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Gwent English Baptist Association Records.

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Gwent English Baptist Association Records

Before 1790 there was only one Baptist Association for all of Wales. In that year Wales was divided into North, West and South-Eastern Associations, the latter including Monmouthshire. The South-Eastern Association decided in 1831 that Monmouthshire should form a separate Baptist Association and its first Annual Meeting took place in May 1832. The steady influx of English speakers into the county during the first half of the nineteenth century led to the formation of the Monmouthshire English Baptist Association in 1857.

Bundles and files have been left as found resulting in some duplication and overlap.

Minutes

D3394.	1.	'Home Mission Promotion' Committee minutes including Propaganda Committee Minutes, Grants Committee G.E.B.A. Standing and Home Work Fund Committees' minutes.	1963 - 1988
	2.	G.E.B.A. Council Minutes	1966 - 1985
	3.	G.E.B.A. Council Minutes	1968 - 1990
	4.	G.E.B.A. Council Minutes	1986 - 1992
	5.	G.E.B.A. Executive Committee Minutes	1975 - 1985
	6.	G.E.B.A. Executive Committee Minutes	1986 - 1992
	7.	G.E.B.A. Strategy Committee Minutes	1972 - 1993
	8.	G.E.B.A. Ad Hoc Committee Minutes	1973 - 1992
	9.	G.E.B.A. Various Committees' Minutes including Ad Hoc Committee, Executive Strategy and Home Mission Fund Propaganda Committees' Minutes	1984 - 1990

Financial

	6.	Receipts and expenditure account book	1966 - 1978
	7.	Correspondence and papers re Applications to Home Mission Fund	1990 - 1994

Annual Reports

D3394. 8. Annual Reports

1925 - 1995

From 1925 to 1957 reports of the annual conference of the Association are published as *The Circular Letter* although in 1947-48 there is an *Annual Report and Circular Letter*. In 1958 the *Annual Report* (containing much the same information) supersedes *The Circular Letter*.

- 8/1. *The Circular Letter*, triennial conference of the three English Baptist Associations in South Wales and Mon. assembled at Swansea, 1925.
- 8/2. ditto, churches assembled at annual conference of the Monmouthshire English Baptist Association held at Pontrhydyrun, 1929.
- 8/3. ditto, conference held at Frogmore Street church, Abergavenny. n.d. ? 1930.
- 8/4. ditto, triennial conference of the East Glam., West Wales English and Mon. English Association held at Commercial Road, Newport, 1931.
- 8/5. ditto, M.E.B.A. conference at Newbridge along with the Centenary Celebrations of the Monmouthshire Baptist Association with souvenir pamphlet, 1832-1932, 1932.
- 8/6. ditto, M.E.B.A. conference at Llanthwy Road Church, Newport, 1933.
- 8/7. ditto, conference at Ebbw Vale, 1935.
- 8/8. ditto, Pontnewydd, 1936.
- 8/9. ditto, triennial meetings, Cardiff, 1937.
- 8/10. ditto, M.E.B.A. conference, Monmouth, 1938.
- 8/11. ditto, conference at Blaenavon, 1941.
- 8/12. ditto, Pontrhydyrun, 1942.
- 8/13. ditto, Caerleon, 1944.
- 8/14. ditto, Griffithstown, 1945.

- D3394. 8/15. *Annual Report and the Circular Letter*, conference at Abercarn 1947-48.
- 8/16. *The Circular Letter*, conference at Pontrhydyrun, 1949.
- 8/17. ditto, triennial meetings, Penarth, 1950.
- 8/18. ditto, M.E.B.A. conference, Abergavenny, 1951.
- 8/19. ditto, Blaenavon, 1952.
- 8/20. ditto, triennial meetings, Pontypool, 1953.
- 8/21. ditto, M.E.B.A. conference, Abergavenny, 1954.
- 8/22. ditto, Pontnewynydd, 1955.
- 8/23. ditto, triennial meetings, Swansea, 1956.
- 8/24. ditto, M.E.B.A. conference (centenary meeting), Pontypool, 1957.
- 8/25. *Annual Report*, M.E.B.A. conference, Newport, 1958.
- 8/26. ditto, Pontnewynydd, 1959.
- 8/27. ditto, Blaenavon, 1960.
- 8/28. ditto, Newport, 1961.
- 8/29. ditto, Monmouth, 1962.
- 8/30. ditto, Ebbw Vale, 1963.
- 8/31. ditto, Machen, 1964.
- 8/32. ditto, Newport, 1965.

- D3394. 8/33. *Annual Report, 1966.*
(details of Annual Assembly at Newport and half-yearly meetings, Griffithstown, 1965).
- 8/34. ditto, 1967.
(Annual Assembly, Tredegar, half-yearly meetings Abersychan 1966).
- 8/35. ditto, 1968.
(Newport 1967).
- 8/36. ditto, 1969.
(Pontypool and Newport, 1968).
- 8/37. ditto, 1970.
(Newport and Blaenavon 1969).
- 8/38. ditto, 1971.
(Usk and Newport, 1970).
- 8/39. ditto, 1972.
(Newport and Chepstow 1971).
- 8/40. ditto, 1973.
(Cwmbrân and Raglan 1972).
- 8/41. ditto 1974.
(Newport and Abertillery 1973).
- 8/42. ditto, 1975.
(Usk and Abergavenny 1974).
- 8/43. ditto, 1976.
(Magor and Newport 1975).
- 8/44. ditto, 1977.
(Pontnewynydd and Ebbw Vale 1976).
- 8/45. ditto, 1978.
(Magor and Henllys 1977).
- 8/46. ditto, 1979.
(Newport and Griffithstown 1978)

- D3394. 8/47. ditto, 1980.
(Newport and Abergavenny 1979).
- 8/48. ditto, 1981.
(Pontnewydd and Monmouth 1980).
- 8/49. ditto, 1982.
(Llanmartin and Newport 1981).
- 8/50. ditto, 1983.
(Newport and Abersychan 1982).
- 8/51. ditt, 1984.
(Assembly details absent).
- 8/52. ditto, 1985.
- 8/53. ditto, 1986.
- 8/54. ditto, 1987.
- 8/55. ditto, 1988.
- 8/56. ditto, 1989.
- 8/57. ditto, 1990.
- 8/58. ditto, 1991.
- 8/59. ditto, 1992.
- 8/60. ditto, 1994.
- 8/61. ditto, 1995.

General Secretary's Correspondence

9/ 1. G.E.B.A. General Secretary's correspondence

1989

D3394. 9/ 2.	G.E.B.A. General Secretary's correspondence	1990
9/ 3.	G.E.B.A. General Secretary's correspondence	1991
9/4.	G.E.B.A. General Secretary's correspondence	1992

Baptist Union of Great Britain Correspondence

10.	B.U.G.B. correspondence mainly with G.E.B.A. secretary	1990 - 1994
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Correspondence and Reports

11.	Report of the 'Brynderi Commission' to G.E.B.A. annual assembly concerning to spiritual state of the Church, 7 June 1972.	1972
12.	'General file' of correspondence, circulars and reports including B.U.G.B. circulars and guidelines for churches entitled 'The Baptist System of Government', 1987; G.E.B.A. Lay Preachers' Association Constitution, 1984; papers re the 'Inter-church Process' 1989-90; Letter from Merchants' Hill Baptist Church re G.E.B.A.'s new constitution, 1982.	1971 - 1990
13.	Correspondence concerning 'Redundant Churches' mainly between B.U.G.B. and G.E.B.A. secretary and including the dispute over the Caerleon Baptist Church burial ground 1985 - 87.	1974 - 1987
14.	G.E.B.A. Mission Committee letters and agendas	1983 - 1987
15.	Correspondence and reports re G.E.B.A. 'Small Churches Ministry'	1984 - 1992
16.	Correspondence and papers re G.E.B.A. 'Visitations' to Association churches 1985 - 1986.	1985 - 1986
17.	Correspondence and papers re 'Churches withdrawn from Union' mainly letters re the 'Inter-Church Process' and 'One-Union Proposals'; includes paper on 'Restorationism' [marked 'Private and Confidential' - not to be produced without depositor's permission].	1985 - 1992

- D3394. 18. Papers re 'Ministerial Recognition' 1977 - 1993
- includes correspondence, references and applications of lay preachers seeking to enter the ministry.
- [2 bundles]
19. Correspondence re G.E.B.A. Annual Review and nominations for the vice-presidency 1993. 1993
20. 'Maintenance or Mission': papers re mission campaign in Pontypool n.d. c. 1990. c. 1990

Church Statistics

21. 'Church Register' of preachers leading services in Association churches 1989 - 1990
- with some correspondence.
- [unbound]
22. Annual Statistical Returns for Baptist Union Directory 1991 - 1994

Specific Churches

23. Papers re churches within or connected with G.E.B.A. 1988 - 1995
- includes letter re Cwmmerna Baptist Chapel burial ground 1988; Notification to G.E.B.A. of closure of Whitebrook Baptist Church 1989; Application for G.E.B.A. membership of Living Hope Church, Gilwern, 1992; Papers re acceptance of Peterchurch Baptist Church (Herefordshire) in affiliation with G.E.B.A., 1993-4; Papers re Zion, Ebbw Vale application for Home Mission Ministerial Grant 1991-1995; Papers re closure of Alexander Road Baptist Church (Newport) and the appointment of warden/community services worker 1989-1993 [very confidential]; Letters and notes re the acceptance of Castleton Baptist Church into G.E.B.A. 1993-4; Letters re Brockweir Moravian Church and its association with G.E.B.A. 1993-4.

Printed Material

24. Presidential Address by the Reverend Harri Edwards of Raglan delivered at the Joint Assembly of the two County Baptist Associations at Newbridge, on the occasion of the centenary of the Monmouthshire Baptist Association, 17/18 May, 1932.
- [Reprinted from Association *Circular Letter*]

D3394. 25. Reverend J. Landeg, *One Hundred and Fifty Years of Baptist Work in Chepstow* (1966).