI, 1878-1898, 1921-1929, 1931-1934

Swimming and athletics records, 1899-1969

Related material in repository:

Records of Pontefract Monthly Meeting and constituent Preparative Meetings

Related material in other repositories:

Papers of John Fothergill, British Library Manuscript Collections; Edinburgh University Library Special Collections; LSF; Linnean Society; Royal Society; Wellcolme Library for the History of Medicine

Records of Foundling Hospital, London Metropolitan Archives

1.6.2 BOOTHAM SCHOOL, YORK (1823 to date)

Historical note:

William Tuke (1732-1822) first raised the idea of establishing a boys' school for the sons of Friends who were not eligible for Ackworth School at Quarterly Meeting in 1818. A committee was set up to investigate and reported in favour of a school providing 'a liberal, guarded and religious education, on moderate terms'. However the proposal was repeatedly shelved and it was not until 1822 that premises on Lawrence Street were leased from the Retreat, and William Simpson engaged to run the school. The school opened in early 1823 and was a private concern until January 1829, when John Ford took over as 'Superintendent of the Establishment' and a Quarterly Meeting committee was appointed to run the school. It then became known as Yorkshire Quarterly Meeting Boys' School and this was its official name until 1915, despite the move to new premises at 20 Bootham, in January 1846. John Ford retired from Bootham School in 1865 and was succeeded by Fielden Thorp (to 1875); John Firth Fryer (to 1899); Arthur Rowntree (to 1927); Donald Gray (to 1943); Thomas F Green (to 1961); Albert F Lindley (to 1971); and John H Gray (from 1972). Arthur Rowntree was the first to be known as Headmaster. The school was noted for its Natural History Society, founded in 1834, and for the teaching of sciences. Boys whose parents were not members of the Society of Friends were admitted for the first time in 1891. In 1899 the school suffered a serious fire and complete rebuilding of the premises was necessary. Bootham is now an independent, co-educational boarding school, with a strong Quaker ethos.

Publication note:

JS Rowntree, *Friends Boys School, York: a sketch of its history 1829-1878* (1879)

FE Pollard, *Bootham School 1823-1923* (JM Dent & Sons, 1926)
SK Brown, *Bootham School York 1823-1973* (author, 1973)

Repository: Bootham School (GB 2573)

Reference codes: none

Dates of creation: 1823 to date

Extent: c.8 cubic metres

Finding aids: printed catalogue

NRA code: none

Access: by arrangement

Content and scope:

Records of school and its pupils, including annual reports, prospectuses, files on school buildings, financial records, material on special events, art and science scrapbooks etc., 1823 onwards

Bootham Observer magazine, 1800s

Bootham magazine, 1902 onwards

Records of Natural History Society, 1834 onwards

Records of Bootham Old Scholars Association, including registers, 1879 onwards

Photographic and audio-visual material

Related material in other repositories:

Records of The Mount School, at the School and Borthwick Institute of Historical Research, University of York

1.6.3 BRADFORD FRIENDS SCHOOLS (1830-c.1870)

Historical note:

The origins of the Quaker schools in Bradford date back to a meeting of young Friends at the home of John Priestman in late 1829. It was decided to establish a boys' school managed by Friends 'on the British and Foreign System', and John Priestman and Benjamin Seebohm set out to raise annual subscriptions. The school opened in April 1830 in a rented room in Fawcett Row, with William Dunning appointed as teacher. Its 200 pupils were drawn from amongst 'the children of all labouring people or mechanics residing in the town of Bradford and its neighbourhood'. This was soon followed by a similar school for girls, and in November, by an infants' school. Land was given by Charles Harris in Chapel Street for the erection of new buildings and playgrounds. In order to raise funds, the Bradford Friends School Association was formed and issued £25 shares. The new premises opened in early 1832 and housed all three schools, providing accommodation for about 650 pupils. By 1842 however, average attendance was only 373. Four years later the financial situation was so poor that the schools were leased to the trustees of Eastbrook [Methodist] Chapel. The schools continued under Methodist control, and fulfilled largely the same educational role. This arrangement continued until 1870 when the property was finally sold to the trustees. In 1878, grants of £600 to the Mechanics Institute and £459 to the

Bradford Friends First Day School were made out of the proceeds of the sale.

Publication note:

HR Hodgson, *The Society of Friends in Bradford: a record of 270 years* (Percy Lund, Humphries & Co., 1926), pp.53-56

Repository: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)

Reference codes: MS 1979/1 (Carlton Hill archive), QQ 1-24

Dates of creation: 1829-1879

Extent: 24 items

Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 99)

NRA code: 17118

Access: open

Content and scope:

Minutes:

Minutes of Bradford Friends School Association, 1830-1832

Minutes of Bradford Friends School, 1829-1832

Minutes of committee, Eastbrook Boys' School, 1832-1879

Financial and property records:

Accounts, including for Lancasterian Boys' School, Friends School Association, Eastbrook Girls' School, Eastbrook Infants' School, 1831-1870

Register of shares, Eastbrook School, 1832-1878

Lease of Eastbrook Schools, 1846

Specification for work in erecting schools, 1831

Miscellaneous:

Opinion of JB Braithwaite in case of Eastbrook School, 1878

Rules and statement of objects, Eastbrook Infants' School, [1832]

Statistics of children [compiled by street canvass], c.1829-1830

Correspondence and papers, 1829-1878

Related material in repository:

Records of Bradford Preparative Meeting and Bradford Friends First Day School

1.6.4 GILDERSOME SCHOOL (1772-1815)

Historical note:

The educational needs of poor Friends' children were discussed at Quarterly Meeting in 1770, and Brighthouse Monthly Meeting expressed interest in establishing a school. A subscription was raised by Friends in the West Riding, and the appointed cashiers, John Elam and John Jowitt, purchased a farm near Gildersome in 1772 which was adapted for the purpose. Brighthouse Monthly Meeting contributed towards the expenses of setting up the school and stocking its farm, but otherwise annual subscriptions were raised from Preparative Meetings. John Ellis (1745-1828), a schoolteacher from High Flatts, was appointed

headmaster and the school opened in September 1772. The school took boys and girls of poor Friends, from within the Monthly Meeting and further afield. It accommodated c.60 boarders and a number of day scholars. As well as reading and writing, boys were taught aspects of woollen manufacturing and husbandry, whilst girls were taught spinning, knitting and sewing. In 1796 the management of the school was devolved to John Ellis, who reported to the Gildersome School Fund Committee. This arrangement continued until 1815, when Ellis retired and the school closed. The Fund (renamed the Monthly Meeting School Fund) continues to support the education of poor children, such as by funding places at Ackworth School, to this day. In many ways, the school acted as a small-scale model for Ackworth School.

Publication note:

JE Mortimer, *Quakers in Gildersome: the history of a Yorkshire Meeting* (author, 1990), pp. 33-50
The Cupola (Ackworth School magazine), vol.6, 1935: Fothergill supplement, pp. 6-23

Repository: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)

Reference codes: MS 1979/1 (Carlton Hill archive), P 33-35; Z 4

Dates of creation: 1772-1935

Extent: 4 items

Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 99)

NRA code: 17118

Access: open

Content and scope:

Committee minutes, 1772-1815
Papers, 1772-1935, including advertisement for the opening of the school in 1772, accounts in the hand of John Ellis, 1773-1796, rough committee minutes, the Fothergill supplement of *The Cupola*, and ms. 'List of the boys and girls at Gildersome School', 1807, by William Driver

Related material in repository:

Records of Gildersome Preparative Meeting and Brighouse Monthly Meeting

1.6.5 GREAT AYTON SCHOOL (1841-1997)

Historical note:

The Friends School at Great Ayton had its origins in the concern of Durham Friends for the children of those disowned by the Society. Such children were not entitled to attend the major Friends schools, such as Ackworth, Bootham and The Mount, and the idea was to set up an agricultural school to cater for their needs. Thomas Richardson (1771-1855), who had retired to Great Ayton in 1830, contributed the majority of the funds needed to purchase the estate of his cousin, Philip Heselton. The property, which included a country house and 70 acres of land, adjoined the Friends Meeting House in Great Ayton. This was adapted to

provide accommodation for 36 boys and girls; by 1890 this had grown to around 80 boarders. Until 1892, it was known as the North of England Agricultural School. Despite its name, the school taught a broad curriculum, ranging from Latin, French and arithmetic, to chemistry, physiology and botany, as well as agriculture. Girls from poorer families were trained in domestic work. From 1860 onwards, Monthly Meetings gradually ceased to disown Friends for 'marrying out'. As a result, the intake of Great Ayton School became similar to that of other Friends schools. By the 1960s around 300 pupils were on the school register and funds were raised by local Friends to extend the Meeting House for use as a school hall. There was always a close relationship between the school and the Friends Meeting, with space being shared for worship and social activities. The Meeting also repaired the fabric of the school in 1992. Only five years later, the school was forced to close for financial reasons.

Publication note:

History of Great Ayton School: published for the jubilee committee (Jordison & Co., 1891)
G Alston Watson, *Ayton School: centenary history 1841-1941* (Ayton School, 1941)

Repository: North Yorkshire County Record Office (GB 0191)

Reference codes: ZLA [MIC 3491; 3715]

Dates of creation: [1841-1997]

Extent: unknown

Finding aids: repository guide

NRA code: none

Access: closed until cataloguing complete; items on microfilm open

Content and scope:

The main school archive was transferred to the Record Office after the school closed in 1997. The following items were already held by the Record Office before this date and have been microfilmed:

Admission register, 1841-1911
Register for boys, 1841-1855, and girls, 1841-1857
The Beckside (school magazine)

Related material in repository:

Records of Ayton Preparative Meeting

1.6.6 THE MOUNT SCHOOL, YORK (1785 to date)

Historical note:

A private boarding school for the daughters of Friends was opened on 1 January 1785 in Trinity Lane, Bishophill, under the care of William and Esther Tuke and based in their own home. This was the predecessor of The Mount School. A group of women Friends formed a governing committee. Sarah Grubb described their aims as 'simplicity of manners, and a

religious improvement of the minds of youth'. Several young female Friends volunteered to work as teaching assistants, including Esther Tuke's daughters Ann and Mabel, and stepdaughter Elizabeth. After Esther Tuke's death in 1794, the school was continued firstly by William Tuke and his daughter Ann, then by Ann North and her husband. In 1796, the school moved to premises in Tower Street. After the Norths retired around 1799, the school was run in succession by Mabel Tuke (to 1804), Mary Camm (to 1808), Ann and William Alexander (to 1811) and Sarah Bevans and Ann Woolley (to 1814). The school ceased to be governed by committee after 1811. It closed and the premises were sold in July 1814.

In September 1830, Yorkshire Quarterly Meeting proposed the establishment of a school for the daughters of Yorkshire Friends. This opened on 21 March 1831 at no.1 Castlegate, York and was governed by a committee of Friends, including Joseph Rowntree, with Samuel Tuke as Treasurer. Hannah Brady was employed as the first Superintendent. In 1836 a teacher training department was also opened on the premises. After Hannah Brady's resignation in 1842, successive Superintendents/Headmistresses were Elizabeth Brady (to 1847); Eliza Stringer (to 1853); Rachel Tregelles (to 1862); Wilhelmina Taylor (to 1866); Lydia Rous (to 1879); Susan Scott (to 1889); Lucy Harrison (to 1902); H Winifred Sturge (to 1926); Ellen C Waller (from 1926). In 1856, land at The Mount was purchased for a new school, which opened the following summer. A junior school opened in Dalton Terrace in 1901 and moved to 134 The Mount in 1931. The Mount School is now an independent school, which accepts Quaker and non-Quaker pupils alike. It has a co-educational junior department, known as Tregelles after Rachel Tregelles, and the senior school is single sex.

Publication note:

L Rous, *Historical sketch of the Friends' Girls' Schools, York, 1784 - 1814, 1831 - 1881* (Mount School, 1881)
 HW Sturge & T Clark, *The Mount School, York, 1785 - 1814, 1831 - 1931* (JM Dent & Sons, 1931)
 MF Smith & EA Waller, *The Mount School 1857-1957* (1957)

Repository [1]: The Mount School (GB 2725)
Reference codes: none
Dates of creation: 1658 to date
Extent: c.4 cubic metres
Finding aids: currently being catalogued
NRA code: none
Access: by arrangement

Content and scope:

Copy minutes of York Friends School for Girls, 1794-1814 [originals at the Borthwick Institute of Historical Research]
 Records of Yorkshire Quarterly Meeting School Committee, 1828-1990

Annual reports, 1891 to date
 Prospectuses, to date
 Admission registers, 1784 to date
 Administrative papers, including curriculum and events, 1784 to date
 Log books, 1895 to date
 Ledgers, 1837-1977
 Wages books, 1906-1975
 Staff register, 1784 to date
 Register of pupils in training, 1831-1886
 Records re development of buildings and grounds on all three sites, including sketches and photographs, 1784 to date
 School magazines, 1883 to date
 Journals and letters of early Friends and pupils, 1658-1987
 Work books and nature diaries, 1808 to date
 Samplers, 1790-1906
 Paintings, sketches, daguerreotypes, glass slides and photographs, 1784 to date
 Films, videos and audiotapes (of school productions, programmes, oral history etc.), 1939 to date
 Prospectuses of other Friends schools, 1758-1902

Repository [2]: Borthwick Institute of Historical Research, University of York (GB 0193)
Reference codes: MOU
Dates of creation: 1784-1942
Extent: 9 items
Finding aids: catalogued
NRA code: 37738
Access: open

Content and scope:

Minutes of annual meetings of York Friends Girls' School in Trinity Lane/Tower Street, with correspondence and cuttings, 1784 - 1814
 Minutes of General and Sub Committees of Yorkshire Quarterly Meeting Girls' School, 1830-1939, including annual reports, correspondence and accounts
Omnium, photocopies of a series of correspondence notebooks which circulated amongst a group of Mount Old Scholars, 1914 - 1942

Related material in repository:

Papers of the Tuke family

Related material in other repositories:

Records of Bootham School, held at the School

1.6.7 NEWTON SCHOOL (1768-1911)

Historical note:

The Quaker School in Newton-in-Bowland was funded by a bequest from John Brabbin, who died in 1768, and left both funds and premises to educate boys and girls from local Quaker families. A trust was established to manage the school, the object of which was 'to advance good manners and useful learning'. Children from non-Quaker families in Newton were also

admitted to make the school viable. The school taught basic writing and arithmetic and did not charge attendance fees. When the post of schoolmaster became vacant in 1844, a replacement could not be found. A Quarterly Meeting committee to assist the school was set up around this time, comprising James Backhouse, Joseph Rowntree and Samuel Tuke. The trust funded six places for poor children at the National School in Newton as an alternative from 1847 onwards. A new schoolmaster was appointed in 1868 and the school continued until 1911.

Publication note:

W Pearson Thistlethwaite, *Yorkshire Quarterly Meeting of the Society of Friends, 1665-1966* (author, 1979), pp.207-208
LJ Stroud, in *FQE*, 1948, pp.59-63

Repository: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)
Reference codes: MS 1979/1 (Carlton Hill archive), U 11, 17, 22; LL 60-64, 90; DD 25
Dates of creation: 1736-1930
Extent: 28 items
Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 99)
NRA code: 17118
Access: open

Content and scope:

Abstract book of John Brabbin's Trust, 1767-1899
Executors and trustees accounts and receipts, 1768-1810
Legal papers and papers re John Brabbin's will, 1763-1783
Papers re purchase of land, building of the school and its maintenance, 1784-1812
Correspondence re post of master, c.1798-1804
Charity Commission papers re Newton School Foundation, 1921-1930
Plans of the school, 1920-1925
Brighouse Monthly Meeting Newton School Committee proceedings, 1868-1869
Financial records of Brighouse Monthly Meeting Newton School Committee, 1902-1924

Related material in repository:

Related bundle of papers, 1767-1845, VI 7, Clifford Street archive
Records of Newton-in-Bowland Preparative Meeting and Brighouse Monthly Meeting

1.6.8 RAWDON SCHOOL (1832-1920)

Historical note:

In 1828 Yorkshire Quarterly Meeting set up a committee to consider the educational needs of poor children who attended Quaker worship, but whose parents were not members. These were mainly the children of those disowned for 'marrying out'. An appeal for funds followed in 1829; this gathered almost £3000 in capital, as well as annual subscriptions to run the school. Premises in Rawdon were purchased in 1831 and the school opened the following year. Its

first successive superintendents were James Bolton, Henry Hawley and William Rothery. Samuel Tuke, William Alexander and Joseph Rowntree served on the management committee. Initially 48 boys between eight and fourteen years of age were admitted. By 1835 girls were also admitted. The school struggled financially and received a severe setback in 1876 when a fire destroyed much of the premises. Despite special appeals and a generous legacy from Edward Burrth Woodhead in 1911, the school became too expensive to run and was closed in 1920. Some 34 pupils, the head and one of the teachers transferred to the Friends School at Great Ayton.

Publication note:

W Pearson Thistlethwaite, *Yorkshire Quarterly Meeting of the Society of Friends 1665-1966* (author, 1979), pp. 202-205

Repository [1]: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)
Reference codes: MS 1981/2 (Clifford Street archive), IX 1-10
Dates of creation: 1827-1922
Extent: 21 items
Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 75)
NRA code: 29651
Access: open

Content and scope:

Minutes of preliminary meetings, 1827, and of General Meeting, General Committee and Sub Committee, 1827-1843
Minutes of Sub Committee, 1831-1921
Index to minute books A, B & C, 1832-1852
Minutes of General Meeting of Women Friends and of Women's Committee, 1840-65, 1882-91
Ledgers, cash book and account books, 1832-1921
Admittance book, 1832-1883
Miscellaneous documents, 1837-1922

Repository [2]: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)
Reference codes: MS 1979/1 (Carlton Hill archive), F 22; DD 17; LL 91; PA 65; SS 10-16
Dates of creation: 1819-1928
Extent: 53 items
Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 99)
NRA code: 17118
Access: open

Content and scope:

Proposals and reports etc., 1819-1928
Reports, 1834-1871/2
School list, 1832-1921
Regulations, 1858
Plans of school, 1897-1919
Photographic records of the school, c.1882-1905
Photographic and personal album of Harold Todd, 1899-1902
Jubilee visitors' book, 1882-1905

Related material in repository:

Records of Rawdon Preparative Meeting and Yorkshire Quarterly Meeting

1.6.9 YORK BRITISH GIRLS' SCHOOL (1812-c.1891)

Historical note:

An elementary school for girls from poor families was set up in Newgate, York, in 1812 by a group of women Friends (Alice Horner, Priscilla Tuke, Mary Mildred, Martha Fletcher and Rebecca Fothergill). It was known as the British Girls' School and run on the Lancasterian system. It had around 100 pupils, who paid 1d. per week to learn reading, writing and accounts. In 1816 the school moved to St. Saviourgate. A new school to accommodate 150 girls was built on unused land on the site of the Friends burial ground in Bishophill in 1829. Pupils from St. Saviourgate moved to what became known as the Bishophill British Girls' School. By 1833, the school still had only 90 pupils; this grew to 160 by 1844, and had declined again to around 100 by 1870. The school returned to Hope Street around this period and appears to have closed c.1891. The premises were retained by York Preparative Meeting.

Publication note:

S Allott, *Friends in York: the Quaker story in the life of a Meeting* (Sessions, 1978), p.68
SJ Clough, *Girls' education in York in the nineteenth century* (University of Hull, unpublished MA thesis, 1986), pp. 15, 44

Repository [1]: York City Archives (GB 0192)

Reference codes: Acc 118 4a, 254-261

Dates of creation: 1812-1891

Extent: 9 items

Finding aids: printed catalogue

NRA code: 16398

Access: open

Content and scope:

Minutes of subscribers meetings, 1812-1822
Minutes of quarterly and general meetings, 1822-1891
Minutes of school committee, 1835-1855, 1874-1882, with accounts, subscription list, 1873, report, 1874 and history of school, 1827
Cash accounts, 1829-1847

Related material in repository:

Records of York: Hope Street Friends Sabbath School

Related material in other repositories:

Records of York Preparative Meeting, Leeds University Library

Repository [2]: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)

Reference codes: MS 1981/2 (Clifford Street archive), G 20.1-20.2

Dates of creation: 1888-1919

Extent: 2 items

Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 75)

NRA code: 29651

Access: open

Content and scope:

Papers re use of Hope Street site, comprising correspondence of Richard Thompson, sales particulars with plans, and report, 1888-1907
Premises account, 1901-1919

Related material in repository:

Records of York Preparative Meeting

Related material in other repositories:

Records of York: Hope Street Friends Sabbath School

2 Other collections held by project partners

2.1 ARCHIVES OF BUSINESSES AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS

2.1.1 ROBERT ARTHINGTON (1636-1715)

Historical note:

Robert Arthington was born in 1636. He married Mary Wadsworth, in 1672 and their children included John (1674-1720) and Joshua (1677-1711). He was an early member of the Society of Friends, and his sufferings are recorded from the early 1680s. Robert lived in Farnley, and was a member firstly of Leeds and then of Gildersome Friends Meetings. The historical evidence points to him being a steward on the Farnley estate of Sir Abstrupus Danby (1655-1727), where he managed and later leased the coal mines on the estate. This work was continued after his death by his eldest son John. The coal was used for smelting iron also found in the area. The Arthington family also had farming interests and Robert's son Joshua was a woollen draper.

Publication note:

R Offor, 'Two mining account books from Farnley Colliery 1690-1720', in *Transactions of the Yorkshire Dialect Society*, vol.5, part 34, October 1933, pp.9-28
RS & JE Mortimer eds., Leeds Friends minute book 1692-1712, *YAS Record Series*, vol. CXXXIX, 1977-78, p.193

Repository: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)

Reference codes: MS 11 & 14

Dates of creation: 1690-1720

Extent: 2 items

Finding aids: online catalogue

NRA code: none

Access: open

Content and scope:

Accounts for coal pits at Farnley compiled by Robert Arthington and his son John, 1690-1720

Related material in repository:

Records of Leeds: Carlton Hill and Gildersome Preparative Meetings

Related material in other repositories:

Papers of Danby and Cunliffe-Lister family, Viscounts Swinton, North Yorkshire County Record Office

2.1.2 JOHN GOOD & SONS (1833 to date)

Historical note:

John Good was born in Scarborough in 1801 and was a seafarer for many years before settling in Hull with his family in 1833. Here he set up in business as a ship chandler in premises in Salthouse Lane. He first came into contact with the Society of Friends in the late 1820s and was admitted into membership in Hull in 1834. In 1839 the Good family moved to 19 High Street and the business grew in connection with the trade between Hull and the Baltic and Scandinavian countries. John began to purchase shares in a number of vessels, eventually purchasing his own schooner, the *Bothnia*. When he retired in 1864, he left a successful business to his sons Joseph and Thomas (neither of whom were Quakers). He died in 1876. The brothers joined with Francis and James Reckitt in 1870 to form a steamship company, known as Good Brothers & Co. They acted as agents for a number of Finnish shipowners (later united as the Finland Steamship Company) who traded between Finland and ports along England's north eastern coast. In 1908 the company was incorporated under the name of John Good & Sons Ltd.; members of the Good family were still involved as company directors in the late 1980s. Other operations undertaken by the firm included the shipment of coal, liner agency work, tanker handling and warehousing.

Publication note:

WR Mead, *John Good i Oesterbotten* (Finsk Tidskrift, 1951)
'Good service since 1833', in *Yorkshire and Humberside Industrial Review*, vol.2, no.4, Oct.-Dec. 1972, pp.59-60

Repository: Brynmor Jones Library, University of Hull (GB 0050)

Reference codes: DGO

Dates of creation: 1829-1981

Extent: c.50 items

Finding aids: printed and online catalogues

NRA code: none

Access: open

Content and scope:

Early company records were lost during the bombing of Hull during the Second World War.

Minutes of directors and general and emergency general meetings, 1908-1938

Private ledgers, 1908-1952

Journal, 1908-1944, including balance sheets for 1916-1922

Journal, 'Special account' for payments by directors, 1939-1958

Bundle of bills of exchange and letters of credit in favour of John Good & Sons

Agreements and charters between Finnish and British companies, with John Good & Sons as agent, for shipment of goods from Scandanavia and the Baltic via Hull, 1927-1955

Transcript of court proceedings in court of the Railway Rates Tribunal, in case of John Good & Sons vs. London and North Eastern Railway, May 1927

Memoranda of agency vessels docking in Hull, 1942-1966; working copies, 1954-1967

Registers of shipping compiled by Finnish Consulate, Hull, 1919-1982

Register of Finnish subjects resident in Hull, 1920-1959

Scrapbooks of adverts placed in the press, 1920-1941, 1950-1960, 1966-1981

Diaries of John Good, 1829-1874, covering journeys to Scandanavia and the Baltic

Diaries of Joseph Good, 1859-1862 & 1888

Probate copy of will of John Good, December 1876

Related material in repository:

Records of Hull Preparative Meeting and Hull Auxiliary Tract Association

2.1.3 ROBERT JOWITT & SONS (1776-c.1955)

Historical note:

Established in Leeds in 1776 by John Jowitt, this was originally a speculative wool merchants or staplers which dealt mainly in clothing wools for distribution to English and Scottish woollen manufacturers. Wool was purchased in bulk at public auctions by agents acting on commission, as well as from other woollen merchants. Further supplies were obtained on the continent and in the colonies. Jowitts also received consignments of wool from the colonies, particularly Australasia and South Africa, which it sold on behalf of the owners at the London auctions, on a commission basis. Trading with the colonies took off during the late 19th century and overseas branches were set up, the first in Melbourne in 1883, followed by branches in Port Elizabeth and East London in the Cape, and Dunedin in New Zealand. In the 1890s, Jowitts began to withdraw from the wool merchanting business and established a small wool-combing branch in Bradford. This enabled the firm to comb consignments of wool to produce 'tops'

ready for spinning; these were sold to manufacturers in preference to raw wool. In 1903, a subsidiary was set up in Bradford devoted entirely to this kind of work and the parent company concentrated on obtaining the supplies of wool required, mainly through its overseas branches. The company also diversified into carbonising and fell mongering. It was still operating in Bradford in the early 1950s. The Jowitt family were members of the Society of Friends in Leeds from as early as the 1680s. In its early years the firm was known as John Jowitt & Son and a partnership with Samuel Birchall lasted until the early 1800s. John's son Robert was involved in the firm from around the same period and was left in control after his father's death c.1833, changing its name to Robert Jowitt & Sons.

Publication note:

WR Millmore, 'Traders in wool for nearly two centuries', in *Wool Record*, vol.30, 1926, pp.851-853

A Barnard, 'Wool buying in the 19th century: a case history', in *Yorkshire Bulletin of Economic and Social Research*, vol.8 no.1, June 1956, pp.1-12

P Hudson, *The West Riding wool textile industry: a catalogue of business records from the 16th to the 20th century* (Pasold Research Fund, 1975), pp.297-312

P Hudson, *The genesis of industrial capital: a study of the West Riding wool textile industry c.1750-1850* (Cambridge University Press, 1986)

Repository: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)

Reference codes: MS Jowitt

Dates of creation: 1755-1955

Extent: 170 items & 1 large tin

Finding aids: printed and online catalogues

NRA code: none

Access: open

Content and scope:

Accounting and financial records:

Balance books for Bradford, Carr Mills Wool Company, Try Mills and Cliffe Mills, 1904-1911

Private ledgers, especially of Robert Jowitt and John Jowitt, 1803-1913

Nominal and general ledger, 1911-c.1921

Sales book, Carbonising Department, 1919-1920

Analysis of sales of roans, 1932-1938

Purchase ledgers, including for the Cape and Australia, 1932-1949

Records of wool purchases and statistics, 1831-1851, 1860-1914, 1936-1939, 1946

Debtors and creditors ledgers, 1775-1904, including general accounts from 1848 onwards
Customers' ledgers, 1829-1920

Interest accounts ledgers, 1876-1894, 1912-1916
'Colonial and banks' ledgers, 1877-1904

Brokers ledgers, 1905-1920

Branch ledgers, 1905-1946, and branch commission ledger, 1938-1940

Departmental ledgers, 1912-1919

Bills payable ledgers, 1914-1955

Journal [inventory and valuation of materials in stock], 1896-1901

Journals [purchases] for Cliffe Mills, Hollings Mill and Meanwood Warehouse, 1911-1952

Journal, mainly of German agency, 1929-1938

Colonial journal, 1932-1939

Transfer journal, c.1935-1937

Cash books, 1805-1828, 1867-1871

Costings books for Merchanting, Top, Waste, Export, Continental and Woollen Departments, 1920-1950

Account of failures in and connected with wool and woollen trade, 1839-1848

References re credit worthiness, financial standing and dealings of firms, mainly British, 1881-1913

Accounts of suppliers of sundry goods and services, 1912-1920

Record of agents' commission, 1933-1948

Accounts of imports, 1936-1949

Other ledgers and accounts, 1903-1919, 1930-1948

Operational records:

Bundle of letters and papers about the wool trade, 18th century

Letter and copy books, 1802-1805, 1844-1909

Vol. recording import consignments of wool, 1870-1871

List of foreign suppliers, agents and importers of wool, 1880s-1890s

Trowbridge sample book, 1913-1923

Details of rejects and their disposal, 1925-1950

Analysis of yields of wool consignments, 1933-1939

Details of wool combed, 1935-1941

Inventories and valuations of stock in Scouring and Waste Departments, 1908-1914, 1930-1941

Premises and property records:

Details of insurance policies on property, machinery, materials and persons, c.1928-1941

Insurance policies and related papers re shipments, mainly 1919 & 1920

Other records:

Ledger of executors of John Jowitt, 1833-1857

Accounts of trustees of Rachel Reed, 1846-1854

Ledger and cash book of Leeds Town Mission, 1837-1853

Related material in repository:

Records of Leeds: Carlton Hill and Bradford Preparative Meetings

2.1.4 ISAAC RECKITT (1792-1862)

Historical note:

The founder of the firm now known as Reckitt Benckiser was the Quaker Isaac Reckitt, son of Thomas Reckitt, grazier of Wainfleet, Lincolnshire, and Katherine Massey. After serving his apprenticeship in the corn trade at Bury St. Edmunds, Isaac returned to Wainfleet in 1814 and entered business as a wool merchant. In 1818, he set up a joint milling venture with his brother Thomas (1785-1862), and built the Maud Foster Mill in Boston. The brothers undertook

flour milling and also dealt in grain and cereals, later building cement mills, a bone grinding mill and a bakehouse on the site. Isaac married Ann Coleby in 1819 and they had seven children, of whom Frederic Isaac (1823-1912), George (1825-1900), Francis (1827-1917) and James (1833-1924) were later involved in Reckitt & Sons. The milling business did not fare well and was closed down in 1835. Isaac had left the partnership in 1833 and moved to Nottingham to work as a corn factor. This venture was also unsuccessful and in 1840 Isaac and his family moved to Hull, where he bought an existing starch works situated to the east of Sutton Drain, along what is now Dansom Lane. His sons George, Francis and James were brought into the business firstly as commercial travellers during the 1840s. George was made a partner in 1848 and around this time, the company began to diversify its products, the most important developments being the manufacture of laundry blue and black lead in the early 1850s. The company became known as Isaac Reckitt & Sons from 1852, when Francis became a partner. When Isaac Reckitt died in 1862, he left the business to his sons George, Francis and James (who was by then also a partner). James Reckitt and Thomas R Ferens were the driving forces behind the development of an international pharmaceuticals business during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The company lost its connection with the Reckitt family in 1970, when Basil Reckitt, great grandson of Isaac Reckitt and a Director from 1937, retired as Chairman and from the Board.

Publication note:

D Chapman-Huston, *Sir James Reckitt: a memoir* (Faber & Gwyer, 1927)
BN Reckitt, *The history of Reckitt and Sons Ltd.* (A Brown, 1951)

Repository: Brynmor Jones Library, University of Hull (GB 0050)

Reference codes: DRA/617-629

Dates of creation: 1818-1855

Extent: 13 items

Finding aids: printed and online catalogues

NRA code: 10731

Access: open

Content and scope:

Cash books of Isaac Reckitt, 1818-1839, including flour accounts, 1833-1836

Account books of Isaac Reckitt, for bone, flour, wheat, sack, mill in Boston and shop in Nottingham, 1830-1840, 1850-1855

Ledgers of Isaac Reckitt, as wool merchant in Boston and corn factor in Nottingham, 1830-1840

Stockbroking ledger of George Reckitt, 1845-1847

Related material in repository:

Publications issued by Reckitt & Colman

Related material in other repositories:

Records of Reckitt Benckiser, Reckitt's Heritage

2.1.5 ROWNTREE & CO. LTD. (1862-1969)

Historical note:

In 1860, Henry Isaac Rowntree (1838-1883) went to work for Tuke & Co., tea dealers, and chocolate and cocoa manufacturers in Castlegate, York. The firm was under the management of Henry Hipsley, following the death of Samuel Tuke. In 1862, Henry Isaac bought the cocoa, chocolate and chicory workshop from Tuke & Co. and set up an independent business. He acquired larger premises in Tanner's Moat, employing a small workforce to produce about 12 cwt. of cocoa a week. This was sold under the name of Tuke's Superior Rock Cocoa, later Rowntree's Prize Medal Rock Cocoa, but despite its popularity in York, sales were not sufficient to prevent the firm running into financial difficulties. Henry Isaac's brother Joseph (1836-1925) joined as a partner in 1869, bringing his capital and his book-keeping skills. Under the name of Henry Isaac Rowntree & Co., the firm began to expand its product range, and improve its financial position. For example, with the arrival of Claude Gaget in 1879, the firm began to manufacture pastilles and gums. The death of Henry Isaac in 1883 left Joseph in sole ownership and a new generation of Rowntrees joined the company. A major development, following from the work of Cornelius Hollander in the mid-1880s, was mastery of the 'Van Houten' process in the manufacture of cocoa butter and cocoa powder. The result was Rowntree's Elect Cocoa, a product so successful that in 1892, a new factory was opened on a 29-acre site on Haxby Road to cope with the expansion of trade.

During this period, what had been a small family concern developed into a large modern company, with an impact on relations between the paternalist Rowntree management and its workforce. By 1894 the number of employees had grown to around 900 and their work was organised into production departments, offices and other supporting functions. To oversee the large numbers of young women and girls employed, a lady welfare officer was appointed. The company also introduced a sales team and began to advertise their products. In 1897 Rowntree & Co. was incorporated as a public limited company, the first directors being John Wilhelm Rowntree, Benjamin Seebohm Rowntree, Arnold Stephenson Rowntree, Francis Henry Rowntree, and John Bowes Morrell, and the Chairman Joseph Rowntree. John Wilhelm retired through ill-health in 1899, but his brother Seebohm was the first Labour Director and succeeded his father as Chairman in 1923. Arnold Stephenson took charge of sales and advertising, whilst JB Morrell became responsible for purchasing raw materials. Theodore Hotham Rowntree was appointed the first Company Secretary and TH Appleton the Factory Manager. These developments

coincided with a doubling of cocoa consumption and the result was increased sales and profits.

After 1897 industrial welfare schemes were implemented in systematic fashion. They included: an expansion of the number of welfare supervisors, the launch of the *Cocoa Works Magazine* in 1902, a suggestions scheme, a company doctor, savings banks, a medical club, a sick and funeral society (and later sick pay), numerous social clubs, the building of the model village at New Earswick in 1903, the creation of three trusts, the Joseph Rowntree Village Trust, the Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust and the Joseph Rowntree Social Service Trust, a pension scheme, company schools for employees under 17 years of age, an unemployment insurance fund and a profit-sharing scheme. Works councils were introduced at departmental level in 1916, followed by a Central Works Council in 1918.

The company was restructured in the 1920s into Finance, Technical, Production, Labour and Distribution Divisions, each under the control of a director. During this period the company began to engage both in product development and marketing in a systematic way. This was in face of intense competition from other chocolate manufacturers and the wider economic crisis. The mass market for cocoa was in decline and Rowntrees was compelled to place greater emphasis on the development and promotion of its chocolate bars. The decision was also taken to appoint directors on merit, rather than on purely family connections. During the 1930s a number of famous Rowntree brands were developed, including *Black Magic*, *Aero* and *Kit Kat*. The grocery side of the business did not expand until several decades later, by the acquisition of subsidiary companies such as Creamola and the formation of a Grocery Division in the late 1960s. A merger with the confectionery manufacturers John Mackintosh & Sons was completed in 1969. The firm traded under the name of Rowntree Mackintosh until its takeover by the Swiss food giant, Nestlé, in 1988.

Publication note:

J Burg, *A guide to the Rowntree and Mackintosh company archives 1862-1969* (University of York, 1997)

A Vernon, *A Quaker businessman: the life of Joseph Rowntree 1836-1925* (Sessions, 1982)

G Wagner, *The chocolate conscience* (Chatto & Windus, 1987)

R Fitzgerald, *Rowntree and the marketing revolution 1862-1969* (Cambridge University Press, 1995)

Repository: Borthwick Institute of Historical Research, University of York (GB 0193)

Reference codes: HIR; R

Dates of creation: 1649-1989

Extent: 250 linear metres

Finding aids: published guide

NRA code: 40101

Access: 30 year closure period; items marked 'Z' in guide closed for 70 years

Content and scope:

This is a very large archive and only significant record series and items have been picked out here. The arrangement follows that of the published guide, which gives much fuller detail.

Henry Isaac Rowntree & Co.

Papers of partners:

Memoranda and letter books of HI, Joseph and BS Rowntree, c.1869-1904

Legal papers:

Agreements for letting and selling land, 1876-1896

Papers re case of Cornelius Hollander v. HI Rowntree & Co., 1886-1894

Property:

Land and buildings ledger, 1869-1947

Statement of machinery and fixtures, 1892-1897

Accounts:

Account book of HI Rowntree, 1859-1878

Balance sheets, 1869-1890

Nominal ledger and private ledgers, 1888-1908

Costings and mixings books, 1870-1920

Sales accounts and statistics, 1869-1911

Stock books, 1862-1898

Purchasing:

Notebooks and correspondence re purchase of ingredients, 1886-1904

Notebook and ledgers re purchase of fancy boxes, 1889-1894

Production:

Production statistics and notes, c.1890-1908

Mixings and experiments books, 1877-1900

Employment and wages:

Staff record book/salaries book for clerks, c.1857-1894

Wages books, 1884-1889

Sales and advertising:

Travelling staff register, register of customers and reports, daily logs, and sales and commission records, 1883-1925

Price lists, 1890-1896

Guard books of designs for packaging and advertising material, including samples from other firms, c.1878-1910

Advertising leaflets and circulars, c.1870-1894

Miscellaneous:

Accounts of Cocoa Works Library, 1884-1891

Minutes of Cocoa Works Institute General Committee, 1895-1897

Minutes of Cocoa Works Literary and Debating Society, 1884-1885

Price lists for tea, coffee and cocoa, Tuke & Co., 1785 & 1819

Rowntree & Co.

Corporate records:

Memoranda and articles of association, with amendments, 1897-1971
Annual reports and accounts, 1929-1960

Board of Directors:

NB Minutes and papers remain in the custody of Nestlé UK

Minutes of Chairman's Weekly Conference, 1922-1923

Minutes of Directors' and Managers' Conference, 1917-1922

Minutes of Organisation Committee, 1923-1931, 1966-1969, with index, 1957-1961

Correspondence and papers of various chairmen/deputy chairmen, including Joseph Rowntree, BS Rowntree, William Wallace, Lloyd Owen and Donald Barron, 1898-1969

Correspondence and papers of various directors, including Theodore Rowntree, BS Rowntree, Arnold S Rowntree, JB Morrell, Oscar Frederick Rowntree, TH Appleton, George Harris, F Spink and William Wallace, 1892-1963
Minutes of Board Committees, including Finance, Wages and Employment, Management, Engineering, Building and Estates, Advertising and Sales, and Economy, 1911-1930

Trust deeds, reports and other papers re Pension Fund, Widows' Benefit Fund and Invalidity Fund, 1906-1979

Minutes of York Board, 1957-1970

Headquarters Division, Registrar:

Share transfer register, certificate books, notices of meetings and resolutions, and company seal book, 1897-1974

Title deeds and agreements, mainly for property in Britain and overseas, 1649-1975

Employment agreements, 1897-1953

Patents, with specifications and drawings, 1909-1925

Royal warrants, 1897-1966

Headquarters Division, Company Secretary:

Secretary's private papers, 1897-1924

Files re licenses and royalties, 1936-1959

Subject files, mainly re subsidiary/associated companies, 1954-1974

Multi-Firm Agreements between Rowntree & Co., Cadbury Bros., JS Fry & Sons, Joseph Terry & Sons Ltd., Nestlé's Milk Products Ltd., and others, 1906-1960, and files re end of agreements, 1948-1961

Minutes of Cheltenham Conference/Cocoa Firms Conferences, 1917-1960

Files re retail price maintenance in chocolate and sugar confectionery business, 1956-1968

Headquarters Division, Company Solicitor:

Correspondence and papers re formation of Rowntree & Co., 1896-1897

Correspondence re company pension scheme, 1905-1907

Headquarters Division, Organisation Office:

Papers re establishment of standing orders for each function and department, 1918-1934 & 1965

Cocoa Works Bulletin, 1923-1969

Headquarters Division, Business and Economic Research:

Research papers, mainly of William Wallace re profit sharing, 1919-1956

Headquarters Division, Staff Office:

Salaries analysis books, 1910-1967

Records of staff numbers by department, 1924-1950

Register of all male employees aged 16-41, 1916-1918

Index of salaried staff on National Service, 1939-1945

Travelling staff perpetual registers, 1913-1944

Office staff record books, 1904-1922, and lists of office staff engaged, 1922-1948

Finance Division, Accounts Department:

Profit and loss account, balance sheet and trading account, and annual accounts, annotated by Chief Accountant, 1896-1960

Correspondence and working papers of Chief Accountant, 1920-1959

Directors' salaries, 1920-1968

Working papers for Board of Trade census of production, 1954-1958

Weekly returns, 1897-1967

Cash books, 1916-1921, 1940, 1964-1967

Journals, 1925-1939, 1960-1967

Ledgers, including private ledgers, 1908-1974

Building and machinery capital and maintenance accounts, [1890]-1978

Ledger balance for ingredients, 1899-1933

Departmental accounts, 1910-1962

Sales ledgers for depots and travellers, 1902-1904

Stock books, mainly for ingredients, 1897-1965

Finance Division, Cashiers and Wage Paying Department:

Attendance registers for clerks, 1908-1919

Overtime record, 1898-1901

Marriage Allowance book, 1911-1958

Finance Division, Costing Department:

Cost books and costings, mainly for creams, gums and almond products, 1897-1921

Expenditure charts, 1935-1964

Finance Division, Wage Statistics Department:

Weekly figures, 1913-1919, with analysis of weekly wages, 1905-1933

Record of male and female employees under each grade, 1935-1951

Finance Division, Sales Statistics Department:

Graph of total annual sales, 1897-1960

Yearly records of sales, 1870-1889, compiled c.1954-1965

Finance Division, Purchasing Function:

Annual and general reports, 1919-1938

Correspondence, reports, statistics and notebooks of Purchasing Director, 1895-1957

Purchase books and other records of purchase of ingredients, 1927-1967

Maps, with related deeds and papers, for estates in West Indies, 1898-1921

Technical Division, Estate Department:
Maps, including of the factory estate, 1909-1960

Technical Division, Building Department:
Plans, mainly of buildings on factory site, and other papers, 1894-1972

Technical Division, Drawing Office:
Registers of machine drawings, patterns and engineering drawings, 1896-1981, and of copies or sketches sent to departments or other firms, 1897-1910

Technical Division, Chemical Department:
Notes re manufacture of chocolate, 1904-1915
Papers re milk culture experiments, and diaries of milk deliveries, 1936-1940
Notes on history of department, [1896-1946]

Technical Division, Research Group:
Memoranda on machine covering section of Cream Department, sugar and cocoa imports, 1919-1940
Minutes and reports of Gum Research Committee, Cream Department Research Group and Milk Chocolate Sub Committee, 1923-1940

Production Division, Factory Manager:
Private files, 1904-1923
Papers re employees, including Factory Act, wages memoranda and deputations and trade union matters, c.1901-1933
Register and other records re registration of trade marks, c.1893-1971
Correspondence re contacts with other firms within industry, 1893-1919

Production Division, Production Director:
Fruit and gum notes of OF Rowntree, c.1897-1906

Production Division, Factory Planning Department:
Minutes of Planning Advisory Department and records re creation of Central Planning Department, 1920-1936
Annual reports, 1920-1967
Management organisation charts, [1930]-1970

Production Division, Fruit Department:
Private notebook of S Knight, 1899-1914

Production Division, Cake Department:
Minutes, notes and memoranda, customers' complaints book, and other records, 1898-1961

Production Division, Almond Department:
Recipe book for almond paste and departmental suggestions book, c.1909, 1918-1923

Production Division, Cream Department:
Conference minutes, reports re new developments, notes re Melangeur Department, suggestions books and other records, 1918-1962
Annual reports, weekly bulletins and other records of Cream Manufacturing Department, 1923-1949

Production Division, Gum Department:
Annual reports, 1929-1931
Minutes and reports of Substitution Committee, and of departmental conferences, 1914-1936
Correspondence and report books of Departmental Manager, 1899-1948
Wage cost statistics books, 1925-1930
Mixing books and notebooks, 1899-1941
Record of output, 1926-1928
Staff registers, 1900-1929

Production Division, Box Mills and Saw Mill:
Working accounts, 1920-1933, 1955-1962
Wages books, 1899-1927

Production Division, Design Department:
Guard book for box and lid covers, c.1900-1906

Labour Division, Labour Director and Manager:
Monthly reports to directors, 1902-1907
Minutes of Social Conference, DS Crichton Committee and Men's Committee, 1907-1911
Annual reports, 1924-1939
Returns for Board of Trade Wages and Hours Inquiry, 1906
Wages and conditions of employment handbook, c.1905-1914
Works rules, with drafts and related papers, 1921-1953

Labour Division, Women's Employment Department:
Register of female leavers, 1912-1916

Labour Division, Wages Section:
Wages reports, 1913-1931, 1937-1941

Labour Division, Psychological Department:
Reports of research amongst employees in the Enrober room, 1930

Labour Division, Education Department and schools:
Education programmes for Cocoa Works, 1922/3-1965/6
Boys' school log book, 1911-1915
Girls' day continuation school annual accounts, 1924/5-1953/4

Labour Division, Pensions Section:
Private ledger for Pension Fund and Widows' Benefit Fund, 1905-1945

Cocoa Works Magazine, 1906-1969

Works Councils and other associations:
Constitution and minutes of Central Works Councils, 1919-1960
Memorandum to employees re creation of Works Councils, with notes on their history, 1916-1919
Minutes of Sub Committees on Charitable Institutions, Invalidity and Profit Sharing, 1920-1960
Annual reports of Appeals Committee, 1922-1993
Minutes of Departmental Works Councils, including Almond Paste, Cream Manufacturing, Cream Packing, Chocolate Packing, Saw mill, Packing and Store, and Traffic Departments, 1917-1971

Constitutions and rules of staff associations and friendly societies, 1920-1978

Distribution Division, Marketing Function:

Cheltenham and other multi-firm agreements, with related minutes, correspondence and other papers, 1921-1960

Price list books, 1896-1959

Distribution Division, Marketing Managers:

Correspondence and other papers of Marketing Managers for Chocolate and Confectionery, Chocolate Assortments, Grocery, and Gums and Pastilles, 1925-1970

Distribution Division, Consumer Testing Department:

Reports of tests, 1936-1951

Distribution Division, Sales Planning Department:

Correspondence and other papers of SE Patrick, Sales Planning Assistant, Sales Planning Manager and Multi-Firm Secretary, 1935-1963

Distribution Division, Home Sales Manager:

Correspondence and other papers re multi-firm agreements and travellers, including travellers registers, 1897-1968

Distribution Division, Export Manager:

Directory of agency agreements, c.1930-1963

Distribution Division, Advertising Manager:

Annual reports, including for Elect Cocoa, 1895-1960

Original filing system, with index, c.1898-1924

Records of *Distribution Division, Transport Manager/Office, Despatch Department and Railway Department*, 1891-1966

Ephemera:

Price lists and illustrated catalogues, 1897-1989

Photographs and negatives, many for use in *Cocoa Works Magazine*, c.1880-1980

Published and unpublished reference material formerly held by the Technical Library

Related material in repository:

Records of John Mackintosh & Sons Ltd., and numerous associated companies

Papers of Benjamin Seebohm Rowntree and of Tuke family

Related material in other repositories:

Papers of William Wallace, Joseph Rowntree II, Benjamin Seebohm Rowntree, and several other family members, Joseph Rowntree Foundation Library

2.1.6 THE RETREAT, YORK (1796 to date)

Historical note:

The idea for establishing an institution to care for and treat those members of the Society of Friends afflicted by mental illness was first

discussed within the Tuke family, following the death of a Friend, Hannah Mills, in York Asylum in April 1790. William Tuke (1732-1822) presented this concern to Friends, and after meeting initial incomprehension and opposition, finally in June 1792, Yorkshire Quarterly Meeting resolved to support and carry through the project. William Tuke circulated Friends Meetings throughout the country for subscriptions to fund the purchase of land on the outskirts of York, near Heslington, and the building of a 'retired habitation' to accommodate 30 people. The original subscribers included Lindley Murray, William Maud, William Tuke and his son Henry, John Fothergill, John Hustler, members of the Priestman family, William Rowntree and George Mennell. The name of the Retreat was suggested by Mary Maria Tuke, wife of Henry, and the institution, designed by John Bevans, opened for patients in June 1796.

The Retreat was governed, on the Quaker model, by a General Meeting of subscribers, who appointed the treasurer, directors and a committee of management. It was dependent for financial support from the Quaker community well into the 19th century. Dr Thomas Fowler became the first non-resident physician, and continued in this role until his death in 1801. George Jepson took up the post of superintendent in mid 1797 and Catherine Allen was appointed matron; both retired in 1823. Both William Tuke and George Jepson believed not only that patients should be treated humanely, but also that many were capable of recovery. The hallmark of the early years of the Retreat was the rejection of the conventional practice of controlling patients through fear, restraint and physical force. The Retreat employed instead moral treatment, based on a therapeutic environment, occupational therapy and the recreation of a domestic, family setting.

In 1813, Samuel Tuke, William's grandson, published a *Description of the Retreat*, with the aim of publicising its work and encouraging the reform of other asylums. A public debate about the state of York Asylum ensued in the local press, and following an investigation into alleged maltreatment, reforms were implemented and several attendants dismissed. More widely, a parliamentary inquiry investigated abuses in mental hospitals throughout the country during 1815-1817.

As the numbers of patients at the Retreat grew, the close-knit relationships between the patients and their therapists weakened. The first non-Friends were admitted in 1818 and outnumbered Quaker patients by 1902. John Kitching, superintendent from 1849 to 1874, relied increasingly on medical treatment and more direct forms of control and discipline. An indication of the eclipse of lay therapists was the appointment in 1838 of Dr John Thurnam as the first resident medical officer. By the end of century, a whole medical hierarchy was in place, with attendants transformed into professional mental nurses and the Retreat viewed as a hospital by those who worked there. By its

centenary year in 1896 the Retreat had acquired a considerable reputation and influenced the establishment of a number of asylums on progressive lines in Britain and overseas. It is still in existence on its original site.

Publication note:

S Tuke, *Description of the Retreat: an institution near York, for insane persons of the Society of Friends* (W Alexander, 1813)

A sketch of the origin, progress and present state of the Retreat (W Alexander, 1828)

DH Tuke, *Reform in the treatment of the insane: early history of the Retreat, York, its objects and influence* (J&A Churchill, 1892)

HC Hunt, *A retired habitation: a history of the Retreat, York* (Lewis, 1932)

WK & EM Sessions, *The Tukes of York* (Sessions, 1971), pp.55-69

MR Glover, *The Retreat, York: an early Quaker experiment in the treatment of mental illness* (Sessions, 1984)

A Digby, *Madness, morality and medicine: a study of the York Retreat 1796-1914* (Cambridge University Press, 1985)

KA Stewart, *The York Retreat in the light of the Quaker way* (Sessions, 1992)

Repository: Borthwick Institute of Historical Research, University of York (GB 0193)

Reference codes: RET

Dates of creation: 1792-1965

Extent: 100,000+ items

Finding aids: cataloguing in progress

NRA code: 37723

Access: closure periods of 75 years for staff records, 100 years for patient records and 30 years for most other records

Content and scope:

NB A project began in 2002 to complete the cataloguing of this archive; this entry summarises the information available at the time of going to print.

Minutes, annual reports, rules and general material:

Directors minutes, 1792 – 1916; rough minutes, 1792 - 1928

Committee minutes, 1796 – 1937; rough minutes, 1813 - 1925

Monthly medical reports of patients, 1838 - 1912
Superintendent's monthly reports re administration and staff, 1847 - 1912

Secretary's memorandum book, 1878 - 1892

Printed annual reports, 1796 - 1950 (with gaps)

Printed and ms. rules and regulations, 1827-1932

Appeals and addresses, 1792 – 1955, including printed reports of Friends' meetings to discuss setting up the Retreat

Prospectuses, information and instructions, 1847 - 1954

Published descriptions and accounts of the Retreat's work, 1813 - 1846

Papers and transcriptions of documents by HC Hunt

Reminiscences and articles about the Retreat, 1892 - 1965

Photographs, including of the Retreat, its staff and the Tuke family, late 19th century - 1919

Correspondence and papers:

Superintendent's out-letter books, 1890 - 1920

Secretary's out-letter books, 1876 - 1917

Treasurer's out-letter book, 1893 - 1909

Steward's out-letter books, 1908 - 1916

Superintendent's journal of correspondence, 1842 - 1868

General incoming (later incoming and outgoing) correspondence files re patients and administration, 1796 - 1932

Bound volumes of incoming correspondence re patients and administration, 1877 - 1898

Correspondence and subject files, 1860s - 1946

Correspondence, circulars and tracts mainly from the Commissioners in Lunacy (later Board of Control), 1840s - 1890s & 1907 - 1921

Visitor report books:

Committee visitors report books, 1815 - 1902

Female visitors report books, 1815 - 1880

General visitors report books, 1798 - 1861

Commissioners in Lunacy visitors report book, 1846 - 1899

Financial records:

Subscriptions, donations, bequests and special funds, 1792 - 1937

Journals, 1793 - 1934

General ledgers, 1792 - 1878, 1905 - 1925

General cash books, 1792 - 1936

Secretary's cash books, 1853 - 1875

Cash analysis books, 1893 - 1920

Bank ledgers, 1920 - 1933

Trade ledgers, 1891 - 1920

Analysis of income and expenditure book, 1879 - 1908

Annual statements and balance sheets, 1843 - 1873

Waste books for household expenses, 1796 - 1844

Household cash books, 1798 - 1883

Stock and housekeeping account book, 1824 - 1837

Carpenter's shop account book, 1857 - 1875

Household account books of Joseph Quarton, Secretary and House Steward, 1873 - 1878

Valuations of farm stock, provisions, tools etc. on Retreat farm and garden, 1814 & 1874

Wages account books, 1828 - 1879

Salaries and wages books, 1914 - 1937 & 1909 - 1919

Summary salaries and wages books, 1891 - 1919

Nurses' wages book, 1922 - 1923

Insurance records, 1817 - 1949

Pensions and annuities records, 19th century - 1955

Patients fees and accounts, 1796 – 1923, including Benevolent Fund records

Establishment records:

Establishment rules and regulations, 1842 - 1936

Applications, papers and correspondence re staff appointments, 1801 - 1940

Correspondence and papers re staff, 19th century - 1953
Staff agreement register and agreement forms, 1894 -1940
Staff service records, 1873 - 1946
Attendants' time books, 1851 - 1876
Minutes of Staff Councils for outside staff and male nurses, 1919 - 1924
Minutes, annual reports, nurses books, accounts and private nursing ledger, Trained Nurses Department, 1909 - 1944
Minutes and nursing receipt book, Male Nurses Department, 1912 - 1915

Housekeeping, furnishings and equipment records:

Inventories and lists, 1876 - mid 20th century
Records re food and diet, including menu books, daily consumption books, beer books and recipes and prescriptions, 1851 - 1946
Suppliers circulars and advertisements, 1850s - 1922

Land and buildings records:

Plans and drawings of the original building, successive alterations, grounds and other buildings, 1794 - 1940s
Papers re land and buildings, 1793 - c.1960

Retreat Annex and branch records:

Papers re sale of The Appendage, 1820 - 1822
Minutes and visitors reports, inventory and valuation, and sale papers, Millfield House, 1919 - 1928
Committee minutes, general correspondence files, Commissioners in Lunacy visitors book, lists of visitors, reports of visitors committee, account books and bills, and medical case files, Gainsborough House and Throxenby Hall, Scarborough, 1895-1924

Patients records:

Admission registers, 1796 - 1879
Register of cases, 1843 - 1849
Registry of Admissions Books/Registers of Patients, 1845 - 1906
Civil registers, 1907 - 1939, and medical registers, 1908-1930
Registers of voluntary boarders, 1891 - 1930
Registers of discharges, transfers and deaths, 1845 - 1930
Registers of certificates on admission, including admission forms and reception orders, 1796 - 1929
Case books, 1796 - c.1935
Medical journals and weekly report books, 1845 - 1890
Registers of mechanical restraint and seclusion, 1878 - 1933
Listings and statistics of patients, 1840s - 1911
Returns to Commissioners in Lunacy (later Board of Control), c.1845 - 1926
Reports on patients to Commissioners in Lunacy (later Board of Control), 1895 - 1927
Attendants' inspections of patients on admission, 1868 - 1871
Visiting physician's report book, 1828 - 1868
Notices of escaped patients, 19th century
Lists and annual reports of patients' employment and occupation, 1851 - 1875

Medical certificates of causes of death, 1840s
Records of post mortem examinations, 1870s - 1940
Ward report books, day and night, for males and females, 19th century - 1943
Letters and papers by or about patients, c.1800 - 1939
Correspondence files on patients, 1922 - 1932
Enquiries into places at the Retreat, 1922 - 1931

Other papers:

Papers re institutions and organisations in York and Yorkshire, 1809 - 1930s
Papers re institutions and organisations outside Yorkshire, 1796 - 1928
Papers re York Lunatic Asylum, 1788 - 1840, including correspondence of Samuel Tuke and vol. re 1813 controversy
Papers re Society of Friends, 1813 - 1929
Papers re individuals, including the Tukes, 1795 - 1958
Published material on the slave trade, 1806 - 1827
Medical articles and books, 1857 - 1956

1999 accession:

Papers of and about patients, 19th -early 20th century
Visitors report books, early - mid 20th century
ECT records, 1940s
Printed addresses to Retreat staff, pamphlets etc.
Continuation certificate register, 1930s-1960s
Registers of patients, early - mid 20th century
Papers re 150th anniversary of Retreat, 1946
Incoming letters, 1918 & 1940s
Steward's accounts, 1938-1939
Retreat magazine, *Harbour Lights*, 1930s onwards
Appeals and papers re nurses home, early - mid 20th century
Papers re air raid precautions and fire watching, 1940s
Correspondence re Throxenby Hall, early 20th century
Files re Millfield House, early 20th century
Annual reports, various dates
Correspondence files re staff, 1930s-1960s
Salaries, wages and pensions books, 1940s-1950s
Files on legacies
Minutes of Women's Nurses Council, 1919-1924
Minutes of Retreat committee and sub committees, 1938-1956

Related material in repository:

Papers of the Tuke family

2.2 PERSONAL PAPERS OF QUAKER FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUAL FRIENDS

2.2.1 ANN MERCY BELL (c.1706-1775)

Biographical note:

Ann Mercy Ellwood was born in London c.1706, the daughter of Martin and Ann Ellwood. In 1731 she married Nathaniel Bell (1703-1778), a schoolmaster and later bookseller and stationer, and they settled in York. Together they had six children, two of whom survived to adulthood, Nathaniel (b.1736) and Rachel (b.1740). Ann Mercy became a minister within the Society of Friends around the age of 40. She travelled throughout the country in this capacity, especially in London, the south and south west. She was noted for preaching to those of other denominations and in areas where Quaker Meetings had not been settled. She died on 30 December 1775, and was buried in the Friends burial ground in York.

Publication note:

A summary account of an extraordinary visit to this metropolis in the year 1753 by the ministry of Ann Mercy Bell (Joseph Phipps, 1754)
Entry in *Piety Promoted*, part 6 (William Phillips, 1812), pp.454-455
Entry in Dictionary of Quaker Biography

Repository: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)
Reference codes: MS 1981/2 (Clifford Street archive), I 10
Dates of creation: 1745-1786
Extent: 1 item
Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 75)
NRA code: 29651
Access: open

Content and scope:

Journal of travels in 1747 & 1752, part of itinerary for 1752 and travel notes, writings on various topics, printed account of visit to London in 1753, and correspondence, including with husband, 1747-1775

Related material in repository:

Quarterly Meeting testimonies to deceased ministers

2.2.2 FRED FLETCHER (1915-1993)

Biographical note:

Fred Fletcher was born on 5 January 1915 into a Presbyterian family. He trained as a teacher in Sheffield, where he joined the Student Christian Movement and first came into contact with the Society of Friends. At the beginning of the Second World War he registered as a conscientious objector and following his tribunal, was directed into landwork on the Cadbury estate near Birmingham. In 1941 he married his wife Dorothy and at the end of the war, returned to Sheffield to work in a market garden. The family moved to Hull in 1961, where he took up the post of Gardens Manager at the University of Hull, remaining there until his retirement in 1980. He then devoted his time to the study of Quaker and local history, and was also appointed Archivist to Pickering and Hull Monthly Meeting. He attained a Diploma in Local History Studies

from the University of Hull in 1980, the subject of his dissertation being early Quakerism in Hull during 1652 to 1709, and he subsequently began a BA (Hons) degree in Regional and Local History, also at Hull. His dissertation covered Quakerism in East Yorkshire from 1652 to 1952. Further research towards an M.Phil. was left incomplete by his death on 22 December 1993.

Publication note:

Fred Fletcher, *Quakers in Hull* (1985); *Friends in Beverley: a short history of a Quaker Meeting* (1986)

Repository: Brynmor Jones Library, University of Hull (GB 0050)
Reference codes: DFF; DFF(2)
Dates of creation: mainly 1970s-1990s
Extent: c.224 items
Finding aids: printed and online catalogues
NRA code: 38978
Access: open

Content and scope:

Subject files on Quakerism in the East Riding, including Beverley Friends Meeting, East Riding burial grounds and Meeting Houses, John Good, Hornsea Friends Meeting, occupations of Friends, Thomas Thompson of Skipsea, Staintondale Friends Meeting and William Norfolk, 1960s-1980s

Family history files, including biographies and family trees, for East Riding Quaker families, including the Dickinsons, Goods, Priestmans, Reckitts, Rowntrees, Stickneys and Storrs, 1970s-1990s

Research notes on a variety of aspects of Quakerism in Yorkshire, including Meeting Houses, burial grounds, Meetings and individual Friends, 1970s-1980s

Writings, including draft chapters and final versions of diploma dissertation, BA (Hons) dissertation and MPhil thesis, 1975-c.1989

Ts. lectures, including on the travels of George Fox in Yorkshire, Quakerism in the East Riding, and a variety of Quaker topics prepared for radio broadcasts, 1970s-1980s

Lists, indexes and photocopies of Quaker archives for the East Riding, including births, marriages and burials, membership, sufferings, occupations, disownments and removals, 1980s
Miscellaneous correspondence and papers, including copy of 'Quaker Meeting Houses in Thirsk Monthly Meeting, North Yorkshire' by David Butler and maps of George Fox's travels through Yorkshire, 1916-1992

Related material in repository:

Records of Pickering and Hull Monthly Meeting, its predecessors and constituent Preparative Meetings

Related material in other repositories:

Records of other East Riding Monthly Meetings and Preparative Meetings, East Riding of Yorkshire Archives Service

2.2.3 BENJAMIN HOLME (1682-1749)

Biographical note:

Benjamin Holme was born in November 1682 into a Quaker family in Penrith, Cumberland. He is credited with beginning to speak in the ministry at a very young age and when only 17, began his life as a travelling minister. He toured England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland, as well as visiting Quaker communities in Holland and south Germany. In 1715 he travelled to north America and the West Indies. He wrote frequent epistles addressed to Friends Meetings, to the inhabitants of the places he visited and particularly to young people. He lived in York from around 1706. His book, *A serious call* (1725), was widely circulated amongst Friends and reprinted many times during the 18th century. Benjamin died on 14 April 1749 in Swansea, on his way to attend the Yearly Meeting for Wales.

Publication note:

Benjamin Holme, *A tender invitation and call to all people* (1713); *A serious call in Christian love to all people* (1725); *An epistle of love, to the churches of Christ every where* (1732); *An epistle of tender counsel to parents, schoolmasters and schoolmistresses* (1749); *A collection of the epistles and works of Benjamin Holme* (Luke Hinde, 1753)

Entry in *Piety Promoted*, part 6 (William Phillips, 1812), pp.415-418

Entry in *Dictionary of National Biography*

Entry in *Dictionary of Quaker Biography*

Repository: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)

Reference codes: MS 1981/2 (Clifford Street archive), I 9

Dates of creation: 1699-1736

Extent: 1 item

Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 75)

NRA code: 29651

Access: open

Content and scope:

Contemporary ms. copies of epistles and testimonies, addressed to Friends Meetings and inhabitants of all the places he visited as a minister, as well as letters to individual Friends, including Boswell Middleton, Thomas Milner, William Gabb, Thomas Chalkley, Joseph Kirbridge, Joseph Holme, Peter and Mary Ashton, Jonathan White, Richard How, Benjamin Chapple, Mirrica Almanack [sic], Edward Medlicott and Isaac MacCartney, 1699-1736; a limited number of original epistles are included

Related material in repository:

Quarterly Meeting testimonies to deceased ministers

Related material in other repositories:

Other correspondence, LSF

2.2.4 ISAAC ROBSON (1800-1885)

Biographical note:

Isaac Robson was born on 2 October 1800 in Darlington, the son of Thomas Robson (1768-1852), grocer, and Elizabeth Stephenson (1771-1843). He was apprenticed to Richard Day of Saffron Walden to learn the grocery business. He moved to Liverpool around 1820 and entered business as a tea dealer. He married Sarah Wheeler (1799-1885), daughter of Joshua and Elizabeth Wheeler of Hitchin, in 1830. They had three children, Joshua Wheeler (1831-1917); Mary (b.1834); and Thomas (b.1836). In 1838, the family settled in Huddersfield and Isaac set up a bleaching and dyeing factory, later known as Isaac Robson & Sons, in Dalton. He was an advocate of temperance, and involved in the local Bible and peace societies, in tract distribution and in the management of the British and Infant Schools in Huddersfield. He also helped to promote Protestant education in Italy. He was a member of the town council in Huddersfield and also of the Board of Guardians. Isaac was recorded as a minister in the Society of Friends in 1844 and his overseas travels began with a visit to Ireland in 1847 with John Hodgkin (1800-1875). In 1864 he and Charles Fox (1797-1878) visited the Protestant communities of Italy, and in 1867 he travelled with Thomas Harvey (1812-1884) to Bavaria and southern Russia to meet members of the Mennonite communities. In the early 1870s, he helped to raise funds for Mennonite emigration to America. Isaac visited several Yearly Meetings in America around the same period, in the last of his major overseas journeys. For many years he regularly attended London Yearly Meeting and served as Yorkshire representative to Meeting for Sufferings. He died on 25 May 1885 in Dalton.

Publication note:

Isaac Robson, *Music and its influence* (1845); *Thoughts on Christian worship, and the usual mode of conducting it* (1858); with T Harvey, *The Mennonites of south Russia: their present situation in relation to their testimony against all war* (1872); with T Harvey, *Appeal on behalf of the emigrant Mennonites* (1875)

Obituary in *Annual Monitor*, 1886, p.126

Entry in *Dictionary of Quaker Biography*

Repository: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)

Reference codes: MS 1979/1 (Carlton Hill archive), PA 85

Dates of creation: 1845 & 1850

Extent: 2 items

Finding aids: printed catalogue (Handlist 99)

NRA code: 17118

Access: open

Content and scope:

Itinerary and diary for tours in Ireland and the west of England, 1847 & 1850

Related material in repository:

Records of Huddersfield Preparative Meeting

Related material in other repositories:

Other papers, LSF
Records of Isaac Robson & Sons, West Yorkshire Archive Service, Kirklees branch

2.2.5 HUGH MCGREGOR ROSS (1917 to date)

Biographical note:

Hugh McGregor Ross has a special interest in the work of George Fox, the founding father of the Society of Friends. He began his research after attending lectures given by Lewis Benson, an American Quaker, in 1974. Ross made notes on and transcriptions of Fox's writings and these form the bulk of this collection. The original manuscripts and printed editions of Fox's writings on which Ross worked are held at the Library of the Society of Friends. Researchers will find these papers of most use when used in conjunction with the originals - they are essentially finding and interpretative tools. Through his work Ross became involved with the New Foundation Fellowship, a group interested in the presentation of Fox's original gospel to modern Quakers. He produced a significant body of work for them, much of which was reproduced in typescript booklets. To commemorate the tercentenary of Fox's death in 1991, Ross edited a selection of Fox's writings.

Publication note:

Hugh McGregor Ross, *George Fox speaks for himself* (Sessions, 1991)

Repository: Brynmor Jones Library, University of Hull (GB 0050)

Reference codes: DRO/1-46

Dates of creation: 1958-2002

Extent: 46 items

Finding aids: printed and online catalogues

NRA code: none

Access: open; photocopies may be obtained

Content and scope:

Ts. introduction to the collection, with detailed lists of files, booklets and books donated, and bibliography for study of Fox, 1998 & 2002

Transcripts of lectures by Lewis Benson, 1958 & 1975-1976

Indexes to Lewis Benson's 'Fox file', compiled by Arthur Windsor, 1976

Research notes, working papers, precis and commentary on George Fox's writings, including on the Annual Catalogue and the manuscripts bound up with it, 1975-1977

Drafts, master copies and duplicates of articles and leaflets about Fox's teachings, including editions of his writings, prepared by Hugh McGregor Ross, 1976-1978

Working papers for publication of *George Fox speaks for himself* (1991), 1990

Miscellaneous files, including a Fox anthology by Rex Ambler, 1978-1998

Newsletters, details of meetings and notices of annual meetings of New Foundation Fellowship, 1974-1999

Related material in repository:

Books donated by Hugh McGregor Ross, principally editions of works of George Fox

Related material in other repositories:

Papers of George Fox and Swarthmore collection, LSF

2.2.6 BENJAMIN SEEBOHM ROWNTREE (1871-1954)

Biographical note:

Born on 7 July 1871 in York, Benjamin Seebohm Rowntree was the son of Joseph Rowntree (1836-1925) and his second wife Emma Antoinette Seebohm (1846-1924). After attending Bootham School, he studied chemistry at Owen's College, Manchester University and joined the family cocoa business in 1889. He married Lydia Potter (1869-1944) of Middlesbrough in 1897 and they had five children: Joseph Seebohm (b.1898); Mary (b.1900); Peter (b.1904); Philip (b.1907); and Julian (b.1911). Seebohm was one of the original directors of Rowntree & Co. and he took responsibility for the new Labour Department. Various progressive reforms of working practices were implemented on his initiative, such as an eight hour day (from 1896), the company pension scheme and works councils. Seebohm succeeded his father as chairman of the company in 1923, retiring in 1941. His main interests however lay beyond the factory, in the wider area of industrial management and sociological research. In 1901 he published his first major work, *Poverty: a study of town life*, based on survey work in York, and this was followed up in 1941 and 1951. He investigated a variety of other social problems, such as unemployment, housing, and the welfare of industrial and agricultural workers. He was involved in the formation of the Industrial Welfare Society in 1918 and the National Institute of Industrial Psychology in 1921. He founded the Oxford conferences of employers, managers and foremen in 1920, and the Management Research Group in 1927. He was also a trustee of the Nuffield Fund for Distressed Areas from 1936 and chaired the Nuffield Committee on Old Age, 1944-46. He died on 7 October 1954 in High Wycombe, aged 83.

Publication note:

Benjamin Seebohm Rowntree, *Poverty: a study of town life* (Macmillan, 1901); *Betting and gambling: a national evil* (Macmillan, 1905); *Land and labour: lessons from Belgium* (Macmillan, 1910); with Bruno Lasker, *Unemployment: a social study* (Macmillan, 1911); with May Kendall, *How the labourer lives: a study of the rural labour problem* (Thomas Nelson, 1913); *The human needs of labour* (Thomas Nelson, 1919); *The human factor in business* (Longmans, 1921); *Society and human relations* (Olaf Hodgkin, 1924); *Poverty and progress: a second social survey of York* (Longmans, 1941); *Portrait of a city's housing: being the results of a detailed survey in the city of York 1935-9* (Faber & Faber, 1945); with GR Lavers, *Poverty and the welfare state: a third social survey of York* (Longmans, 1951); with GR Lavers, *English life and leisure: a social study* (Longmans, 1951)
Asa Briggs, *Social thought and social action: a study of the work of Benjamin Seebohm Rowntree* (Longmans, 1961)
Entry in Dictionary of Quaker Biography
Entry in *Dictionary of National Biography*
Entry in *Dictionary of Business Biography*, 1985, vol.4, pp.961-964

Repository: Borthwick Institute of Historical Research, University of York (GB 0193)

Reference codes: ROWNTREE

Dates of creation: 1899-1955

Extent: c.322 items

Finding aids: printed catalogue

NRA code: 36650

Access: open

Content and scope:

Articles:

Files of articles on town planning, housing and rents; old age; Liberal Party; religion; national and social problems; industry, including personnel relations and labour problems, industrial welfare, and unemployment; other countries; book reviews, 1912-1953

Betting and gambling:

Reports, accounts, agenda, minutes, memoranda and papers on various subjects, National Anti - Gambling League, 1907-1947

Articles of association, reports, minutes and correspondence, National League for Education against Gambling, 1945-1950

Correspondence with Churches' Committee on Gambling, 1938-1954

Reports of, and evidence submitted to, Royal Commissions on Lotteries and Betting, 1932 & 1951, 1932-1951

Ts. text of 'Mass gambling' survey, compiled by Mass Observation Survey for National League for Education against Gambling, 1947, with related papers, 1946-1948

Lectures and addresses:

Files of lectures on industry, including industrial policy, wages, welfare, psychology, working conditions, labour problems and co-partnership; Christianity, industry and social problems; national affairs and social questions, including

unemployment, wages policy, rural problems, poverty and family allowances, housing and town and country planning, old age, leisure, war and post-war problems, drink, betting and gambling; politics; other countries, 1899-1955

Leisure time enquiry:

Questionnaires, correspondence and general files, 1945-1949

Files on the cinema and film survey, 1946-1950

Files on communist activity, including enquiry into communism in South Wales, 1946-1948

Files on cultural activities in rural and urban areas, 1939-1950

File on dancing survey, 1950

Files on dishonesty, leisure in other countries, holidays, sexual immorality, smoking, social workers, theatre, National Amenities Council, gardening and York, 1931-1953

Files on education of children, adolescents and adults, 1938-1950

Files on gambling, 1946-1949

Files on High Wycombe investigation, including correspondence, reports of interviews and questionnaires, 1946-1950

Files on reading habits, 1944-1950

Files on religion, including church activities, Oxford Group, Sunday schools, Church Army, York Church Census 1947-48, High Wycombe Church Census 1947, broadcasting and decline in religious faith, 1933-1952

Files on youth, including Guides and Scouts, social clubs and other recreation, 1934-1949

File of 700 reports of interviews conducted for *English life and leisure* (1951), 1947-1948; with files of related aides-memoire

File on York survey, 1947-1948

Management Research Group:

Agenda, aims and bulletin of MRG 1, 1937-1945

Agenda and minutes, reports and accounts, and bulletin of MRGs 2-8, 1941-1953

Money, banking and fiscal policy:

Files on domestic and international aspects, national debt, gold, savings, social credit scheme and cost of living, 1914-1947

Nuffield Foundation Survey Committee on the Problems of Ageing and the Care of Old People:

Local reports for Merseyside, Lutterworth, Wolverhampton, Oldham, Oxford, Glasgow and Cambridgeshire, 1945

Reports and questionnaire responses from other countries, 1945-1947

Correspondence and general files, 1944-1947

Nuffield Trust for Special Areas:

Foundation deed, minutes, reports and correspondence, 1936-1954

Planning:

Files on the cases for and against planning, 1938-1945

Reports prepared for, and minutes and notes of, Liberal Reconstruction Committee, 1938-1943

Political:

Files on proportional representation, the Labour Party etc., 1934-1947

Poverty:

Survey schedules for York poverty investigation, 1950

Files on United Nations Conference on Food and Agriculture, Hot Springs, Virginia, 1943, and Lady Rhys Williams' scheme on family allowances, 1943-1944

Correspondence re publication of *Poverty and the welfare state* (1951), 1951-1952

Correspondence re secondary poverty investigation, York, 1951-1952

Poverty and Progress (1941):

Schedule of work, no date

Completed survey data sheets and survey photographs

Files on family budgets, including weekly family budget books and statistical analysis

Reports on specific housing estates, overcrowding, almshouses, and housing generally, 1935-1946

Working tables on wages for classes A to E, [1935]; with tables and papers on relationship of rent to wages

Analysis of incomes and papers on family allowances, rents, birth rates and census data for 1911 & 1931, [1940]

File on working class diets, 1936-1943

File on cases of poverty in classes A & B, [1935]

Files on slum clearance, including specific cases in York, 1933-1938

Interim report to Joseph Rowntree Voluntary Trust on leisure time activities in York, 1936

Files on recreation, national insurance and life insurance, savings, social clubs, friendly societies, illegitimacy, libraries, shops and Sunday trading, bus and rail travel and civil registration, 1930s

Religious lectures and addresses:

Files of lectures delivered to schools, adult schools, Friends Meetings etc., 1901-1952

Social and community services:

Files on old age, health services, national insurance and social centres, 1935-1952

Spiritual life of the nation:

Correspondence and memoranda re enquiry, 1940-1953

Temperance:

Correspondence and published material, 1912-1954

Trade union enquiries, 1933-35 & 1948-50:

Correspondence and reports of interviews on unions in the railway, printing, shipbuilding and furniture industries, 1919-1934

Correspondence and minutes of committee meetings, 1948-1950

Unemployment:

Survey data

Files on youth unemployment, unemployment insurance, schemes for dealing with unemployment, full employment and the depression, 1920-1954

Reports, memoranda and notes on schemes by AS Comyns Carr, Sir William Beveridge and EH Carr, 1941-1944

War on Want:

Correspondence, including re formation of War on Want, appeal letters, founder members, and letter to *The Times*, with some minutes, pamphlets and reports, 1951-1954

Miscellaneous:

Files on housing, crime, United Europe Movement, wages, vocational careers, Trade Boards, transport, war and peace, population, post-war reconstruction, retail trade, scientific and technological research etc., 1906-1953

Correspondence re investigation into position of coloured people, 1951-1952

Correspondence re Liquor Trade Council, 1951-1952

Correspondence with members of Executive Committee of NIIP, 1932-1940 & 1944-1947

Ms. and ts. drafts of Sunday evening addresses, with related papers, 1938-1948 & 1952-1953

Collection of pamphlets and books, many by Rowntree himself, 1902-1961

Related material in repository:

Records of Rowntree & Co.

Related material in other repositories:

Other papers, Joseph Rowntree Foundation Library

2.2.7 TUKE AND TUKE TAYLOR FAMILIES OF YORK (18th-20th centuries)

Biographical note:

The first member of the Tuke family to join the Society of Friends was William Tuke (c.1600-1669), a blacksmith who became freeman of the city of York in 1629. One of his children, also William (c.1660-1704), carried on his father's trade in Walmgate and became a freeman in 1683. Mary Tuke (1695-1752), William II's daughter by his second wife Rebecka, became the head of the household on her mother's death in 1723 and set up a grocery shop in Walmgate. This passed to William III (1732-1822), the son of Mary's brother Samuel, and from this developed Tuke & Co., tea merchants. The Tuke family were active in York within the Society of Friends, as philanthropists and in business until the mid to late 19th century. In the late 18th and early 19th centuries, the sons and daughters of William III, along with his second wife Esther Maud, were notable ministers within the Society. The family were variously involved in setting up and running the Retreat, a Quaker girls' school in Trinity Lane (the forerunner of The Mount School), Ackworth School, a Quaker boys' school (the forerunner of Bootham School), the Friends Provident Institution, and also owned the original chocolate and chicory workshop which Henry Isaac

Rowntree bought in 1862 and out of which developed Rowntree & Co. The Tuke Taylor branch of the family began with the marriage of William Murray Tuke's (1822-1903) daughter Emma Priscilla, to Douglas Day Taylor.

Publication note:

EE Taylor, 'The Tukes, tea dealers and reformers', in *FQE*, April 1946

WK & E Sessions, *The Tukes of York* (Sessions, 1971)

Repository: Borthwick Institute of Historical Research, University of York (GB 0193)

Reference codes: TUKE 1-157; TAY 1-212

Dates of creation: 1748-1954

Extent: 369 items

Finding aids: printed catalogues

NRA code: 14940; none

Access: open

Content and scope:

NB The following list is arranged by generations of the family.

Correspondence and writings of Tuke family and their relations:

Correspondence of William Tuke (1732-1822), including letters to future wife Esther Maud, son Henry Tuke and grandson Samuel Tuke, 1763-1815

Correspondence of Esther Tuke (1727-1794), including letters to son Henry Tuke and daughter-in-law Mary Maria Tuke, c.1763-1794

Correspondence of Henry Tuke (1755-1814), including letters to sister Sarah Grubb, the Copsie family, the Hack family, wife Mary Maria Tuke, daughter Esther Tuke, son Samuel Tuke, 1772-1814; writings, including reviews, articles, and drafts and published copies of books, with related correspondence, 1790-1813

Correspondence of Mary Maria Tuke (1748-1815), including letters to daughter Esther Tuke, son Samuel Tuke, husband Henry Tuke, mother Barbara Scott, sister Favilla Copsie, brother-in-law John Copsie and nephew Favill James Copsie, c.1778-1813; memoranda, mid 18th century

Correspondence of Barbara Scott (fl.1743-1799), mainly letters to daughter Mary Maria Tuke, 1778-1799

Correspondence of Favilla (fl.1778-1826) and John Copsie (pre 1800-1817), mainly letters to Favilla's sister Mary Maria Tuke and to their children Favill James and Barbara Ann Favilla Copsie, 1778-1826

Papers of the Copsie family, including probate copies of wills and papers re the Long estates at Wacton, 1751-1848

Correspondence of Sarah Grubb (1756-1790), including letters to Rebecca Jones, Tabitha Middleton, sister-in-law Mary Maria Tuke and brother Henry Tuke, and index of first lines of her letters, 1772-1790

Correspondence of Elizabeth Wheeler (1760-1826), including letters to stepmother Esther Tuke, brother Henry Tuke, nephew Samuel Tuke and his wife Priscilla, and Abraham Shackleton, 1785-1827

Correspondence of Ann Alexander (1767-1849), including letters to brother Henry Tuke and niece Esther Priestman, 1788-1848; memoranda book, 1804-1814

Correspondence and papers of William Henry Alexander (1799-1864), as his father's executor, 1841-1850

Correspondence of Mabel Hipsley (1770-1864), including letters to brother Henry Tuke, and nieces Esther Priestman and Maria Tuke, 1791-1864

Letters from John Hipsley (1775-1866), to his wife's niece Esther Priestman and her husband Thomas, 1804-1846

Correspondence of Samuel Tuke (1784-1857), including letters to sisters Maria Tuke and Esther Priestman, brother-in-law Thomas Priestman, sister-in-law Elizabeth Hack and the Hack family, son Henry Tuke, mother Mary Maria Tuke, wife Priscilla Tuke and cousin Favill James Copsie, 1798-1852; writings, including essays, articles and sermons, and several published works, c.1799-1900; papers about his work on various educational, welfare and civic committees, c.1835-1848

Correspondence of Priscilla Tuke (1785-1828), including letters to sister-in-law Esther Priestman and the Hack family, 1810-1826

Correspondence and schoolwork of William Tuke (1786-1799), 1797-1799

Correspondence of Esther Priestman (1783-1857), including letters to sister Maria Tuke, brother Samuel Tuke and sister-in-law Priscilla Tuke, c.1790-1854; executor's papers, 1857

Correspondence of Thomas Priestman (1769-1844), mainly letters to wife Esther, 1812-1840

Correspondence of Maria Tuke (1790-1848), including letters to sister Esther Priestman, brother Samuel Tuke and cousin Favill James Copsie, 1807-1848

Correspondence of Favill James Copsie (1788-1847), including letters to parents John and Favilla Copsie, cousin Samuel Tuke and cousin Esther Priestman, 1800-1847; diaries, personal papers and executor's papers, 1806-1850

Letters of Hannah Mennell (1811-1869) and her husband George to her parents Samuel and Priscilla Tuke, and brother Henry Tuke, 1816-1853

Correspondence of Henry Tuke (1813-1855), including letters to parents Samuel and Priscilla Tuke, and aunt Esther Priestman, c.1823-c.1855; letters to his family and descriptions of his European tours, 1840s

Correspondence of Maria Tylor (1814-1883), mainly letters to sister Priscilla Robson, 1815-1849

Correspondence of Guilielma Richardson (1818-1888), mainly letters to father Samuel Tuke, 1842-1846

Business letters of James Hack Tuke (1819-1896) to brother William Murray Tuke, 1843-1864; account book, 1850-1862; published memoir, 1899

Correspondence of William Murray Tuke (1822-1903), including letters to son William Favill Tuke, 1849-1900

Letters from Daniel Hack Tuke (1827-1895) to brother William Murray Tuke, 1859-1866; almanacks, 1823-1832

Correspondence of other Friends:

Letters of Isabel Casson (1777-1857) to Esther Priestman, 1802-1848

Business letters of John Casson (fl.1849-1871) to William Murray Tuke, 1849-1871

Letters of Ellen Cockin (1758-1841) to Esther Priestman and Maria Tuke, 1813-1837

Letters of Esther Boulton (nee Crewdson) (1784-post 1829) to Esther Priestman, 1815-1829

Letters of Martha Fletcher (1773-1854) to Esther Priestman, 1813-1824

Letters of Josiah Forster (1782-1870) to Esther Priestman, 1826-1856

Correspondence of Lindley (1745-1826) and Hannah Murray (pre 1767-1834), mainly letters to Samuel and Mary Maria Tuke, 1790-1833; executors' papers, 1795-1836

Miscellaneous:

Commonplace books of Lindley Murray, Esther Tuke, Henry Tuke, and unattributed, no dates

Genealogical papers, including family pedigrees
Maps, drawings, title deeds and other papers re properties in York, and Yorkshire generally, 1787-1901

Election literature in support of William Wilberforce, 1806-1807

Papers re York bridges and other local issues, 1809-1836

Photocopies of documents in the possession of AW Tuke, 1693-1831

Miniatures, paintings, prints, sketches and photographs of family members (both copies and originals), c.1780-1920s

Related material in repository:

Records of the Retreat and of Rowntree & Co.

Related material in other repositories:

Records of Ackworth School, held by the School and West Yorkshire Archive Service, Wakefield Headquarters

Records of The Mount School and of Bootham School, held by each School

Records of Friends Provident, held by the company

2.3 MEETING LIBRARIES AND QUAKER BOOK COLLECTIONS

Very few historic Meeting libraries have survived as discrete collections. With a few exceptions, such as the Leeds Friends Old Library, they have either been dispersed or become part of larger collections in university or public libraries.

2.3.1 BIRKBECK LIBRARY

Background note:

This Library was formed originally by Morris Birkbeck (1734-1816), who bequeathed the collection to Yorkshire Friends in 1811. Morris Birkbeck was born in Settle into a family of

Quaker woollen merchants and bankers. He later moved south and worked in the insurance business in London. He died in Guildford in 1816. His aim was to build a comprehensive collection of Quaker literature, comprising printed books by members of, and about, the Society of Friends. The intention was to mirror the library maintained by the Society in London, now at Friends House. The Birkbeck Library was housed at the Friends' Meeting House, Clifford Street, York from 1817, initially under the care of Samuel Tuke and William Alexander. Extensive additions to the collection were made soon after its transfer to York, including the existing Quarterly Meeting library (founded in 1776), but growth ceased after the mid-19th century. In 1981 Yorkshire General Meeting deposited the Library in the Special Collections Department of the Brotherton Library, at the University of Leeds. The books have been kept in the simple numerical order in which they were arranged by Friends. In 1985 the collection was extended by the addition of 17th and 18th century works from the historical library of the York Friends Meeting, as well as from donations from individual Friends and the Meeting in Huddersfield.

Publication note:

I Sharp, 'Morris Birkbeck', in *JFHS*, vol.8, 1911, pp.9-15

RS Mortimer, 'The Birkbeck Library, York', in *JFHS*, vol. 53, 1973, pp.152-164

Repository: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)

Reference codes: Birkbeck Library

Dates of creation: c.1650-c.1915

Extent: c.4500 items

Finding aids: printed and online catalogues

NRA code: none

Access: open

Content and scope:

Two thirds of the collection dates from the period 1650 to 1750. Well represented are the Quaker pamphlets and polemics of the late 17th century, journals and spiritual autobiographies of Friends from the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries, and bound volumes of tracts covering topics of discussion amongst mid-19th century Friends.

For the 17th century, works by the following are included: Thomas Aldam, William Ames, Richard Ashby, Christopher Atkinson, John Audland, Daniel Baker, Elizabeth Bathurst, Charles Bayly, William Bayly, William Bennit, Gervase Benson, William Brend, William Britton, John Burnyeat, Edward Burrough, John Camm, Thomas Camm, Samuel Cater, William Caton, Henry Clark, Josiah Coale, Edward Cook, Richard Crane, Stephen Crisp, John Crook, William Dewsbury, Anne Dowcra, Thomas Ellwood, Sebastian Ellythorp, Edmund Elys, Richard Farnsworth, Margaret Fell, John Field, Mary Fisher, Samuel Fisher, Mary Forster, George Fox, William Gibson, Thomas Goodaire, Thomas Green, Roger Hebden, John Higgins, Ellis Hookes, Elizabeth Hooton, Luke Howard, Francis

Howgill, Mary Howgill, Richard Hubberthorne, George Keith, Margaret Killam, Thomas Lawson, Charles Leslie, Patrick Livingstone, William Loddington, Martin Mason, John Moon, James Nayler, James Parke, Alexander Parker, James Parnell, Anthony Pearson, Edward Penington, Isaac Penington, John Penington, William Penn, John Perrot, Richard Richardson, Ambrose Rigg, Thomas Rudyard, Thomas Salthouse, Richard Samble, Oliver Sansom, William Shewen, William Simpson, Humphrey Smith, Stephen Smith, William Smith, Christopher Taylor, Thomas Taylor, William Tomlinson, John Vaughton, Richard Vickris, Robert Wastfield, Morgan Watkins, Samuel Watson, Robert West, Dorothy White, Anne Whitehead, George Whitehead, John Whitehead, Joan Whitrowe, Humphrey Wollrich, Joseph Wyeth.

For the 18th century, works by the following are included: John Banks, Robert Barclay, Thomas Beavan, Deborah Bell, John Bellers, Anthony Benezet, Joseph Besse, John Bockett, Samuel Bownas, Francis Bugg, Thomas Chalkley, Richard Claridge, Benjamin Coole, Abiah Darby, Theodor Eccleston, William Edmundson, Josiah Forster, John Fothergill, Samuel Fothergill, John Gough, John Griffith, Sarah Grubb, Thomas Gwin, David Hall, Benjamin Holme, Sophia Hume, Benjamin Lindley, John Love, Josiah Martin, John Wynn, Catherine Phillips, Joseph Phipps, Henry Pickworth, John Richardson, John Ruddy, William Salmon, Thomas Scantlebury, William Sewell, Thomas Story, Thomas Thompson, Esther Tuke, John Webster, John Whiting, John Woolman, John Wormall.

For the 19th century, works by the following are included: Ann Alexander, Samuel Alexander, William Alexander, William Allen, Wilson Armistead, Edward Ash, James Backhouse, Elisha Bates, Joseph Gurney Bevan, Thomas Clarkson, Richard Cobden, Richard Cockin, Isaac Crewdson, Jonathan Dymond, John Ford, Joseph Storrs Fry, Joseph John Gurney, Thomas Hancock, Elias Hicks, Luke Howard, John Hoyland, Richard Jordan, John Kendall, Hannah Kilham, Henry Martin, Deborah Backhouse, Lindley Murray, Amelia Opie, William Rathbone, Mary Reckitt, William Reckitt, Isaac Robson, John Stephenson Rowntree, John Wilhelm Rowntree, Joseph Rowntree, Joshua Rowntree, Job Scott, Benjamin Seebohm, Thomas Shillitoe, Frederick Smith, Joseph Smith, William Thistlethwaite, Fielden Thorp, John Thorp, Henry Tuke, James Hack Tuke, Samuel Tuke, Hugh Turford, Daniel Wheeler, Thomas Willis.

The library also includes a variety of printed epistles, minutes and testimonies issued by London Yearly Meeting, Meeting for Sufferings, Monthly and Quarterly Meetings, and the Society of Friends in America, and reports, rules and pamphlets issued by Ackworth School, Great Ayton School, Brookfield School, Friends Educational Society, Friends First Day School Association, Friends Foreign Mission Association, Friends Provident Institution, Friends Tract Association, Penketh School,

Rawdon School, Sibford School, Sidcot School, Aborigines Committee (of Yearly Meeting), Wigton School, Yorkshire 1905 Committee, Yorkshire Philosophical Society and the Retreat, York. There are also sets of *Piety Promoted* and the *Annual Monitor*.

2.3.2 BRYNMOR JONES LIBRARY, UNIVERSITY OF HULL, QUAKER BOOK COLLECTION

Background note:

The Library has built up a substantial collection of books, pamphlets and periodicals, both through purchase and by donation. A number of Friends Meetings within Yorkshire, including Leeds: Carlton Hill, Malton and Scarborough, have donated items from their historic libraries. In addition, material has been donated by various Friends, particularly Fred Fletcher and Hugh McGregor Ross. Material relating to Quaker history and theology is classified and shelved as part of the main Library, rather than being kept together as a distinct collection.

Repository: Brynmor Jones Library, University of Hull (GB 0050)

Reference codes: mainly BX 7601-7795

Dates of creation: 17th – 21st centuries

Extent: c.500 items

Finding aids: online catalogue

NRA code: none

Access: open

Content and scope:

There are a number of strands to the collection:

a) Published collections of biographies of Friends, including the *Annual Monitor* to 1920, with index to 1894.

b) Published works, memoirs and biographies of individual Friends, including Frederick Andrews, James Backhouse; Robert Barclay; Martha Braithwaite; William Charles Braithwaite; Edward Burrough; Geraldine Cadbury; Corder Catchpool; William and Alice Ellis; Thomas Ellwood; George Fox; Margaret Fox; Elizabeth Fry; Mary Ann Gilpin; Stephen Grellet; Edward Grubb; Sarah Grubb; Joseph John Gurney; Elias Hicks; Thomas Hodgkin; Elizabeth Hooton; Francis Howgill; Richard Hubberthorne; Jonathan Hutchinson; Rufus Jones; James Nayler; Henry Pease; William Penn; Isaac Penington; Thomas Pumphrey; Mary Reckitt; William Reckitt; Benjamin Seebohm Rowntree; John Wilhelm Rowntree; Joshua Rowntree; David Sands; William Savery; Isaac Sharp; Thomas Shillitoe; William Stickney; Thomas Story; Joseph Sturge; William Tanner; Ernest Taylor; Daniel Wheeler; John Whitehead; John Woolman; John Yeardeley.

c) Histories of Quakerism in various places, including for Yorkshire, Bradford, Hull, Beverley, Leeds, High Flatts, Pontefract, Pickering, Kirkbymoorside, Craven and Wharfedale, and York; and of Friends schools, including

Ackworth, Bootham and The Mount, and the Adult School movement.

d) Periodicals, including *The Friend*, 1967 to date (with many gaps); *Journal of the Friends Historical Society*, 1903 onwards, and supplements; *Friends Quarterly Examiner*, 1867-1934; *Quaker Monthly*, 1966-1996 (with many gaps).

e) Publications of the Society of Friends, including: reports and documents submitted to, minutes and proceedings of, and epistles issued by London Yearly Meeting; annual reports of Meeting for Sufferings and its committees; pamphlets issued by the Friends Home Service Committee, especially its Study in Fellowship series; editions of the Society of Friends: its faith and practice; reports of the Friends Service Council.

f) Individual items of note include: the Rowntree series of histories of Quakerism, including WC Braithwaite's *The beginnings of Quakerism and The second period of Quakerism*, and RM Jones' *Later periods of Quakerism and Quakers in the America colonies*; Henry Tuke's *The principles of religion*; J Wilhelm Rowntree's *Essays and addresses*; Norman Penney ed., *First Publishers of Truth*; David Butler's *Quaker Meeting Houses of Britain* (1999); and Joseph Besse's *A collection of sufferings of the people called Quakers* (1753), with facsimilies for Yorkshire and the north of England.

2.3.3 LEEDS FRIENDS OLD LIBRARY

Background note:

This collection was deposited in the Brotherton Library in July 1976 by Leeds: Carlton Hill Preparative Meeting of the Society of Friends. It formed the basis of the Meeting library for about 150 years from the early 18th century, and from 1868 was housed in the Friends Meeting House on Woodhouse Lane. Donations of similar books from Meeting libraries at Gildersome, Keighley and Skipton were added to the collection during 1976-1978. The books have been kept in the simple numerical order established in 1868.

Repository: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)

Reference codes: Leeds Friends Old Library

Dates of creation: c.1651-c.1850

Extent: c.1000 items

Finding aids: printed and online catalogues

NRA code: none

Access: open

Content and scope:

The collection consists of more than 500 volumes containing about 1000 separate items and covering mainly the period 1651-1850. It includes a set of the *Annual Monitor* for the years 1813-1920, the periodical *The British Friend* for 1843-1864, various editions of *Piety Promoted*, printed epistles and testimonies issued by the Society of Friends, and tracts

issued by the national Friends Tract Association and its branch in York.

For the 17th century, works by the following are included: John Audland, Elizabeth Bathurst, William Bayly, Gervase Benson, George Bishop, John Burnyeat, Edward Burrough, John Camm, Thomas Camm, William Caton, Josiah Coale, Edward Cooke, Benjamin Coole, Stephen Crisp, John Crook, William Dewsbury, Thomas Ellwood, Richard Farnsworth, Margaret Fell, John Field, Samuel Fisher, George Fox, Ellis Hookes, Francis Howgill, Richard Hubberthorne, George Keith, James Nayler, Alexander Parker, James Parnell, Anthony Pearson, Isaac Penington, William Penn, William Smith, Christopher Taylor, Thomas Taylor, Thomas Thompson, Richard Vickris, Morgan Watkins, George Whitehead, John Whitehead.

For the 18th century, works by the following are included: Robert Barclay, Thomas Beavan, Deborah Bell, John Bellers, Anthony Benezet, Joseph Besse, John Bockett, Samuel Bownas, Thomas Chalkley, Richard Claridge, Nathaniel Crouch, Abiah Darby, William Dell, May Drummond, Theodore Eccleston, William Edmundson, William and Alice Ellis, John Fothergill, Samuel Fothergill, John Gough, John Gratton, John Griffith, Sarah Tuke Grubb, Thomas Gwin, David Hall, Benjamin Holme, William Law, Benjamin Lindley, Joseph Phipps, Henry Pickworth, William Reckitt, John Richardson, Ambrose Rigg, John Rutty, William Salmon, Job Scott, William Shewen, John Spalding, Thomas Story, John Webster, John Whiting, John Woolman, John Wynn.

For the 19th century, works by the following are included: William Alexander, William Allen, William Armistead, Hannah Chapman Backhouse, James Backhouse, Elisha Bates, Joseph Gurney Bevan, Thomas Clarkson, Thomas Colley, Jonathan Dymond, Sarah Stickney Ellis, William and Thomas Evans, Sarah Lynes Grubb, Joseph John Gurney, Thomas Hancock, John Kendall, Joseph Lancaster, William Henry Leatham, Charles Marshall, Lindley Murray, George Richardson, Isaac Richardson, John Stephenson Rowntree, Benjamin and Esther Seebohm, Joseph Smith, Joseph Tatham, Henry Tuke, Samuel Tuke, Hugh Turford, Daniel Wheeler.

2.3.4 JB MORRELL LIBRARY, UNIVERSITY OF YORK, QUAKER BOOK COLLECTION

Background note:

The Library began to acquire donations of Quaker-related material through the Library of the Society of Friends in the 1960s. The historical library of the Retreat, York, was acquired by the University in 1975, when the archives of the Retreat were deposited at the Borthwick Institute of Historical Research, and items from Friends in Darlington, Halifax, Kirkbymoorside, Scarborough and York were also received during the 1970s. Items are

classified and shelved as part of the main Library; pre 1800 material is kept separately in Special Collections. A much smaller collection is held in the library of the Borthwick Institute.

Repository: JB Morrell Library, University of York

Reference codes: mainly C 89.6

Dates of creation: 17th – 21st centuries

Extent: c.900 items

Finding aids: online catalogue

NRA code: none

Access: open

Content and scope:

This artificial collection is made up of the following strands:

a) Published works, memoirs and biographies of individual Friends, including John Alderson, Mary Alexander, William Allen, James T Baily, Robert Barclay, Elisha Bates, John Bellers, Mary Capper, Thomas Chalkley, Thomas Clarkson, Stephen Crisp, William Crouch, William Dewsbury, Thomas Ellwood, T Evans, John Field, J Forster, Samuel Fothergill, George Fox, Margaret Fox, Edward Grubb, Joseph John Gurney, David Hall, Henry Hull, Ann Fletcher Jackson, Richard Jordan, William Law, Charles Marshall, Lindley Murray, James Nayler, Anthony Pearson, Isaac Pennington, George Richardson, Anna Govan Ritchie, John Stephenson Rowntree, Joseph Rowntree, Joshua Rowntree, William Savery, John Taylor, Samuel Tuke, George Whitehead, John Whitehead, John Whiting and Joseph Wyeth.

b) Published collections of biographies of Friends, including several editions of *Piety Promoted* and the *Annual Monitor* (with index), and Henry Tuke's *Biographical notices* (1813). Joseph Besse's *A collection of sufferings of the people called Quakers* (1753) and Joseph Smith's bibliography of Quaker writings (1867) are also held, along with works by WC Braithwaite and RM Jones in the Rowntree series of histories of Quakerism, and David Butler's *Quaker Meeting Houses of Britain* (1999).

c) Published editions of Meeting minute books for Gainsborough, Leeds and Bristol, published minutes and epistles issued by London Yearly Meeting, and various editions of *The book of Christian discipline*.

d) Periodicals include the *Journal of the Friends Historical Society*, with supplements, from 1903 onwards (with gaps).

2.3.5 SOCIETY OF FRIENDS COLLECTION, UNIVERSITY LIBRARY LEEDS

Background note:

This is an artificial collection of published works on Quaker history, comprising items too rare to

be kept on the open shelves. It is added to on a regular basis and items can be consulted in the Special Collections department.

Repository: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)

Reference codes: Society of Friends

Dates of creation: 17th – 21st centuries

Extent: c.612 items

Finding aids: online catalogue

NRA code: none

Access: open

Content and scope:

A number of strands can be highlighted within the collection:

a) Published works, memoirs and biographies of individual Friends, including Richard Ashby, James Backhouse, James T Baily, John Banks, James Henry Barber, Robert Barclay, Richard Baxter, Lewis Benson, Anthony Benezet, Joseph Besse, Ann Binns, Samuel Bownas, Edward Foster Brady, J Bevan Braithwaite, William Charles Braithwaite, Sarah Brown, Edward Browne, John Burnyeat, Elihu Burritt, Edward Burrough, Corder Catchpool, Thomas Chalkley, John Churchman, Thomas Clarkson, Richard Claridge, Thomas Colley, Peter Collinson, Maurice Creasey, Stephen Crisp, James Cropper, Abiah Darby, Richard Davies, Robert John Davidson, John T Dorland, Mary Dudley, Elizabeth Dudley, Jonathan Dymond, Mary Dymond, William Edmundson, John Eliot, Thomas Ellwood, Thomas Evans, Margaret Fell, Josiah Forster, Thomas Foster, John Fothergill, Samuel Fothergill, Albert Fox, George Fox, Elizabeth Fry, John Gratton, Stephen Grellet, John Griffith, Edward Grubb, J Ernest Grubb, Sarah Grubb, Emilia Russell Gurney, Joseph John Gurney, Maria Hack, David Hall, Thomas Hancock, Samuel Hare, J Rendel Harris, George Harrison, Thomas Edmund Harvey, Eleanor Haydock, Gerald K Hibbert, Stephen Hobhouse, Henry T Hodgkin, William Hodgson, Benjamin Holme, Francis Howgill, William Hunt, John Jeffrys, Richard Jordan, Jesse Kersey, Hannah Kilham, John Coakley Lettsom, Kathleen Lonsdale, William Lucas, Thomas Lurting, Lindley Murray, Robert Muschamp, Samuel Neale, Hubert W Peet, William Penn, Isaac Pennington, Richard Phillips, Joseph Phipps, Daniel Pickard, George Pilkington, Richard Reynolds, William Robinson, John Roberts, Arnold Stephenson Rowntree, John Stephenson Rowntree, John Wilhelm Rowntree, Joshua Rowntree, Maurice L Rowntree, John Rutty, David Sands, John G Sargent, Job Scott, William Sewell, Richard Shackleton, Isaac Sharp, John Sharp, Isaac Sharple, Thomas Shillitoe, Joseph Skidmore, Nathaniel Smith, William Smith, Sarah Stephenson, William Stout, Thomas Story, Joseph Sturge, Hannah H Taylor, John Thorp, Edwin O Tregelles, Henry Tuke, Hugh Turford, Andrew Underhill, Elizabeth Ussher, Daniel Wheeler, George Whitehead, Isaac and Rachel Wilson, John Woolman.

b) Published collections of biographies of Friends, including several editions of *Piety Promoted*.

Warwickshire, Ireland, Radnorshire, Pontefract, York.

d) Publications of the following organisations: reports and essays of the Friends Educational Society; registers of members and magazines of the Friends Ambulance Unit; minutes and proceedings of, and reports and documents submitted to, London Yearly Meeting; lists of teachers and scholars for Ackworth and Wigton Schools; tracts issued by York Friends Tract Association.

e) Individual items of note include: *The Aurora Borealis* (a literary annual edited by Friends in Newcastle, 1833); catalogues of books in High Flatts and York Meeting libraries; M & W Oats' A biographical index of Quakers in Australia before 1862; lists by W Pearson Thistlethwaite of Yorkshire Meeting Houses and ministers; David Butler's *Quaker Meeting Houses of Britain* (1999).

2.4 MISCELLANEOUS COLLECTIONS

2.4.1 BISHOPTHORPE PAPERS

Historical note:

Bishopthorpe Palace has been the official residence of the archbishops of York since the 13th century. The original Palace was built in 1250, under Archbishop Walter de Grey, in the village of Thorpe St. Andrew, to the east of York. By 1316, the village had been renamed Bishopthorpe. The archives kept at the Palace were deposited at the Borthwick Institute in 1955 and include correspondence and papers of many of the 18th century archbishops; papers relating to schools and charities in the diocese; recusant returns; visitation returns; and papers relating to ordinations, colonial clergy, lay readers and the archbishopric estates.

Publication note:

Archbishop Herring's visitation returns 1743, in *YAS Record Series*, vols. 71, 72, 75, 77, 79
Archbishop Drummond's visitation returns 1764 I-III (University of York, 1997, 1998 & 2001)
J Jago & ER Royle, *The 18th century church in Yorkshire: Archbishop Drummond's primary visitation of 1764* (University of York, 1995)

Repository: Borthwick Institute of Historical Research, University of York (GB 0193)

Reference codes: Bp.C&P. III 7; Bp.V

Dates of creation: 1696-1738, 1743 & 1764

Extent: 61 items

Finding aids: printed catalogue

NRA code: 7540

Access: open

c) Histories of Friends in various parts of Britain and overseas, including in Tottenham, Bury, Todmorden, Warrington, Sawley, Oldham, Cambridge, Lothersdale, Ross, Hardshaw Monthly Meeting, Japan, Pennsylvania,

Content and scope:

The following parts of the Bishopthorpe papers are relevant:

Correspondence and papers of Archbishop Lancelot Blackburn (1724-1743), including returns re prosecutions of Quakers for non-payment of tithes, 1737-1738, papers re case of Timothy Hudson, 1740, and 'A list of the prosecutions by incumbents in the diocese of York as set forth by the Quakers in their printed book, from the year 1696-1736'

Visitation records, including returns of primary visitations undertaken by Archbishops Herring, 1743, and Drummond, 1764

Related material in repository:

Records of the diocese of York

2.4.2 THE LIDDLE COLLECTION

Historical note:

The Liddle Collection was established by Peter Liddle over 30 years ago, to collect and preserve documentary and oral evidence of the first-hand experiences of those who lived through the First World War. The collection now includes files for c.4300 men and women who experienced the Great War and c.500 files for individuals who lived through the Second World War.

Repository: Leeds University Library (GB 0206)

Reference codes: CO & FAU

Dates of creation: 1970s onwards

Extent: 51 boxes

Finding aids: printed and online catalogues

NRA code: none

Access: open

Content and scope:

The collection includes a section of personal papers of conscientious objectors and members of the Friends Ambulance Unit, some of whom also worked with the Friends War Victims Relief Committee. Many of these individuals were Friends or attenders at Quaker Meetings, including several who were either born in Yorkshire or attended Ackworth or Bootham Schools, such as John Hubert Brocklesby and Edmund Cooper. The material includes letters and diaries, official and personal papers, photographs, newspapers and artwork, and written and tape-recorded recollections, covering their experiences over the period 1914-1919.

FINDING AIDS

Quaker databases, lists and indexes

Yorkshire Quaker Heritage Project

Online location register and name index database; list of Yorkshire Friends Meetings since 1660s; list of Friends Meeting Houses in Yorkshire since 1660s; list of repositories holding relevant collections

<http://www.hull.ac.uk/oldlib/archives/quaker>

Leeds University Library

Quaker Archives Database (name index to Carlton Hill collection)

<http://www.leeds.ac.uk/library/spcoll/quaker/quakint1.htm>

Library of the Religious Society of Friends

Gazetteer of Quaker Meetings; lists of surviving Meeting records; MSS card catalogue; Dictionary of Quaker Biography; numerous other lists and indexes

<http://www.quaker.org.uk/>

Quaker Family History Society

Lists of Quaker records by county; overviews of different types of Quaker records

<http://www.qfhs.co.uk>

Archival catalogues and gateways

ARCHON Directory

Online contact details for archive repositories in the UK

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/archon/>

ARCHON Portal

Online reference point for archival resources and ongoing projects

http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/portal/?source=ddmenu_services6

National Register of Archives

Online indexes to catalogues of archive collections held by UK repositories. The catalogues can be consulted in person at the Historical Manuscripts Commission in London

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/nra/>

Access to Archives (A2A)

Online archival catalogues from repositories throughout England, including for Quaker Meetings in the north west, as part of the Our

Mutual Friends in the North project, and collection descriptions of Yorkshire archives, as part of the Yorkshire Signpost project

<http://www.a2a.gov.uk>

Archives Hub

Online catalogues and collection descriptions for archives of UK universities, including Quaker Meetings and families, and Quaker-related organisations

<http://www.archiveshub.ac.uk>

Durham County Record Office

Online database, including details of archives of Durham Quarterly Meeting, Monthly and Preparative Meetings, Quaker families and businesses

<http://www.durham.gov.uk/recordoffice>

Hull University Archives

Online catalogue, including details of archives of Pickering and Hull Monthly Meeting, its predecessors and constituents, and other Quaker related collections

<http://archives.hull.ac.uk/>

West Yorkshire Archive Service

Online accessions database

<http://dserve.wyjs.org.uk/>

Online library catalogues and gateways

COPAC

Union catalogue of British Library and numerous university libraries in UK

<http://www.copac.ac.uk>

Brynmor Jones Library, University of Hull

Library catalogue at <http://library.hull.ac.uk>

Leeds University Library

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