



THE OLD MEETING HOUSE
DITCHLING

A Transcription of the early records
relating to
THE OLD MEETING HOUSE
DITCHLING, SUSSEX

VOLUME I

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covering the period
1753 - 1894

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PREFACE

A comprehensive history of the origin and tenets of the General Baptist movement and of the gradual development of a number of their churches into Unitarianism has yet to be written.

The student who might be inclined to attempt this task would find himself beset with many difficulties. Records relating to the subject are dispersed. Some are in private hands. Most are in manuscript and often time-consuming to decipher.

Where such records have been catalogued or printed, the work of the student will be eased and his effectiveness enhanced. Much has been done in this way already but a large gap remains. The purpose of this volume, and such others as may follow, is to help fill this gap.

It is hoped also that the volume may serve to stimulate the interest of those who attend the Old Meeting House at Ditchling or other Sussex chapels of General Baptist origin, and that it will help them to sense something of the piety of their spiritual ancestors who built and sustained their places of worship under conditions so very different from our own.

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INTRODUCTION

Three Memorandum Books relating to the Meeting House at Ditchling and the congregation it served are transcribed in this volume.

The first and earliest known surviving book was begun in 1753 and records church meetings from that date till 1803. Also in the book, written from the other end, is a list of baptisms from 1737 onwards. The entries up to 1760 are all written by the same hand which suggests that they were copied from another document which has not come down to us.

The second book carries on from 1803. It follows the same general pattern initially but its character gradually changes. The erratic spelling of the first book disappears and the writers of the records begin to appear as men of some education. Visiting preachers begin to come from more distant places than hitherto, no doubt due to the rise of the stage coaches and later of the railways.

By the time the third book begins in 1867 there has been a profound change in character. The principal families are obviously more prosperous but no longer live primarily 'in and about Ditchling'. Attendance at services is down and funds are inadequate to sustain a regular minister. As the book closes the meetings are dominated by a trivial squabble over the replacement of the defective organ by a harmonium.

In transcribing the books the manuscript has been followed as far as practicable. The spelling as written has been retained throughout. Abbreviations such as Jn^o, which do not lend themselves to reproduction by typescript, have been simplified to Jon. etc.

The list of baptisms has been somewhat simplified as compared with the manuscript in the first book. The list has also been extended using information taken from the text of the second book. Again the manuscript spelling has been used even where it may be known to be incorrect from signatures elsewhere.

Facsimile reproductions of a few pages from the first book have been included for general interest. Also, for convenient reference, a general index is included at the end of the volume.

The transcriber wished to thank his fellow Trustee, Mr. P.W. Sinden, for permission to use his sketch of the Meeting House as a frontispiece to this volume.

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The books are normally to be found in the strong room at Essex Hall, Essex Street, London.

FACSIMILE REPRODUCTIONS

from the earliest

MEMORANDUM BOOK

1
A Memorandum Book,
for the Use of the Church of our
Lord Jesus Christ; Meeting in and
about Ditcheling, in the County
of Sussex.

May 21 1753

Memorandum that the Deed of Infranchisement
from Mr John Lucraft (Lord of the Manor of
Camos-court of which said Manor the 5th Lot of
Ground whereon the Baptist Meeting-house in
Ditcheling is Erected) to Mr Robert Chaffield;
is now in the Hands of Mr Stejn. Agate
as is also the Deed of Conveyance from
Mr Robert Chaffield, to the 12 Men who
were by him, the said Robert Chaffield,
intrusted and impowred with the same.

and also a Licence for the Holding a Meeting
at the House of Mr. Stephenson in the Parish
of Marfield in the County of Sussex.

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May of 21st 1753 Our Brethren John Bourn
Richard Pannett & Thomas Pannett in pursuance
of the Choice made of them for Deacons to serve in
this Church were this day solemnly set apart and
ordained to that Office by Prayer & Laying on of
Hands at our Meeting house in Ditcheling by Mat-
thias Copper & Thomas Harrison Ministers of the
Churches In our presence

John Doury
Mich Marten
Step. Agate Esq
Thos Huntw } former
Daniel Bourn } Deacons
John Coffin
John Hudson
Matt Lamb
John Beadle
Mich Chaffield
Steph. Judson
Joh. Vincent
The Bull s/l

John Gorard
John Billinghamst
Henry Booker
William Billinghamst

Memorandum that
pursuant to a^o appointment
of Last Church Meeting,
there was a Love feast
and washing of feet,
at Frogborough
on May 22 1753
by 145 Persons in all.

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At a Church Meeting held at Ditchling June 10
1765 the following Caps were Considered

1st Whereas Anna Kent and Elizabeth Bourn hath
Refrain^d coming to our Publick worship on the
 Lords Day it is agreed that they are admonish^d
By Brother John Godard

2nd it is agreed that there is a Pulpit made
at the meeting house for the use of the congregation

Sam. Dabel	} messengers	Mich Chaffin
W. Godard		Will Marten
John Tancy	} Elder	John Beadles
Sam ^r Bourn		
John Bourn		
Richard Pannett		
Jos ^r Pannett		
Jos ^r Hull		
James Wilder		
Michael Marten		
John Godard		
Josiah Tancy		

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Memorandum that on y^e 29th day
of May in y^e year of our Lord 1737
Then Was John Tancy, Michael
Marten, & Stephen Agate,
ordained To Serve the Church of Christ,
Meeting in and about Ditchling,
in y^e Capacity of Elders,
and likewise John Caffin & Daniel
Bourn Were appointed to Serve the
Same Church in the office of
Deacons

3
A List, of the Persons Received
into Church Communion, by Baptism
and Laying on of hands, or by Letters
of Communion from Churches of
the Same faith With us,
beginning from the time of the ordination
of John Tancy Michael Marten Step Agate.

1 George Leopard	} June 5 1737
2 Richard Foller	
3 Rob ^t Wife of Daniel Lewney	
4 Edmund Coust of Balkham	} June 26 1737
5 Rich ^d Hader of Hurst	
6 James Browne son of John Browne of Ditchling	} Sept 4 1737

A Memorandum Book
for the use of the Church of our
Lord Jesus Christ, Meeting in and
about Ditcheling, in the County
of Sussex

May 21 1753

Memorandum that the Deed of infranement from Mr John Lucast
(Lord of the Manor of Camos-court of Which Said Manor was
holden the Plot of Ground Whereon the Baptist Meeting house
in Ditcheling is Erected) to Mr Robert Chatfield ; is Now
in the hands of Me Step. Agate

as is also the Deed of Convoyance from Mr Robert Chatfield
to the 12 Men Who Were by him, the said Robert Chatfield,
intrusted and impowered with the Same

and also a Licence for the Holding a Meeting at the House
of Wm. Stephenson in the Parish of Marsfield in ye County
of Sussex

May ye 21st 1753 Our Bretheren John Bourn Richard Pannett
& Thomas Pannett in persuance of the Choice made of them
for Deacons to serve in this Church were this day solemnly
set apart and ordained to that Office by Prayer & Laying
on of Hands at our Meeting house in Ditcheling by Matthias
Copper & Thomas Harrison Messengers of the Churches In
our presence

John Dancy	} Elders	Mich Chatfield
Mich Marten		Steph Juden
Step: Agate		Thos Vincent
Thos Hunter	} former Deacons	The Bull
Daniel Bourn		John Godard
John Caffin		John Billinghamurst
Darl. Austen		Henry Bocker
Matt Hunter		William Billinghamurst
John Beadle		

Memorandum that Pursuant to ye appointment of Last Church
Meeting, there was a Love feast and washing of feet, at
fragbarrough on May 22 1753 by 145 Persons in all.

May ye 21st 1753 At a Church Meeting then held att Ditcheling the following Cases were Considered Viz.

1st The Case of John Buckman was Considered and it was concluded that he hath been guilty of Breaking Both the Law of God, and the Governments of this kingdom by Committing Fornication, It is therefore Judged that he Be Openly Debarred against the Congregation in publick in the Baptist Meeting house in Ditcheling after Sermon on the Lords Day June 9 1753 by Mr Michael Martain Elder

2nd The Case of Mrs Bridgen formerly Frances Laskmer Considered and Concluded that she hath been Guilty of Fornication for which sin Against god in the Gospel of his Son, the Church Doth Judge that she be Excluded Communion with the Church and hereby Debarred against

3rd The Case of Ann Evans formerly Older Considered and Concluded that she hath been Guilty of Fornication A Sin against God, it is therefore Judged that she be openly Debarred against on a Lords Day in the presence of the Congregation at the Nearest Meeting to the place of her abode by John Dancy Elder

Matt. Copper	} Messengers	Danl Austen
Tho. Harrison		Matt Hunter
John Dancy	} Elders	John Beadle
Mich: Marten		Mich Chatfield
Step: Agate		Steph Juden
Thos Hunter		Thos Vincent
Daniel Bourn	} Deacons	Tho Bull
John Caffin		John Godard

May 21 1753 Memorandum that Pursuant to ye Conclusion of this Church - Meeting John Buckman Was Publickly Withdrawn from by ye Person & at ye time appointed by ye Said Meeting

Witness Step. Agate

Sept: ye 18 1753 Att a Church Meeting held at Ditcheling the following Cases were Considered Viz:

- 1) it was Agreed that Mr Bealhbey Should make a Collection for the Ministers of the Church And Mr Caffin for Dichaline And Mr Bradley for Lewes And Mr Jans Brown att Chayley
- 2) Agreed that there be a Collection Made for Mr Moris from house to House; by Mr Mercer Mr Chatfield and Mrs Wood Mr James Brown Mr ..ler Brown or Mr Bealhbey;
- 3) Agreed that Jn Caffin Should Be Received as a Member of this Congregation as Recommended from Horsham;
- 4) agreed that Mary Morley formerly Mary Wal.. as She has been guilty of the sin of fuornication Shall be with Drawn from: And hereby Is Declared Against
- 5) Agreed that as Rebacka. Hussy has been guilty of Drinking and profane Swearing She should be admonished by Mr Agate and Mr James Brown
- 6) Agreed that the Call of examination Should be laid before the Assembly Next yeare In a Letter from this Church By Mr James Brown And Danl. Austen
- 7) Agreed that Mr Jn Beadle And Mr Mich: Chatfield should treet with Mr. Mich Martin and Danl. Austen In order to Ingage them to accept of the ofis of elders: In persuance to the Choyce Made this Day And allso to Inquire whether the people of Lewes approve of that Choyce:

John Dancy	} Elders	John Godard
Step: Agate		Tho Gearing
Dan: Bourn	} Deacons	Tho Bull
John Bourn		Ja. Browne
Ric: Pannett		Tho Wood
Tho: Pannett		Jon: thos Bethely
Mich Chatfield		Danl: Austen
John Beadle		Peter Browne
Thos Vincent		Daniel Pannett
Matt Hunter		

at this Meeting that Did Not actually Sign the Book

Jon Caffin	Deacon	Jon Browne	Ric: Scutt
Jon Beale		Tho Agate	Jon Poster

May ye 22 1754 at a Church Meeting then held at Ditcheling the following Cases Were Considered Viz.

- 1 as by appointment of Last Church Meeting a Colection Was to be made for Bro Joseph Morris in order to assist him and his People in Repairing their Meeting house, the persons appointed have executed ye Same, and Report that ye Money Coled. Which was Nine pound 13 Shillings is Sent to Bro. Morris, and his thanks Returned to ye Church by a letter Now in ye hands of Dr Mercer.
- 2 Step: Agate & James Browne having persuent to their Charge admonished Rebacka Husey but as there is Not that Reformation as could be Wished for & Desired it is agreed ye same Persons do treat With her a Second time.
- 3 agreed that Bro: Austen & Walter Nye do goe to ye Assembly as Representatives of this Church and that they Enquire how ye Bank Stock of Cash for ye Use of ye Messengers Stands at present.
- 4 agreed that ye Deacons do give to Tho: Simons ye Sum of fifteen Shillings for ye payment of his Rent he being in Low & Distressed Circumstances
- 5 that Bro John Caffin be Comended to ye Church of Horsham according to his Request
- 6 ye Mr Tooly be Not admitted till there be some further account of his Character & Circumstances
- 7 that Henry Pentecost be admitted to take his Communion With this Church

Step: Agate E	Michael Marten	Thomas Vincent
Danl Bourn)	John Godard	Simeon Buckman
Jen: Bourn)D	Danl Pannett	Henery Boocker
Rich Pannett	Peter Browne	Tho Wood
Matt Hunter	Danl: Austen	Wm Billinghamurst
The Bull	Mich Chatfield	Richd Scutt
John Beadle	John Browne	

July 18 1754 at a Church Meeting Held at Ditchelling the Following Cases were Considered Viz

- 1st the Answer to the Question Sent to the Last Assembly at London was in Manner Following - Where therefore a Person Sins in a Publick and Scandulous Manner and this Under a Splended Profession of Regard to truth & Holiness, the Church must withdraw in a Publick way and Manner from Such, that they may Shew the Puerity of Gosple Discipline & order to the world
- 2nd it is a Greed that Thomas Voke Be Admitted into this Congregation By Baptism
- 3rd it is a Greed that Sarah Geering Be Admitted into this Congregation By Baptism
- 4th it is a Greed that Ann Agate Be Admitted into this Congregation By Baptism

Robt Pyall	Danl. Austen	Peter Browne
Thos Harrison	Tho. Vincent	Henry Pentecost
Step: Agate	John Browne	The Chapman
Thos Hunter	Mich Chatfield	William Taylor
Danel Bourn	The Bull	Matt Copper
John Bourn	John Godard	
Richard pannett	John Beadle	

Oct 4 1754 At a Church Meeting Held at Ditcheling the Following Cases where Considered

- 1st the Case of Tho. Haselgrove where Considered and it was Concluded as he has made Proposell to Be Baptised it is agreed that Bro John Dancey Do Talk with Him and as Ann Haselgrove his wife has Desired her Place in the Church it is likewise Agreed that Bro: Dancey Do Talk with her and it be Defered for some time
- 2nd the Case of Ann Leaney Considered & Agreed that Bro: Dancey Do Talk with her & acquaint her that the Church do Consent that She do have her Place in the Church if nothing do apeare a Miss in Conducht before the time of Breaking Bred
- 3rd the Case of Rebacca Husey was Considered and it was Agreed that Shee Be Publickly With Drawn from Next Sunday Sevennight or ye first proper time by Stephen Agate

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- 4th the Case of Jon Vincent was Considered and it was agreed that he Be Admonished By Michl Chatfield Stephen Agate John Godard
- 5 It is Agreed that Thoms. Wood Be Recd. into this Church By Baptism
- 6 Whereas Thoms Feldwick Has Proposed to Joyn Himself to this Church it is agreed that Bro John Dancy Do Talk with Him and His Satisfaction will be Ours
- 7 It is Agreed that Ann Bull Be Recd into this Church By Baptism
- 8 It is Agreed that Saml. Mose Be Recd into this Church By Baptism
- 9 It is agreed that Widow King Be Recd into this Church By Baptism
- 10 It is Agreed that Ann Juden Be Recd into this Church By Baptism

it is Agreed that the Above Mentioned persons are to be Recd. in this Church by Baptism next Sunday Sennight

John Dancy	Richard Pannett	The Vincent
Step Agate	Michael Marten	Ja. Browne
Thos Hunter	John Godard	Peter Browne
Daniel Bourn	Michl Chatfield	John Billinghamurst
	Tho: Agate	Henry Pentecost

Memorandum that Pursuant to ye agreement of Last Church Meeting Rebacks Hussey was Publickly With Drawn from at Ditcheling Meeting house Nov 3 1754

Witness by Me Step Agate

May 13 1755 At a Church Meeting Held at Ditchling the Following Cases where Considered

the Case of John Vincent was Considered and it was agreed that Stephen Agate and Michl Marten Do give Him a Second Admonishon

It is agreed that Bro. Danl. Austen and James Browne Do go to the Assembly as Representatives of this Church

It is agreed that Eliz Tasker Be Recd into this Church By Baptism

John Dancy	Tho. Pannett	Jn Browne	Jn Billinghamurst
Step. Agate	Michl. Marten	Henry Pentecost	Wm Billinghamurst
Danl Bourn	The Bull	Wm. Tubbs	Danl Pannett
John Bourn	Jn Godard	Simeon Buckmen	Tho. Agate
Rich Pannett	The Vincent	Henry Booker	Tho Voke

May 26 1756 At a Church Meeting Held at Ditchling the Following Cases Where Considered

- 1 it is agreed that John Vincent Do Not Sit Down With this People till there be some Reformation Seen in Him
- 2nd it is agreed that Ann Haselgrove be readmitted to the Communion of this Church
- 3rd it is agreed that James Sifleet be Admonished By John Dancy and John Godard
- 4th it is agreed that Jn Godard and Jn Browne Do go to the Assembly as Representatives
- 6th it is agreed that John Cutmoor Be Admonished by Danl. Pannett
- 7th it is a greed that Thomas Marten Be Recd into this Church By Baptism
- 8 it is a greed that there Be a Collection made for the Ministers By Jn Bourn and John Browne

John Dancy	Tho Pannett	Richd Scutt	Henry Booker
Step Agate	The Bull	Thoms Agate	The Voke
John Bourn	Michael Marten	Henry Pentecost	Jn Browne
Richard Pannett	John Simsons	John Pannett	Danl Pannett
Danl Bourn	John Booker	Wm Billinghamurst	John Godard

August 12 1756 at a Church Meeting Held at Ditchling
the Following Cases where Considered

1st It is agreed that Ann Breach and Eliz Bull and
Jane Hamper Thomas Bourn Sarah Bourn be
Admitted into this Church by Baptism

2nd It is agreed that Michl. Chatfield and Michl.
Marten and Thomas Wood and Danl. Austen Do go
to Henry Edwards and Require of him Wether he
Requires his Readmission into the Church & if he
Doss What sort of Satisfaction he can give the
Church of the Sincerity of his Repentence

Thos. Harrison
Robt. Pyall
John Dancy
Step: Agate
Danl Bourn
John Bourn
Richd Pannatt
Thos Pannatt
Thos Hunter
Matt Hunter
Danl Austen
Michael Marten
Thos Bull
Jn Godard

Stephen Juden
Danl Pannatt
Tho Wood
Jas Walder
Simeon Buckman
Mr Mich Chatfield
Jn Simmons
Wm Billinghamurst
Thos. Agate
Jn Ollive
Richd Scutt
Wm. Tubbs
Thos. Voake

(Transcriber's note: few of the above signed
the book on this occasion)

May 18 1757 At a Church Meeting Held at Ditchling
the Following Cases where Considered

Case ye 1st Thomas Wood and Danl Austen have talkd.
with Henry Edward and he Declares that he has no
Desire to Joyn him self to this Church

2nd it is agreed that Willm. Lewry and James Kingsnorth
be Recd. into this Church by Baptism

3 the Case of Eliz Stedman late Walder was Considered
and Shee has Been Guilty of the Sin of Fornication
and on Account of her Humble Acolidgement we hereby
Declare against her in a Private manner only as the
most Prudence way Considering her Present Surcomstances

4 the Case of Isaac Parsons Senr. was Considered and
it is agreed that he Be Admonished By Stephen Agate
and Thomas Wood

5 Agreed that there be a Publick Collection made Next
Sunday Portnight for the Relife of the Poor in this
Presant Dearth at Ditchling and Lewis

6 the Case of John Vincent was Considered and whereas
he has Been Admonished Several times and has Promised
a Reformation, but still Remains in a Carles way and
sildom goes to any hearing of a Sunday and Follows
Gaming and keeping of bad Company and Breaks his
Promises in Regard to making good his Payments,
therefore we agree to withdraw from him for Such
Disorderly walking

7 Agreed that Danl. Austen Do go to the Assembly as
Representative twelve Shillings to be paid By
Thoms. Pannett and Danl Austen to find a horse

John Dancy	}	Eld	Danl Austen	Richd Bar
Step Agate			John Billinghamurst	Danl Pannett
Danl. Bourn	}	Dns	Wm. Billinghamurst	John Simmons
John Bourn			Tho. Agate	John Godard
Richd. Pannett	}		Peter Browne	Richd Scutt
Tho. Pannett			The Wood	Tho Voake
Matthias Hunter	}		The Bull	Wm. Tubbs

Memorandum Pursuant to this Meeting John Vincent was
Publicly with drawn from this 22 of May 1757 by me
Step. Agate

At a Church Meeting held ye 11 of October 1757 the Following Cases Were Considered Viz.

- 1 Pursuant to ye agreement of Last Church Meeting Step. Agate & Tho: Wood have admonished Isaac Parsons and Report that he Made Some acknowledgment in Relation to his being overtaken in Drinking, and Declares he will take more care for time to come. We therefor conclud that his case be Risped
- 2 the Case of Sarah Marten Whereas She have been Guilty of fornication, it is therefore Concluded that She be Publicly Withdrawn from ye first Convenient oportunity
- 3 the Case of Widow Clifford wherean Shee have been Disorderly in Drinking and breaking her promise etc it is concluded that She be admonished by Step Agate and Jon Godard: and that She be Denyed her Communion for the present
- 4 its Concluded that a collection be Made through the Congregation for ye use of ye Messengers
- 5 its agreed that Michael Pentecost be admitted a member of this Church

John Dancy)	Edrs	Tho: Agate	John Simmons
Step: Agate)		Richd Scutt	John Billinghamurst
John Bourn)		Tho: Bull	Wm. Pentecost
Daniel Bourn)	Deans	John Terry	Sam. Hider Jnr
Richd Pannett)		John Godard	Wm. Billinghamurst
Mic: Marten			

Memorandum that Sarah Marten was Publicly Withdrawn from this 16 of Octo 1757 by me Step Agate

Memorandum that Pursuant to the Conclusion of Last Church - Meeting there have Been A Collection for the Messengers Viz

(Home-bush Sidnye & East-Ridg	1 - 4 - 6
at (Ditcheling Barcomb etc	1 - 14 - 0
(Lewes Palmer etc	<u>1 - 5 - 6</u>
	4 - 4 - 0

Which was Remited to Bro: John Agate one of the Casheirs Jan 22 1758 by Bro: John Godard

May 3 1758 at a Church Meeting held at Ditchling the Following Cases were Considered

- 1st It is agreed that John Spring and James Walder and Elizabeth Weller Be Admitted in to this Church
- 2nd It is agreed that Thomas Wood and Michl. Martin do talk with James Broomfield and John Sifleet in order to Settle the Desturbance that has happened between them
- 3rd It is agreed that there be a Baptistary Built in the Meeting house in Ditcheling if the Monnoy Can be Raised by voluntary Subscription. and it is also agreed that Mr Peter Browne James Browne Jon Browne Amb Austen and Danl Austen to Make the Collection and that the Management of the Building of itt to be Left to Mr Agate Mr Chatfield and Mr Thos Wood
- 4th It is agreed that as Thos Hunter has been Charged with immoral Conduct in Life of which he cannot clear himself to the Satisfaction of the Church its therefore agreed that he be excluded all Publick employments in the Church and Likewise of his Communion till he can give better Satisfaction
A Collection to be made for the Ministers by Jon Browne and Danl. Bourn and Richd Pannatt
- 5th It is agrced and Nomination made that Michl. Marten and Matthew Hunter and John Beadle and Ambros Austen should be Proposed to the People to be Chosen for Deacons and Danl. Austen and Jon Godard as Elders to be Inquird. into By Jas & Peter & Jon Browne
- 6th It is agreed that Ambros Austen and Tho. Feldwick Do go to the Assembly

Step Agate	Jan Browne	Henry Booker
Richard pannett	Danl. Austen	Jon Godard
Danl. Bourn	Peter Browne	Willm Billinghamurst
John Bourn	Jon Browne	Tho. Duckman
Tho. Bull	Tho Feldwick	Wm Tubbs
Ambros Austen	Tho Agate	Danl Pannett

Oct 25: 1758 At a Church Meeting held at Ditcheling
the following Cases were Considered

- 1 Agreed that a Collection should be made for the Church at Braintree in Essex
- 2 Agreed that Elizabeth Stedman Should have her Place in the Church or be Readmeted
- 3 Agreed that John Beal & Daniel Pannatt and James Browne Indeavour to Settle & reconcile the Deferanc Between John Syfleet & James Broomfield
- 4 Agreed that Stephen Agate talk with the tennants now Dwoling in the Meeting House Concerning their Continewing in it & to provide 1 Hund of faggots for the use of the people & to provide a place to Lock them up
- 5 Agreed to Receive Michael Marten & Standen Craskey & the wife of George Forster in to the Church by baptism if thought proper by Stephen Agate when he has talks farther with the people

Step. Agate	Thomas Feldwick	John Terry
Daniel Bourn	James Browne	Thomas Agate
John Godard	John Browne	Thomas Buckman
Nich Chatfield	Henry Booker	John Spring
Tho. Bull	Peter Browne	William
John Simmons	Danl. Pannett	Billinghurst
John Billinghurst	Henry Pentecost	

Persuant to the agreement of this Church-meeting a Collection for ye Church at Braintee was made, and Remited to Bro. Saml. Fry, by Tho Fieldwick Jan ye 5 1759

£ s d
ye sum of 6 - 8 - 0

May ye 16th: 1759 at a Church meeting held at Ditcheling
ye following Cases were Considered

- 1 It is agreed yt Mrs Hussey is an improper person to dwell in this hous & that Mr Mich Chatfield & Mr Tho. Wood do give her warning to leave ye hous by Old Midsomer Day Next Ensuing
- 2 Agreed that Mary Norley be Readmitted to her Communion with this Church
- 3 Agreed that all persons now Settled or may Settle in this Church Shall give the Church Sufficient Evedence of thiere Baptism
- 4 agreed that James Walder go to Assenby as Representative of this Church and that Danl Bourn give him Twelve Shillings to pay his Expenses

Step Agate	John Spring	Rich Scutt
Danll Bourn	John Godard	Henry Booker
Richard pannett	John Billinghurst	John Bull
Thomas Pannett	Wm Billinghurst	John Simmons
Tho. Bull	Peter Browne	Thos Agate
Danl. Pannett	Standing Craskey	Thos Buckman

April 30 1760 at a Church Meeting held at Ditchling the Following Cases were Considered

- 1 It is a Greed that there be a Collection Made for the Meeting house at Earle Shilton In Leicester next Sunday For:night
- 2 It is a greed that Stephen Agate and James Walder do go to the Association at Bessels Green and William Eversett is apinted to be nominated for a Mesenger
- 3 it is agreed that Richd. Pannett do go to the Assembly or Pay twelve Shillings
- 4 it is agreed that Stephen Agate do Raise A Subscription of All the members of our Church that Likes to give: for books (?) out of the Fund
- 5 It is Agreed that Peter Brown & Danniell Pannat & Thon. Pannat Do talk with Jan Broomfield & the Widow Syflee(t) in Order to Reconcile the Deferance be between them
- 6 It is Agreed that Daved Perce be Recd in to the Church by Baptism

Step: Agate	Tho. Feldwick	Ambr. Austen
Richard Pannett	John Billinghamurst	James Browne
Dani. Bourn	Stephn Juden	Tho. Bull
John Bourn	John Spring	Tho. Agate
Thomas Pannett	Jn Browne	Standing Craskey
Paul. Austen	Peter Browne	
John Godard	Tho. Wood	

Nemor that Persuant to ye agreement of this Church Meeting a Collection was made for ye Church at Earl-Shilton and Remited to Bro Samuel Neale

by Ricd. Pannett	4 - 4 - 6
by friends at Lewes	0 - 10 - 0
May 28th 1760	4 - 14 - 6

Octo 15 1760 at a Church Meeting then held at Ditchling the following Cases Were Considered Viz.

- 1 whereas Samuel Mooss and Sarah Now his Wife, have been found Guilty of fornication, tho they profess Sorow and Repentanc; its agreed they be; (and are) in ye name of ye Lord Suspended their Communion for Some time; in order to their Giving further profe of their Sincerity, by a Sober & Gospel becoming conversation
- 2 that Thomas Hunter on account of his humble acknowledgment in Relation to Some past Conduct, and at his Request, he is re-admitted, to his Communion
- 3 its agreed, that Bro Daniel Bourn, Bro Tho Pannett, & Bro John Godard, do treat with Daniel Lewry, on account of some misconduct in Life
- 4 agreed that Wm Leopard be admitted a member by Baptism
- 5 agreed that a collection Be made for the Ministers, By Daniel Bourne, John Bourne, Tho Pannett, John Beadle, John Browne

Step: Agate	Thomas Pannett	James Nie.
Richard Pannett	Thos Bull	John Spring
Daniel Bourne	John Godard	
John Bourne	Willm Billinghamurst	

April 29 1761 at a Church Meeting held at Ditchling the Following Cases were Considered of as Followeth

- 1 It is Agreed that Danl. Lewry Be Publickly With Drawn From at Ditchling for Committing Adultery
- 2 It is Agreed that Aron Lampire Do go to the Assembly as Representative
- 3 It is agreed that Mary Martin be made a member of this Church by baptism
- 4 It is agreed that Brother Dancy acquaint himself of ye Conduct and behaviour of Sarah Mitchell & if he think proper to Receive her in to the Church by baptism
- 5 It is agreed that Mr Mich. Chatfield Mr Tho Wood & Jn Browne do give Direction for Repairing ye Meeting hous & to make a Collection to Rais ye Money to pay the Expence

Step Agate	Michael Marten	Henry Booker
Danl Bourn	John Godard	Jn Smith
John Bourn	P Browne	John Browne
Richd. Pannett	Aron Lempriere	Jos. Bull
Tho. Bull	Tho Agate	

At a Church Meeting held at Ditchling
May 17 1762 the Following Cases were Considered

- 1 It is agreed that Nicolas Dunton is admonished by John Dancy and Tho Pannett and John Godard
- 2 It is agreed that our Sister Hussey be Readmitted to our Communion
- 3 It is Agreed that John Browne do go to the Assembly as Representative. (at this Meeting was Collected 12 Shillings to defray ye expence of Jon Browne)
- 4 It is Agreed that Mich. Martin and John Godard do Admonish John Turle for not making good his Place in ye Church
- 5 It is Agreed that there be a Collection made for Turnershill People by Reading there Letter from the Pulpit
- 6 It is Agreed that there be a Collection made for the Messengers by Stephen Agate at Ditchling and Lewis and by John Bourn at Chailey and by John Dancy at Homebush
- 7 It is agreed that there be a Collection made for the Ministers throughout this Church by the Deacons
- 8 It is Agreed that the Members of this Church that are still Under the Denomination of Methodist, do agree to Refrain from Coming to our Communion for the Next Course

John Browne	Peter Browne	Danl. Bourn	Josiah Dancy
John Olliver	Danl Pannett	Tho Pannett	James Walder
Jas. Browne	Tho Marten	Richd Pannett	Thos Bull
Henry Booker	Danl. Dobel	John Bourn	Mich Chatfield
Stephen Juden	Step: Agate	John Godard	Henry Pentecost
Tho Wood			

Memorandum pursuant to ye Agreement of Last Church-Meeting there Was Collected on the Letter from ye Church at Turners-hill for the Support of poor Persons where their Meetings are held

27 of June at Lewes	0 - 9 - 0
11 of July at Chailey	0 - 1 - 0
8 of august at Ditchling	0 - 16 - 0
15 of august at Holm-bush	0 - 8 - 10
	1 - 14 - 10

The above is Received and Thanks Returned

May 12: 1763 The Mony Collected for the Messengers Remited to Mr John Agate one of the Cashsheares

At a Church Meeting held at Ditchling
October 20th 1762

Present: Bror Saml Fry Chairman
Bror Wills Evershed Moderator

1st Upon a Debate Concerning Bror John Simmonds Continuing to Preach to Any Part of this Congregation, It was Put to the Vote, and Unanimously Agreed that he is Approved in the Ministry - And to Prevent any further Debate on this Head Bror Simmonds Agrees to Exercise himself in the Ministry by Concert with the Elders and other Ministering Brethren in this Community

2dly Henry Booker having Openly Declared at this Church that he doth not Esteem this Community to be a True Christian Church, and having at this Meeting Treated the Said Church, it's Ministers, and Members With Indecency & Contempt Using Railing Accusations & Publicly Threatening To Tare the Said Church to Pieces This Church of Christ doth therefore Withdraw her Communion from him According to Gospel order

3dly And with Regard to Others who have of late Adhered to a Methodist Ministry, They having as yet behaved with more Christian Temper, And having Discovered Some Desire to Continue their Communion with us, It is at Present allowed so long as they do Not Disturb the Peace & Good Order of the Said Community. And they were Admonished Not to give Unnecessary Offence to their Brethren by frequenting or Encouraging Assemblies Among Other Denominations

Memorandum that Henry Booker Was Declared With-Drawn from in the Name of ye Lord at the Conclusion of ye Church meeting held this 20 of Oct 1762

By Bro Fry Chair Man

James Browne	David Peers	Rich Pannett
Tho. Agate	William Billinghamurst	Thos Pannett
Tho. Marten	John Smith	John Godard
Jon Terry	William Lepard	James Walden
Thos Vokes	James Walder	Mich Chatfield
Henry Pentecost	John Booker	F Browne
John Pannett	Saml. Terry	Thos. Mercer
Mich Marten	W Evershed	Josiah Dancy
Jonathan Bethely	John Dancy	John Billinghamurst
John Simmons	Step: Agate	Thomas Buckman
William Lewry	Danl. Bourn	
Richard Scutt	John Bourn	

At a Church Meeting held at Ditchling
March 7 1763 the Following Cases were Considered

1st as it was agreed at a Late Church Meeting that Brother Dancy and Brother Thomas Pannett was to Admonish Nicolas Dunton and by there Doing the Same he Acknowledged that he had took his Communion at the Church of England and with Draws himself from this Church

2nd It is Agreed that Brother Mich. Martin and Brother John Godard Do take upon them the office of Elders and they was very Unanimously Chosen by the Community that are hear at Present

As First Nominated it is Agreed that Brother Dancy Elder and Brother Michl. Chatfield and Thomas Wood and John Beadle and John Browne Do Use there Influence to Perswade and Prevail on the Afore said Mich. Martin and John Godard to take Upon them to Serve in the Office of Elders of this Congregation

Wm. Evershed	Wm Billinghamurst	Henry Wood
John Dancy	Tho. Feldwick	Jos. Dancy
El Bourne	Thos. Wood	John Booker
Jon Bourne	James Browne	Wm Lewry
Rich Pannet	Peter Browne	Wm Pentecost
Thos Pannet	Danl Pannett	John Pannett
Thos Wood	Tho. Marten	Richd. Scutt
Mich Chatfield	John Terry	David Pierce
Thos Bull	Tho. Buckman	
John Billinghamurst	John Simmons	

At a Church Meeting Held at Ditchling
May 5 1763 the Following Cases were Considered as Follows

It is Agreed that James Walder Do go the Assembly as Representative of this Church and the Deacons are to Make a Collection to Pay the Charges of the Said Jersey which is 12/-

John Dancy	Mich Chatfield	Wm Lewry
Danl Bourn	P Browne	Thomas Martin
John Bourn	Tho. Bull	John Terry
Richd. Pannett	Henry Pentecost	John Billinghamurst
Thos Pannett	Tho. Wood	Wm Leopard
John Godard	Thos. Sifleet	John Norman
John Simmons	Danl Pannett	Richd. Scutt

At a Church Meeting at Ditchling held
Sept. 20th 1763

Present Bror Fry Chairman

At this Meeting Wills, Leopard Thos. Whitbanc & Elish. Brocfield Appear and desire Peaceable Dismission from the Communion of this Church, the two latter having by their own Declaration taken their Communion With Another Society, and Intending so to do. Such Dismission at their Request is by this Church Consented to, And they are Accordingly Dismissed in Peace & Love.

And Information having been Given at this Meeting (from a Person who was Present at such Communion) That Jon Ollive, Jon Vine, Ann Booker, Jon Spring, Standen Craskey, Elish Craskey, Richd Bax, and Jane Bax have Joined in Communion with Another Society - It is Agreed That they be for the Present Suspended from their Communion with this Church, And that our Brethren Nichl. Chatfield, Thos. Wood, Daniel Bourn. & Thos Pannett do in Love admonish them for such Irregularity and Breach of order -

Saml Terry	Josiah Dancy	John Billinghamurst
John Dancy	Thos: Mercer	Thos Wood
Dani Bourn	Nichl Chatfield	James Browne
John Bourn	John Beadle	John Terry
Richard pannett	P Browne	John Browne
Thos Pannett	Stephn Juden	Thomas Marten
Michael Marten	Aron Lepriere	John Leopard
John Godard	Dani Pannett	Wm Billinghamurst
James Walder	Thos Hunter	Richd. Scutt

At a Church Meeting Held at Ditchling
Jany 18 1764 the Following Cases where Considered

It Appears that John Ollive James Booker Ann Booker Standing Craskey Elis Craskey John Vine and Ann Pentecost hath Been Admonished by Dan Bourn and Thomas Pannett and they So Openly and freely Declare that they Cause to be Dismiss from this Church, and Such Dismission at there Request is by this Church Consented to, and they are Accordingly Dismissed in Peace and Love

It Appears that this Church hath Sett very Unesey under the Hearing of our Friend John Simmons for some time Past, and now wee Do Generally Agree and Conclude to Silance and not Approve of him in the Office of the Ministry, Until it is Approved in General by this Congregation

It is Agreed that the Deacons Do Make a Collection for the Ministers once a year

W Everhed	Thos Wood	John Billinghamurst
John Dancy	P Browne	John Walder
Daniel Bourn	Josiah Dancy	Richard Scutt
Richard pannett	Thomas Feldwick	Wm Billinghamurst
Thos Pannett	John Browne	Thos Voke
John Godard	Aron Lepriere	Jans Nye
James Walder	William Lewry	David Pearce
T G	Thomas Agate	
John Bourn	John Terry	

At a Church Meeting Held at Ditchling
May 9 1764 the Following Cases where Considered

- 1st It is agreed that John Godard Do talk with John Simmons to know wether he Do Chuse to be Dismissed. from this Church and Likewise the same Course is to be taken with John Pannett and his wife and Sarah Buckman and Ann Buckman and Thomas Bushman and Richd. Bax and his Wife and William Pentecost by Bro John Godard
 - 2nd It is agreed that Bro Jas Walder Do go to the Assembly as Representative of this Church
- It is agreed that Wm Pannett Be Admitted into this Church By Baptism
- It is agreed that Thomas Wood and John Browne Do have the Meeting house Repaired

Danl. Dobel	Thos Pannett	Jon Browne
John Dancy	Tho. Bull	Dani Pannett
Dani Bourn	John Godard	Wm Billinghamurst
John Bourn	Nichl Chatfield	Tho Agate
Rich Pannett	The Wood	Jon Terry
Michael Marten	P Browne	

At a Church Meeting Held at Ditchling
Nov 14 1764 the Following Cases where Considered

- 1st It Appears that John Simmons and Susanah Pannett and Richd Bax and his wife and Wm Pentecost hath been Admonished By Frennd John Godard, and they Do Openly and Freely Declare that they Chuse to be Dismissed from this Church, and Such Dismission at there Request is by this Church Consented to, and they are Accordingly Dismissed in Peace and Love
- 2nd It is Agreed that Frennd Thomas Pannett Do Admonish Ann Cave and John Pannett for there omishon of Attending our Publick Service
- 3rd It is agreed that Thomas Buckman and Ann Buckman and Mary Nye Be With Drawn from in a Publick manner at Ditchling on the Lords Day for Cummitting Fornication, By Frennd Dancy

1764 Dec 9 the Case above Was Done By our Elder John Dancy

4th It is agreed that Sarah Mitchall be Admonished By Frennd John Godard

5th It is agreed that Mr Nott be Invited to Assist this Church in the Minestery by the Request of Frennd Michl. Chatfield and Frennd Thomas Wood in the Behalf of this Church

It is agreed that Mary Martin Be Recd into this Church By Baptism

Danl. Dobel	Messenger	Mich Chatfield	John Terry
Danl Bourn	} Deacons	Thos. Feldwick	Richd Scutt
John Bourn		Henry Pentecost	James Browne
Richd Pannett		P Browne	John Browne
Thos. Pannett		Wm Lewry	Isaac Parsons
Thomas Bull		Tho Agate	John Booker
John Godard		Wm Billinghamurst	
The Wood	David Pearce		

At a Church Meeting at Ditchling
May 15 1765 The Following Cases where Considered

It is Agreed to have one General Meeting at Ditchling on Sunday the Ninth Day of June and to hold a Church Meeting on the Day Following for a Further Consultation about Chuesing of Elders

It is agreed that Peter Browne Do go to the Assembly as Representative of this Church

John Dancy	John Godard	John Terry
Danl. Bourn	James Walder	Henry Pentecost
John Bourn	John Browne	Thomas Agate
Richard Pannett	P Browne	Wm Billinghamurst
Thomas Pannett	Thos Wood	Richd Scutt
Thomas Bull	Danl Pannett	

At a Church Meeting Held at Ditchling
June 10 1765 the Following Cases where Considered

1st Whereas Ann Kent and Elizabeth Bourn hath Refraind Coming to our Publick worship on the Lords Day it is Agreed that they are Admonished by Brother John Godard

2nd it is Agreed that there is a Pomp made at the Meeting house for the Use of the Baptistory

Danl. Dobel	} Messengers	James Walder
W Evershed		Michael Marten
John Dancy		John Godard
Danl Bourn		Josiah Dancy
John Bourn		Mich Chatfield
Richard Pannett		Will Marten
Thos Pannett		John Beadle

At a Church Meeting Held at Ditchling
June 9 1766 the Following Cases were Considered of

- 1st It appears that John Fannett and Ann Cave and Ann Kent hath been Admonished By Thomas Fannett and John Godard, and they Do Openly and Freely Declare that they Chuse to be Dismisd. from this Church, and Such Dismistion at there Request is by this Church Consented to, and they are Accordingly Dismised in Peace and Love
- 2nd It Appears that Sarah Mitchall hath been Talked with by Frend John Godard and Shee hath Confessed herself Guilty of Adultery and we Do now agree to with Draw our Communion from her in a Publick Manour by Bro Dancey Which Was Performed
- 3rd It is Agreed to Make a Colection for the Messengers By Darl Bourn and John Bourn and Richd. Fannett and Thomas Fannett
- 4th It is Agreed that Mathew Bourn and his wife be Admonished By Frend John Godard and John Bourn and Likewise that Ann White be Admonishd. by the aforesaid John Godard and John Bourn
- 5th It a Pears that Brother Thoms Agate stands accused of some Miss behaveour and it is agreed that he be Admonished By Tho Wood and Peter Browne

John Dancy Elder	John Godard	The Feldwick
Wm Evershed Messenger	Thomas Bull	Josiah Dancy
Darl Bourn)	P Browne	John Norman
John Bourn) Deacons	Thos Wood	Richd Scutt
Richd Fannett)	Jas Walder	David Pearse
Tho Fannett)	Daniel Fannett	John Browne
Mich Chatfield		

A Memorandum that A Collection hath Been Made for the Messengers and John Godard Did the 29 January 1767 Deliver to Mr John Agate Cashshere the Sum of four Pounds and fourteen Shillings and six Pence 4-14-6 June 21 1767 Delivered to Mr John Agate By John Browne 8-0

At a Church Meeting held at Ditchling
April 27 1767

- 1 Cases Agreed that a Collection be Made to defray the necessary expences of Repairs by the Deacons
- 2 Cs. Agreed that Ann Edwards at her request wh She has made to this Church be admitted to Baptism
- 3 Cs. Agreed that the 21 of June be the day appointed for a full meeting for the Adminestering (?) the Ordinance of Baptism & the Sacriments etc & hope our Frend Evershed will be here to perform it
- 4 Cs. Agreed that a Collection be made for our brethren at Braintree in Essex next Sunday Seven night (the above Collection was made and sent to the Assembly Being 2 - 4 - 6)
- 5 Agreed that Mr Jon Brown or Mr Walder attend the Assembly next Whitsuntide in London
- 6 Agreed that those Members of the Society who are persuaded of the Duty of Washing feet, have the free Consent of the Church to practice it (it was Performed June 22 1767 at Thos Fannett by 90 Persons)
- 7 the Case of Mr Thos Agate in wh Mr Wood & Mr Brown were desired to enquire & Make their Report, Satisfied
- 8 Agreed that Mr Godard Speak to Jas Sifleet on his not attending the Public Worship of the Society

Wm Evershed	Mich Chatfield	Tho Wood
J.. Mott	Thos Bull	John Browne
Darl Bourn)	John Godard	John Terry
Jon Bourn) Deacons	James Walder	John Billinghamurst
Rich Fannett)	Josiah Dancy	Richd Scutt
Tho Fannett)	John Norman	

At a Church Meeting Held at Ditchling
Sept 14 1757 the Following Cases where Considered

It is agreed that Thomas Marten be Withdrawn from
in a Public Mannour at Homebush on the Lords Day for
Committing Adultery by Friend Dancy (Which Was Done
Accordingly)

It is agreed that Aplycation be made to Friend Mich
Martin and Friend John Godard to Serve in the office
of Elders to this Church and that a Petition be Drawn
up by John Browne and to be got Signd by the Deacons
by as Many Members of the Church as they Can, and the
Said Deacons to Carry the Petition and use there
Indevours to Perswade them to Except the Said Office

W Evershed	Richd Pannett	Jos Chatfield
Dani Bourn	Thos Pannett	Richd Scutt
John Bourn	Mich Chatfield	John Browne

At a Church Meeting held at Ditchling
May 9 1768 the Following Cases where Considerd.

1st It is agreed that Bro Jos Walder Do go to the
Assembly as Representatives of this Church and
ten shillings is Collected for him to Carry to
London for to Be Put in the fun from whence
the Books are sent for the use of Desenting
Ministers

2nd It is agreed that there be a Collection Made for
Thos Bull, By the Deacons of this Church
Also that there Be a Collection made to bear the
Charges of our Friend Evershead for the many
Jorneys that he has had to Serve this Church
in the office of an Elder

3rd It is agreed that Friend Phillip Doble Shall have
the Liberty of Dwelling in the house Joining the
Meeting house if he Require it

4th It is agreed that Thoms Wood and Jos Chatfield
Do treat With Mr Chatfield and Mrs Chatfield
about a Pice of ground for the use of Buring
the Members Belonging to this Church

W: Evershed	John Godard	John Terry
Dani Bourn	Mich Chatfield	John Booker
John Bourn	Tho Wood	John Billinghamurst
Richd Pannett	Jos Chatfield	Henry Pentecost
Thos Pannett	John Browne	Wm Edwards
Tho. Bull		

At a Church Meeting held at Ditchling
May 8 1769 the Following Cases where Considerd. of

1st That Wm Edward and Henry Wood Do Openly and Freely
Declare that they do Chuse to be Dismiss. from this
Church, and Such Dismiton at there Request is by
this Church Consented to, And they are Accordingly
Dismissed in Peace and Love

2nd It is agreed that Jean Hamper be withdrawn From in
a Publick Mannour for Cummitting Fornication, which
is Left to Bro Dancy to Proseed in this Case as he
shall think Proper (Perform by Friend Dancy)

3rd It is agreed that Bro Phillip Dobel Do go to the
Asembly as Representative of this Church and ten
Shilling is Collected for him to Cary to London
for to put into the fun from whence the Books are
sent for the use of Dissenting Ministers and that a
Petition Be Drawn up and sent to London for a
Parsell of Books for the use of Bro Godard

4th It is agreed that John Smith be Admonished for
the Neglect of coming to Publick worship and
Also that Thomas Buckman be Admonished for
Drinking to Excess by Bro John Godard and Philip Dobel

Wm Evershed	Thos Bull	John Browne
Dani Bourn	John Godard	Jos Chatfield
John Bourn	James Walder	John Terry
Rich. Pannett	Philip Dobel	Henry Pentecost
Thos Pannett	Mich Chatfield	Thoms Hallet

At a Church Meeting held at Ditchling
Oct 9 1769 the Following Cases were Considered

1st that a Lettr. of Recommendation be Sent to the
Baptist Church at Tunbridge Wells in Behalf of
Elizabeth Davey Formerly Weller by Johr Browne

2nd It is agreed that Bro Jonathan Beachly be Admonished
By Bro Dancy and Bro Thomas Pannett and Bro James
Walder and by any other Member that Bro Dancy
shall see Proper to go with him

Wm: Evershed	James Walder	Tho Wood
Dani Bourn	John Godard	John Terry
John Bourn	Philip Dobel	Henry Pentecost
Richd. Pannett	Thoms Bull	Thoms Hallet
Thos Pannett	Mich Chatfield	John Browne

At a Church Meeting held at Ditchling
May 18 1771 the Following Cases were Considered

- 1st It appears that Thoman Agate of Estridge Stands Accused of Committing Adultery and Neglecting attending our Publick Service on the Lords Day and it is agreed that he be Treated with By Bro Josia Dancy and some other Frennd that he Shall Like to take With him.
- 2nd It appears by a Report that there is some Misbehaviour in our Sister Eliz Stedman and it is agreed that she be Treated with By Bro James Walder (this Case appears groundless)
- 3rd It is agreed that Richd. Palmer and Wm. Isard Both of Lewis, and the Wife of Wm. Pannett and Sarah Dancy be admitted into this Church by Baptism
- 4th It is Agreed that Bro Phillip Dobel Do go to the Assembly as Representative of this Church and ten Shillings is Collected to be Carried to the Fun for Books for young Ministers
- 5th It is Agreed at this Church Meeting that the People Belonging to this Congregation Do Look out Some Proper Person or Persons to Serve this Church in the Office of Elders
- 6th It is agreed That if any young man, a Member of this Church is Supposed to be Qualified for, and Usefull in the work of the Ministry, And is of himself Desposed to Exercise in that work, or can be Perswaided by any other Member or Members to be Ingaiged therein - Shall Previous to his Publick work, First make Proof of his Ministeral Gifts or Quallifications by Several Repeated Exercises in Private Relative to the Work of the Ministry before Such members and Others that he best Approoves of - After which he Shall Preach one two, or more Approbation Sermons before fifteen or Twenty members of this Church and one Elder - And If After such Aprobation Sermon or Sermons the said Elder and Konbers Do Approove of, and Deem him Quallified for the said Ministeral Work, he shall then have Liberty and Consent of this Church for to be an Assistant in the Ministry in any of our Publick Meetings or Services of Religion as Occasion and Uppertunity may Offer

Wm: Evershed Richd. Pannett James Walder John Billinghamurst
Thos Pannett Mich Chatfield Josiah Dancy Thomas Pannell
Danl Bourn John Browne Tho. Wood Thos Hallett
John Bourn Philips Dobel Jos Chatfield Thos Bull

At a Church Meeting Held at Ditchling
May 30 1772 the following Cases were Considered -

1. It appears that Mr Agate of East Ridge has not Cleared himself of a Charge laid against him - As our Frennd Dancy has applied to him According to an Order of the Church, As he has not given any satisfactory answers it's thought Proper to Suspend his Communion
2. It's agreed that Mr Looker Chatfield & Jane Backs be Admitted to Join the Church by Baptism
3. It's Agreed that Frennd Phillips Doble do attend the Assembly in London next Whitsunside & Ten Shillings to be sent to the fund & twelve shillings to Mr Dobel for Expenses

It's Further Agreed that the Meeting House in Ditchling be repaired & that in order to it an Estimate be taken by Isaac Mott & Proper Workmen. & the Money Raised by Subscriptions and then Applied immediately to the above Purpose; & a Regular Account Given of the same to the Church at the Next Church Meeting at this Place - by the said Isaac. Mott

W Evershed	Tho Bull	Mich Chatfield
Dan Bourn	Isaac. Mott	John Browne
John Bourn	James Walder	Thos Hallett
Rich Pannett	Philip Dobel	Richard Beal

At a Church Meeting at Ditchling
Nov 2 1772 the following Cases were Determined Vis

It's agreed that Brother Isaac Mott be desired to officiate occasionally as an Elder - alleeo

It is Unanimously Agreed that Brother Nichl Martin of Furl, Brother James Wallder & Brother Josiah Dancy be Desired to except of the Office of Elders in the Church from the United Request of ye People & that Mr Mercer of Lewes be Desired to treat with Mr Martin & Mr Tho Pannet & Mr Peter Brown to do the same with Mr Dancy

Danl: Austen	Jon Bourn	Mich Chatfield
John Boorman	Thos Pannett	Philip Dobel
Is Mott	Thos Wood	Thos Hallett
J Walder	Jon Chatfield	John Billinghamurst
Josiah Dancy	P Browne	Rich: Beale
Danl Bourn	John Browne	Wm Billinghamurst

At a Church Meeting held at Ditchling
Nov 29 1773 the Following Cases were Determined

- 1st Whereas Thoms Martin has for Sometime Past Been Denied his Communion amongst this people, and now By his Desire and the good Behaviour of the Said Thoms Martin the People Do Unanimously agree that he Shall be Readmitted in to his Place in the Church
- 2nd French Thomas Agate is Unanimously Chose By the People to Officiate in the Ministry at Ditchling Meeting house and he Excepts of it

Wm. Evershed	Tho Wood	Thos Hallett
Tho Pannett	Rich	Thomas Pannett
Dani Bourn	Thomas Agate	John Walder
John Bourn	F Browne	John Broomfield
James Walder	John Billinghamurst	Henry Pentecost
Josiah Dancy	John Browne	

The Proceedings of a Church Meeting Held at Ditcheling
Sept 27 1775

Present Bro John Boorman Messenger

At this meeting it is agreed that Wm. Lewery of Brooklands be admonished by Thos Pannett - Thos Voaks, and Jas Walder for his disorderly Walking

It is also agreed, That Ann Martin late Ann Hallett, be admonished for Misconduct, by Her Father Thos Hallett and John Bourn

It is also agreed, that Mr Thos Wood of Rottendean be Desired to treat with Several members of this Church residing at Palmer & Rottendean for their nonattendance of Public Worship

It is also agreed that Jon Smith be Desired to assist in the ministry occasionally at Ditchling meeting house or Cuckfield

It is also agreed that this Church have their communion at this place, next Lords Day three weeks being the 22 Day of October - and that Jas Walder treat with some Elder of a Sister Church to come to officiate in the Said Office of Celebrating ye Lords Supper

It is also agreed that Bro Tho Pannett and Bro Peter Browne, treat with Bro Thos Agate to desire him to accept of the office of Elder to this Church

John Boorman	Daniel Bourn	P Browne	Thos Hallett
James Walder	John Bourn	Josiah Dancy	John Broomfield
Thomas Agate	Thos Pannett	Thos Marten	Richd Norman

The Proceedings of a Church meeting Held at Ditchelling
May 27 1776

Present Bro John Boorman Messenger

Whereas William Lewery of Brooklands having been admonished for his disorderly behaviour, by Thos Pannett and Thos Voaks, according to the appointment of a former Church meeting held at this place, and it appears that the Said Wm Lewery remains to walk so Disorderly as to be a reproach to ye profession of religion, for which it is now agreed that he be publicly excommunicated from this Church at Cuckfield meeting house by James Walder.

Secondly, whereas Ann Martin, having been admonished according to the appointment of a former Church meeting And it appears that She is Duly Sensible of, and sorry for the fault for which she was admonished, and it is hereby agreed that She continue Church fellowship

Thirdly, whereas it was agreed That Thos Wood were to treat with several members at Falmer for their nonattendance of Public Worship, And as Mr Wood has failed in doing this Service, it is now agreed that Thos Agate take this work upon him

Fourthly, It is unanimously agreed that Bro Josiah Dancy take upon him the Office of Deacon and that James Walder endeavour to get ye Sentiment of the Church respecting ye Same

Fifthly, It is also agreed that at the next general communion of ye Members at Ditchilling, that ye Sentiments of the Church be consulted in respect of James Walders taking the office of Elder - to be done by Bro Mich Chatfield

Sixly, It is also agreed that James Walder and Josiah Dancy Do admonish Panny Whiten late Pannett for her Misbehaviour

Sevently, It is also agreed that Bro Tho Agate, and John Billinghamurst Do admonish Henry Pentecost and his wife Mary for Misbehaviour

Eightly, It is also agreed that Bro Mich Chatfield and Bro Joseph Chatfield, Do Make a Collection for the Ministers of this Church

Ninthly, It is also agreed that Bro John Boorman do represent this Church at ye General assembly for this year

John Boorman	Thomas Agate	Daniel Bourn	Thos Hallett
James Walder	Mich Chatfield	John Bourn	John Walder
Josiah Dancy	Jos Chatfield	Robt Marten	Thomas Veke

The Proceedings of a Church Meeting Held at Ditchling
October 27 1776

Present Brother Wm Evershed Vis

- 1 Firstly, The Third Article of last Church Meeting was attended to by Brother Tho Agate
- 2 Secondly, As Fanny Whiten, having been admonished according to a former appointment, and that She is Duly Sensible & Sorry for what she has done
- 3 Thirdly, As Henry Pentecost & Wife's case was attended to ... was left upon farther Consideration
- 4 Fourthly, it is agreed that Brother John Bourn Thos Marten & Tho. Pannett do treat with Brother's James Walder, Tho. Agate & Josiah Dancy to Except of the Office of Elders

Wm. Evershed	Jos Chatfield	John Broomfield
Danl. Bourn	Thos Marten	William Billinghamurst
Jon Bourn	John Billinghamurst	Thos Broomfield
Thos Pannett	Thomas Voke	Thos Hallett
Nich Chatfield	John Broomfield	Richd Norman
Thomas Agate		Thomas Pannett

The Proceedings of a Church Meeting held at Ditchling
March 24 1777

Present Brother Wm Evershed Vis

- Firstly, as Article 3 in the Proceedings of the last Church Meeting remains as it was it is now agreed that Brother Daniel Boarn should go and inquire into it and bring in an Account at the next Church Meeting
- 2 The fourth Article remains as it was and to be carried on by the before Mentioned Persons
 - 3 It is agreed that Wm. Lewery Mentioned in a former Church Meeting be withdrawn from for Disorderly walking at Cuckfield at next Communion
 - 4 It is agreed that Brother James Walder or in Default Brother Josiah Dancy to go to Represent this Church at ye next Assembly at London

Wm. Evershed	Thomas Agate	Josiah Dancy
Danl. Boarn *	Danl. Pannet *	John Broomfield
Jon Boarn *	Jos. Chatfield	Thos Hallett
Thos Pannett (* no signature - names added by minute writer)		

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The Proceedings of a Church Meeting held at Ditchling
March 21 1782

Article 1st That whereas Daniel Lewry has been guilty of great disorders it is thought necessary to suspend his Communion till further orders or Consideration

- 2nd As Wm Pannett at Chailey has been Accused of Disorderly walking and upon Admonition desires to be withdrawn from our Communion we Admit his request & consider him as having withdrawn himself
- 3rd Whereas Tho Broomfield has been Accused of Disorderly walking it is appointed that Friend Dancy should inquire into the affair & bring an Account to the next Church meeting
- 4th Whereas Tho Lewery is charged with sabbath breaking & other things it is appointed that Jon Billinghamurst Senr & Tho Billinghamurst should go to Admonish him
- 5th As Henry Edwards at Lewes is charged with drinking to Excess & other disorders Also his Wife with neglecting publick Worship it is appointed that Mr Lampier & Joseph Marten do go & Admonish them on that Account
- 6th As Mr Demmans Daughter now Ann Jasper has been guilty of great Immoralities we do suspend her Communion till the Church is better satisfied of her Conduct it is appointed that Wm Billinghamurst Jar do acquaint her of the same, & Admonish her with regard to her future Conduct

Article 7 Under the Consideration of want of Deacons we have nominated Mr Lampier
Mr Joseph Marten Mr Tho Walder Mr Jon Billinghamurst
Mr Jon Broomfield Mr Jon Dancy Mr Semion Buckman
to serve the Church in that Office & also appointed
Mr Tho. Pannett Mr Josiah Dancy & Mr Tho Agates
to treat with them to Except that Office as soon as
may be

- 8 Some repairs is necessary to be done to the Baptistary & other parts of the meeting House it is Desired that Mr Michael Chatfield & Mr Tho Pannett do make a Collection for the same & superintend the work

Wm Evershed	Thomas Billinghamurst	John Smith	Henry Browne
John Bourn	John Billinghamurst	Thos Pannett	Jasper Bull
Thomas Pannett	Wm Billinghamurst	John Burgess	Danel Pannett
Josiah Dancy	Wm Billinghamurst Sr	John Lepard	
Thomas Agate	Aaron Lempriere	Thos Hallett	

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The Proceedings of a Church Meeting held at Ditchling
Apr 29 1782

- 1st The Proceedings of the Last Church Meeting haveing
Been read & Considered the 4:5:6:8 Article remain
as they was
- 2nd It is Agreed that Samuel Lewry Be Admonished for
misconduct By Josiah Dancy & Thos Voche
- 3rd It is Also agreed that Wm Denman Be Admonished for
misconduct By friend Thos Pannett & Jon Billinghamurst
- 4 It is Agreed that Brother Josiah Dancy Go to the
Assembly at London as representative of this Church

Wm Evershed	Josiah Dancy	Thos Billinghamurst
Jon Bourn	Thomas Agate	John Billinghamurst
Thos Pannett	Thomas Voke	John Broomfield
Aaron Lempriere	John Walder	Wm Billinghamurst Senr
Thos Walder	John Burgess	Wm Billinghamurst Junr
Simeon Buckman	Thomas Pannett	Henry Browne

April 29 1782 Our Brethren Thos Walder Aron Lemprier
Simeon Buckman in pursuence of the Choce made of them for
Deacons were this Day solemnly set apart and ordained to
serve in that Office By Prayer & Laying on of Hands at
our meeting house in Ditchling By Wm Evershed Messenger

Jon Bourn	Thos Vokes	Thos Billinghamurst
Thos Pannett	Jon Walder	John Broomfield
Josiah Dancy	John Burgess	Wm Billinghamurst Senr
Thomas Agate	Thomas Pannett	Wm Billinghamurst Junr

The Proceedings of a Church Meeting held at Ditchling
July 7 1782

Present Brother Wm Evershed

Article 1st Whereas Saml. Lewry has Been Guilty of Great
Disorders it is appointed to suspend his Communion
till further satisfaction of the Church

2nd It is Desired by this Church meeting that
Brother Jon Burgess do serve them in the Ministeriel
office

Wm Evershed	Thomas Pannett	Danl Owden
Jon Bourn	John Billinghamurst	Edw Billinghamurst
Simeon Buckman	John Broomfield	Saml. Denman Junr
Thos Vokes	Wm Billinghamurst Sr	Jon Kye
John Walder	Jon Bull	Thos Vokes Junr
The Billinghamurst	Edw Colbran	Thos Nye
John Burgess	Jon Broomfield Junr	Henry Browne
Jon Smith	Jon Owden	

The Proceedings of a Church Meeting held at Ditchling
Nov 10 1783

Present: Wm Evershed Messenger

Article 1 Whereas Thos Lewry is Charged with Sabath
Breaking & other inorality & has been admonished
without any good effect it is agreed to Suspend
his Communion till farther Satisfaction of the
Church & also that Thos Voke do give him notice
of it accordingly

2nd Whereas Henry Edward & his wife have been admonished
by Mr. Lemprier & Jos Marten we are Glad to Hear
there appears some visible signs of Success with
regard to himself it is Desired by this Church
Meeting that the above Persons do Admonish him
again

3 Ann Jasper having been admonished according to a
former Church Meeting her Communion stands Suspended
according to 6 Article 21 March 82

4 Whereas the 8 Article of a Church Meeting held
21 March 82 has been neglected it is agreed that
Thos Hallett Shall take account of what is necessary
to be done & Mr Nichl Chatfield is Desired to
assist him in it & Jon Burgess Henry Browne &
Mr Chatfield is Desired to Collect the Money &
Mr Chatfield is Desired to Superintend the work

5 Whereas Thos Broomfield has been Charged with
adultery it is appointed for Thos Agate to enquire
of him with respect to the Charge & Let him know
if he Cant give a proper Satisfaction of his
Innocence the Church will proceed publickly to
declare against him at the Next Communion

6 Under the Consideration of the want of Deacons
we have nominated

Thos Voke	Jon Broomfield Junr
Jon Broomfield Senr	Jon Billinghamurst

& it is agreed that Jon Bourn & Josiah Dancy do treat
with Jon Broomfield Junr & Thos Voke with respect to
under taking the office also that Thos Agate do treat
with Jon Billinghamurst & Jon Broomfield Senr on the
same account

Also under the Consideration of Being destitute of
any Elder by reason of which Disadvantage the order
& regularity of Church cannot be so well preserved
we have nominated our Friends Josiah Dancy & Thos Agate
to serve us in that office likewise Appointed Thos
Pannett Jon Bourn & Aron Lemprier to treat with them
with respect to excepting the office & if it be
necessary to Gett the Votes of the Members

Wm Evershed Messenger, Jon Bourn Thos Pannett Thos Walder
Aaron Lempriere Deacons, Josiah Dancy, Thos Pannett,
John Burgess, Thomas Agate, Thos Voke, Richard Mutton
Henry Browne

The Proceedings of a Church Meeting Held at Ditchling
May 23 1784

Artl 1 Wareas Thos Lewry has Been Guilty of Fornication & Other immorality it is Agreed that he shall Be Publicly withdrawn from at the Next Communion & Also that Thos Broomfield has Been Guilty of Adultery & is to Be Likewise withdrawn from at the Next Communion

2nd It is Agreed that Jon Burgess do Go to the Assembly at London as Representative for this Church & that a Letter Be drawn up to Be signd next Sunday for that Purpose - and allowed Twenty Shillings to Pay his Expenses & 1 - 11 - 0 to Be Sent for the Messengers Book Fund

Mr Pannett Mr Lemprier & Mr Walder Mr Voke to Gather the Money & if any shall Be Gathered more than wanting to Be Kept till Next Year for the same Purpose

Wm Evershed	Jon Billinghamurst	Richd Mutton
Thos Pannett	Thos Voke	Wm Denman
Aaron Lempriere	Thos Pannett	John Burgess
Thos Walder	Thos Hallett	Saml. Denman
Nich Chatfield	Jon Broomfield	Henry Browne
Thos Agate	Frances Foster	

Memo in another hand	Collected to go to the Assembly	2-17-6
	Cash Sent	2-11-0
	Remr. in Hand & Deposited in the Hands of Thos. Pannett	6-0

The Proceedings of A Church Meeting Held at Ditchling
Sept 19 1784

Present Brother Dowble & Kingford Messengers

Artl. 1 Upon an enquire whether the Church still Approve of their former choce of Brothr. Agate & Dancy for the Office of Pastors, we find they do Approve of them & Brother Dowble & Kingford are Desired to Prevail with to Accept the Same & tis also the sence of the Body to except of One of them if Both Cant be Prevaild on to Except the Office

2nd The Deacons Before Hornin.....(?) are Desired to Be Treated with By the Same Persons as Before in order to see if their Minds are altered

3 Wareas Thos. Dancy has acted Inconsistent with His Profession it is agreed to Suspend His Communion & Frenid Dancy & Smith are Desired to Admonish him

4 Wareas Henry Edwards has been Repeatedly Admonished & Continues Very Bad we do Agree to withdraw from him

The Munis of the Last Church Meeting to be Rewewd. next Church Meeting

Ben: Dobel	John Burgess	John Billinghamurst
Sams Kingsford	Richard Beal	Saml Denman
Thomas Pannett	William Beal	Thos Foster
Aaron Lempriere	Wm Denman	Thos Hallett
		Thos Voke

The Proceedings of a Church Meeting held at Ditchling
Feb 20 1785

Present Wm. Evershed Messenger

The 2nd Article in the last Church Meeting has been neglected - they are therefore now Desired to proceed according to that article

No answer to the 3 Article in the Last

Mr. Nichl. Chatfield Senr. is Desired to let the House adjoining the Meeting House & to receive the rents & expend the same on repairs if Wanting & Collect What is more wanting

Wm Evershed	John Billinghamurst	John Burgess
Thos Pannett	Nich Chatfield	Thomas Pannett
Aaron Lempriere	John Broomfield	Thos Hallett
Thos. Walder	Jon Broomfield Jr.	Richard Mutton
William Beal	Richard Beal	Jon Smith

The Proceedings of a Church Meeting held at Ditchling
May 6 1785

Present Wm Evershed Messenger

- 1 Unanimously agreed that Jon Burgess do go to London as our Representative
- 2nd Agreed that Josiah Dancy do treat with several Members - whether they wish to stand as such or not
- 3 Whereas Thos. Dancy has been admonished for Misconduct & we think with good Effect, he now desires to be admitted in- Communion again which the Church agrees to
- 4 Agreed that a Book be bought to Register Childrens Names in when Born To be done by H Browne

Agreed to Raise 21 Shillings for the Representative & £1 - 11 - 0 for the Messengers & Book fund

Wm Evershed Messenger	Josiah Dancy	Thos Hallett
Aaron Lempriere	John Burgess	Saml. Denman
Thos Walder	Mich Chatfield	H Browne
Thos Pannett	John Billinghamurst	
Mich Chatfield	Thomas Pannett	

Collected for the Assembly in May 85	2 - 12 - 0
Pd to Jon Burgess	2 - 12 - 0

Collected for the Assembly May 1786	2 - 19 - 6
Pd to Jon Dancy	2 - 12 - 0
Remd. in Hand	7 - 6

The Proceedings of a Church Meeting held at Ditchling
May 28 1786

Present Wm. Evershed Messenger

- 1st Unanimously agreed that Jon Dancy do Go to London as our Representative
- 2nd Whereas Francis Witen & Wm. Poster have withdrawn themselves we Esteem them no Longer Members of this Church
- 3rd it is agreed that Josiah Dancy & Wm Beal to Treat with Saml. Lewry respecting his neglect of Publick Worship

Wm Evershed	Mich Chatfield	John Billinghamurst
Thos Pannett	Mich Chatfield	Thos Hallett
Thos. Walder	John Dancy	Thos. Pannett
Josiah Dancy	John Burgess	Wm. Beal
Thomas Agate	Thos Marten	Thos. Voke
	Edw Colbran	H Browne

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The Proceedings of a Church Meeting held at Ditchling
May 14 1787

Present Wm Evershed Messenger

- 1st The 3rd Article in the Last Meeting remains as it was
- 2nd Whereas Saml Denman Junr. has been guilty of Adultery - Hannah Browne (late wife of Wm. Billinghamurst) and Wm. Beal of fornication, it is agreed to withdraw from them the next Communion 5 Augst. 87
- 3rd It is agreed that Jon Dancy & Henry Browne do go to London as our Representatives the Collection to be made as usual for the Book fund, Messengers etc.
- 4th Agreed that Frenk Voke do treat with such Members as he knows usially attend the Calvinist society, & give an Acctt at the next Church Meeting whether they Chuse to stand as Members of our Church or not
- 5 Under consideration of Repairing the Meeting House, it is agreed that Jon Billinghamurst, Hy. Browne, Jon Dancy & Mr. Drowley do collect the money necessary for the same & Mr. Chatfield & Mr. Agate do Superintend the work
- 6 It is agreed that Mr. Michl. Chatfield do receive Rents of the House adjoining the Meeting House & let the same at his Discretion

Wm Evershed	John Dancy	John Burgess
Thos Pannett	John Billinghamurst	Thos Hallett
Mich Chatfield	Thos. Voke	James Sanders
Thomas Agate	Thomas Pannett	Hy. Browne

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The Proceedings of a Church Meeting held at Ditchling
April 27 1788

Present Wm Evershed Messenger

- 1st Whereas Simeon Buckman has withdrawn himself from this Church we now consider him no longer a Member of this Society
- 2nd It is agreed that Jon Dancy & Henry Browne do go to London as our Representative the Collection to be made as usual for the fund, Messengers etc
- 3rd We have nominated our friends Josiah Dancy & Mr Jas Drowley to accept of the office of Elders - and Appointed Jon Dancy, Henry Browne, Jon Broomfield & Mr. Lemperier to get the Votes of the Members

Wm Evershed	John Billinghamurst	Hy Geering
Mich Chatfield	Thos Hallett	H Grayling
John Dancy	John Burgess	Thos Judge
Aaron Lempriere	John Broomfield	Jon. Comber
Thos. Walder	Jon Smith	Thos. Voke Junr
Edw Colbran	Thos. Voke	Thos. Beal
Thos Marten	Jon. Walder	Hy Browne

The Proceedings of a Church Meeting Held at Ditchling
May 25 1789

Presedent Wm Evershed Messenger

- 1st It is agreed that Jon Dancy is to go to London as our Representative the Collection as usual for the Fund & Messenger etc
- 2nd The 5 Art for Repairing the Meeting House - it is agreed that Jon Billinghamurst & Jams Brown Mr Drowley & Mr. Jon Dancy to Colact the money nesery for the same & Mr. Michl. Chatfield & Mr. Thos. Hallett to superintend the Work
- 3 Art 4 Remains as it was

Wm Evershed	John Burgess	Robt. Mott
Thos. Pannett	John Dancy	John Billinghamurst
Mich Chatfield	Thos Bourn	Jas Browne

The Proceedings of a Church Meeting held at Ditchling
May 16 1790

Present Bro Wm Evershed & Brother Ashdown

- 1st The 2nd & 3rd Artl. in the Last Church Meeting remain as it was
- 2nd It is agreed that Brothr Jon. Dancy do go to London as our Representative the Collection to be made as usual for the fund & Messenger etc by Jas. Browne
- 3rd It is agreed by this Church Meeting to readmit our Brother Wm Beal to Communion as a Member of this Church

Wm Evershed	Thos. Voke	Wm Lempriere
James Drowley	Hy Browne	James Browne
Mich Chatfield	John Billinghamurst	Thos. Beal
John Dancy	John Burgess	
Aaron Lempriere	Thos Hallett	

The Proceedings of a Church Meeting held at Ditchling
June 5 1791

- 1 Our meeting house being much out of repair it is desired by this meeting that Mr. Mich Chatfield, Mr. R. Chatfield, Mr. Drawbridge & Hy Browne will inspect the same and give the church information what is best to be done
- 2 It is the wish of this Meeting that a Book be bought to register Childrens names in - they have therefore appointed Jas Browne to procure the same and execute the business
- 3 It is agreed that Mr. Cha. Lloyd do go to London as our representative
- 4 Mr Drowley & Mr. J Dancy are desired to see Hy Owden and speak to him respecting his nonattendance on Public Worship
- 5 In reference to the 1 Article in our last - we still request our Friends Mr Lampriere, Mr Jon Dancy & Mr Jon Broomfield to proceed in getting the Votes of the Members

Wm Lempriere	C: Lloyd	Jon Broomfield
Jas Drowley	Tho: Hallett	Jon. Smith
Josiah Dancy	Jas. Browne	John Burgess
Mich Chatfield	Thos. Walder	Isc. Walder
Hy. Browne	Edwd Colbran	Aaron Lempriere

The Proceedings of a Church Meeting held at Ditchling
May 20 1792

- 1 Mr. Jon Wood, Mr. Mich Chatfield & Mr Drawbridge are requested to inspect the Meeting House & report what repairs are necessary to be done by the next church Meeting
- 2 The 4 & 5 Artl. in our last Meeting remains as they were
- 3 It is agreed that Jas Browne do go to London as our representative
- 4 The Collection to be made for the Messenger, Representative etc as usual
- 5 This Church Meeting adjourned to this day month

C. Lloyd	Wm Isard	Thos. Hallett
Mich Chatfield	Edw Colbran	Thos. Judge
Robt. Mott	Jas Browne	Jon Comber
Hy Browne	John Burgess	

At a Church Meeting held by adjournment
June 17 1792

- 1 Received a report from Messrs Chatfield & Drawbridge according to the first article in the last meeting, which says that nothing is more advisable at present than to support the building in its present state with as little alteration as possible, for which a sum not exceeding ten pounds will be necessary
- 2 It is agreed that a subscription to raise this sum be made by those present, the remainder to be collected among our friends by James Browne
- 3 Messrs Chatfield, Wood & Drawbridge are requested to take upon them the management of this affair, and to make report at the next church meeting
- 4 Mr Dancy is requested to visit Hy Owden and inquire into the reasons for his nonattendance on public worship

Wm Evershed	Aaron Lampriere	Thos. Walder
Charles Lloyd	Tho. Hallett	John Burgess
Hy Browne	Edw Colbran	T. Pannett
Josiah Dancy	Richard Beal	Jas Browne

At a meeting of the Church held on the
December 2 1792

As John Dancy and Lydia Walder have been found guilty of fornication, it is agreed that we withdraw from their communion

Wm Evershed Charles Lloyd Thomas Voke James Browne
Mich Chatfield Thomas Walder Josiah Dancy

At the church meeting held at Ditchling
May 12 1793

- 1st The first article of last church meeting has been attended to, and the repairs are now in a forward state
- 2nd We appoint Brother Jas Drowley as our representative to the General Assembly to be held in London on wednesday in next Whitsun week
- 3rd That a collection be made as usual for the Messengers fund and Brother Jas Browne is requested to collect the same

Wm Evershed Thos. Walder Thos. Wood Francis Poster
Mich Chatfield Edw Colbran Wm Isard
James Drowley Richd Burgess Tho Judge
Josiah Dancy Michl Denman Isc Walder

At a Meeting of the Church held on the
Janry 25 1794

Whereas John Dancy has applied for his place in the Church it is agreed that he be readmitted as a member of the Society

Wm Evershed Mich Chatfield Thos Walder Josiah Dancy
Wm Davies W Beal J Browne

The Proceedings of a Church meeting held
April 18 1794

- 1st the 4th Article of the Church meeting 17 June 92 stands as it did
- 2nd We appoint our Brothers Wm Davies & Jas: Browne as our representatives at the General Assembly
- 3rd That a collection be made as usual for the Messengers & Book fund and that Brother Wm Davies do make the collection

Wm Evershed Josiah Dancy Jas Browne
Mich Chatfield W Davies

The proceedings of a Church Meeting held at Ditchling
May 10 1795

Resolved

- 1st That as the people of Cuckfield have desired that our friend Jon Dancey do preach to them as formerly we consent that he do so & that he be requested to act accordingly
- 2nd That Josiah Dancey & Hy Browne do make enquiry respecting Hy Owdens absenting himself from public Worship
- 3rd That our friends Davies & Snelgrove do go to London as our Representatives at the general Assembly - & that a collection be made as usual for the Messengers, Book Fund etc - by Wm Davies & James Browne

Wm Evershed	Richd Snelgrove	Peter Rowland
Thos Walder	Thos Judge	James Browne
Josiah Dancy	Edw Colbran	
William Davies	Jon Broomfield	

The proceedings of a Church meeting held at Ditchling
May 8 1796

Present Wm Evershed Messenger

- Resolved 1 That as our friend Jon Dancey has Desired to withdraw himself from this church & join the Horsham society we acquiesce in that Desire
- Resolved 2 That Jas Browne & Thos. Judge do go to London as our Representatives at the general assembly in London & that a collection be made as usual for the Messengers, fund etc by Wm Davies & James Browne

Wm Evershed Messenger	J Browne	Jon Smith
Josiah Dancy	Thos Walder Deacon	
W. Davies	Thos Judge	Jon Walder

The Proceedings of a Church meeting held at Ditchling
May 28 1797

- Resolved 1 That Thos. Judge & Josiah Dancy do go to ye assembly as our Representatives
- Resolved 2 That this meeting think it will be attended with usefulness to read publicly at Ditchling & ye different Branches of ye Church ye circular letter from ye Assembly soon after it be received & that it be left at the meeting house for ye inspection of ye Congregation
- Resolved 3 That ye Resolutions from ye Managers of ye Baptist fund in London be Read two Sundays previous to ye first of May in every year
- Resolved 4 That as it has been reported that Michl. Densham has acted improperly it is Desired that Mr. Wm. Davies & Josiah Dancey will speak to him concerning the same
- Resolved 5 That Wm. Davies & James Browne do collect ye Money for ye Assembly ye Fund etc as usual

Richd Snelgrove	Jon Broomfield	Hy Browne
Wm Dancey	Edw Colbran	Thos Judge
Aaron Lempriere	Tho. Sadler	Jas. Browne
James Nye his mark X	John Keophan	

The proceedings of a Church meeting held at Ditchling
May 20 1798

- Resolved 1 that ye 2nd & 3rd Resolutions in ye last Meeting remain as they were & it is Desired that it may be better attended to in future
- Resolved 2 That James Browne & Jon Marten do go to London as our Representatives
- Resolved 3 That Mr. Wm. Davies & James Browne do collect ye money for ye Assembly etc as usual
- Resolved 4 That no person shall be buried in ye Meeting house without a Stoned Grave

R Snelgrove	Aaron Lempriere	Jos Marten
Wm Davies	Thos. Judge	Jon Broomfield
Robt. Chatfield	Hy. Browne	Jas Nye his Mark X

May 5 1799 - Whereas Notice was given to hold a Church Meeting at Ditchling when neither the Minister nor any of his congregation attending except James Browne & Jon Broomfield - In consequence of which no business was done

M.B. Lewes Meeting was shut up & Richd Snellgrove Hy Browne, Tho Judge & Jos Marten went to Ditchling on purpose to meet their Ditchling friends - Our friend Wm Evershed was also present
It is hoped that church Meetings when duly appointed, will be better attended in future

The Proceedings of a Church Meeting held at Ditchling
May 25 1800

Resolved 1st That Ric Snellgrove and James Browne do go to the Assembly as our Representatives
2nd That James Browne do collect the Money for the Assembly

Wm. Davies	James Browne	John Denman
Robt. Chatfield	John Marten	

Resolved - at a Church Meeting held at Ditchling
May 17 1801

That Jos. Marten do attend at the Assembly to be held in London as our Representative

A Case left for Consideration as follows -
A person applies to be admitted as a Member without being baptised

Wm. Davies	Edw Colbran	Thos Judge
Richd Snellgrove	Jos. Marten	James Browne
Josh Dancy	Hy. Browne	

At a Church Meeting held at Ditchling
May ye 30 1802

Brother Davies & Snellgrove in the Chair

Resolved 1 That with Respect to Mr Vidlers Case, it is our opinion that there is no objection to his admission as a Member of our Assembly & also that such an admission will be a Valuable Aquisition to ye Society

Resolved 2 Under the Consideration of our Want of Elders in ye Church Mr Snellgrove & Mr Davies have been Nominated to take that Office upon them & Messrs Colbran Broomfield Judge & Greyling are desired to get the Votes of the Members

Resolved 3 Mr. Snellgrove & Mr. James Browne are appointed to go to London as our Representatives -
Mr. Jas Browne to Collect ye Money as Usual

Richd Snellgrove
William Davies
Thos. Walder
Edw. Colbran

Wm. Grayling
Jos. Marten
Thos. Judge

James Browne
James Nye listed
as present

At a Church Meeting held at Ditchling
May 22 1803

Resolved 1 That Mr Richd. Snelgrove & James Browne do go to London as our Representatives - Jas. Browne to Collect ye Money as usual

2 Agreed that the Church at Lewes do from this period act independently of ye Church at Ditchling, and hold their Annual Meetings at Lewes accordingly

Richd Snellgrove
Robt. Chatfield
Aaron Leapriere

James Browne
Edw Colbran
Hy. Browne

Jon Broomfield
Nathl. Drawbridge
Thomas Sadler

On page 1 numbered from the reverse end of the Memorandum Book appears the following

Memorandum that on ye 23 day of May in ye year of our Lord 1737 Then was John Dancey, Michael Marten, & Stephen Agate Ordained To Serve the Church of Christ Meeting in and about Ditcheling in ye Capacity of Elders

and Likewise John Caffin & Daniel Bourn Were appointed to Serve the Same Church in the office of Deacons

On page 3 also numbered from the reverse end of the Memorandum Book begins

A List of Persons Received into Church Communion, by Baptism and Laying on of hands, or by Letters of Commendation from Churches of the Same Faith With us beginning from the time of the ordination of John Dancey Michael Marten Step Agate

The list covers the period 1737 to 1802. It is further extended in the second Memorandum Book. A transcription is to be found on pages 150 et seq hereafter

CHURCH MEMORANDUM BOOK

covering the period
1803 to 1866

Memorandum on the first page of the book

The Quarterly Meetings for breaking bread are for Ditchling the first Sunday in January April July and October: and for Cuckfield the last Sunday in March June September and December

Memorandum on the last page of the book

Inventory of Goods belonging to the Ditchling Congregation take in May 1837

Painted Chest of Drawers
Parlour Carpet
2 Cups & 2 Plates (Pewter)
3 & 1 Arm Chair
6 Glass Bottles
Candle Brasjes
Box Clothes
Chamber Table
Card Table
Copper in Mrs Jas Browns's

Church Meeting June 18, 1803

Memorandum that on the 18th day of June 1803 then was Abraham Bennett of the Church, meeting in Parliament Court Artillery Street, Bishopsgate without London chosen and appointed by the Church at Ditchling to serve them in the office of Elder.

Church Meeting 13th May 1804

Received into fellowship by Baptism (446) John Wood.

By Baptism and the laying on of hands (447) John Walder and (448) Elizabeth Sadler.

After breaking of bread the minutes of the last Church Meeting were read.

2 The names of the members were called over, when it was reported that Jane Bourn and Ann Pannet were dead and Thomas Buckman withdrawn

3 Agreed that Samuel Lewry be visited and Elizabeth Walder inquired after

4 Esther Bennett (449) received into fellowship from the Church, meeting in Parliament Court London. For A. Bennett see 1st page

5 Resolved that Mr. William Beal & Abraham Bennett do go to London as our representatives. A. Bennett to collect the money.

6 Agreed that the Church Book be deposited with A. Bennett

June 24 1804

Baptised and received into the Church
(449) John Marten of Ditchling (450) Thomas Marten of Hookhouse (451) Philip Elen of Arundel (452) Mary Ouden of Ditchling (453) Mary Marten of Hookhouse (454) Mrs Elizabeth Lewry of Ditchling

January 21st 1805

Received into fellowship by baptism Henry Marten of New-Land (455)

March 17, 1805

Baptised Jane Drawbridge (456)

Church Meeting May 19th 1805

- 1 The minutes of the last meeting were read.
- 2 Appointed A. Bennett to go to London to represent the Church, at the general assembly.
- 3 A Bennett likewise to collect the money for the funds.
- 4 Cash accounts brought forward when it appeared that on account of the repairs of the meeting house a ballance was due to Mr Browne of £4-0-6.
- 5 Resolved that a collection be made by A. Bennett for the purpose of discharging the above debt and that a meeting be held the second Sunday in November next for ballancing the accounts
- 6 Agreed that the money collected at the Ordinance of the Lord's Supper after the expences of the bread and wine are discharged shall be appropriated to the support of the ministry

Annual Meeting 26 May 1805

Called over the names of the Members and broke bread.

Church Meeting 10 November 1805

- 1 The account relative to the repairs of the meeting ballanced
- 2 Mr. Marten Peter and Mr. Marten Michael Mr Colbran and Mr. Walder attended bringing a request from the church meeting at Cuckfield desiring the church at Ditchling to divide the publick services on a sunday between the two meetings. viz that Mr. A. Bennett preach at Cuckfield in the morning and at Ditchling in the afternoon. Resolved, that the church meet this day three weeks to consider this business.

Church Meeting December 1, 1805

- 1 Resolved unanimously that Mr. A. Bennett preach at Cuckfield every Sunday in the morning and at Ditchling in the afternoon.
- 2 Resolved that the step of the Meeting house and the paving together with the hearth of the house adjoining and the house of office be repaired
- 3 Agreed that Mr. T. Sadler and Mrs Kensett be dismissed and recommended to the Church at Horsham
- 4 Received into communion Mrs Tusler (457)
- 5 Received into fellowship from the Church at Horsham (458) Peter Rowland (459) Ann Rowland (460) Elizabeth Browne and (461) Mrs Turner

Church Meeting 20 April 1806

A. Bennett appointed to make the collection for the funds and to go to the Assembly as Elder and Representative of the Church at Ditchling

Annual Meeting 18 May 1806

The Names of the Members called over and the Church broke bread

October 5th 1806

Baptized and received into the Church at Ditchling (462) James Walder of Lindfield and (463) Sarah Knight of Ditchling.

Church Meeting Nov. 16, 1806

- 1 The account relative to the repairs of the Meeting House was brought forward when it appeared that there was a balance due to Mr. Browne of £3:9:0
- 2 Mr. Bennett requested to collect the above sum.

Church Meeting 19 April 1807

- 1 The accounts for the Repairs of the Meeting balanced.
- 2 Agreed that the gallery and the Pulpit be painted
- 3 Agreed that A. Bennett make the collection for the Messenger's Minister's and Education funds.
- 4 Agreed that A. Bennett go to London as Elder and Representative of this Church at the General Assembly.

Annual Meeting 10 May 1807

The names of the Members called over and the Communion administered

Church Meeting 8 November 1807

Bills for repairs of the Meeting House brought forward and the account of rent received. A balance due to Mr. Browne of £4:1:7.

Meeting 24 April 1808

- 1 Reported that the collection for the repairs of the Meeting House had been made and the account balanced.
- 2 Agreed that Mr. A. Bennett make the collection for the Education Fund.
- 3 Agreed that A. Bennett go to London as the Elder and Representative of this Church at the General Baptist Assembly.

Annual Meeting May 29th 1808

Mr. Rice preached in the Morning and Mr. Jeffery in the afternoon: both services were well attended. In the afternoon the communion was administered.

(Meeting July 10, 1808)

It being found necessary to procure a house for the accommodation of our minister a meeting was held July 10th 1808 to take the business into consideration, when it appeared to the majority present, that the most eligible plan was to repair and enlarge the dwelling belonging to the meeting for the above purpose and was accordingly accepted.

Meeting 11 December 1808

The bills for the repair and sundry matters to the amount of £4:3:4 brought forward.

Mrs Wood having promised to be five pounds toward the expences of enlarging and repairing the dwelling belonging to the Meeting-house and having withdrawn that promise unless there be preaching twice on a Sunday it was accordingly stated.

Mrs Wood and others desiring to have preaching twice on a Sunday and Mr. Bennett stating he should have no objections to comply with their wishes provided that the subscription raised by the church at Cuckfield was raised by the church at Ditchling. Resolved that the subscribers be consulted upon it.

Mr. Wood and Mr. Bennett appointed to collect the money expended on repairs etc. and to obtain the sense of the people about preaching twice at Ditchling on a Sunday.

Resolved that the Church meet again this day three weeks to hear the sense of the subscribers about preaching twice on a Sunday.

Meeting January 1, 1809

Reported by Mr. Bennett and Mr. Wood that many of the subscribers have no objections to but rather wish to have preaching twice on a Sunday but are of an opinion that Mrs Wood's additional subscription is not sufficient and therefore think it cannot be accomplished.

Meeting April 9, 1809

Resolved that Mr. A. Bennett go to London to represent this Church at the General Baptist Assembly.

Resolved that Mr. A. Bennett make the Collection for the Education Fund.

Annual Meeting 14 May 1809

Baptised Harriet Shelley of Lewes Emily Judge, and William Beal of Lewes (464).

Mr. Inelgrove of Lewes preached in the Morning and Mr. Dendy of Ifield in the afternoon. The Communion was administered as usual. The Meeting was well attended.

September 24, 1809

Baptised Sarah Shelley, Sarah Marten, Lucy Marten, and Henry Billinghamurst.

Half yearly Meeting held 5 Nov. 1809

Reported that the money laid out for building and repairing had been collected and the bills discharged.

Half yearly Meeting 8 April 1810

Mr. Bennett appointed to make the collection for the Education Fund and to represent the Church at the General Baptist Assembly.

Annual Meeting 3 June 1810

Mr. Bennett preached both parts of the day and administered the Communion. The Services were well attended.

Half yearly Meeting Nov. 26 1810 Adjourned to 2 December 1810.

Meeting 2 December 1810

A collection made for the Repairs of the Meeting House.

Half yearly Meeting 14 April 1811

1 Resolved that A. Bennett make the Annual Collection for the Education Fund.

2 Resolved that A. Bennett go to London as Elder and Representative of this Church.

3 Resolved that the Front of the Meeting be repaired and that a Committee be chosen to supervise and direct the work.

4 Resolved that Mr. James Browne John Wood John Broomfield and Robert Chatfield be the Committee.

Extraordinary Church Meeting 21 April 1811

to consider the following case, viz. Mrs Hannah Marten of Newland having made application to become a member of the Church who in our opinion has not been baptized but in her own mind is convinced that it is not requisite to be immersed or baptized according to our mode: It is consistent with the gospel rule of liberty of conscience to admit the same Hannah Marten and others in similar circumstances to communion with us.

Present, Thomas Hallett	James Browne	John Wood
John Broomfield	Thomas Marten	Daniel Ouden
William Billinghamurst	Mrs Rowland	Mrs Wood
Mrs Mary Browne	Mrs Willett	Mrs Browne
Mrs Bennett	Abraham Bennett	Elder

After mature deliberation it was determined by a majority of ten that we could not refuse admission to communion with us any person who was sincere in the profession of christianity. The said Hannah Marten was accordingly admitted (465).

Minority. John Broomfield Neuter. Mrs Willett against.

Elizabeth Marten of Hookhouse received into the Church (466).

Annual Meeting 26th May 1811

Baptized and admitted into the Church Susannah Dancy (467).

Rev. Mr. Eaton of London preached both parts of the day.

In the afternoon the communion was administered as usual. Each service was well attended.

Sunday september 1st 1811

baptized and admitted into the Church Benjamin Beal (468) Peter Kenset (469) Ann Browne (470).

Half yearly Meeting 17th November 1811

Stated the Expences of Repairs done to the Meeting House.

A. Bennett and Michael Marten appointed to collect the money.

Half Yearly Meeting 19th April 1812

The Meeting Window and dwelling House to be repaired.
The front windows of the Meeting House to be painted.
Two New Curtains for the Meeting House to be bought.

A. Bennett to make the collection for the Education Fund and to be the Representative of the Church at the General Baptist Assembly.

Mr Michael Marten and Mr John Wood to superintend the Repairs.

Annual Meeting 10th of May 1812

Preachers, in the Morning Mr. Vine of Brighton, in the afternoon Mr. Morris of Lewes.

The Communion administered by Mr. Bennett.

Half Yearly Meeting Nov. 8, 1812

Expences of repairs stated. Mr. John Wood and Mr. Michael Marten appointed to collect money to discharge the debts incurred by the above repairs.

Half Yearly Meeting 11th April 1813

Ordered: a blind for the south Window - the Door Posts of the Doors belonging to the Dwelling House to be repaired - a Slab for the causway - the front windows of the Dwelling House and Meeting House and the front door of the Dwelling House to be painted.

Mr. Mercer and Mr Marten to superintend the repairs.

Mr. Bennett to make the collection for the education Fund and to be the representative of the congregation at the General Assembly.

Annual Meeting May 30th 1813

Mr. I.W. Morris preached in the morning and Mr. Bennett in the afternoon.

Received into the Church by baptism Mrs Virgo of Hurst (471).

The communion administered as usual. All the services well attended.

Half yearly Meeting 14th Nov. 1813

The plaster in one of the chambers to be repaired. Painting the front windows of the Dwelling House and Meeting House and doors to be done in the spring. The seats of the Meeting House to be repaired.

Half yearly Meeting 10th April 1814

Agreed that A. Bennett make the usual collections for the education Fund and that he be the Representative at the General Baptist Assembly.

2 The accounts of Repairs stated the balance in the treasurer's hands 3:1:4

3 Mr. Richard Mercer and Michael Marten appointed to superintend the repairs of the Meeting

4 Ordered that the usual Whitewashing be done and that the doors and windows of the premises be painted.

5 Ordered that the clock be cleaned and the pegs against the South wall fastened

Annual Meeting 22 May 1814

Mr. Vine of Brighton preached in the morning and Mr Dobell in the afternoon.

Added to the Church by Baptism Ann Rowland (472)

Added to the Church Mrs Billinghamurst (473)

Half yearly Meeting 30th April 1814

Paid a bill presented by Thos Hallett amounting to 2:7:8 and one for cleaning the Clock 2/6 balance in the treasurer's hands 11/2.

Half yearly Meeting April 25 1815

Mr. Bennett appointed to make the annual collection for the General Baptist Education Fund and to be the Representative at the General Assembly.

Ordered the usual White washing to be done and Mr. Mercer and Mr. M. Marten to superintend the repairs of the Meeting.

Mr. Mercer stated he has paid on account of the Meeting House

two bills	one to Mr. Lamprier	5r 3: 4
	one to Mr. Cottingham	7: 6
		<u>5 10:10</u>

Balance in hand	11: 2
Balance due to Mr. Mercer	- 4:19: 8

An application being made by Mrs Agate to build a pew leave is granted on condition that it is build on the south side of the Meeting adjoining Mr. Browne's Pew of the Width of 4 feet 6 inches.

Annual Meeting May 7, 1815

Received into the Church by baptism Richard Dancy (474)

Mr. Wright preached both parts of the day and the communion was administered as usual: all the services were well attended.

Half yearly Meeting 19 Nov. 1815

Collections for defraying the expences for the repairs of the Meeting

5: 5: 6

4:19: 8

Balance in hand : 5:10

Resolved, that the ground in the front of the Meeting House be lowered and that another step be put down at the door.

Resolved, that a nine inch wall be built along the east end of the burial ground from the gate to the causeway five feet high and that the passage between the School and the wall be five feet wide.

Resolved, that the expence of the fire in the Meeting House be reckoned in the general account of sundry expences.

Half yearly Meeting 14 April 1816

Mr. Bennett appointed to make the usual collection for the Education Fund and to be Representative of the church at the General Baptist Assembly.

The usual white washing to be done and sundry repairs the wall to be built and the step to be put down according to a resolution of the last half yearly meeting.

Bills of repairs etc - - 2: 8: 0

Balance in hand 5:10

Do due to Mr. Mercer 2: 2: 2

Annual Meeting 26th May 1816

Mr. Dobell preached both parts of the day to full congregations.

Stephen Night, John Weller, and Charlotte Herriott were baptised in the Morning; and, as usual, communion was administered in the afternoon.

Tea having been provided for our friends, about one hundred persons sat down to that refreshment. The whole day gave great pleasure and satisfaction.

Half yearly Meeting 17 Nov. 1816

Presented bills for building a wall at the east end of the burial ground and for sundry repairs as follows

Hallett's - 0:14:10

Cottingham's - 3:14: 0

Foster's - 5: 0: 9

Chatfield's - 1:13: 9

Copper's - 1:19: 6

Dram's - 2: 6

Balance due to Mr. Mercer 2: 2: 2

Total due to Mr. Mercer 15: 7: 6

Half yearly Meeting 20th April 1817

Mr. Bennett appointed to make the usual collection for the Education Fund and to be the Representative of the Church at the General Baptist Assembly.

Ordered the usual white washing to be done.

Mr. Richard Mercer and Mr. Michael Marten appointed to superintend the business of the Meeting.

State of the finances on account of repairs

Bills as forgoing - 15: 7: 6

Collected - 11: 3: 9

Balance due to Mr. Mercer 4: 3: 9

A letter was read by Mr. Browne giving notice that Mr. Bennett was about to remove from Ditchling to Poole in Dorsetshire and consequently to resign his ministerial office the resignation to take place on sunday the 29th of June next.

Mr. Mercer and Mr. Browne appointed to visit the people for the purpose of ascertaining what emoluments can be raised for the support of a minister and to use means to procure one subject to the approbation of the congregation.

Annual Meeting 18th May 1817

Mr. Sadler of Horsham preached Morning and Afternoon to full congregations both parts of the day: five persons were baptized viz Ruth Standen, Elizabeth Standen, Mary Bennett, Thomas Potter, Thomas Parsons.

Added to the Church at Ditchling Thomas Potter (475) Mary Bennett (476). The Communion was administered as usual.

Sunday 29 June 1817

Admitted into the church by Baptism and laying on of hands by
Abraham Bennett Sarah Walder (477)

Half yearly Meeting 30 Nov 1817

State of the Finances with respect to repairs

Balance brought forward	-	4: 3: 9
Mr Hallett's Bill	-	9: 9
Messrs Flint & Co's Bill	-	9: 6
		<u>5: 3: -</u>
Collected	-	2: 0: 0
Ballance due to Mr. Mercer		<u>3: 3: -</u>

With respect to purchasing a piece of Land of Mr Rowland
to enlarge the Burying ground Mr Chatfield was requested and
kindly undertook to consult Mr Woolgar about the Conveyance

The following people viz Mr Chatfield Mr Mercer Mr Peter
Rowland Mr Jon Wood of the Painter were unanimously
appointed a Committee of the Congregation for the year ensuing

It was reported by Jas Browne that he had already taken two
Guineas for the purchase of a part of Mr Peter Rowlands ground
viz £1:1:- from Mr Jon Caffins Executors and one Guinea of
Mr Slight of Brighton for the Burial of his son

It was unanimously agreed that on the first Sunday in March
the afternoon service should begin at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 2 O Clock and
continue at that time during the ensuing Summer

James Browne

Committee meeting 22 March 1818

Resolved unanimously that William Browne and Henry Acton be
invited to continue their ministerial labours among us three
months longer and that James Browne communicate the same to them

It was reported by Jas Browne that he had taken a Guinea of the
Executors of the late Richard Beal towards the purchase of
burial ground and a Letter was read by James Browne from
Mr Newton of Brighton dated 19 March 1818 and it was agreed
not to take any steps on it but to pass it over at present

Half yearly Meeting 19 April 1818

Resolved unanimously

- 1 That William Browne make the Annual Collection for the
Education Fund
- 2 That William Browne go to London in the Whitsun week as the
Representative of this Congregation
- 3 That Mr Richard Mercer and Mr Michael Martin be appointed
to superintend the Repairs the ensuing year

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James Browne

Annual Meeting 3 May 1818

Dr Marvell of Brighton preached Morning and afternoon to full
Congregations and administered the Communion as usual.
about 96 people drank Tea together in the meeting house after
service

Committee Meeting 21 June 1818

Agreed that Messrs Harry Acton and Wm Browne should be invited
to continue their ministerial labours amongst us subject to
three months notice that is when either wishes to make an
alteration three months notice will be given

Committee Meeting 16 August 1818

Reported by James Browne that he had communicated the
resolution of the last meeting to Messrs Acton and Browne and
that they both accept the invitation

Agreed that two ventilators be let into the Sealing of the
Meeting house and that the front Doors be repaired or new
ones laid if necessary

Half yearly meeting 20 December 1818

The proceedings of the last half yearly meeting and subsequent
committee meetings were read and confirmed.

2 The account of the Receipts and disbursements an account of
the Congregation from 29 June 1817 to the 29 June 1818 were
laid before the meeting and approved

3rd Ordered that the Windows and floor of the Pulpit be
repaired

4th The following people viz Mr Peter Rowland Mr Jon Wood
Mr Allen Browne of Skaynes Hill and Mr Stephen Rowland were
unanimously appointed a Committee of the Congregation for
the year ensuing

James Browne

Half yearly Meeting May 2nd 1819

Resolved unanimously that this congregation join the
unitarian Association for the protection of our Civil Rights

2nd That Mr Hy Acton collect the subscription for the
Education Fund and the Association

3rd That Mr Hy Acton represent us at the meeting of the above
society and at the General Baptist Assembly

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4th That Richard Mercer and Michael Marten are appointed to superintend the repairs the ensuing year

5th That we do the usual whitewashing

6th That we purchase the ground of Mr Chatfield in front of the meeting house now occupied by the School Children for play ground to be added to Meeting yard

7th That we build a flint wall across the south of it

8th That Mr Richard Mercer Mr John Wood and James Browne collect money to pay the said expence

9th That the outside of the parlour be plastered with greyline mortar and that the paper within be taken down and the room whitewashed.

Committee Meeting 19 May 1819

Present Mr Peter Rowland Mr Stephen Rowland and Mr John Wood
James Browne proposed Building two Pews at his own expence and to let them till principal and interest is paid off and that then they shall belong to the Trustees of the Meeting house

Resolved that we consider of the said proposal and meet again the first Sunday in June at nine in the morning

Committee Meeting June 7th 1819

Present Peter Rowland Allen Browne John Wood James Browne

Resolved 1st That the north doors of the meeting house shall be stoped up

2nd That Mr Peter Rowland shall be allowed to build a Pew in the Meetinghouse according to the plan formerly adopted and not wider than the Newland Pews

3rd That a low Wall shall be built at the north end of the New Burial Ground.

James Browne withdrew for the present his proposal of Building two Pews in the Meeting house.

Adjourned till the first sunday in July to meet at nine in the morning.

Committee Meeting July 4th 1819

Present John Wood and James Browne. Not being three members present there was not any business done

Half yearly Meeting November 7, 1819

The Proceedings of the last half yearly meeting and subsequent committee meetings were read and confirmed.

2nd Resolved unanimously that James Browne be allowed to build a pew on the conditions proposed by him the 19 of May last

3rd Resolved that the account of Receipts and Disbursements on the part of the congregation up to midsummer be approved and confirmed

4th Resolved unanimously that Mr Allen Browne Mr J Rowland Mr Chatfield and Mr Jas Marten be appointed a Committee for the year ensuing.

Committee Meeting March 26th 1820

Resolved unanimously that Mr Marten of Dover be invited to preach at the next annual meeting and in case of refusal that Mr Fullegar be invited.

Committee Meeting April the 16th 1820

Resolved unanimously that Mr Wright be invited to preach at our Annual meeting on the 14th of May and in case he declines that Mr Moore of Godalmin be invited

Half yearly meeting May 7th 1820

Resolved unanimously that Mr Hy Acton be invited to reside at Ditchling and be our stated minister from and after midsummer next

2ndly That we appoint Mr Acton our representative at the yearly meetings to be held in London in the Whitsun week.

3rdly That Mr Acton be requested to make the collection for the funds.

4thly That the necessary repairs painting and whitewashing be done

5thly That a new Bible be bought for the pulpit

6thly That the new Version of the Testament now given by Mr Chatfield be bound

Annual Meeting May 14th 1820

Mr Wright preach both parts of the day to very crowded congregations and administered the Communion.

Publick Tea was provided at the meetinghouse at 5 O'clock upwards 150 people betook of it - Mr Wright delivered a short address and the company separated highly gratified at 6 O'clock precisely

Committee Meeting November 5th 1820

Our worthy and much esteemed Minister the Rev H. Acton having tendered his resignation on the 14th of October last and requested that he may leave at Christmas it was unanimously Resolved 1st That we cheerfully acquiesce in his proposal of leaving at Christmas

2ndly That James Browne do make inquiries after a suitable person to succeed Mr Acton in the Ministry

3rdly That Mr Stephen Rowland be allowed to build a Pew between Mr Stephen Martens Pew and the baptistry

4thly That a Collection be made for Mrs Taylor at Billingshurst

Half yearly Meeting 19 Nov 1820

Resolved 1st The proceedings of the last half yearly meeting and subsequent meetings were read and confirmed

2nd The Receipts and disbursements on account of the Congregation were produced and approved

3rd Two letters one from Mr Wright and the other from Mr Fox both recommending Mr Squier as a successor to Mr Acton were read to the meeting and taken into consideration

4th Resolved unanimously that Mr Squire be invited to spend his Christmas vacation among us.

5th Resolved unanimously that Mr Chatfield Mr Joseph Marten Mr Mercer and Mr Wood be committee for the year ensuing

Committee Meeting Dec the 10th 1820

A letter from the Rev Wm Kite was read. James Browne stated that he had acknowledged receiving it and promised to lay it before the congregation. A letter from the Rev J.O. Squire was also read to the congregation.

Resolved that Mr Squire's letter does not require an answer and that no further answer be given to Mr Kite at present.

Committee Meeting 21 January 1821

Mr Squiers vacation being nearly expired it was unanimously Resolved that we accept Mr Kite offer and that James Browne do communicate the same to him.

Committee Meeting 18th March 1821

Two letters recommending Mr Cundle of Cranbrook and Mr Marten of Bessels Green were read and taken into consideration when it was resolved to continue Mr Kite for the present

Committee Meeting April 5th 1821

A letter read from Mr Ashdown respecting Mr Meek of Colchester when it was agreed that we invite Mr Fox to preach at our annual meeting and at the same time inquire what be known of Mr Meek.

Committee Meeting 22nd April 1821

A letter was read from Mr Fox wherein he stated that Mr Meek has he 'understands engaged himself to the congregation at Chatham for the next six months at least' and Mr Fox declines preaching at our annual meeting - whereupon it was Resolved unanimously that we invite Rev Caleb Evans to preach at our annual Meeting.

Committee Meeting May 6th 1821

A letter was read from Mr Sadler of Horsham stating that Mr Caleb Evans cannot accept our invitation to preach at the annual meeting when it was resolved to invite Mr Meek of Colchester.

Half yearly Meeting 20 May 1821

Resolved 1st That the proceedings of the last half yearly meeting and subsequent meetings were read and confirmed

2nd Resolved unanimously that we appoint Mr Kite our representative at the yearly meetings to be held in London in the Whitsunweek

3rd Resolved that Mr Kite be requested to make the annual collection for the funds

4th Resolved that Mr Mercer and Mr Michael Marten be appointed to superintend the repairs

5th Resolved that in case Mr Meek should decline preaching at the Annual Meeting Mr Chapman be invited

Committee Meeting 27th May 1821

Mr Chapman having declined to preach at the annual meeting it is agreed unanimously that Mr Squir and Mr Taplin be invited to come one of them

Annual Meeting June 3rd 1821

Mr Taplin of Newington Green preached both parts of the day to crowded congregations and Mr Kite administered the Communion and about one hundred and fifty persons took tea together in the Meeting house.

Committee Meeting October 7th 1821

Agreed that Mr Squier be invited to settle with us as the Minister of our Congregation after he has finished his education and that James Browne be requested to write to him

Half yearly Meeting October 21st 1821

Resolved 1st The minute of the last half-yearly meeting and subsequent meetings were read and confirmed

2nd A letter written by J.B. to Mr Squier dated Oct 22nd was read and confirmed

3rd Resolved that the following persons be appointed a Committee for the Year ensuing viz. Mr Rid Mercer
Mr Jon Wood Mr Peter Rowland and Mr Michael Marten

Committee Meeting November 11th 1821

Resolved 1st A letter from Revd Mr Squire dated Novr 1st read to the Committee

2nd A letter from Revd Mr Kite was read to the Committee and an Answer agreed on

3rd Resolved unanimously that a petition to parliament on the subject of the Marriage Bill be drawn up and handed about for signatures

Annual Meeting 19 May 1822

Revd Mr Marsom of London preached in the morning and Revd Mr Taplin of Southover in the afternoon

Three young woman were Baptized by Mr Isaac Jeffery viz
478 Miss Sarah Marten Franklands
479 Miss Mary Marten Franklands
480 Miss Elizabeth Rowland Horsham

Both services were well attended and about 150 people drank Tea in the Meetinghouse after the public services of the day

Public Baptism 21 July 1822

The following people where baptised viz

- 481 Ann wife of James Standing at Newick
- 482 Ann Standing of Newick Spinster

By Revd Mr Kite who also administed the Communion

Public Baptism 15 September 1822

483 Miss Elizabeth Puttock of Billingshurst was baptised by Mr Stevens of Brighton and admitted a Member of this Congregation without laying on of hands

Committee Meeting 8 December 1822

1st Letter from the Revd Mr Kite tendering his resignation at Christmas was presented and read

2nd It was unanimously resolved to invite Mr Philip of Newington Green two Sundays on approbation to succeed Mr Kite

3rd James Browne was requested to write to him

Half yearly Meeting 12 January 1823

Resolved Mr Peter Rowland Mr Michael Marten Mr Stepn Rowland and Mr Henry Marten be appointed a Committee of the congregation for the year ensuing

2nd The accomph of the receipts and disbursements of the Congregation were produced and approved

3rd A Collection for the deficiency was proposed and ordered

4th Mr Philip having declined accepting the invitation of the Congregation that Mr Gideon Duplock be invited at present

5th That a subscription of one penny per week be set on foot for the support of the Congregation

Committee Meeting 5 April 1823

Mr Gideon Duplock having officiated as Minister alternately with Mr Ketley since Mr Kites resignation and Mr Diplock having at first refused to reside amongst us but since offered to reside at Ditchling it is Unanimously Resolved that Mr Duplocks offer be accepted

2nd That the Revd Abraham Bennett be invited to preach at the Annual Meeting and in case of his failer Revd Mr Horsfield of Lewes

Annual Meeting 11 May 1823

The Revd Mr Horsfield of Lewes preached both parts of the day to very attentive Congregations and administered the Communion About 150 people drank Tea in the Meetinghouse after service and separated at six o Clock

Publick Baptism 6 October 1823

484 Mary Harriott daughter of John Harriott was Baptised by Revd Mr Stevens Senr of Brighton and admitted to member Mr Stevens also administered the Communion James Browne

Half yearly Meeting May 23 1824

Resolved 1st That Mr Hy Marten, Mr Stephen Rowland, Mr Josh Marten & Mr Jon Marten be the Committee for the Year ensuing

Resolved 2nd That Mr Duplock & Mr James Browne for Ditchling, & Mr P. Potter for Cuckfield, be appointed the Representatives to the Annual Meeting held in London at Whitsuntide

Resolved 3rd That Mr Duplock and Mr A Rowland be appointed to make the Annual Collection

Resolved 4th That for the Burial of every Nonsubscriber, A Guinea shall be expected to be paid to the funds of the Congregation

Annual Meeting May 30th 1824

The Rev R Wright preached on both parts of the day to crowded audiences and administered the Lords Supper to upwards of 70 Communicants - After which Tea was prepared in the Meeting house of which about 160 persons partook.

Mr Wright addressed the company after Tea and the Meeting broke up at 6 o Clock after a day spent in what might be appropriately termed "The feast of Reason and the flow of Soul"

Public Baptism May 30th 1824

485 Barnabas Glasebrook was baptised by Rev R Wright and admitted a Member

Committee Meeting May 8th 1825

Resolved 1st That Mr Josh Marten, Mr Jon Marten, Mr Michael Marten & Mr J Wood be the Committee for the ensuing year

Resolved 2nd That Mr Duplock and Mr P Potter be requested to go to London to represent the Church at the Assembly

Resolved 4th That Mr Duplock & Mr S Rowland be requested to make the annual Collection

Annual Meeting May 16th 1825

The Revd Mr Chinnoek, of Billingshurst, preached morning and afternoon to full audiences and administered the Lords Supper to about 50 Communicants after which about 160 persons took tea in the Meeting house. Mr Duplock addressed the company after tea and the Meeting broke up at 6 o clock.

Public Baptism on the Annual Sunday May 16 1825

486 Rev G Duplock was baptised by Rev W Chinnoek

Memorandum January 1st 1826

Mrs Mercer Mrs Kensett and Mrs T Hollingham Jun. were received into Communion without Baptism

Half Yearly Meeting April 30th 1826

Resolved 1st That Mr Michael Marten, Mr Jon Wood Mr Burtenshaw & Mr Hollingham be the Committee for the ensuing year

2nd That Mr Duplock be appointed the Representative to the Assembly

3rd That Mr S Rowland and Mr Duplock be requested to make the annual Collection for the Funds in London

Annual Meeting May 7th 1826

The Rev J Briggs of Bessels Green preached on both parts of the day to full and attentive audiences and afterwards administered the Lords Supper to between 60 and 70 persons Tea being provided in the Chapel 165 persons partook of it and after an address from Mr Briggs the meeting broke up at six o clock

Church Meeting May 13th 1827

Resolved 1st That Mr Burtenshaw, Mr Hollingham, Mr Joseph Marten and Mr S Rowland be the Committee for the ensuing Year

2nd That Mr Browne be requested to get done such repairs as may be necessary

3rd That Mr Duplock be appointed the Representative to the Assembly

4th That Mr Duplock and Mr S Rowland make the annual Collection for the Funds in London

5th That it is desirable that the Chapel-House should be rebuilt and That Mr Browne be requested to ascertain what money can be raised for that purpose

Annual Meeting May 27th 1827

Revd Joseph Brent of Portsmouth preached on both parts of the day to full Congregations particularly Afternoon Revd Mark Rowntree introduced the Afternoon Service - Mr Brent administered the Lords Supper to 68 persons Tea was provided as usual in the Chapel. 171 persons partook of it. Mr Vine addressed the Company after tea and the meeting broke up at Six o'clock

Public Baptism on the Annual Sunday May 27th 1827

The following persons were baptized and introduced to the Church by G. Duplock Pastor

487	Mrs T Hallett	-	Ditchling
488	Mrs J Brooker	-	Ditchling
489	Jane Willitt	-	Franklands
490	Jane Pullen	-	Brighton
491	John Brooker	-	Ditchling
492	George Brooker	-	Ditchling

January 6th 1828

Miss Mary Rowland joined the Church in Communion not having been baptized

Church Meeting May 4th 1828

Resolved 1st That Mr Jos Marten, Mr S Rowland Mr P Rowland jun & Mr Kensett be the Committee for the ensuing Year

2nd That Mr Browne be requested to get done such repairs as may be necessary

3rd That Mr Duplock be appointed the representative to the Assembly

4th That Mr Duplock and Mr S. Rowland make the usual collection for the funds in London

Annual Meeting May 16th 1828

Rev. J.O. Squier of Saffron Walden, preached both Morning and Afternoon - Congregations large on both occasions - Mr R. Ashdown introduced the morning Service - Mr Squier administered the Lords Supper to 70 persons - Tea was provided in the Chapel as usual, of which upwards of 180 persons partook - After an address from Mr Duplock, the company separated at Six o'clock.

Public Baptism Annual Meeting May 18th 1828

The following persons were baptized and introduced to the Church by G. Duplock Pastor

493	Mary Rowland	-	Ditchling
494	Ann Willett	-	Ditchling

Church Meeting held 26 April 1829

Resolved Unanimously 1st That Mr Peter Rowland Jnr Mr Jesse Kensett Mr John Wood and Mr Henry Marten be the Committee for the year ensuing

2nd That James Browne be requested to get such repairs done as may be necessary

3rd That Mr Duplock be appointed representative to the Assembly

4th That Mr Duplock and Mr Stephen Rowland make the usual collection for the funds in London James Browne Chairman

Annual Meeting 31 May 1829

The services of the day were conducted by Rev S Martin of Trowbridge. The Chapel was much crowded and at the afternoon service about forty were obliged to remain without. After service 209 friends took tea in the Chapel, the concluding address was delivered by Mr Henry Browne of Lewes and the company separated at six O Clock precisely

Committee Meeting 9 August 1829

A letter from Mr Buckland and one from Mr Cooper having been read it was resolved that James Browne be requested to make further enquiry after a suitable person to succeed Mr Duplock in the Ministry
James Browne

Church Meeting 16 May 1830

1st It is unanimously agreed that the Committee of the Congregation for the ensuing year shall be Mr John Wood at the Jainter Mr Henry Marten at Newland Mr James Burtenshaw Senr at the Ham and Mr Stephen Rowland

2nd That James Browne be requested to keep the Chapel in proper repair

3rd That Mr Stephen Rowland be requested to make the usual collection for the funds

4th That James Browne be appointed Representative at the General Assembly London

Annual Meeting 23 May 1830

Revd Mr Hyndman of Billingshurst preached to attentive Congregations both parts of the day but the Weather being unfavourable the hearers were not so numerous as they were last year. After the administration of the Lords Supper 180 people drank Tea in the Chapel Mr Goodacre delivered the concluding address and the company separated at 6 O'Clock

James Browne

Committee Meeting 30 May 1830

It was agreed to invite the Revd James Kennady Esdaile to become the Minister of our Congregation

Signed on behalf of the Committee James Browne

At a Meeting of the Committee of Ditchling Baptist Congregation held 5th September 1830

Present James Burtenshaw James Browne John Wood
It was resolved that all Subscribers to the funds during the last year shall be eligible to Vote at all Meetings, and no others, but no person to vote by Proxy
Signed on behalf of the Committee James Browne

Committee Meeting 28th November 1830

Resolved unanimously that the Committee consent to Mr Esdailes giving an analysis and exposition of Pauls Epistles once a fortnight and reading a printed Sermon or one of his old sermons on the alternate Sunday morning during the course of Lectures Mr Esdaile has published.

With respect to the length of the prayers the Committee are perfectly willing to leave that to the minister of the Congregation.

With respect to Candles the committee agree to send candles if Mr Esdaile desires it

James Browne Chairman

Annual Meeting 15 May 1831

The Revd Mr Valentine of Lewes preached both parts of the day after the service ended 165 people drank Tea in the Chapel - Mr Wm Browns of Lewes delivered the concluding address

Committee Meeting 30 October 1831

Mr Esdaile having given notice that he shall resign his situation as Minister of this Congregation it is resolved that James Browne be requested to inquire after another person to supply his place

Committee Meeting 1 January 1832

Letters were read from Mr Powell and Mr Chapman recommending Mr Smith and Mr Harding as ministers to serve our Congregation when it was unanimously agreed to decline inviting either of them

8th April 1832

Mr G. Withall commenced his engagement as Minister of the Church

Church Meeting 6 May 1832

Resolved 1st That James Browne continue the office of Treasurer for the ensuing year

2nd That Messrs P. Rowland Junr, Hollingham, John Wood and J Kensett be the Committee for the ensuing year

3rd That J. Browne be requested to keep the Chapel in proper repair

4th That Mr Withall be their representative at the Assembly

5th That Mr Withall be appointed to make the Annual Collection for the Funds

6th That Mr Howse of Trowbridge be invited to preach at the Annual Meeting

Annual Meeting June 3rd 1832

Mr. Howse of Trowbridge preached morning and afternoon to large Congregations and administered the Lords Supper; after which 188 persons partook of Tea at the Chapel. The Meeting was concluded with a short address from Mr Withall & separated about 6 o Clock

Public Baptism

Ann Stevens	}	were Baptized by Mr Howse
Frances Herriott		
John Herriott		
Nathaniel Herriott		
Richard Herriott		

Church Meeting December 1832

Mr Withall reported Mr Howse's offer of a present of 30 copies of his Hymn Book in Sheets for the use of the Congregation and it was Resolved :-

- 1st That we accept of Mr Howse's present
- 2nd That they be put into cloth binding and paid for out of the Chapel Funds
- 3rd That the thanks of the Meeting be given to Mr Howse - for his present

Committee Meeting 17 February 1833

It was resolved that a Book & Tract Society be established to be supported by Subscriptions of 1d per month & donations & grants of books, tracts, or money; to be under the direction of the Minister & Committee of the Congregation That the Books & Tracts be circulated gratuitously & that the young persons of the Congregation be invited to render their assistance in aiding the circulation of them.

Resolved, That W.B. Mardon of Worship Street Congregation be invited to preach at the Annual Meeting.

Church Meeting May 12 1833 Mr Browne in the Chair

Mr Withall, having been requested by the Committee the Sunday previous to draw up a letter from this Church to the Assembly, read one which he had prepared and which was adopted & signed by several members for the Congregation Mr Browne then read the minutes of meetings held during the year past. It was then Resolved

1. That Mr Henry Marten & Mr James Turner Senr (in place of P. Rowland Jr & Mr. Hollingham who have served two years) do serve on the Committee with Mr. Jon Wood & Mr. Jesse Kensett for the year ensuing.
2. That Mr. Jas. Browne retain the office of Treasurer for the ensuing year
3. That Mr Browne be requested to keep the Chapel in repair
4. That Mr Withall & Mr Kensett represent this Church at the Assembly.
5. That Mr. Withall make the Annual Collection for the Funds.

Annual Meeting 19 May 1833

Rev. Benjamin Mardon of Worship Street London preached both times to good congregations. In the Afternoon Revd J.P. Malleon of Brighton conducted the devotional part of the Service.

In the Evening about 160 persons partook of Tea in the Chapel & the Meeting concluded with Singing a Hymn. Mr Malleon & Mr Mardon left, to go to Brighton before the Tea.

Committee Meeting 26 January 1834

It was resolved to call a Church Meeting for the 9th of February - to take the present state of our affairs into consideration

Geo. Withall

Church Meeting Sunday Afternoon Feb 9, 1834

Mr Wood in the Chair

Mr Withall signified his intention to resign his office of Minister at the end of March next after which time he and the Congregation would be at liberty to make any new arrangements.

It was Resolved (proposed by Mr. Kensett seconded by Mr. H Marten) That in future the sentiment of Votes at our Meetings for business be taken by Ballot

Resolved That Mr John Wood be requested to undertake the office of Treasurer for the ensuing year

Resolved that a Collector be appointed to assist the Treasurer in his duties, that Mr Edward Turner be requested to accept that office for the ensuing year

Resolved that another Church Meeting be convened this day 4 weeks - for the purpose of ascertaining what new arrangements it is desirable & practicable to make.

Church Meeting held 9th March 1834

Mr Jesse Kensett in the Chair

The Treasurer (Mr Wood) having laid the list of Subscribers to the Chapel, before the Meeting from which it appears that the sum of £39-4/ is already promised & the probability of obtaining some assistance from Funds available in such cases being suggested - Mr Withall expressed his willingness to continue his Services to the Congregation if £50 per annum can be raised for his support.

Proposed by Mr Wood & seconded by Mr Edward Turner & carried unanimously; That Mr Withall be engaged to continue as Minister to the Congregation; and in the event of a Separation being desired three months notice be given by either party.

Proposed by Mr Wood & seconded by Mr Withall & carried unanimously; That Mr R.K. Philip of London be invited by Mr Withall to preach at the Annual Meeting.

Proposed by Mr Peter Rowland & seconded by Mr Edward Turner & carried unanimously: That Mr Wood be requested to keep the Chapel & Seats in repair.

Proposed by Mr Wood & seconded by Mr Chatfield that a Copy of the Title Deeds of the Chapel be purchased of Mr John Browne & that Miss Browne be requested to make application for the same - carried unanimously.

Church Meeting May 4th 1834

Proposed by Mr Chatfield, seconded by Mr Rowland Jnr & carried unanimously That Mr E. Turner be chosen upon the Chapel Committee for the ensuing year, in room of Mr Jesse Kensett who goes out by rotation.

Proposed by Mr Hollingham, Seconded by Mr Jesse Kensett & Carried unanimously That Mr John Burtenshaw be chosen upon the Chapel Committee for the ensuing year.

Mr Withall was requested to make the Annual Collection for the Funds - And to prepare a Letter to the Assembly - to be submitted to the members next Sunday Morning

11 May 1834

Notice being given, Mr Withall read the letter to the Assembly which he had prepared - which was approved & signed by several persons present.

Annual Meeting

Mr R.K. Philip of London (City Missionary) preached twice & presided at the Communion.

In the Evening about 140 persons took tea in the Chapel - after which Mr Henry Browne of Lewes & Mr Philip both addressed the Meeting.

Note (on page 113 of the MS and probably written in June 1834)

The Officers for the present year are

Mr John Wood, Treasurer		
Mr Edward Turner, Collector) 1st	} Committee
Mr John Burtenshaw	) year
Mr Henry Marten	) 2nd
Mr James Turner Senr	) year

June 15, 1834

A Church Meeting called to consider of the Appointment of a new set of Trustees for the Chapel.

The Trust Deed (a copy of) was part read - And it was agreed that inquiry should be made by Mr Wood or Mr E. Turner, whether persons under-age could be legally chosen for Trustees

It having been estimated that the probable expence of getting the New Trust appointed would be about £20 - A Subscription was commenced to meet it.

Adjourned till this day fortnight.

29 June 1834

An adjourned Church Meeting for the Appointment of New Trustees to the Chapel was held - Mr Chatfield stated Mr Woolgar's answer to our question as to the legality of choosing persons under age for Trustees - that such appointment might be made, but that such Trustees might refuse to act.

The following persons were then nominated & balloted for to fill the office of Trustees:

Mr Robert Chatfield of London
Mr Edward Turner of Ditchling
Mr Richard Mercer Jnr of Ditchling
Mr John Wood of Ditchling
Mr John Marten Burtenshaw of Ashurst
Mr Jesse Kensett of Ditchling
Mr James Turner Jnr of Ditchling
Mr Peter Rowland Jnr of Ditchling
Mr William Kensett of Ditchling
Mr James Burtenshaw of Clayton
Mr Henry Browne of Lewes
Mr William Crosskey of Lewes
Mr James Tusler of Crawley
Mr John Browne of Horsham
Mr John Marten of Newland, Keymer

Mr John Wood Mercer of Ditchling
 Mr John Marten of St John's Common
 Mr Peter Potter of Cuckfield
 Mr Thomas Hollingham of Skanes Hill
 Mr Edwin Kensett of Billingshurst
 Mr Richard Turner of Ditchling
 Mr Henry Rowland of Godstone

The completion of this business is left to the Committee of the Congregation

9 November 1834

A Church Meeting having been called by direction of the Committee to consider the subject of the following resolution; it was unanimously agreed, upon the motion of Mr Kensett seconded by Mr Mercer - " That Mr Withall do have the use of the Chapel House at Lady tide next".

It was left to the Committee to get the house cleared by that time.

19 April 1835

A Committee Meeting was held to confer upon the arrangements to be made for the Annual Meeting: when it was agreed that one of the following named gentlemen be invited to preach on that day

Mr M. Maurice of Southampton
 Mr J.O. Squier of Deptford
 Mr H. Hawkes of Portsmouth

It was also agreed to call a Congregational Meeting for the 17 of May to choose officers for the ensuing year

Church Meeting May 17, 1835

The following Resolutions were Ballotted upon and carried unanimously

That Mr Henry W. Rowland be a member of the Chapel Committee for the ensuing year (in place of Mr Turner Snr)

That Mr James Turner Jnr be a member of the Chapel Committee for the ensuing year (in place of Mr Henry Marten)

That Mr John Wood be requested to continue in his office of Treasurer for the ensuing year

That Mr Edward Turner be requested to continue in his office of Assistant to the Treasurer for the ensuing year

That Mr. Withall act as Secretary for the ensuing year
 Agreed the Mr Withall to make the Annual Collection for the Funds (vis the Unitn. & Baptist) and also prepare a Letter to the Assembly.

The Treasurer's Accounts were examined and passed -

Annual Meeting May 31 1835

Mr. J.O. Squier of Deptford preached morning & afternoon to good Congregations and administered the Lords Supper.

In the Evening 200 persons took tea in the Chapel, and the Company was addressed by Mr. H. Holtham of Brighton.

Committee Meeting June 14

Mr. E. Turner laid before the Meeting the Accounts read. from Mr. Woolgar for executing New Trust Deeds.

It was agreed to proceed with the collection for defraying the Accounts and to refer to a Congregational Meeting (hereafter to be called) for the Disposal of the Deeds -

Expence of the New Deed of Trust for the Ditchling Baptist Chapel & Subscriptions to Defray it

1834	Parchment & Vellum for plan	-	0. 8. 0
	Drawing Plan	-	0. 3. 2
	Cash to Padwick	-	0.11. 6
	Paper & Writing Copy of Old Deed	-	0.10. 6
	J.W. Woolgar's Bill	-	14.14. 2
	Searching Register at Cuckfd.	-	0. 1. 0
	Edward Turner's Expences	-	0. 2. 0
	Cash paid to Congregational Fund	-	0. 2. 2
			<u>£16.12. 0</u>

1835	5. 0. 0	Mrs Chatfield	-	4. 7. 6
	3. 0. 0	Mr John Wood	-	2.12. 6
	1.10. 0	Mr Jesse Kensett	-	1. 6. 3
	1. 0. 0	Mr Jas Turner Senr	-	0.17. 6
	0.10. 0	Mr John Broomfield	-	0. 8. 9
	1. 0. 0	Edward Turner	-	0.17. 6
	1. 0. 0	Mr P Rowland Jr	-	0.17. 6
	1. 0. 0	Mr Jas Turner Jnr	-	0.17. 6
	1. 0. 0	Mr Richd Mercer	-	0.17. 6
	0.10. 0	Mr J.M. Burtenshaw	-	0. 8. 9
	2. 0. 0	Mr H. Marten	-	1.15. 0
	1. 0. 0	Mr John Marten	-	0.17. 6
	0.10. 0	Mr James Burtenshaw	-	0. 8. 9
				<u>£16.12. 6</u>

Committee Meeting 6 December 1835

Mr Withall directed the attention of the Committee to the bad condition of the Cellar Stairs of the Chapel House, and Mr Wood & Mr E. Turner undertook to consult with Mr Kensett to make necessary repairs.

December 27 1835

A Meeting of the Congregation to consider of Mr Kensett proposal to open a door from the School Room into the Chapel Yard - Posponed to this day fortnight.

The subject was dropped

Committee Meeting 27 Feb 1836

Agreed to invite one of the following Gentlemen to preach on the Annual Sunday -

Mr Jerom Muich
Mr Henry Hawkes - accepted
Mr Michael Maurice

Agreed to call the Yearly Congregational Meeting for the 24th April.

Congregational Meeting April 24th 1836

1 The following Officers were unanimously chosen for the ensuing year

Treasurer	-	Mr John Wood
Collector	-	Mr James Turner Jr
Secretary	-	Mr Geo Withall
Committee	}	- Mr P Rowland Jr
		- Mr Hollingham Sr
to serve with	}	- Mr H W Rowland
		- Mr J Turner Jr

2 It was resolved that the New Chapel Deeds should be lodged with Mr Ed. Turner

3 It was resolved that application be made for the Old Church Books and the Old Deeds - the latter in the possession of Mr Jon Browne & the former supposed to be in the same hands

4 Resolved that the preparation for the Annual Sunday be divided & seen to as follows -

Whitewashing, Cleaning & repairs	- Mr Withall
Provisions & servants for the day	- Mr E. Turner
Furniture	- Mr Kensett

5 Resolved that the arrangements for the Day be as follows -
Morning Service - followed by the Lords Supper
No Afternoon Service on account of the expected Eclipse of the Sun at that time
Tea to be ready at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 4 -
Address afterwards, for which a longer time than usual will be allowed

6 Resolved that the Chapel be closed on Whitsunday to allow for the absence of Mr Withall

7 Resolved that it be left to Mr Withall to draw up a Letter to the Baptist Assembly & make a Collection for the Funds of the Assembly & Unitn Association in which manner he may choose - a Collection at the Chapel doors was suggested

The Chapel Accounts were examined and passed

Sunday Afternoon May 1st 1836

A Collection was made at the doors for the Genl Baptist Funds which produced 12/- Mr Withall sent it to the Assembly by Mr Howse from Portsmouth

Annual Meeting May 15 1836

Mr Henry Hawkes of Portsmouth preached in the Morning: and after that Service administered the Lord's Supper
There was no afternoon Service on account of the Eclipse
Tea was ready by $\frac{1}{2}$ past 4 o Clock after which Mr Hawkes addressed the Company - and a Hymn, " From all that dwell below the Skies," - was sung to Portugal Tune.
The Company separated about 6 o Clock - about 150 persons partook of Tea

August 21 1836

A Committee was called at which Mr Withall stated that on account of present debility he feels it necessary to suspend preaching until he acquires greater strength - he therefore recommends the making an application to Mr Bankhead of Brighton to supply for a time on Sunday mornings and in continuing the Afternoon Service during that time

The Committee acceded to this recommendation directing Mr W to make the necessary application

Note. Mr W, having been unable to obtain the assistance of Mr Bankhead, conducted morning Service only for 4 or 5 Sundays, when he was able to resume the Afternoon Service in addition to it

October 2nd 1836

A Committee Meeting was held at which was mentioned the subject of making a list of charges for Internments in the Burial Ground.

It was agreed that inquiry should be made respecting the Charges in other burial grounds, to form our own list by. Mr Wood undertook to ask what it is at the Church.

The Planting of some laurels on the North side of the Burial Ground was also mentioned. Mr Jas Turner undertook to see to it.

5 March 1837

At a Meeting of the Congregation it was Resolved that Mr. Withall's Resignation be accepted and that their engagement with him terminate at Midsummer next.

Resolved that the following sums be taken for Vaults and Internments

1st That Three Guineas be taken for every Vault including the first Internments

2nd That One Guinea be taken for a Steined Grave for a subscriber - and One Guinea and a half for a Non-subscriber including the first Internment

3rd That One Guinea be taken for the Internment of every Non-subscriber above the age of Twelve Years - under that age Ten Shillings and sixpence

4th That no Charge be made for the Internment of Subscribers

5th That the Committee have power to allow the Poor who attend the Chapel to be interred free of expence

6th That the Money arising from the above charges be paid to the Congregational Fund.

April 16 1837

At a Congregational Meeting it was Resolved

1st That Mr Wood be Treasurer for the ensuing Year

2nd That Mr Jas Turner Jnr be Collector for the ensuing Year

3rd That Mr E. Turner be Secretary for the ensuing Year

4th That Mr J. Kensett & 5th That Mr R. Mercer serve on the Committee with Mr P. Rowland Jr and Mr Hollingham Snr for the ensuing Year

Preparations for the Annual Sunday were proposed to be made as follows

Mr Wood & Mr Withall undertook to see to the Whitewashing of the Chapel once over - Painting of Ditto Stone Color & repairs

Mr E. Turner to furnish provisions & attendants on the Annual Sunday

Mr. Kensett provide Furniture for ...(?)

Annual Meeting May 7th 1837

Mr Grimes preached in the morning

Mr Mallison preached in the afternoon and after Service administered the Lords Supper

168 Partook of Tea after which Mr Grimes addressed the company

Congregational Meeting 28th May 1837

Proposed by Mr E Turner & secd. by Mr J Kensett that Mr Grimes be invited to become our preacher for one year to commence at Midsummer 1837 to Midsummer 1838 at a Salary of Fifty-two pounds per Annum. Carried.

We the undersigned agree to guarantee to Mr Grimes for one year the above Salary

John Wood
Edward Turner
Jesse Kensett
Henry Rowland

J M Burtenshaw
James Turner Junr.
Richard Mercer

Thos Hollingham
Wm Hollingham
P Rowland Junr

Committee Meeting 12 Aug 1837

Proposed & Secd that Mrs Valentine be inter'd free of expence on account of the assistance rendered by Mr Valentine to the Congregation Carried

Committee Meeting 10th Dec 1837

Resolved That the Trees between the Parsonage & the Chapel Yard be trimmed. Mr Wood undertook to attend to it.

Resolved That an estimate of building a Wall to keep up the foot-path in Eastend Lane be ascertained. Mr Kensett undertook to attend to it.

Resolved That a subscription be set on foot to defray the expence of Registering the Chapel for Solemnizing of Marriages. Mr E Turner undertook to attend to it.

The thanks of Mr Valentine was given to the Committee for the kindness of allowing the burial of Mrs Valentine free of expence

Committee Meeting 1 April 1838

Agreed to invite one of the following Gentlemen to preach on the Annual Sunday

Mr Fullager
Mr T Wood
Mr Madge
Mr Mardon

Agreed to call the yearly Congregational Meeting for the 22nd April.

Congregational Meeting 22nd April 1838

Having written to Mr Fullager & Mr Wood & both declined coming, Mr Mardon being expected to preach on the 7th May it was agreed not to write to him, or to Mr Madge but to write to Mr Philip & Mr Wood of Stamford St London.

Agreed to adjourn to Sunday next

April 29th 1838 An Adjourned Congregational Meeting

The Accounts agreed and passed. Resolved

- 1st That Mr J Wood be Treasurer for the ensuing year
- 2nd That Mr J M Burtenshaw be Collector for the ensuing year
- 3rd That Mr E Turner be Secretary for the ensuing year
- 4th That Mr T Hollingham & Mr H W Rowland serve on the Committee for the ensuing year, with Mr J Kensett & Mr R Mercer
- 5th That the Chapel House be painted outside & that the Kitchen Chimney be altered to prevent the smoking, to be attended to by the Committee.
- 6th That Mr E Turner furnish provisions for the Annual Sunday
- 7th That Mr Grimes be invited to continue our Minister on the same terms as last year and in the event of a separation being desired, three months notice be given by either party.

Annual Meeting 27th May 1838

Mr Grimes Preached in the morning (very thin attendance)

Mr Valentine in the afternoon, and after service administering the Lord Supper (attendance about as usual). 186 Partook of Tea after which Mr Mallinson addressed the company.

Voluntary Subscription for defraying the expence of registering the Chapel for Solemnizing Marriages

Mr J Wood	- 4.0	Mr H W Rowland	- 4.0
Mrs Burtenshaw	- 3.0	Mr J M Burtenshaw	- 4.0
Niss "	- 2.6	Mr Kensett	- 4.0
Mrs Browne	- 5.0	Mrs Chatfield	- 5.0
Mr Mercer	- 4.0	Mr Sincock	- 1.6
Mr P Rowland	- 4.0	Mr W Kensett	- 2.0
Mr Jas Turner Senr	- 4.0	Mr R Mercer Junr	- 2.6
Mr Jas Turner Junr	- 4.0	Messrs Hollingham	- 2.6
Mr E Turner	- 4.0		<u>£ 30.0</u>

Committee Meeting 10th March 1839

Agreed to invite one of the following Gentlemen to preach on the Annual Sunday

Mr Malcolm Mr T Wood

Agreed to call the Annual Congregational Meeting on the 14th April

Congregational Meeting 14th April 1839

The accounts agreed too & past. Resolved,

- 1st That Mr John Wood be Treasurer for the ensuing.
- 2nd That Mr J M Burtenshaw be Collector for the ensuing year
- 3rd That E Turner be Secretary for the ensuing year
- 4th That Mr P Rowland & Mr Jas Turner be on the committee with Mr T Hollingham & Mr H W Rowland for the ensuing year
- 5th That the Chapel & House be Whitewashed
- 6th That E Turner Provide provisions for the Annual Sunday
- 7th That Mr Grimes get the Chapel cleaned at the expence of the Congregation

Committee Meeting 21st April 1839

The Pump in the Chapel yard having been taken up & found to be in very unsound state it was agreed that enquiry be made what was best to be done with it.

Committee Meeting 28 April 1839

Enquiry having been made respecting the Pump and finding that the old Pump was past being repaired, it was agreed that a new lead Pump should be put up in the Chapel yard and that a Voluntary Subscription be raised to defray the expence and that Mr John Wood undertook to attend to it..

Annual Meeting 12 May 1839

Mr T Wood preached morning & afternoon to full attendances.
198 Partook of Tea, after which Mr T Wood addressed the company.

Congregational Meeting 16th June 1839

Mr Grimes made application for his Salary to be raised from £52 to £60 per year. Which was unanimously agreed to by the Meeting

	<u>Present</u>	
Mr J Wood	Mr Mercer	Mr Jas Turner Junr
Mr J M Burtenshaw	Mr P Rowland	Mr Jas Turner Senr
Mr H Rowland	Mr W Kensett	E Turner

Committee Meeting 24th November 1839

Agreed that Miss Valentine, Mr Thos Hallett & Susan Hallett be buried free of expence.

Agreed that Mr Jas Brooker do take the place of Mr Thos Hallett as grave digger.

Agreed. That the road between the Chapel Wall & Andrew's fence be repaired & that Mr T Wood undertook to attend to it.

Committee Meeting 9th February 1840

In consequence of Mr Grimes having made an application for another situation, the committee agreed to call a Meeting of the Congregation, to be held next Sunday after the afternoon service, and that Mr E Turner see Mr Mallison on the subject in the course of the week.

Congregational Meeting 16th February 1840

Mr Grimes having tender'd his resignation as Minister of the Congregation, notice being six weeks from this day. It was agreed to send the following advertisement to be inserted in the Christian Reformer.

The Ditchling Baptist Unitarian Congregation are desirous of engaging with a Person as there Minister
Apply to Mr Edward Turner Ditchling
near Lewes Sussex

Agreed to invite one of the following Gentlemen to preach on the Annual Sunday
Dr Hutton
Mr Bankhead

Congregational Meeting 22 March 1840

Having received applications from Mr Ashworth & Mr Cooper to supply as Minister to the Congregation, and having received a letter from Dr Hutton & Revd. J J Taylor respecting Mr Ashworth it was agreed to invite Mr Ashworth for two Sundays.

Congregational Meeting 19th April 1840

The Accounts agreed too & past Resolved

- 1st That Mr J Wood be Treasurer for the ensuing year
- 2nd That Mr H W Rowland be Collector for the ensuing year
- 3rd That Mr E Turner be Secretary for the ensuing year
- 4th That Mr J M Burtenshaw & Mr T Turner be on the Committee with Mr P Rowland & Mr Jas Turner for the ensuing year
- 5th That Mr J Wood & Mrs E Turner attend to the repairs for the ensuing year
- 6th That Mr E Turner provide for the Annual Meeting
- 7th That Mrs Herriott be allowed Burial free of expence

Congregational Meeting 3rd May 1840

Agreed to pay Mr Ashworth's Expences

Agreed to invite Mr Linwood (recommended by Mr Aspland) to preach on Sunday the 10th May.

Congregational Meeting 16th May 1840

Proposed by Mr E Turner & secd. by Mr Jas Turner that Mr Linwood be invited to become our Minister his services to commence at Midsummer 1840 at a salary of £60 a year and in the event of a separation being desired, 3 months notice to be given by either party.

We the undersigned agree to guarantee to Mr Linwood the above salary.

Mr J Wood	Mr Jas Turner Junr
Mr J Kensett	Mr J M Burtenshaw
Mr H W Rowland	Mr Mercer
Mr E Turner	Mr P Rowland

Annual Meeting 31st May 1840

Mr Bankhead preached Morning & Afternoon to full Congregations.
192 Partook of Tea after which Mr Linwood delivered an address.

Committee Meeting 3rd January 1841

Mr Linwood having got an estimate of the expence of flooring the Chapel, it was agreed to call a meeting of the Congregation for Sunday next after afternoon service.

Congregational Meeting 10th January 1841

After taking into consideration the propriety of new flooring the Chapel, the estimated expence about £25. It was proposed by Mr Linwood & secd. by Mr Mercer that Mr Hy Rowland & Edw Turner be appointed to get what subscriptions they could, and that this meeting do adjourn till this day fortnight.

Adjourned Meeting 27 January 1841

The Subscriptions collected amounting to £23. 7. 0 it was agreed to New Floor the Chapel and that the following Individuals do form a Committee to get it done in the best way they can.

Mr John Wood	Mr J Kensett
" J M Burtenshaw	" E Turner
" Jas Turner Junr	" Uwins
	" H W Rowlands

Agreed that Mr John Walder and Mr Michael Marten should be interred free of expence.

Congregational Meeting 21st Feb 1841

Proposed by Mr H W Rowland & secd. by Mr E Turner that the afternoon service be discontinued on the Sunday that the Evening services are, and too continue for three months from the 14th March.

Proposed by Mr E Turner & secd. by Mr T Turner that 150 Handbills be printed.

The expence of putting up a new Pump in the Chapel Yard in the year 1839

New Pump	7.10. 0	Mr Mercer	- 1.0.0	Mr Thos Turner	10.0
500 Bricks	1. 3. 9	" J Wood	- 1.0.0	" Hy Marten	10.0
Toft for		" E Turner	- 1.0.0	" Jas Turner Sr	10.0
Cleaning & Repaired.	1. 1. 3	" J M Burtenshaw	10.0	" John Marten	10.0
Well		" Hy Rowland	- 1.0.0	St Johns	
		" Jas Turner Jr	10.0	" J Kensett	10.0
		Cash from Congregational Fund			1.5.0
					<u>9.15. 0</u>
3	<u>9.15. 0</u>				

Congregational Meeting 28 March 1841

Mr Linwood stated that he had accepted an invitation from the Brixton Congregation to become their Minister, in consequence of which he gave notice that he should leave Ditchling at Midsummer.

It was agreed to ask Mr Linwood to write to Manchester College to enquire if there was a young man in want of a situation likely to suit the Ditchling Congregation.

Agreed to call the Annual Congregational Meeting on the 25 April

Congregational Meeting 4 April 1841

Mr Linwood having received an answer from Mr Wallace stating there was not a young man in the College in want of a situation. Mr Linwood stated he was going to London in the week & would make enquiry for the Congregation if they wished it. It was agreed that Mr Linwood's offer be accepted.

Congregational Meeting 11 April 1841

Mr Linwood stated he could not hear of any Minister except Mr Gilbert of Northiam who was strongly recommended.

It was agreed to invite Mr Gilbert to Preach on Sunday 25 April

Congregational Meeting 25 April 1841

The Accounts agreed too and past Resolved

- 1st That Mr J Wood be Treasurer for the ensuing year
- 2nd That Mr H W Rowland be collector for the ensuing year
- 3rd That Mr E Turner be Secretary for the ensuing year
- 4th That Mr Uwins & Mr J Kensett be added to the Committee to act with Mr J M Burtenshaw and Mr T Turner
- 5 That the Chapel be Whitewashed & the Window Frames be painted
- 6th That Mr J Wood & Mr E Turner see to the Repairs for the ensuing year
- 7 That The Revd Meeke be invited to Preach on the Annual Sunday in the afternoon & The Revd W Linwood in the forenoon
- 8 That Mr E Turner provide for the Annual Sunday
- 9 That The Revd Gilbert be invited to Preach on Sunday next

Expence of New Floor, New Front Doors & side door
to Chapel in 1841

Mr T Wood's Bill	26. 0. 9	Mr Hy Marten	1. 0. 0
Mr J Butcher's "	2.19. 3	" John Marten	1. 1. 0
	<u>31. 0. 0</u>	Miss E Turner	10. 0
		Mr R Rowland	5. 0
Mr J Wood	3.10. 0	" G Turner	5. 0
" E Turner	2.12. 0	" Jas Turner	10. 0
" Jas Turner Junr	2.12. 0	" J Steele	5. 0
" Hy Rowland	2.12. 0	" T Knight	5. 0
" J Kensett	2.12. 0	" W Kensett	5. 0
" J Marten St Johns	1. 1. 0	" T Turner	1. 1. 0
" Jas Turner Senr	2. 2. 0	" Hollingham	5. 0
" Uwins	2.12. 0	" R Mercer	2. 2. 0
" J M Burtenshaw	2.12. 0		<u>31. 0. 0</u>
" Janson	1. 1. 0		

Congregational Meeting 9th May 1841

Agreed to invite The Revd Meeke to preach in the forenoon instead of afternoon on Annual Sunday.

Proposed by Mr Jas Turner Junr and secd. by Mr Uwins that the Revd T Gilbert be invited to become our Minister at a salary of £60 per year payment to be made a fortnight after each quarter day, in case of separation being desired, either party to give three months notice.

Annual Meeting 23rd May 1841

Mr Meeke preached in the Morning and Mr Linwood in the evening.

152 Partook of Tea after which Mr Linwood gave an address.

Expence of New Washhouse Sepr 1841

Mr J Butcher	5. 4. 1½	Mrs Kensett	3. 0
" J Edwards	1. 5. 9	Mr J Marten St Johns	1. 0. 0
" Gravett	7.11. 4½	Mrs E Turner	2. 0. 0
" T Wood	7. 8. 9	Mrs Chatfield	1. 0. 0
Sundries	11. 6	Mr R Rowland	3. 0
	<u>22. 1. 6</u>	Mrs T Turner	10. 0
		Mr Hy Marten	1. 0. 0
Mr J Wood	2. 0. 0	Mrs H Browne	3. 0
Miss Mercer	5. 0	Mrs Uwins	2. 0. 0
Mr Mercer	1. 0. 0	Mr J M Burtenshaw	10. 0
Miss Steele	3. 0	Mrs " "	5. 0
Miss Turner	5. 0	Mrs H Rowland	2. 0. 0
Mr Wilson	5. 0	Friends at Brighton	2. 5. 6
Mr Jas Turner	2. 0. 0	Cash from Congre-	
Miss H Rowland	2. 6	gational Fund	<u>2. 1. 6</u>
Mrs P Rowland	10. 0		22. 1. 6
Mr Jas Turner Senr	10. 0		

Congregational Meeting 6th March 1842

Agreed to invite one of the following Gentlemen to preach on the Annual Sunday

Mr Fullager of Chichester
Mr Thomas of Ipswich
Mr Chapman of Godalming

Agreed to call the Annual Congregational Meeting on the 17th April

Congregational Meeting 3rd April 1842

Mr Fullager, Mr Thomas & Mr Chapman having been invited to preach on the Annual Sunday but all declining, it was agreed to invite one of the following Gentlemen

Mr Carpenter
Dr Hutton of London
Mr Walker of Canterbury

Annual Meeting 17 April 1842

The Accounts agreed to & past.

Proposed by Mr E Turner & secd. by Mr Jas Turner that Mr J Wood be Treasurer for the ensuing year. Carried.

Proposed by Mr H Rowland & secd. by Mr J Kensett that Mr T Turner be Collector for the ensuing year. Carried.

Proposed by Mr J Wood & secd. by Mr Kensett that Mr E Turner be Secretary for the ensuing year. Carried.

Proposed by Mr E Turner & secd. by Mr H Rowland that Mr J W Mercer & Mr T W Knight be on the Committee with Mr J Kensett & Mr Uwins for the ensuing year. Carried.

Agreed to Whitewash the Chapel inside and Paint outside Windows and inside Front Windows & repair Windows.

Agreed that Mr J Wood & Mr E Turner should see to the repairs for the ensuing year.

Agreed that Mr E Turner provide for the Annual Sunday

Agreed to invite Mr Talbot of Tenterden to preach on the Annual Sunday, and in the event of his not being able to come, then Mr Gilbert to make arrangements with Mr Meeke or Mr Mallison in the best way he can.

Congregational Meeting 1st May 1842

It was unanimously agreed to have the afternoon service begin at three o'clock from Ladytide to Michaelmas, and from Michaelmas to Ladytide at half past two.

Annual Meeting 8th May 1842

Mr Talbot of Tenterden Preached Morning & Afternoon.

152 Partook of Tea after which Mr Gilbert, Mr Talbot and Mr Valentine addressed the meeting.

Congregational Meeting 22nd May 1842

An attempt having been made to stop the Carriage Road up to the Field to the Chapel.

It was Proposed by Mr Gilbert and secd. by Mr J Kensett that we maintain the right of the road.

Proposed by Mr J M Burtenshaw & secd. by Mr J Kensett that it be communicated to Mr C Wood that the Congregation intend to maintain their right of Road by Mr J Wood.

Congregational Meeting 12th Feb 1843

A Letter was read which was received from Messrs Colbatch & Co Solicitors of Mr Borrer, relating to the Gate being broken open at the bottom of the Field to the Chapel threatening an Action. Adjourned till afternoon.

Adjourned Meeting in Afternoon

It was unanimously agreed that the Committee act on behalf of the Congregation in defending the right of Road & that Mr G Faithfull be consulted on the subject.

Miss Ashby offered to write to her nephew in London on the subject.

Agreed that Mrs Billingshurst of Lindfield be interred free of expence.

Adjourned to Sunday next in the afternoon.

Adjourned Meeting 19th Feb 1843

A Letter from London was read to the meeting & the information from Mr Faithfull stated. It was agreed not to take any further action untill Mr Borrer should proceed with his Action.

Congregational Meeting 5th March 1843

Proposed by Mr Gilbert & secd. by Mr J M Burtenshaw that Mr Kell of Newport be invited to preach on the Annual Sunday. Cd.

Proposed by Mr Jas Turner and secd. by Mr H Rowland that Mr G Kenrick be invited. Card.

Proposed by Mr T Turner & secd. by Mr Uwins that Mr Thomas of Ipswich be invited. Card.

Proposed by Mr J Wood & secd. by Mr Gilbert that Mr Chapman be invited. Card.

Agreed to call the Annual Meeting on Sunday 16th April

Annual Meeting 23rd April 1843

The Road was taken into consideration. And the meeting adjourned untill next Sunday.

Adjourned Meeting 30th April 1843

Accounts agreed too & past.

Proposed by Edw Turner & secd. by Mr H W Rowland that Mr J Wood be Treasurer for the ensuing year. Card.

Proposed by Mr J Kensett & secd. by Mr R Mercer that Mr T Turner be Collector for the ensuing year. Card.

Proposed by Mr T Turner & secd by Mr J N Burtenshaw that Mr E Turner be Secretary for the ensuing year. Card.

Proposed by Mr T Turner & secd. by Mr J Kensett that Mr F Rowland, Mr Jas Turner Junr, & Mr H W Rowland be on the Committee with Mr J Mercer for the ensuing year. Carried.

Agreed that Mr J Wood & Mr E Turner see to the repairs for the ensuing year.

Mr E Turner agreed to provide Provisions for the Annual Sunday

Agreed that Mr Faithfull be seen before next Sunday respecting the Road, and that we do now adjourn untill next Sunday

Adjourned Meeting 7th May 1843

As it appeared by Mr Faithfull that there were some points about the road questionable, and the road being of so little value, it was decided not to take any further steps at present

Annual Meeting 28th May 1843

Mr Kell of Newport Preached Morning & Afternoon

143 Partook of Tea after which Mr Kell, Mr Chapman & Mr Gilbert addressed the meeting.

Congregational Meeting 8th October 1843

Proposed by Mr Kensett & secd. by Mr J M Burtenshaw that we have but one service morning & afternoon every alternate Sunday commencing on the 5th Novr with the morning service.

Mr Gilbert offered to give evening Lectures, which was left to him to do as he pleased with

Mr Kensett applied for permission to build a Pew in the North East corner of the Chapel under the gallery, the decision left until some Plan could be agreed upon.

Congregational Meeting 17th March 1844

On the application from Mr Kensett at the last Meeting to build a Pew It was Proposed by Mr H W Rowland and secd. by Mr E Turner that a Committee of Three be appointed to Draw a Plan for building more Pews, and to ascertain what expence such a plan would incur to the Congregation.

Proposed by Mr J M Burtenshaw and secd. by Mr Jas Turner that Mr J Kensett, Mr H W Rowland & Mr E Turner be the Committee to carry out the above plan. Carried.

Proposed by Mr H W Rowland that Mr Thomas of Ipswich be invited to Preach on our Annual Sunday. Carried.

Proposed by Mr Uwins that Mr Briggs of Dover be invited. Card. Agreed that the Annual Meeting be held on the 14th April.

Congregational Meeting 14th April 1844

Adjourned to the 28th April

Congregational Meeting 28th April 1844

Proposed by Mr E Turner & secd. by Mr H W Rowland that Mr J Wood be Treasurer for the ensuing year. Carried.

Proposed by Mr J M Burtenshaw & secd. by Mr H W Rowland that Mr E Turner be Secretary for the ensuing year. Carried.

Proposed by Mr T Turner & secd. by Mr Uwins that Mr J W Mercer be Collector for the ensuing year. Carried.

Proposed by Mr E Turner and seconded by Mr J Mercer that Mr Uwins & Mr J M Burtenshaw be on the committee with Mr Jas Turner & Mr H W Rowland for the ensuing year. Carried.

The Accounts agreed too & past leaving a balance due to the Treasurer of £3. 0. 6.

Agreed that Mr J Wood & Mr E Turner see to the Repairs for the ensuing year.

Mr E Turner agreed to Provide for the Annual Meeting.

Annual Meeting 19th May 1844

Mr Thomas of Ipswich Preached Morning & Afternoon.

176 Persons drank Tea in the Chapel after which Mr Thomas, Mr J Wood and Mr Gilbert addressed the company.

Congregational Meeting 1st Sept 1844

The Committee appointed on the 17th March to Draw a plan for building more Pews and ascertain the cost of such alteration to the Congregation. The Committee stated the expence of building a Singing Pew would be about £10 and the Porch and altering the Seats would be about £8 and the Committee could not raise more than about £8 by voluntary subscriptions.

1st Resolved That we build a singing Pew and that the expence be defrayed by voluntary subscriptions.

2nd Resolved That all New Pews be erected to correspond with the Plan.

Congregational Meeting 8th December 1844

Mr Mellison of Brighton having ask Mr Gilbert to supply for him a few Sundays. It was agreed that we have afternoon service only for a few Sundays after the 29th December.

Congregational Meeting 9 March 1845

A vote of thanks to Mr Spiring of Brighton for a gift of Books as follows:

Monthly Repository 16 Vols & 5 Vols in parts
Christian Reformer Vol 3,4,5,7 in parts
Priestley's Works Vol 1 to 6 & 8 to 22 inclusive
& Vol 24

Universal Theological Magazine 4 Vols
Christian Tracts 6 Vols
Universal Miscellany 1 Vol

Proposed by Mr H W Rowland & secd. by Mr J P Uwins that Mr Odgers of Plymouth be invited to Preach on the Annual Sunday. Carried.

Proposed by Mr Edw Turner & secd. by Me Jas Turner that Dr Hutton of London be invited to Preach. Carried.

Proposed by Mr J M Burtenshaw & secd. by Mr H W Rowland That a subscriber to the Congregation of Ten Shillings Annually shall be eligible to vote at the Congregational Meetings, and that every Member be admitted by a majority of votes at a meeting of the Congregation. Carried.

Proposed by Mr H W Rowland and secd. by Mr P J Uwins That the 6th Resolution past at a meeting held 5th March 1837 be repealed, and that the following be substituted instead

1st That the money arising from the Burial Fees be expended on the repairs of the Chapel Property, and that the Resolutions relating to the Burial Fees be copied from the minute Book & handed to the Trustees for their signatures

2nd That the Committee have power to make an additional charge on the Burial Fees when Strangers are buried. Carried.

Agd. That Mary Springate Badger daughter of Mr John Hallett be buried free of expence.

Agreed to call the Annual Meeting of the Congregation on Sunday the 13th April.

Congregational Meeting 13th April 1845

Proposed by Mr H W Rowland & secd. by Mr Uwins that Mr J Wood be Treasurer for the ensuing year. Carried.

Proposed by Mr Uwins and secd. by Mr J M Burtenshaw that Mr John Mercer be Collector for the ensuing year. Carried.

Proposed by Mr J Kensett and secd. by Mr Burtenshaw that Mr E Turner be secretary for the ensuing year. Carried.

Proposed by Mr H W Rowland and secd. by Mr Uwins that Mr J Kensett be on the Committee. Carried.

Proposed by Mr J M Burtenshaw and secd. by Mr P Rowland that Mr T Turner be on the Committee. Carried.

The Committee for the ensuing year will be Mr J P Uwins, Mr J M Burtenshaw Mr J Kensett & Mr T Turner.

Proposed by Mr H W Rowland and secd. by Mr Kensett that Mr J Wood & Mr E Turner see to the repairs.

Agreed that some Tea Tables for the Pews be made and paid for from the balance of the Tea A/c.

Proposed by Mr J M Burtenshaw and secd. by Mr H W Rowland that the Committee have the sole Management of the Pews & sittings in the Chapel.

Annual Meeting 4th May 1845

Mr Odgers Preached Morning & Afternoon.

170 Persons drank Tea in the Chapel, after which Mr Odgers, Mr S Wood, and Mr Gilbert addressed the company

Committee Meeting 27th April 1845

In consequence of Miss M A Browne going into the Pew occupied by Mrs Kensett Mr & Mrs E Turner & family, without saying anything to the Parties. It was agreed to write to Miss Browne the following letter.

Madam We the undersigned Members of the Committee wish to know on what authority you occupy the sitting you now do in the Chapel, an early reply will oblige. Signed by John Wood Thomas Turner J P Uwins J W Mercer J M Burtenshaw

Committee Meeting 1 June 1845

No reply to the letter sent to Miss Browne having been received It was agreed to adjourn to Sunday 8th to agree upon some Rules respecting the Pews, as the Committee would prefer having some to act on

Adjourned Meeting 8th June 1845

The following Rules were agreed to by the Committee

Rules & Regulations to be observed by the Committee of the Congregation as regards Pews

1st Every Subscriber to the General Fund desirous of erecting a Pew in the Chapel must apply to the Committee for permission so to do

2nd All Pews as above erected to be for the use of the owner and his or her Assigns so long as he or she subscribes one Pound per Annum for a single Pew or half Double Pew, and Two Pounds per Annum for a double Pew, to the General Chapel Fund.

3rd Owners ceasing to occupy their Pews, the Committee shall dispose of the same as they think proper giving one month's notice of their intentions to the owner, but should the owner of any Pew, at any time return and comply with Rule No 2 they shall have full possession of the same by application to the Committee.

4th Should any owner of a Pew wish to occupy it and not able to comply with Rule No 2 the Committee shall exempt them from payment if they think proper to do so.

5th All the aforesaid Rules to apply forthwith to the now existing Pews in the Chapel.

Agreed to call a Congregational Meeting on Sunday Afternoon the 22nd June to submit the above Rules for the approval of the members of the Congregation and lay the state of the finances before the Meeting

Congregational Meeting 22nd June 1845

The Rules agreed too at the Committee Meeting held the 8th June was submitted to the Meeting and agreed too unanimously.

The Subscriptions having fallen off in consequence of Deaths, it was agreed to call a Meeting of the Members of the Congregation on Sunday 6th July to ascertain what additional subscriptions could be raised.

Committee Meeting 29 June 1845

Agreed that Mr J Wood should write to Mr John Browne respecting the Pew his Father built

Copy of Letter sent to John Browne
Ditchling 30 June 1845

Sir I am requested by the Committee for the management of the Unitarian Chapel Ditchling to forward to you the enclosed Rules & Regulations passed at a Congregational Meeting held 22nd June 1845 And beg that you will forward to them your wishes as regards the Pew Erected by Mr James Browne.
To Mr John Browne

Congregational Meeting 6 July 1845

Proposed by Mr H W Rowland & secd. by Mr P Rowland that Mr W Kensett be admitted a member of the Congregation. Carried.

Proposed by Mr J Mercer & secd. by Mr T Turner that Mrs J Kensett be admitted a member. Carried.

Proposed by Mr W Kensett & secd. by Mr P Rowland that Miss M A Browne be admitted a member. Carried.

Agreed to give Mr Gilbert £26 for six months from Midsummer to Christmas.

Committee Meeting 30th August 1845

No answer to the Letter sent to Mr John Browne having been received the Pew erected by his Father does now fall into the hands of the Committee.

Proposed by Mr J W Mercer & secd. by Mr E Turner that the Pew erected by Mr Jas Browne be offered to Mr J Kensett & family which offer is accepted.

Proposed by Mr T Turner & secd. by Mr J Kensett that the Pew lately occupied by Mrs R Chatfield be offered to Mr J Wood, Mr E Turner & family, which offer is accepted.

Agreed to call a Meeting of the Congregation next Sunday after the afternoon service.

Congregational Meeting 7 Sept 1845

Proposed by Mr W Kensett & secd. by Mr J Mercer that we have one service only Morning & afternoon every alternate Sunday, to commence the first Sunday after Michaelmas.

Expende of New Singing Pew January 1845

Mr T Wood	<u>8. 3. 6</u>	Mr John Marten (Comm)	10. 0
		" Hy Marten (NL)	- 10. 0
Mr J Wood	- 15. 0	" R Mercer	- 10. 0
" J Uwins	- 15. 0	" Jesse Kensett	- 15. 0
" Edw Turner	- 15. 0	" J Steele	- 2. 6
" Jas Turner	- 15. 0	Miss E Turner	- 2. 6
" Thos Turner	- 10. 0	Mr H W Rowland	- <u>1. 8. 6</u>
" J M Burtenshaw	15. 0		<u>8. 3. 6</u>

Congregational Meeting 14th December 1845

Proposed by Mr J M Burtenshaw & secd. by Mr W Kensett that we give Mr Gilbert £52 a year and either party wishing for an alteration to give three months notice. Carried.

Proposed by Mr W Kensett & secd. by Mr Uwins that Mr Robt Mercer be admitted a Member. Carried.

Congregational Meeting 29th March 1846

Proposed by Mr E Turner & secd. by Mr H W Rowland that Mr Briggs of Tenterden be invited to Preach on the Annual Sunday. Carried.

Proposed by Mr Robt Mercer & secd. by Mr J Kensett that Mr Thos Sadler be invited. Carried.

Agreed to call the Annual Meeting on Sunday the 26th April.

Congregational Meeting 26th April 1846

Proposed by Mr H W Rowland & secd. by Mr T Turner that Mr John Wood be Treasurer for the ensuing year. Carried.

Proposed by Mr Jas Turner & secd. by Mr J M Burtenshaw that Mr J Mercer be Collector for the ensuing year. Carried.

Proposed by Mr Uwins & secd by Mr P Rowland that Mr E Turner be Secretary for the ensuing year. Carried.

Proposed by Mr H W Rowland & secd. by Mr T Turner that Mr Kensett be on the Committee. Carried.

Proposed by Mr Uwins & secd. by Mr Jas Turner that Mr Robt Mercer be on the Committee. Carried.

Agreed to invite Mr Stevens to Preach on the Annual Meeting if Mr Sadler cannot come.

Edw Turner agreed to Provide the Provisions for the Annual Sunday. Agreed to Paint the Front of the Chapel and Whitewash the inside.

Annual Meeting 24th May 1846

Mr Stevens Preached morning & afternoon.

172 Persons drank Tea in the Chapel, after which Mr Stevens, Mr Gilbert and Mr Valentine addressed the Meeting.

Mr Valentine proposed that Mr Stevens' morning Sermon be printed if sufficient number would be sold, and that he would take 20 copies, the subject, on a Future State.

Congregational Meeting 14th March 1847

Proposed by Mr H W Rowland & secd. by Mr J Wood that Mr Madge of London be invited to Preach on our Annual Sunday. Carried.

Proposed by Mr Uwins and secd. by Mr J Mercer that Mr Bouche of Hackney be invited. Carried.

Proposed by Mr Mercer & secd. by Mr H W Rowland that Mr Tagart be invited. Carried.

Agreed to hold the Yearly Meeting on Sunday the 11th April.

Congregational Meeting 11th April 1847

Proposed by Edw Turner & secd. by Mr H W Rowland that Dr Hutton be invited to preach on our annual Sunday. Carried.

Agreed that Mrs Michael Marten be interred free of expence.

The accounts examined & past.

Proposed by Mr H W Rowland & secd. by Mr Richd. Mercer that we take the House into our own hands and give Mr Gilbert £13 per quarter and a quarter's notice from either party in case of separation. Carried.

Proposed by Mr Uwins & secd. by Mr H W Rowland that Mr John Wood be Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Proposed by Mr W Kensett & secd. by Mr Robt Mercer that Mr John Mercer be Collector for the ensuing year. Carried.

Proposed by Mr H W Rowland & secd. by Mr W Kensett that Mr Edw Turner be secretary for the ensuing year. Carried.

Proposed by Mr J Uwins & secd. by Mr H W Rowland that Mr R Flint be on the Committee. Carried.

Proposed by Mr Richd Mercer & secd. by Mr J Uwins that Mr H W Rowland be on the Committee. Carried.

Edw Turner agreed to provide the Provisions for the Annual Sunday.

Congregational Meeting 18th April 1847

Having written to the Preachers proposed, and not either of them able to come, the following were proposed.

Proposed by Mr H W Rowland & secd. by Edw Turner that Mr Carpenter of Nottingham be invited. Carried.

Proposed by Mr T Turner & secd. by Mr H W Rowland that Mr Bishop of Exeter be invited. Carried.

Proposed by Mr Kensett & secd. by Mr Richd Mercer that Mr James of Bristol be invited. Carried.

Congregational Meeting 2nd May 1847

This Meeting called to take into consideration the propriety of altering the time to hold our Annual Sunday, in consequence of the difficulty of getting a Minister to Preach, it being so near the Whitsuntide Meeting in London, and also being so near the time of the Horsham Meeting.

Proposed by Edward Turner & secd. by Mr Robt Mercer that our Annual Sunday be held on the first Sunday in July after the present year, to stand over till the next Meeting.

Agreed to adjourn this Meeting until next Sunday.

Congregational Meeting 9th May 1847

Adjourned Meeting from 2nd May. It was unanimously agreed that the proposition for altering the Service on Annual Sunday stand over until the 6th June before it is voted on.

Annual Meeting 16th May 1847

The Revd Wm James from Bristol Preached Morning & Afternoon. 167 Persons drank Tea in the Chapel after which The Revd T Gilbert, Revd James and Rev S Wood addressed the Meeting.

Congregational Meeting 6th June 1847

Adjourned Meeting from 9th May. The Proposition for altering the time of service for the Annual Sunday was put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

Congregational Meeting 23 April 1848

The Accounts examined and past, Balance due to the Collector £7. 3. 0.

Proposed by Mr H W Rowland & secd. by Mr Jas Turner that £7. 3. 0 due to Collector be paid from the Rent Account. Cd.

Proposed by Mr W Kensett & secd. by Mr Uwins that £3:3:5½ the Balance of Mr E Turner's A/c be paid from the Rent A/c. Cd.

Proposed by Mr J M Burtenshaw & secd. by MR H W Rowland that Mr J Wood be Treasurer for the ensuing year. Carried.

Proposed by Mr J Uwins & secd. by Mr J M Burtenshaw that Mr J W Mercer be Collector for the ensuing year. Carried.

Proposed by Mr W Kensett and secd. by Mr P Rowland that Mr E Turner be Secretary for the ensuing year. Carried.

Proposed by Mr W Kensett and secd. by Mr J Uwins that Mr Jas Turner & Mr P Rowland be on the Committee. Carried.

Mr E Turner agreed to provide the provisions for the Annual Sunday.

Agreed that Edward Willett and John his Son be interred free of expence.

Proposed by Mr H W Rowland and secd. by Mr J M Burtenshaw that some Bills of the notice of the alteration of the time for holding our Annual Sunday be printed. Carried.

Proposed by Mr H W Rowland & secd. by Mr T Turner that The Revd - Fullager of Chichester be invited to Preach on our Annual Sunday. Carried.

Proposed by Mr E Turner & secd. by Mr Jas Turner that The Revd - Hall of Billingshurst be invited. Carried.

Proposed by Mr P Rowland & secd. by Mr Jas Turner that The Revd - Davidson of Headrow be invited. Carried.

Proposed by Mr J M Burtenshaw & secd. by Mr E Turner that the South Wall be removed to the outside of the bounds. Carried.

Proposed by Mr E Turner & secd. by Mr H W Rowland that Mr Jas Brooker be admitted a member. Carried.

Proposed by Mr P Rowland & secd. by Mr Jas Turner that Mr John Jeffery be admitted a member. Carried.

Annual Meeting 2nd July 1848

The first Meeting after the alteration of the time.

The Revd J Fullager of Chichester Preached Morning and Afternoon.

150 Persons drank Tea in the Chapel after which The Revd J Fullager, Revd - Davidson, Revd T Gilbert and Revd - Lupton gave an address.

Congregational Meeting 22 April 1849

The accounts examined and past, Balance due to Collector £8:18:0

Proposed by Mr W Kensett & secd. by Mr H W Rowland that £8:18:0 due to Collector be paid from the Rent A/c. Carried.

Proposed by Mr H W Rowland & secd. by Richd Mercer that £2:10:2½ balance of Rent A/c be paid to Mr Edw Turner on his account. Cd.

Proposed by Mr H W Rowland & secd. by Mr Jas Turner that Mr John Wood act as Treasurer for the ensuing year. Carried.

Proposed by Mr P Rowland & secd. by Mr E Turner that Mr J W Mercer be collector for the ensuing year. Carried.

Proposed by Mr J W Mercer & secd. by Mr H W Rowland that Mr E Turner be Secretary for the ensuing year. Carried.

Proposed by Mr J W Mercer & secd. by Mr Richd Mercer that Mr W Kensett & Mr J M Burtenshaw be on the Committee with Mr Jas Turner & Mr P Rowland. Carried.

Proposed by Mr H W Rowland & secd. by Mr W Kensett that Mr Travers Madge of be invited to Preach on our Annual Sunday.

Proposed by Mr Edw Turner & secd. by Mr P Rowland that The Revd R E B Maclellan of Canterbury be invited. Carried.

Proposed by Mr Jas Turner & secd. by Mr J W Mercer that The Revd Thomas of Ipswich be invited. Carried.

The repairs left to Mr J Wood & Mr E Turner to attend too.

Edward Turner agreed to provide the Provisions for the Annual Sunday.

Annual Meeting 1st July 1849

The Revd R E B Maclellan of Canterbury Preached Morning and afternoon.

149 Persons partook of Tea in the Chapel, after which Revd H Crosskey, Revd Lupton, Revd R E B Maclellan and Revd T Gilbert gave an address.

Committee Meeting 4 August 1849

An application from Mr Wm Kensett to make and use a road between the corner of the Chapel and the corner of his Cottage under the surface of the Chapel walk, and Mr W Kensett to give an acknowledgment in writing for the use of it.

Resolved. That Mr W Kensett be allowed to make the road.

Congregational Meeting 21st April 1850

The Accounts examined and past with balance due to Treasurer £11:18:0.

Proposed by Mr Edw Turner and seconded by Mr Wm Kensett that the balance of the Rent A/c £11:7:3 be paid to the Treasurer, the remaining 10/9 was subscribed by the Members present. Cd.

Proposed by Mr Wm Kensett and secd. by Mr Jas Turner that Mr John Wood be Treasurer for the ensuing year. Carried.

Proposed by Mr W Kensett and secd. by Mr P Rowland that Mr J W Mercer be collector for the ensuing year. Carried.

Proposed by Mr P Rowland and secd. by Mr R Mercer that Mr Edw Turner be Secretary for the ensuing year. Carried.

Proposed by Mr J Turner and secd. by Mr E Turner that Mr Richd Mercer and Mr H W Rowland be on the Committee with Mr W Kensett and Mr J M Burtenshaw. Carried.

Proposed by Mr Wm Kensett and secd. by Mr J W Mercer that the Revd Hy Hawkes of Portsmouth be invited to Preach on our Annual Sunday. Carried.

Proposed by Mr Jas Turner and secd. by Mr E Turner that Revd - Smith of Lewes be invited. Carried.

The Repairs left to Mr John Wood and Mr E Turner to attend too.

Edward Turner agreed to provide the Provisions for the Annual Sunday.

Mr James Wilson offered a Time Piece as a Present to the Congregation to be put up in the Chapel, but as they had a good one fixed, they respectfully declined the offer, and past a vote of thanks to Mr Wilson for his kindness.

The Revd T Gilbert having stated that he intended leaving this Country. It was Unanimously agreed that a Memorial be presented to him; and that Mr Edw Turner prepare it and present it to a Meeting for their approval.

Annual Meeting 6th July 1850

The Revd Hy Hawkes of Portsmouth Preached Morning and Afternoon.

115 Persons partook of Tea in the Chapel, Revd H Hawkes, Revd - Smith of Lewes and Revd T Gilbert gave an address.

Congregational Meeting 26th January 1851

The Revd Thomas Gilbert's letter of resignation of his office as Minister to the Congregation, stating that he should preach his farewell sermon on Sunday the 20th April next, was read.

Proposed by Mr W Kensett and seconded by Mr H W Rowland That the Testimonial to The Revd Thos Gilbert now presented to this meeting be adopted, and presented to him; also that it be copied in the minute Book. Carried Unanimously.

Proposed by Mr J M Burtenshaw and secd. by Mr Jas Turner, That a subscription be entered into to raise a Fund to present to The Revd Thos Gilbert on his leaving this Country, and that Mr W Kensett collect for that purpose.

Proposed by Mr P Rowland and secd. by Mr H W Rowland That the following Advertisement be sent to the Inquirer.

The Unitarian Congregation at Ditchling, Sussex will be in want of a Minister the latter end of April next, Information may be obtained by application to Mr E Turner Ditchling Sussex.

Testimonial to The Revd Thos Gilbert

Testimonial of the Unitarian General Baptist Congregation Ditchling Sussex

To our respected and honoured Pastor the Revd Thomas Gilbert
Revd & Dear Sir

We the undersigned, unite with feelings of affectionate regard in giving an expression to our gratitude and attachment to you as our Minister.

During a period of nine years you have discharged your duties as a Christian minister with fidelity and Zeal. Kept your social position amongst us by your constancy and Kindness as a friend, and maintained an honourable stand against all gainsayers of our most holy faith by the inflexible integrity of your life.

We lament that, in consequence of repeated attempts to injure you in your professional duties as a schoolmaster, you feel compelled to relinquish your connection with us, and to seek a home for your family and a sphere of usefulness for yourself in a foreign land.

We earnestly Pray that Almighty God may in his great mercy give you, and yours a safe passage across the Atlantic Ocean - long spare your life to be a blessing to your family, and place you in circumstances where you may continue to be enlightened, Zealous, and faithful defender of His eternal truth.

We remain Dear Sir very sincerely & affectionately yours

Signed by the Members of the Congregation

John Wood	Thos Turner
J M Burtenshaw	H W Rowland
Jas Turner	Peter Rowland
Thos Hollingham	William Kensett
Lydia Turner	Ann Hallett
Caroline Turner	Ann Davey
Charlotte Stead	Sophia Baker
Thomas Simcock	John Hemsley
John Wood Mercer	Edward Turner
Emely Mercer	Wm Drawbridge
Elis Rowland	Edw Drawbridge
Frances Kensett	John Jeffery
Elis Rowland	Rich Jeffery
Sarah Jeffery	Rich Mercer
Mary Mercer	Adelade Mercer
Mary Turner	Ann Kensett

In addition to this Memorial the Members of the Ditchling Unitarian Congregation present to The Revd T Gilbert a Purse containing £19:10:0 as a further Token of their regards, as also to assist him in the necessary expences attending Emigration.

Ditchling 20th April 1851

Annual Meeting 4 May 1852

Account explained which stood thus	Annual Subn.	40. 2. 0
	Donation	10. 0. 0
	Due to Collector	1.18. 0
		<u>52. 0. 0</u>

Proposed by Mr H W Rowland & secd. by Mr R Mercer that £1.18.0 be paid from the Rent A/c to Mr J W Mercer being the balance due to him.

Proposed by Mr E Turner and secd. by Mr J M Burtenshaw that Mr John Wood be Treasurer for the ensuing year. Carried.

Proposed by Mr Jas Brooker and secd. by Mr H W Rowland that Mr J W Mercer be collector for the ensuing year. Carried.

Proposed by Mr J M Burtenshaw & secd. by Mr P Rowland that Mr Edw Turner be Secretary for the ensuing year. Carried.

Proposed by Mr H W Rowland & secd. by Mr R Mercer that Mr Jas Turner & Mr P Rowland be on the Committee with Mr R Mercer & Mr H W Rowland.

The repairs left to Mr John Wood and Mr E Turner to attend to.

Edward Turner agreed to provide the provisions for the Annual Sunday.

Annual Sunday 6th July 1851

The Revd W Maccall of London Preached morning and afternoon.

139 Persons partook of Tea in the Chapel, after which Mr Wm Crosskey took the Chair and Revd W Maccall, Revd Hy Crosskey, and Revd - Smith (Lewes) gave an address.

Congregational Meeting 29 September 1851

The Revd - Nicholas having supplied for four Sundays, it was unanimously agreed not to invite him to become our Minister.

Congregational Meeting 4 January 1852

A Letter from Revd E Chapman, Revd J P Mallison and Revd C F Smith (Newberry) was read.

It was agreed to invite The Revd C F Smith (Newberry) to supply on Sunday 18th or 25th January.

Meeting 25th January 1852

This meeting was called respecting Revd C F Smith and adjourned

Congregational Meeting 1 February 1852

Proposed by Mr H W Rowland and secd. by Mr J M Burtenshaw that The Revd C F Smith be not invited. Carried.

Meeting 8th February 1852

Proposed by Mr J M Burtenshaw & secd. by Mr H W Rowland that Mr McDougall be invited to supply for three months.

An amendment. Proposed by Mr J W Mercer & secd. by Mr Jas Brooker that The Revd C F Smith be invited. Lost. The original motion put and Carried. Mr McDougall accepted the invitation to commence on the 15th Feb.

Annual Congregational Meeting 18th April 1852

The Accounts examined. Proposed by Mr H W Rowland and secd. by Mr J M Burtenshaw that 6:13:2 be paid to Mr J W Mercer being the balance due to him - Carried.

Proposed by Mr J M Burtenshaw and secd. by Mr H W Rowland that Mr MacDougall be invited to become our Minister at the Salary of £52 yearly, 3 months notice to be given at any time by either Party - Carried Unanimously

Proposed by Mr E Turner and secd. by Mr Jas Turner that Mr John Wood be Treasurer for the ensuing year - Carried.

Proposed by Mr J W Mercer and secd. by Mr H W Rowland that Mr James Turner be Collector for the ensuing year - Carried

Proposed by Mr E Turner and secd. by Mr Jas Turner that Mr P Rowland be Secretary for the ensuing year - Carried.

Proposed by Mr Rd Mercer and secd. by Mr E Turner that the following Persons do form the Committee for the ensuing year Mr E Turner Mr J M Burtenshaw Mr Jas Brooker & Mr J W Mercer

Mr J Wood & Mr E Turner agreed to look to the Repairs - Mr E Turner to provide the Provisions for the Annual Sunday

Agreed, that no charge be made for the Interment of Mr John Cheesman.

Annual Congregational Meeting 1st May 1853

The Accounts examined and passed.

Proposed by Mr H W Rowland and secd. by Mr P Rowland that Mr J Wood be Treasurer for the ensuing year. Carried.

Proposed by Mr J M Burtenshaw and secd. by Mr T Hollingham that Mr Jas Turner be Collector for the ensuing year. Carried.

Proposed by Mr J M Burtenshaw and secd. by Mr H W Rowland that Mr P Rowland be Secretary for the ensuing year - Carried Un.

Proposed by Mr Jas Turner and secd. by Mr Rd Mercer that the present Committee continue in office for one more year vis. Mr E Turner Mr J M Burtenshaw Mr Jas Brooker and Mr J W Mercer.

Mr E Turner appointed to provide for Annual Sunday

Mr E Turner & Mr J Wood to see to the repairs.

Proposed by Mr H W Rowland and secd by Mr T Hollingham that Mr Thomas of London be invited to preach on our Annual Sunday.

Proposed by Mr Jas Turner and secd. by Mr J Wood that Mr Parry of Battle be invited - Carried.

Annual Meeting 3 July 1853

The Revd John Robertson of Godalming Preached both Morning & Afternoon.

142 Persons partook of Tea, after which Mr Wm Crosskey having taken the Chair, the Meeting was addressed by the Revd A J (7) MacDougall, the Revd J Robertson, the Revd Hall and the Revd Stevens.

Received of Louisa Russell, an acknowledgement of the Receipt of a Post Office Order for £2:10s:0d a Collection made on behalf of the Ministers Benevolent Society.

Annual Congregational Meeting 30th April 1854

The Accounts examined showing a Balance due to the Collector of 13:18:0.

Proposed by Mr P Rowland and secd. by Mr H W Rowland that the Balance of Rent Account £9:13:10 be paid to Mr Jas Turner, Collector, toward the Balance due to him, and then application be made to the Congregational Fund Society for the remainder.

Proposed by Mr J Burtenshaw, and secd. by Mr H W Rowland, that Mr J Wood be Treasurer for the ensuing year. Carried Uny.

Proposed by Mr H W Rowland and secd. by Mr P Rowland, that Mr J M Burtenshaw be Collector for the ensuing year. Cd Uny.

Proposed by Mr Jas Turner, and secd. by Mr Rd Mercer that Mr P Rowland be Secretary for the ensuing year. Carried Uny.

Proposed by Mr P Rowland and secd. by Mr E Turner that the following Persons do form the Committee for the ensuing year Mr Jn Brooker Mr J W Mercer Mr Wm Kensett Mr H W Rowland Cd.

Mr J Wood & Mr E Turner appointed to see to the Repairs

Mr E Turner to provide for the Annual Sunday

Proposed by Mr J M Burtenshaw and secd. by Mr Jas Turner that Mr H W Crosskey be invited to preach on Annual Sunday Cd Uny.

It was agreed at this Meeting that No Charge should be made for the Internment of James Knight

Annual Meeting 2 July 1854

The Revd H Crosskey from Glasgow Preached both Morning and Afternoon.

187 Persons partook of Tea in the Chapel, after which Mr Wm Crosskey took the Chair, and the Meeting was addressed by the Revd A MacDougall, - Shelley, and H Crosskey.

Congregational Meeting 24 December 1854

It was announced at this Meeting that the Revd A MacDougall wishes to give up his Office as Minister in consequence of having recd an invitation to Supply Neath, and for the advantage of attending Carmarthen College

Meeting Adjourned to 31st December

Congregational Meeting 31st December 1854

Proposed by Mr P Rowland and seconded by Mr H W Rowland that Mr MacDougall's resignation be accepted, and that he be released from his engagement after Sunday the 7th day of January next. Carried Unanimly.

Proposed by Mr Jas Turner and seconded by Mr J Burtenshaw, that the following Advertisement be inserted in the Inquirer
The Ditchling Unitarian Congregation are in want of a Minister Address to Mr P Rowland, Ditchling, Sussex

Congregational Meeting February 4th 1855

Resolved Unanimously that an Invitation be given to Mr Moir to Supply as Minister for the next 6 Months at £1 per week

This Invitation was given and Accepted

Annual Congregational Meeting April 25th 1855

The Accounts examined shewing a Balance due to the Collector of £12:8s:0d

Proposed by Mr H W Rowland and seconded by Mr J Mercer, that the Balance of Rent Account 10:15:8½ be paid to the Collector and that application be made to the Congregational Fund Society for the remainder due to him - Carried.

Proposed by Mr J Mercer and seconded by Mr Jas Turner that Mr J Wood be Treasurer for the ensuing year - Carried.

Proposed by Mr J Mercer and seconded by Mr H W Rowland that Mr J Burtenshaw be Collector for the ensuing year - Carried

Proposed by Mr Jas Turner and seconded by Mr H W Rowland that Mr P Rowland be Secretary for the ensuing year - Carried

Proposed and Carried that the following Persons do form the Committee for the ensuing year - Mr Wm Kensett
Mr H W Rowland Mr Jas Turner Mr Richd Mercer

Mr J Wood and Mr E Turner appointed to see to the Repairs.

Mr E Turner to provide for the Annual Meeting

Annual Meeting 1st July 1855

The Revd A Macdougall preached in the Morning, the Revd Moir in the Afternoon.

180 Persons partook of Tea, after which Mr Wm Crosskey was called to the Chair, and the Meeting was addressed by the Revd A Macdougall, Revd Moir and Mr Dyer

Congregational Meeting 22nd July 1855

Proposed by Mr H W Rowland and seconded by Mr J M Burtenshaw that Mr Moir be invited to supply as Minister for the next 6 months - Carried Unanimously.

Proposed by Mr Jas Turner and seconded by Mr P Rowland that the Rent Account be balanced quarterly and the Balance paid over to the Collector - Carried Unanimously.

Annual Congregational Meeting May 25th 1856

The Accounts examined shewing a Balance due to the Collector of £7:18s:0d

Proposed by Mr Jas Turner and second by Mr P Rowland that application be made to the Congregational Fund Society for the balance of 2:10:0 due to the Collector - Carried

Proposed by Mr J W Mercer and seconded by Mr Jas Turner, that Mr J Wood be Treasurer for the ensuing year - Carried

Proposed by Mr J W Mercer and seconded by Mr J Wood that Mr J M Burtenshaw be Collector for the ensuing year - Carried

Proposed by Mr Jas Turner and seconded by Mr Jas Brooker that Mr P Rowland be Secretary for the ensuing year - Carried

Proposed by Mr J M Burtenshaw and second. by Mr J W Mercer that the following Persons do form the Committee for the ensuing year
Mr Jas Turner Mr R Mercer Mr Wm Steele
Mr Ed Turner

Mr J Wood & Mr E Turner appointed to see to the repairs

Mr E Turner to provide for the Annual Meeting

Proposed by Mr Jas Turner and second. by Mr J M Burtenshaw that Mr Hale White be invited to preach on our Annual Meeting and that Mr Moir be invited to accompany them - Carried

Annual Meeting July 6th 1856

The Revd H White preached both morning and afternoon. - Persons partook of Tea after which Mr White addressed the Congregation and the Meeting concluded by singing a Hymn

Annual Congregational Meeting April 20th 1857

The Accounts examined, shewing a Balance due to the Collector of £1:8:8.

Proposed by Mr H W Rowland & second by Mr P Rowland that application be made to the Congregational Fund Society for the balance due to the Collector - Carried.

Proposed by Mr Wm Kensett & second by Mr Jas Turner that Mr J Wood be Treasurer for the ensuing year - Carried.

Proposed by Mr Jas Turner & second by Mr P Rowland that Mr J M Burtenshaw be Collector for the ensuing year - Carried.

Proposed by Mr H W Rowland & second by Mr Wm Kensett that Mr P Rowland be Secretary for the ensuing year - Carried.

Proposed by Mr Jas Turner & second by Mr P Rowland that the following Persons do form the Committee for the ensuing year
Mr Wm Steele Mr E Turner Mr Wm Kensett Mr Jas Brooker Cd.

Mr J Wood and Mr E Turner appointed to see to the repairs

Mr E Turner to provide for the Annual Meeting

Annual Meeting July 5th 1857

Mr Wade from London preached both Morning & Afternoon

Tea was provided in the Chapel at 5 o'clock, after which, Mr Wade and Mr W Blazley addressed the Congregation

Annual Congregational Meeting March 28th 1858

The Accounts examined, shewing a Balance due to the Collector of £2.2s.3d.

Proposed by Mr H W Rowland and second by Mr P Rowland that application be made to the Congregational Fund Society for the balance due to the Collector - Carried.

Mr E Turner shewed the Balance in Hand of Trustees Acct £2.17.5

Proposed by Mr Wm Kensett & second by Mr James Turner that Mr J Wood be Treasurer for the ensuing year - Carried.

Proposed by Mr H W Rowland & second by Mr P Rowland that Mr J M Burtenshaw be Collector for the ensuing year - Carried.

Proposed by Mr Jas Turner & second by Mr Wm Kensett that Mr P Rowland be Secretary for the ensuing year - Carried.

Proposed by Mr P Rowland & second by Mr J Burtenshaw that the following Persons do form the Committee for the ensuing year Cd.
Mr Wm Kensett Mr Jas Brooker Mr H W Rowland Mr Jas Turner

Mr E Turner to provide for the Annual Meeting

Annual Meeting July 4th 1858

The Revd Jierson of London preached Morning & Afternoon
190 Persons partook of Tea in the Chapel, after which
Mr Wm Crosskey took the Chair, and the Meeting was addressed
by Revd Jerson & Mr C Burgess

Congregational Meeting February 13th 1859

Proposed by Mr P Rowland & secd by Mr Jas Turner that
Mr Martineau's Collection of Hymns be used in the Chapel Cd Un.

Proposed by Mr H W Rowland & secd by Mr R Turner that
application be made to the Congl. Fund Society for the Money
necessary to purchase 6 of the Large & 12 of the Small Edition
to be distributed in the Chapel for general use - Cd Unanimously

Annual Congregational Meeting April 10th 1859

The Accounts examined shewing a Balance due to the Collector
of £7:9:9.

Proposed by Mr E Turner and secd by Mr P Rowland that
application be made to the Congl. Fund Society for the Balance
due to the Collector - Carried.

Mr E Turner showed the Balance in Hand of Trustees Acct £3:12:8

Proposed by Mr E Turner & secd by Mr H W Rowland that
Mr J Burtenshaw be Treasurer and Collector for the ensuing year.

Proposed by Mr H W Rowland & secd by Mr J Burtenshaw that Cd.
Mr P Rowland be Secretary for the ensuing year - Carried.

Proposed by Mr Jas Brooker & secd by Mr E Kensett that the
following Persons do form the Committee for the ensuing year
Mr H W Rowland Mr Jas Turner Mr Rd Mercer Mr E Turner

Mr E Turner & Mr W Kensett appointed to see to the Repairs

Resolved - that this Meeting be adjourned to this day fortnight
and that the following Persons be appointed to ascertain what
further Subscriptions can be obtained

Mr Burtenshaw Mr E Turner Mr P Rowland Mr Kensett
Mr H W Rowland Mr Jas Turner Mr Jas Brooker

Adjourned Cong Meeting April 24th 1859

Subscription List revised & enlarged

Annual Meeting July 2, 1859

The Revd Robertson from Essex conducted the Services both
Morning and Afternoon

About 200 Persons partook of Tea in the evening and the
Meeting concluded with some music from the Choir

Annual Congregational Meeting April 8, 1860

The Accounts exd. shewing a Balance due to the Collector of
£4.13s.8d.

Propd. by Mr E Turner and secd by Mr P Rowland that application
be made to the Congl Fund Society for the Balance due to the
Collector. Carried.

Mr E Turner shewed the Balance in Hand of Trustees Acct £4.4.6

Pd by Mr Jas Turner and secd by Mr Hy Turner that Mr Burtenshaw
continue his services as Treasurer and Collector for the
ensuing year. Carried.

Pd by Mr Wm Kensett & secd by Mr E Turner that Mr P Rowland
be Secretary for the ensuing year - Carried

Resolved that the following Persons do form the Committee for
the ensuing year Mr R Mercer Mr E Turner
Mr Wm Kensett Mr Hy Turner

Mr Kensett & Mr Turner to see to the Repairs

Annual Meeting July 1st 1860

The Revd P B Bakewell preached in the Morning, the Revd
Thos Carter in the Afternoon - a good attendance on both
Services - In the evening 184 Persons partook of Tea in the
Chapel, after which the Meeting was addressed by the Revd
Thos Carter, Revd P B Bakewell, Mr J Knight & Mr Wm Crosskey
Mr Arpden officiated as Chairman, and the Meeting was
concluded with some Music from the Choir.

Annual Congregational Meeting April 28th 1861

The Accounts exd shewing a Balance of £3.0.5 due to the
Collector.

Pd by Mr E Turner & secd by Mr P Rowland that application be
made to the Congl Fund Society for the Balance due to the
Collector. Carried.

Pd by Mr Jas Turner & secd by Mr E Turner that Mr John
Burtenshaw be Collector & Treasurer for the ensuing year. Cd.

Pd by Mr E Turner & secd by Mr Jas Turner that Mr P Rowland be Secretary for the ensuing year - Carried

Resolved that the following Persons do form the Committee
Mr Wm Kensett Mr Hy Turner Mr Jas Brooker Mr Robt Turner
Mr Wm Kensett & Mr E Turner appointed to see to the Repairs
Mr E Turner shewed a Balance in Hand of Trustees Acct £2.17.5

Annual Meeting July 7th 1861

The Revd W W Robinson from Hastings preached both Morning and Afternoon.

In the evening 158 Persons partook of Tea in the Chapel, after which the Meeting was addressed by the Revd W W Robinson & T Carter, Gough and by Mr J Knight - During the evening several pieces of Sacred Music were performed by the Choir

Annual Congregational Meeting April 6th 1862

The Accounts exd shewing a Balance due to the Collector of £2.13s.0d.

Pd by Mr P Rowland & secd by Mr E Turner that application be made to the Congregational Fund Society for the Balance due to the Collector - Carried.

Pd by Mr E Turner & secd by Mr H W Rowland that Mr J Burtenshaw be Collector & Treasurer for the ensuing year - Carried.

Pd by Mr H W Rowland & secd by Mr J Burtenshaw that Mr P Rowland be Secretary for the ensuing year - Carried.

Resolved that the following persons do form the Committee for the ensuing year - Carried

Mr James Brooker Mr Robert Turner Mr James Turner
Mr H W Rowland

Mr Wm Kensett and Mr E Turner appointed to see to the Repairs

Mr E Turner shewed a Balance in Hand of Trustees Ac of £2.12.2

Annual Meeting July 6th 1862

The Revd Charles Cove from Leicester preached both Morning & Afternoon.

In the evening about 130 Persons sat down to Tea in the Chapel after which addresses were delivered by Mr Crosskey, Rev C Cove and Mr Dyer. The Choir performed several pieces of music during the evening.

Annual Congregational Meeting April 5th 1863

The Accounts exd showing a Balance due to the Treasurer of £3.3.6 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Proposed by Mr Jas Turner and Seconded by Mr H W Rowland that application be made to the Congregational Fund Society for the Balance due to the Treasurer - Carried

Proposed by Mr H W Rowland and seconded by W Kensett that Mr J M Burtenshaw be Collector and Treasurer for the ensuing year - Carried

Proposed by Mr Jas Turner and seconded by Mr H W Rowland that W Kensett be Secretary for the ensuing year - Carried

Proposed and Resolved that the following Persons do form the Committee for the ensuing year
Mr Jas Turner
Mr H W Rowland Mr Jas Brooker Mr Hy Turner

Resolved that Mr E Turner & Wm Kensett be appointed to see to any Repairs

Mr E Turner shewed a Balance of £2.4.8 in the hands of Trustees A/c

Resolved that Mr J M Burtenshaw enquire of the Revd T Carter respecting a Minister for Annual Sunday.

Annual Meeting July 5th 1863

The Revd James Whitehead from Ainsworth Preached both Morning and Afternoon.

In the evening about 180 Persons sat down to Tea in the Chapel after which Mr Wm Crosskey was called to the Chair and Addresses were delivered by Mr Crosskey, the Revd Mr Whitehead, the Revd Mr Carter and others - the Choir performing several pieces of music during the evening.

Annual Congregational Meeting April 3rd 1864

The Accounts exd showing a Balance of £5.9.0 in hand

The Trustees Account Exd showing a Balance of £3.2.4 in hand

Proposed by Mr Hy Turner and seconded by W Kensett that the thanks of the Members and Congregation be given to Messrs Albert Burtenshaw, Robt and Alfred Turner for their kindly Assistance in Conducting Services during the past year on the non-attendance of a Minister - Carried N.C.

Proposed by Mr J M Burtenshaw and seconded by Mr Hy Turner that Mr Alfred Turner be Collector & Treasurer for the ensuing year - Carried N.C.

Proposed and Resolved that the following Persons do form the Committee for the ensuing year Mr Jas Brooker
Mr Hy Turner Mr J M Burtenshaw Mr Robt Turner

Resolved that Mr E Turner and W Kensett be Appointed to see to any Repairs

Resolved that Mr J M Burtenshaw enquire of the Revd Thos Carter respecting a Minister for Annual Sunday

Resolved that Wm Kensett be Secretary for the ensuing year

Annual Meeting July 3rd 1864

The Revd Lindsey Taplin from Todmorden Lancashire preached both Morning and Afternoon

In the evening about 120 Persons partook of Tea in the Chapel after which the Revd Thos Carter was called to the Chair when Addresses were delivered by the Chairman, and the Revd L Taplin Messrs Burgess, Stevens, Bronham, Knight, Turner & Burtenshaw the Choir performing several pieces of Music during the evening. The Weather being unfavourable prevented the Attendance of many Friends.

Annual Congregational Meeting April 30th 1865

The Accounts Exd. showing that all Liabilities were discharged and there is no Balance in hand.

The Trustees Accounts Exd. showing a Balance of £1.7.1 $\frac{1}{2}$ in hand

Proposed by Wm Kensett and seconded by Mr Hy Turner that the thanks of the Members and Congregation be given to Mr Alfred Turner and Mr Albert Burtenshaw for their kind Assistance in conducting Services during the past year on the Non Attendance of a Minister.

Resolved that Wm Kensett be Secretary for the ensuing year

Resolved that the following Persons do form the Committee for the ensuing year
Mr Jas Brooker
Mr Hy Turner Mr Robt Turner Mr J M Burtenshaw

Resolved that Mr E Turner and Wm Kensett be appointed to see to any Repairs

Annual Meeting July 2nd 1865

The Revd Mr Grant from Portsmouth preached both Morning and Afternoon. In the evening about 164 Persons partook of Tea in the Chapel after which the Revd Thos Carter was called to the Chair when Addresses were delivered by the Chairman and the Revd Mr Grant, Messrs Burgess, Turner, Bronham, Knight and others. The Choir performed several pieces of Music during the Evening.

Annual Congregational Meeting May 13th 1866

The Accounts Exd. showing a Balance of £5.4.5 in hand.

The Trustees Accounts Exd. shewing a deficiency of £3.12.1 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Resolved that Application be made to the Congregational Fund Society for £3.12.1 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Resolved that the thanks of the Members and Congregation be given to Mr A Turner & Mr A Burtenshaw for their kind assistance in conducting Services during the past year on the Non Attendance of a Minister.

Resolved that Mr Alfred Turner be Collector and Treasurer for the ensuing year

Resolved that W Kensett be Secretary for the Year ensuing

Resolved that the following Persons do form the Committee for the Year ensuing
Mr Robt Turner
Mr J M Burtenshaw Mr Jas Brooker Mr Hy Turner

Resolved that Mr E Turner and Wm Kensett be appointed to see to any Repairs.

Annual Meeting July 1st 1866

The Revd Robt Spears from Stamford Street London preached in the Morning.

In the Evening about 153 Persons partook of Tea in the Chapel after which the Revd Thos Carter was called to the Chair when Addresses were delivered by the Chairman and the Revd Mr Spears Mr John Ellis, Mr Jas Bronham, Mr Wm Crosskey, Mr Albert Burtenshaw, Mr E Burgess, Mr Jon Knight and Mr Jennings.

The Choir performing several pieces of Music during the Evening.

Memo Heavy Showers of Rain fell during the Day.

This ends the Memorandum Book which
comprised 295 pages

CHURCH MEMORANDUM BOOK
covering the period
1867 to 1894

(continued from the previous book)

Annual Congregational Meeting held April 21st 1867

The Accounts examined showing a Balance of £7.8.5 in hand

The Trustees Accounts examined showing a deficiency of £6.3.5

Resolved that an Effort be made to have Services every Sunday Morning during the Months of May June July and August and that Mr E Turner arrange with the Revd Mr McGiffin thereon

Resolved that the Revd H Jerson of London be Invited to Preach on Annual Sunday July 7th in the event of Refusal some other Minister be Invited

Resolved that the thanks of the Members and Congregation be given to Mr Alfred Turner for his kindness in conducting Services during the past Year on the Non Attendance of a Minister

Resolved that Mr A Turner be Collector and Treasurer for the ensuing Year

Resolved that Wm Kensett be Secretary for the ensuing Year

Resolved that the following Persons do form the Committee for the ensuing Year
Mr J M Burtenshaw
Mr Jas Turner Mr H W Rowland Mr Jas Brooker

Resolved that Mr E Turner & W Kensett be appointed to see to any Repairs

Resolved that the Annual Congregational Meetings be held on the first Sunday in April

Annual Meeting July 7th 1867

The Revd H Solly from London preached in the Morning

In the Evening about 180 Persons partook of Tea after which Mr Wm Crosskey of Lewes was called to the Chair when Addresses were delivered by the Chairman and the Revd Mr Solly Mr Alfred Turner, the Revd Mr Smith of Lewes and others The Choir performing several pieces of Music during the Evening

Annual Congregational Meeting held April 19th 1868

The Accounts examined showing a deficiency of £0.4.5

The Trustees Accounts examined showing a Balance of £1.0.10 in hand

Resolved that an Effort be made to have Services every Sunday Morning during the months of May June July and August and that Mr E Turner make Arrangements for the same

Resolved that the Revd H Jerson of London be invited to Preach on Annual Sunday July 5th in the event of Refusal some other Minister be Invited

Resolved that Mr Jas Turner be Appointed Treasurer and Collector for the ensuing Year

Resolved that Wm Kensett be Appointed Secretary for the ensuing Year

Resolved that the following Persons do form the Committee for the ensuing Year
Mr J M Burtenshaw
Mr H W Rowland Mr Jas Turner Mr Jas Brooker

Resolved that Mr E Turner & W Kensett be Appointed to see to any Repairs

Annual Meeting July 5th 1868

The Revd H Jerson of London preached in the Morning

In the Evening about 109 Persons partook of Tea after which Mr Wm Crosskey of Lewes was called to the Chair when Addresses were delivered by the Chairman and the Revd H Jerson and others The Choir performing several pieces of Music during the Evening

Annual Congregational Meeting held March 28th 1869

The Accounts examined showing a deficiency of £2.7.8½

Resolved that an Effort be made to have Services every Sunday Morning during the Months of May, June, July & August and that Mr E Turner Make Arrangements for the same

Resolved that the Revd P W Clayden of London be Invited to Preach on Annual Sunday July 4th in the event of Refusal some other Minister to be invited

Resolved that Mr Jas Turner be Appointed Treasurer and Collector for the ensuing Year

Resolved that Wm Kensett be Appointed Secretary for the ensuing Year

Resolved that the following Persons do form the Committee for the ensuing Year
Mr Robt Turner
Mr Hy Turner Mr J M Burtenshaw Mr Jas Turner

Resolved that Mr E Turner & W Kensett be Appointed to see to any Repairs

Annual Meeting July 4th 1869

The Revd P W Clayden of London Preached in the Morning

In the Evening the Members and Friends partook of Tea in the Chapel after which Mr Wm Crosskey of Lewes was called to the Chair when Addresses were delivered by the Chairman, the Revd P W Clayden and others The Choir performing several pieces of Music during the Evening

Annual Congregational Meeting held April 17th 1870

The Accounts examined showing a Balance of £0.4.1½ in hand
Resolved that Services be held every Sunday Morning during the Months of May, June, July & August and that Mr E Turner Make Arrangements for the same

Resolved that the Revd Applebee of London be invited to Preach on Annual Sunday July 3rd in the event of Refusal some other Minister be invited

Resolved that Mr Jas Turner be Appointed Treasurer & Collector for the ensuing Year

Resolved that Wm Kensett be Appointed Secretary for the ensuing Year

Resolved that the following Persons form the Committee for ensuing Year
Mr J M Burtenshaw
Mr Jas Turner Mr E W Rowland Mr Jas Brooker

Resolved that Mr E Turner & Wm Kensett be Appointed to see to any Repairs

Annual Meeting July 3rd 1870

The Revd John Murray of Boston United States Preached in the Morning.

In the Evening the Members & Friends (122) partook of Tea in the Chapel after which the Revd Mr Gamel was called to the Chair when Addresses were delivered by the Chairman, the Revd John Murray and Others The Choir performing several Pieces of Music during the Evening.

Annual Congregational Meeting held April 23rd 1871

The Accounts Examined showing Balance of £4.17.5 in hand

Resolved that Morning Services be held every Fortnight and that Mr Edwd Turner Make Arrangements for same

Resolved that the Revd Andrew Chalmers be invited to Preach on Annual Sunday July 2nd - in the event of Refusal Application be made to some other Minister

Resolved that Mr Jas Turner be Appointed Treasurer and Collector for ensuing Year

Resolved that W Kensett be Appointed Secretary for ensuing Year

Resolved that the following Persons form the Committee for ensuing Year
Mr Jas Turner
Mr H W Rowland Mr Jas Brooker Mr Hy Turner

Resolved that Mr Edwd Turner & W Kensett be Appointed to see to any Repairs

Annual Meeting July 2nd 1871

The Revd Mr Chalmers of London Preached in the Morning

In the Evening the Members and Friends (85) partook of Tea in the Chapel after which Mr James Bromham was called to the Chair when Addresses were delivered by the Chairman, the Revd Mr Chalmers, Mr Burgess, Mr Thompson, Mr Taggart and others. The Choir performing several pieces of Music during the Evening.

The Weather being wet in the Afternoon prevented the Attendance of Many Friends

Annual Congregational Meeting held April 28th 1872

The Accounts Examined showing a Balance of £10.3.8

Resolved that Morning Services be held every Fortnight and that Mr Edwd Turner Make Arrangements for same

Resolved that Enquiry be Made of the Revd Andrew Chalmers as to securing the Services of a Minister for Annual Sunday on July 7th.

Resolved that Mr Jas Turner be Appointed Treasurer & Collector for the ensuing Year

Resolved that Wm Kensett be Appointed Secretary for the ensuing Year

Resolved that the following Persons form the Committee for the ensuing Year
Mr Robert Turner
Mr H W Rowland Mr Jas Brooker Mr Hy Turner

Resolved that Mr E Turner & W Kensett be Appointed to see to any Repairs

Annual Meeting July 7th 1872

The Revd R C Dendy of Tenterden Preached in the Morning

In the Evening the Members & Friends (106) partook of Tea in the Chapel after which Mr Gamell was called to the Chair when Addresses were delivered by the Chairman the Revd Mr Dendy, Mr Thompson, Mr Shelley, Mr Broxham, Mr Broadbent and others - The Choir performing several pieces of Music during the Evening

Annual Congregational Meeting held April 27th 1873

The Accounts Examined showing a Balance of £15.15.3

Resolved that Morning Services be held every Fortnight and that Mr Edwd Turner Make Arrangements for same

Resolved that the Revd Mr Suffield of Croydon be invited to Preach on Annual Sunday July 6th and in case of Refusal Application be Made to the Revd Mr Taylor of Newport Isle of Wight

Resolved that Mr Jas Turner be Appointed Treasurer & Collector for the ensuing Year

Resolved that Wm Kensett be Appointed Secretary for the ensuing Year

Resolved that the following Persons form the Committee for the ensuing Year
Mr Robt Turner
Mr Jas Brooker Mr H.W. Rowland Mr Hy Turner

Resolved that Mr Edwd Turner & W Kensett be Appointed to see to any Repairs

Annual Meeting July 6th 1873

The Revd Joseph Smith of Manchester Preached in the Morning
In the Evening the Members & Friends (70) partook of Tea in the Chapel after which the Revd J Smith was called to the Chair when Addresses were delivered by the Chairman & others. The Choir performing several pieces of Music during the Evening

Memo Early in the Morning the Weather was very unfavourable which prevented many Friends from Attending

Annual Congregational Meeting held April 19th 1874

The Accounts Examined showing Balance £9.1.6

Resolved that Morning Services be held every Fortnight and that Mr Edwd Turner Make Arrangements for same

Resolved that the Revd J Taylor of Newport Isle of Wight be Invited to Preach on Annual Sunday July 5th and in case of Refusal that Mr Edwd Turner Make Application to some other Minister

Resolved that Mr Jas Turner be Appointed Treasurer & Collector for the Year

Resolved that W Kensett be Appointed Collector (?) for the Year

Resolved that the following Persons form the Committee for the Year
Mr Robt Turner
Mr H W Rowland Mr Jas Brooker Mr Hy Turner

Resolved that Mr Edwd Turner & W Kensett be Appointed to see to any Repairs

Annual Meeting July 5th 1874

The Revd J Taylor Isle of Wight preached in the Morning

In the Evening the Members and Friends (100) partook of Tea in the Chapel after which Mr Willett of London was called to the Chair when Addresses were delivered by the Chairman, The Revd J Taylor, Mr Broadbent, Mr Taggart, Mr Burgess of Battle, Mr Burgess Junr of Brighton and others. The Choir performing several pieces of Music during the Meeting

Annual Congregational Meeting held April 25th 1875

The Accounts Examd. shewing Balance of £7.1.1 $\frac{1}{2}$

Resolved that the Services be held as heretofore

Resolved that the Revd Jon Wright of Bath be invited to Preach on Annual Sunday July 4th and in case of Refusal the Revd R Suffield of Croydon be invited - this matter left in the hands of Mr E Turner

Resolved that Mr Jas Turner be Appointed Treasurer and Collector for the ensuing Year

Resolved that Wm Kensett be Appointed Secretary for the ensuing Year

Resolved that the following Persons form the Committee for the Year
Mr Robt Turner
Mr H W Rowland Mr Jas Brooker Mr Hy Turner

Resolved that Edwd Turner & Wm Kensett be Appointed to see to any Repairs

Annual Meeting July 4th 1875

The Revd Iden Payne of Portsmouth preached in the Morning In the Evening the Members and Friends (103) partook of Tea in the Chapel after which Mr Broadbent was called to the Chair when Addresses were delivered by the Chairman and Others - The Choir performing several pieces of Music during the evening

Annual Congregational Meeting held April 23rd 1876

The Accounts Examd. showing Balance £4.16.2

Resolved that the Services be held as heretofore

Resolved that the Revd H Jerson of London be invited to preach on Annual Sunday July 2nd in case of Refusal the Revd Dobson of Brighton be invited this matter left in the hands of Mr E Turner

Resolved that Mr Jas Turner be Appointed Treasurer and Collector for ensuing Year

Resolved that Wm Kensett be Appointed Secretary for ensuing Year

Resolved that the following Persons form the Committee for the Year Robt Turner, H W Rowland, Jas Brooker & Hy Turner

Resolved that Edwd Turner & Wm Kensett be Appointed to see to any Repairs.

Annual Meeting July 2nd 1876

The Revd H Jerson MA London Preached in the Morning

In the Evening the Members and Friends (118) partook of Tea in the Chapel after which Mr Councillor Waterfield of Brighton was called to the Chair when Addresses were delivered by the Chairman, the Revd H Jerson, the Revd T R Dobson of Brighton Mr Burgess, Mr E Kensett & others. The Choir performing several pieces of Music during the Evening.

Annual Congregational Meeting held April 22nd 1877

Accounts examined showing Bal of £0.6.7

Resolved that the Services be held as heretofore

Resolved that the Revd Thos W Scott of Horsham be invited to Preach on Annual Sunday July 1st this matter to be left in the hands of Edwd Turner

Resolved that Mr Jas Turner be Appointed as Treasurer & Collector for the ensuing Year

Resolved that Wm Kensett be Appointed as Secretary for ensuing Year

Resolved that the following Persons form the Committee for the Year, Robt Turner, H W Rowland, Jas Brooker & Hy Turner

Resolved that Edwd Turner & Wm Kensett be Appointed to see to any repairs that may be required

At a General Meeting of Members and Attendants held in the Chapel on June 3rd 1877 pursuant to Notice

Resolved unanimously that the present Pews and Seats be replaced by Chairs, a New Reading Desk be constructed for the Minister and All Alterations required to complete the Work be carried out under the direction of the following Members of the Congregation Appointed as a Committee for that purpose the Cost Not to exceed Eighty pounds

Mr Edward Turner Mr Robt Turner Wm Kensett

Annual Meeting July 1st 1877

The Revd Thos W Scott of Horsham Preached in the Morning

In the Evening the Members and Friends (132) partook of Tea in the Chapel after which Mr Councillor Waterfield of Brighton was called to the Chair when Addresses were delivered by the Chairman, Revd Thos W Scott, Revd A P Macdonald of Lewes, Mr Broadbent and others - The Choir performing several pieces of Music during the Meeting.

A Liberal collection was made at the close of the Morning Service in aid of the Restoration fund

Annual Congregational Meeting held April 21st 1878

A/c examined showing Balance due to the Treasurer £9.11.0

Resolved that Application be made to Treasurer of the Congregational Fund for £9.11.0 being Balance due to the above Treasurer

Resolved that Mr Jas Turner be Treasurer & Collector for the Year

Resolved that W Kensett be Appointed Secretary for the Year

Resolved that the following Persons form Committee for ensuing Year Robt Turner, H W Rowland, Jas Brooker & Hy Turner

Resolved that Edwd Turner & W Kensett be Appointed to see to any repairs that may be required

Resolved that the Revd Freckleton of London be invited to Preach on Annual Sunday July 7th & in case of refusal the Revd C Wickstead of Croydon be invited - this matter left in the hands of Mr E Turner

Annual Meeting July 7th 1878

The Revd H Jerson of London (NA) preached in the Morning

In the Evening Members and Friends (130) partook of Tea in the Chapel after which Mr Broadbent of Lewes was called to the Chair when Addresses were delivered by the Chairman, the Revd H Jerson & others - The Choir performing several pieces of Music during the Evening

A collection was made after Morning Service in Aid of the funds (£2.11.10) for continuing Weekly Service on Sunday

Annual Congregational Meeting held May 4th 1879

Annual A/c examined showing a Balance due to the Treasurer of £1.15.0

Cottage Rent A/c examined showing a Balance in hand of £4.9.10½

Resolved that the Balance of £1.15.0 due to the Treasurer be paid from the Cottage Rent A/c

Resolved that Mr Jas Turner be Treasurer & Collector for Year

Resolved that Wm Kensett be Secretary for the Year

Resolved that the following Persons form Committee for ensuing Year. Mr Robt Turner, H W Rowland, Jas Brooker & Hy Turner

Resolved that Mr Edwd Turner & Wm Kensett be Appointed to see to any Repairs that may be required

Resolved that the Revd E R Grant of Maidstone be invited to Preach on Annual Sunday July 6th 1879

Annual Meeting July 6th 1879

The Revd C Wickstead BA Croydon preached in the Morning

In the Evening Members & Friends (140) partook of Tea in the Chapel after which Mr Broadbent of Lewes was called to the Chair when Addresses were delivered by the Chairman, Revd Wickstead & others - The Choir performing several pieces of Music during the Meeting

A Collection was made after Morning Service (£4.15.8) in aid of the funds for carrying on a Sunday Weekly Service in the Chapel

Annual Congregational Meeting held April 25th 1880

Annual A/c examined showing Balance of £3.3.8 in hands of Treasurer

Cottage Rent A/c examined showing Balance due to Mr Edwd Turner of £0.13.1

Resolved that Mr Jas Turner be Treasurer & Collector for ensuing Year

Resolved that Wm Kensett be Secretary for the Year

Resolved that the following Persons form Committee for ensuing Year Mr Robt Turner H W Rowland Jas Brooker & Hy Turner

Resolved that Mr Edwd Turner & Wm Kensett be Appointed to see to any Repairs that may be required

Resolved that the Revd A Chalmers of 4 Belvedere Terrace Cambridge be invited to Preach on Annual Sunday July 4th 1880

Annual Meeting July 4th 1880

The Revd A Chalmers late of Cambridge preached in the Morning

In the Evening Members & Friends (142) partook of Tea in the Chapel after which the Revd T R Dobson of Brighton was called to the Chair when Addresses were delivered by the Chairman, Mr Broadbent, Mr Elliott, Revd A Chalmers and others - The Choir performing several pieces of Music during the Meeting

A Collection was made after Morning Service (£5.0.0) in aid of the Funds for carrying on a Sunday Weekly Service in the Chapel

Annual Congregational Meeting held May 29th 1881

Collectors Annual A/c examined showing Balance of £3.14.2 in Treasurers hands

Cottagers Rents and other Income examined showing Balance of £0.6.5½ in hand

Resolved that Mr Jas Turner be Treasurer & Collector for ensuing Year

Resolved that Wm Kensett be Secretary for ensuing Year

Resolved that the following Persons form a Committee for the ensuing Year Mr Robt Turner, H W Rowland, Jas Brooker & Hy Turner

Resolved that Mr Edwd Turner & Wm Kensett be Appointed to see to any Repairs that may be required

Resolved that the Appointment of the Revd C Wickstead BA of Croydon as Preacher on Annual Sunday July 3rd 1881 be Confirmed

Annual Meeting July 3rd 1881

The Revd C Wickstead BA of Croydon, Surrey Preached in the Morning

In the Evening Members & Friends (130) partook of Tea in the Chapel After Which The Revd T R Dobson of Brighton took the Chair when Addresses were delivered by the Chairman, Revd J D Hirst Smythe, Mr Peter Bond, Mr J Thompson, Mr Bartholomew Mr Broadbent of Lewes and others - The Choir performing several pieces of Music during the Meeting

A Collection was made after Morning Service () in aid of Funds for carrying on Sunday Weekly Services in the Chapel

Annual Congregational Meeting April 23rd 1882

Statement of Treasurers Account	
Total Amount of Payments	42. 5. 0
Cash Balance of last A/c	3.14. 2
Subscriptions & Donations etc	32. 3. 6
Balance due to Treasurer	£ 6. 7. 6

Statement of Cottage Rents Fees etc	
Cash Balance as per last A/c	6. 5½
" Cottage Rents etc	14.17. 0
	15. 3. 5½
Less Payments	4.11. 9
Balance in hand	£10.11. 8½

Resolved that Application be Made to Treasurer of the Congregational Fund for £6.7.4 being Amount of Balance as above due to Mr James Turner the Treasurer & Collector

Resolved that Mr Jas Turner be Treasurer and Collector for ensuing Year

Resolved that Wm Kensett be Secretary for ensuing Year

Resolved that the following Persons form a Committee for the ensuing Year Mr R Turner, H W Rowland, Jas Brooker, Hy Turner & P Bond

Resolved that Mr Edwd Turner & Wm Kensett be Appointed to see to any repairs that may be required

Resolved that the Appointment of the Revd Jas Drummond BA of Hampstead London as Preacher on Annual Sunday July 2nd 1882 be confirmed

Annual Meeting July 2nd 1882

The Revd Jas Drummond LLD of London Preached Morning & Evening to an Attentive Congregation - a Collection was made at the close of each Service in aid of the funds for carrying on the Weekly Sunday Service in the Chapel

In the Afternoon Members & Friends (86) partook of Tea in the Chapel

Annual Congregational Meeting April 22nd 1883

Statement of Treasurers Account	
Total Amount of Payments	45. 0. 0
Subscriptions & Donations	33.16. 6
Balance due to Treasurer	£11. 3. 6

Statement of Cottage Rents, Fees etc	
Cash Balance as per last A/c	10.11. 8½
Cottage Rent	10. 8. 0
Burial Fees	4. 4. 0
Cash from Congregational Fund	1. 6. 0
	15.18. 0
	26. 9. 6½
Payments as per A/c	7.12. 2½
Balance in hand	£ 18.17. 2½

Resolved that the Balance of £11.3.6 due to the Treasurer be paid from Rent & Fees Account

Resolved that Mr Jas Turner be Treasurer and Collector for ensuing Year

Resolved that the following Persons be Appointed as a Committee for the ensuing Year Mr R Turner Jas Brooker, Hy Turner & P Bond

Resolved that Wm Kensett be Appointed Secretary for ensuing Year

Resolved that Mr Edwd Turner & Wm Kensett be Appointed to see to any repairs that may be required

Resolved that the Revd J E Carpenter LLD of London be invited to Preach on Annual Sunday July 1st 1883

Annual Meeting July 1st 1883

The Revd Professor J E Carpenter MA preached in the Morning. The Revd P H Wickstead MA preached in the Evening to a good audience. A Collection was made at the close of Services in aid of Funds for carrying on the Sunday Weekly Services in the Chapel

In the Afternoon Members & Friends (110) partook of Tea in the Chapel

The day was fine which was fully enjoyed by All in Attendance

Annual Congregational Meeting April 20th 1884

Statement of Treasurers A/c	
Total Amount of Payments	43.19. 4
" Subscriptions & Donations	30.14. 6
Balance due to Treasurer	£ 13. 4.10

Statement, Cottage Rents Fees etc	
53 Weeks Rent up to March 23rd 1884 at 4/-	10.12. 0
Burial Fees	3. 3. 0
Cleansing Chapel from Congregational Fund	1. 6. 0
Bal in hand as per last A/c	7.13. 8½
	22.14. 8½
Less Payments as per A/c	7.16. 6
Bal in hand	£ 14.18. 2½

Resolved that the Balance of £13.4.10 due to the Treasurer be paid from the Rent & Fees A/c

Resolved that Mr Jas Turner be Treasurer and Collector for ensuing Year

Resolved that Wm Kensett be Appointed Secretary for ensuing Year

Resolved that the following Persons be Appointed as a Committee for ensuing Year Mr R Turner Jas Brooker Hy Turner P Bond & Miss Ellen Turner

Resolved that Mr Edwd Turner & Wm Kensett be Appointed to see to any repairs that may be required

Resolved that the Revd Wm Geo Tarrant BA Wandsworth London be invited to preach on Annual Sunday July 4th 1884 in case of failure The Revd Whitehead of London be Applied to

Annual Meeting July 6th 1884

The Revd Wm Geo Tarrant BA of Wandsworth London preached in the Morning & Afternoon to a large Congregation a collection was made at the close of each Service in aid of Funds for carrying on the Sunday Weekly Service

In the Afternoon Members & Friends (134) partook of Tea in the Chapel. The day was Fine and the Services appreciated by All in Attendance

Annual Congregational Meeting June 14th 1885

Statement of Treasurers A/c	
Balance due to Treasurer as per last A/c	13. 4.10
Payments as per A/c 1884 to 1885	44. 6. 6
Cr	57.11. 4
Cash from Rent A/c as per Resolution	13. 4.10
" Subscriptions & Donations	29. 5. 6
Balance due to Treasurer	£ 15. 1. 0

Statement of Cottage Rents Fees etc	
Balance of last A/c	14.18. 2½
Less Cash paid to Treasurer	13. 4.10
52 Weeks Rent of Cottage to March 21st 85 at 4/-	10. 8. 0
Donation from Congregational Fund	1. 6. 0
	13. 7. 4½
Repairs & Expenses as per A/c	10.19. 3½
Bal in hand	£ 2. 8. 1

Resolved that the £2.8.1 Bal of Rent A/c be paid to the Treasurer in part payment of the Bal of £15.1.0 due to him as per the Above A/c

Resolved that Application be Made to the Treasurer of the Congregational Fund for Assistance in paying off the Balance of £12.12.11 now due to Mr Jas Turner

Resolved that it was thought Advisable to Sell the Old Harmonium and place the proceeds with the Organ Fund before doing so it was Arranged that each party holding a Share in the Harmonium should be informed of this Resolution and if any Objection was Made that a Special Meeting should be called to give them an Opportunity of stating their Objection also that the Matter be decided by Ballot at that Meeting

Resolved that Mr Jas Turner be Treasurer and Collector for ensuing Year

Resolved that Wm Kensett be Appointed Secretary for ensuing Year

Resolved that the following Persons be Appointed as a Committee for ensuing Year Mr Robt Turner Jas Brooker Hy Turner P Bond Miss E Turner & Miss F Rowland

Resolved that Mr Edwd Turner & Wm Kensett be appointed to see to any repairs that may be required

Memo - An Arrangement has been made with the Revd R C Dendy of Tenterden to Preach on Annual Sunday July 5th 1885

Annual Meeting July 5th 1885

The Revd R C Dendy of Tenterden Kent Preached in the Morning & Evening - a Collection was made after each Service in aid of Funds for carrying on the Sunday Weekly Services

In the Afternoon Members & Friends (75) partook of Tea in the Chapel. The day was enjoyed by all present the Services Appreciated but from various causes many Friends were absent

Annual Congregational Meeting May 2nd 1886

Statement of Treasurers A/c	
Bal due to Treasurer last A/c	15. 1. 0
Payments as per A/C mar 1885 to 1886	46. 2. 6
Cr	61. 3. 6
Cash from Rent A/c	2. 8. 1
" Congregational Fund	12.12.11
" Subscriptions	28.15. 6
Balance due to Treasurer	£ 17. 7. 0

Statement of Cottage Rents Fees etc	
52 Weeks Rent to March at 4/-	10. 8. 0
Fees etc	2. 2. 0
Donation from Congregal. Fund	1. 6. 0
Less Repairs & Expenses	4. 0. 4
Bal in hand	£ 9.15. 8

Resolved the Bal of £9.15.8 in hand in Rent A/c be paid to the Treasurer in part payment of the Bal of £17.7.0 due to him as per Above Account

Resolved that Mr Jas Turner be Treasurer & Collector for ensuing Year

Resolved that Wm Kensett be Appointed Secretary for ensuing Year

Resolved that the following Persons be Appointed as a Committee for the ensuing Year Mr Robt Turner Jas Brooker Hy Turner Miss Ellen Turner & Miss F Rowland

Resolved that Mr Jas Turner & Wm Kensett be Appointed to see to any Repairs that may be required

Annual Meeting July 4th 1886

Minister - Herbert Rix Esqr BA of London Preached in the Morning & Evening

a Collection was made after each Service in aid of Funds for carrying on the Sunday Weekly Service.

In the Afternoon Members & Friends (102) partook of Tea in the Chapel provided by Misses Turner & Rowland

a Good Attendance the day was warm & fine

All present Appreciated the Services

Many old Friends Absent

A General Congregational Meeting held Oct 31 1886

The Chapel Trust Deed dated Sept 29th 1834 having been perused it was found that James Turner and William Kensett were the only Surviving Trustees

After due consideration it was thought desirable that other Persons should be Appointed to fill up the Vacancies

Resolved that Messrs Jas Turner and Wm Kensett be requested to take proper steps for Appointment of New Trustees and they select from amongst others some of the Persons named below:

TURNER Robert	Ditchling	BROOKER Jas Wm	Chailey
TURNER Henry	Henfield	ROWLAND Stephen	Cranleigh
TURNER Frank	North Bersted	STEVENS Robert	London
ROWLAND Hy Turner	Lewes	STEELE Wm	Billingshurst
WILSON Frank Thos	Brighton	BURTENSHAW Albert	Hailsham
WILSON Wm Henry	Eastbourne	PRICE David	Horsham
WILSON Alfred	London	BROWNE Hy Doughty	London
FRANCIS Thos Stead	Deal	BURTENSHAW Arthur	Rotherhithe
FRANCIS Walter	Bromley		

Robert Turner - Chairman

Congregational Meeting held Nov 14th 1886 pursuant to Notice

Resolved that the following Persons be Appointed as New Trustees to the Deed dated Sept 29th 1834

TURNER Robert	Ditchling	BROOKER Jas Wm	Chailey
TURNER Henry	Henfield	ROWLAND Stephen	Cranleigh
TURNER Frank	North Bersted	STEVENS Robt	London
	Bognor	STEELE Wm	Billingshurst
ROWLAND Hy Turner	Lewes	BURTENSHAW Albert	Hailsham
WILSON Frank Thos	Brighton	PRICE David	Horsham
WILSON Wm Henry	Eastbourne	BROWNE Hy Doughty	London
WILSON Alfred	London	BURTENSHAW Arthur	Rotherhithe
FRANCIS Thos Stead	Deal	ALLEE F	London

Transcriber's Note:

Both the above minutes are in the handwriting of William Kensett, one of the two surviving 1834 Trustees

The other surviving Trustee, James Turner was Treasurer to the Congregation at this time.

Annual Congregational Meeting May 1st 1887

Statement of Treasurer's A/c

Balance due to Treasurer as per last A/c	17. 7. 0
Received Balance of Rent etc as per A/c	9.15. 8
Balance due to Treasurer	7.11. 4
Payments as per A/c from 1886 to 1887	37.10. 0
Cr Subscriptions	22.18. 0
Ann Sunday Collection July 4th/86	5. 0. 0
Donations	10. 0
Rent & Fees A/c 52 weeks Rent at 4/- to 25/3/87	10. 8. 0
Burial Fee	1. 1. 0
	11. 9. 0
Less repairs Taxes as A/c	3. 7. 2
Balance due to Treasurer	8. 1.10 36. 9.10
	£ 8.11. 6

Resolved that Mr Jas Turner be Appointed as Treasurer & Collector for ensuing Year

Resolved that Wm Kensett be Appointed Secretary for ensuing Year

Resolved that following Persons be Appointed a Committee of Management for ensuing Year Mr Robt Turner Mr Jas Brooker Mr Hy Turner Miss Ellen Turner Miss F Rowland

Resolved that Mr Jas Turner & Wm Kensett be Appointed to see to Any repairs required

Resolved that Application be Made to the British Unitarian Association for Assistance in paying off Balance due to Treasurer

Resolved that a Collection be Made on Annual Sunday July 3rd to Assist in paying the Costs Attending the Sunday Services

Resolved that the Revd W Copeland Bowie of Stamford St. London be Invited to Preach on Annual Sunday - in case of failure The Revd Christopher Street of Croydon be Invited

Henry Turner Chairman

Annual Meeting July 3rd 1887

Minister The Revd W Copeland Bowie, Stamford St London preached Morning & Evening

a Collection was Made after each Service in aid of Funds for carrying on the Sunday Service at Chapel amounted to £3.13. 0

At 4.45 PM Members & Friends partook of Tea in the Chapel provided by the Kisses E Turner & F Rowland (86 present)

The Attendance was Less than usual all seemed to thoroughly enjoy the Meeting the day was bright & warm

Annual Congregational Meeting May 27th 1888

Statement of Treasurer's A/c

Balance due to Treasurer last A/c		8.11. 6	
Donation from Unitarian Association			
Per Revd Jerson	5. 0. 0		
Donation per Congrel. Fund	3. 6. 0	8. 6. 0	
Balance due to Treasurer		5. 6	
Payments from Lady Day 1887 to 1888		31. 1. 0	
		32. 6. 6	
Subscriptions & Donations		29.12. 0	
Balance due to Treasurer	£	2.14. 6	
<u>Rent & Fees A/c March 25th 1888</u>			
52 Weeks Rent of Cottage at 4/-		10. 8. 0	
Burial fees Jon Wood Mercer	1. 1. 0		
Mrs H Stevens	10. 6		
Jon Flint	1. 1. 0	2.12. 6	
		13. 0. 6	
Repairs, Taxes & Sundries			
as per Robt Turner's A/c		4.13.11	
Balance in Robt Turner's hand	£	8. 6. 7	

Resolved that the Balance of £2.14.6 due to the Treasurer be paid from Rent A/c

Resolved that Mr Jas Turner be reAppointed as Treasurer and Collector for ensuing Year

Resolved that Wm Kensett be reAppointed as Secretary for ensuing Year

Resolved that the following Persons be Appointed as a Committee of Management for ensuing Year Mr Robt Turner Mr Jas Brooker Mr Hy Turner Miss Ellen Turner Miss F Rowland

Resolved that Mr Jas Turner & Wm Kensett be Appointed to see to any repairs required

Resolved that the thanks of the Members be given to the Unitarian Association & to Members of the Congregation Fund for Kind Donations

Resolved that the Revd Christopher Jas Street of Croydon be invited to Preach on Annual Sunday July 1st next

Annual Sunday July 1st 1888

Minister The Revd Christopher Jas Street of Croydon Preached Morning & Evening a Collection was Made after each Service in aid of Funds for carrying on Sunday Service at the Chapel Amount £3.15.9 At 4.45 PM Tea was provided in the Chapel per Miss E Turner & F Rowland for Members & Friends The Attendance was about the same as last Year All present Appeared to enjoy the Services & the Meeting of their Friends & Acquaintances the day was fine without Sunshine

Annual Congregational Meeting April 28th 1889

Statement Treasurer's A/c

Cash Received per Subscriptions etc		24.18. 0	
" per Donations		4.15. 6	
" per Collections		3.15. 9	
Payments		33. 9. 3	
Ministers etc from Lady Day 1888 to 1889		32.11. 0	
Balance in Treasurer's hand		18. 3	
<u>Rent & Fees A/c April 1</u>			
Balance in hand as per last A/c April 1888		8. 6. 7	
Donation from Congregation Fund		1. 6. 0	
May 29 1888 Interments Mrs T Francis	1.11. 6		
Jan 28 1889 " Miss M Flint	1. 1. 0		
Feb 25 1889 " Mrs J Ransom	1. 1. 0	3.13. 6	
Mar 25 52 Weeks Rent of Cottage at 4/- per week		10. 8. 0	
Payments		23.14. 1	
Treasurer as per Resolution	2.14. 6		
Parochial Rates & Taxes	1. 0.11½		
Wood P repairs as per Bill	4. 5. 7		
Sunday small payments	2. 6. 0½	10. 7. 1	
Balance in hand		£ 13. 7. 0	

Examined - found correct and passed

Resolved that Mr Jas Turner be Appointed Treasurer & Collector for ensuing Year

Resolved that Wm Kensett be Appointed Secretary for ensuing Year

Resolved that the following Persons be Appointed as a Committee of Management for ensuing Year Mr Robt Turner Mr Jas Brooker Mr Hy Turner Miss Ellen Turner Miss F Rowland

Resolved that Mr Jas Turner & Wm Kensett be Appointed to see to any repairs required

Resolved that thanks be given to the Members of the Congregational Fund for Kind Donation

Resolved that Herbert Rix BA be invited to Preach on Annual Sunday July 6th next

Annual Sunday July 7th 1889

Minister The Revd H Jerson of London who preached Morning & Evening a Collection was made after each Service in aid of Funds for carrying on the Sunday Services at the Chapel Amount £3.11. 6. About 60 Members & Friends partook of Tea in the Chapel (provided by Miss E Turner). The Attendance was less than usual all seemed to thoroughly enjoy the Meeting the day was warm though not bright

Annual Congregational Meeting April 27th 1890

Statement of Treasurer's A/c			
Balance in hand as per last A/c			18. 3
Subscriptions	26.18. 0		
Donations	1. 0. 0		
Collections	3.11. 6	31. 9. 6	
	Total Amount of Cash received	<u>£ 32. 7. 9</u>	
Payments			
To Ministers from Lady Day 1889 to 1890		37.14. 6	
Cr. Cash as per Above A/c		<u>32. 7. 9</u>	
	Balance due to Treasurer	<u>£ 5. 0. 9</u>	
Rent & Fees A/c			
Balance in hand as per last A/c			13. 7. 0
Fees De Wasquidt	2. 2. 0		
Brooker Jas W	2. 2. 0	4. 4. 0	
Rent of Cottage 52 weeks at 4/- per week		<u>10. 8. 0</u>	
Payments		<u>27.19. 0</u>	
Parochial Rates & Taxes	17. 0		
Wood P Repairs Painting etc	5. 1. 6		
Gas Stove & Pittings	3.13.11		
Sundry Payments	2. 2. 11		
Supply of Gas	8. 6	12. 3.10	
	Balance in hand	<u>15.15. 2</u>	
Cash to Treasurer as per Resolution		<u>5. 6. 9</u>	
	Balance in hand	<u>£ 10. 8. 5</u>	

Resolved that the Balance £5.6.9 due to the Treasurer be paid from the Rent Account

Resolved that Mr Jas Turner be Re-Appointed Treasurer & Collector for ensuing Year

Resolved that Wm Kensett be Re-Appointed Secretary for ensuing Year

Resolved that the following Persons be Appointed as a Committee of Management for ensuing Year Mr Robt Turner Mr Jas Brooker Mr Hy Turner Miss Ellen Turner & Miss P Rowland

Resolved that Mr Jas Turner & Wm Kensett be Appointed to see to any Repairs Required

Resolved that the Revd Walter Lloyd be invited to Preach on Annual Sunday July 6th 1890

Annual Sunday July 6th 1890

Minister The Revd Walter Lloyd who Preached Morning & Evening a Collection was made after each Service in aid of Funds for carrying on Sunday Service at the Chapel Amt £4. 6. 3 87 Members & Friends partook of Tea in the Chapel (provided by Miss E Turner) The Attendance was larger than last Year The day was not bright but the Rain in early part of Morning prevented several Old Friends from being present All those who Attended enjoyed the Meeting

Annual Congregational Meeting April 26th 1891

Treasurer's A/c up to Lady Day			
Payments to Ministers			42.12. 0
Cash by Subscriptions	26. 8. 0		
" by Donations	2. 1. 0		
" by Collections	4. 6. 3	32.15. 3	
	Balance to Treasurer	<u>£ 9.16. 9</u>	
Rent & Fees Account up to Lady Day			
Balance in hand as per last A/c			10. 8. 5
Rent of Cottage 54 Weeks at 4/-		<u>10. 8. 0</u>	
	Total Amount Received	<u>20.16. 5</u>	
Payments for Taxes Repairs etc		<u>3. 1. 5</u>	
		17.15. 0	
Cash to Treasurer as per Resolution this day		<u>9.16. 9</u>	
	Balance in hand	<u>£ 7.18. 3</u>	

Resolved that the above Balance of £9.16.9 be paid to Mr Jas Turner the Treasurer

Resolved that Mr Jas Turner be Re-Appointed Treasurer & Collector for ensuing Year

Resolved that Wm Kensett be Re-Appointed Secretary for ensuing Year

Resolved that the following Persons be Appointed as a Committee of Management for ensuing Year Mr Robt Turner Mr Jas Brooker, Mr Hy Turner, Miss Ellen Turner, Miss P Rowland

Resolved that Mr Jas Turner & Wm Kensett be Appointed to see to any Repairs Required

Resolved that the Revd Copeland Bowie be invited to Preach on Annual Sunday July 5th

Annual Sunday July 5th 1891

Minister, The Revd W Copeland Bowie who Preached Morning & Evening. a Collection was Made after each Service in Aid of Funds for carrying on Sunday Services at the Chapel Amt £4.1.0

50 Members & Friends partook of Tea in the Chapel (provided by Miss E Turner) The Attendance was Less than last Year The day was Cloudy in the Morning and Wet from Midday until Evening All those who Attended the Meeting enjoyed the Services

Annual Congregational Meeting May 1st 1892

Treasurers A/c to Lady-day 1892

Payments to Ministers		£ 42.17. 0
Cash by Subscriptions	£23.18. 0	
" " Collection	4. 1. 0	27.19. 0
Balance due to Treasurer		£ 14.18. 0
do " " Mr Daplyn		1.10. 0
		<u>16. 8. 0</u>

Rent A/c to Lady-day 1892

Balance in hand 1891 A/c		£ 7.18. 3
Fees for Burials Mrs T Francis	1. 1. 0	
Mrs T Martin	1. 1. 0	
Mr De Wasquindt	1. 1. 0	3. 3. 0
		<u>11. 1. 3</u>
52 weeks Rent of Cottage at 4/-		10. 8. 0
		<u>£ 21. 9. 3</u>

Payments from Rent A/c		
Repairs Hood etc	£ 7.10. 5	
Sundries	18. 0	
Rates & Taxes	14.11	
Postage etc	3. 9	
Gas	10. 2	9.17. 3
		<u>£ 11.12. 0</u>

Resolved that the balance of rent etc Acct. be paid over to the Treasurer of the Ministers Fund

Resolved that Mr Jas Turner be appointed Treasurer & Collector for the ensuing Year

Resolved that Mr Robt Turner be appointed Secretary for the ensuing year in place of Mr Wm Kensett deceased.

Resolved that the Committee be the same as last year - that Mr Jas Turner & Mr R Turner see to repairs of Chapel & Cottage That the Congregational Fund be asked for the £4.16.0 required to balance the Treasurers Account. This was granted from Congl. Fund

Annual Meeting July 3rd 1892

Minister The Revd T W Preckelton of London who preached Morning & Evening to congregations of about 100 and 70 respectively. Collections were taken after the services amounting to £3.7.6.

The day was very fine & pleasant and the services and sermons of Mr Preckelton were much enjoyed by all present. Tea was provided as usual by Miss E Turner and 74 persons partook of it

Harvest Service etc Sept 25th 1892

The Revd E M Daplyn of Guildford Surrey (late Minister here) preached in the Morning to a congregation of about 40 persons. The Church was very prettily decorated with flowers, fruit, vegetables and corn. Special hymns were sung and the service was much appreciated. A Collection in aid of the Sussex County Hospital was taken at the door amounting to £2.12.6. The morning was fine to misty & damp later.

Annual Congregational Meeting April 30th 1893

Treasurers A/c to Lady-day 1893

Payments to Ministers		£ 35. 0. 0.
Cash by Subscriptions & Donations	£25.17. 6	
" " Collection	3. 7. 6	29. 5. 0
Balance due to Treasurer		<u>5.15. 0</u>

Rent A/c to Lady-day 1893

Balance in hand 1892		11.12. 0
Oct 16, 92 Cash from Chapel Box	10. 0	10. 0
52 weeks rent of Cottage at 4/-		£ 10. 8. 0
		<u>22.10. 0</u>
Payments from rent A/c		
Taxes, Rates, Gas,,)	3.18.11	
Hymn Books etc)	2. 4. 1	
Cash to Treasr. as per Resolution	11.12. 0	17.15. 0
Balance of Rent A/c Mar 31/93		<u>4.15. 0</u>

Resolved that the Balance of £5.15.0 due to the Treasurer be paid from the Rent etc A/c.

Resolved that Mr Jas Turner be appointed Treasurer & Collector for the ensuing year.

Resolved that Robt Turner be appointed Secretary for the ensuing year - That Mr Jas Turner and Mr Robt Turner see to the repairs of Chapel & Cottage - That Revds F H Wicksteed, - Harwood & E M Daplyn be invited in rotation to take the Services on Anniversary Sunday, July 2nd also Mr H Ringwood Peach BA if other fail

A Congregational Meeting held on June 18th 1893

This meeting was held to consider the question of procuring a New Instrument in place of the old Organ given us by the Dover Congregation in the year 1884. H Ringwood Peach Esq Minister - in the Chair.

Proposed by Mr Hy Turner that the old Organ be disposed of and a New American Organ or an Harmonium be procured - the reason stated for so doing being that he, Mr Hy Turner, could not play the pipe organ or make anything of it. Seconded by Mr Robt Rowland.

After some discussion the Meeting was adjourned to find from Dover friends what their wishes might be in the event of our parting with the pipe organ.

Amendments were proposed by R Turner & Mrs R Turner and lost on show of hands. Persons Present -

Mr Jas Turner	Miss Nellie Turner	Miss Mercer
Mrs " "	Mr R Turner	Miss S Turner
Miss Ellen "	Mrs "	Miss K Rowland
Mr H "	Miss E M "	Mr Robt "
Mrs " "	Miss F Rowland	Mr J B Hobbs
Miss Mary "		

This meeting was adjourned to 25th inst R.T.

Adjourned Meeting held June 25th 1893

Mr H Ringwood Peach in the chair

Resolved, on Mr Peach's suggestion, that the Organ stand where it is for the present.

A letter from Dover Secty. was read saying that the Organ was given to Ditchling Congregation unconditionally

Proposed by Mr Hy Turner and seconded by Mr R Rowland that a new instrument be procured and tried for a time in comparison with the Organ. Carried.

A Committee was named to select the instrument viz Miss E Turner, Mr Hy Turner, Mr Robt Rowland, Miss F Rowland and Miss Mary Turner.

A Vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the meeting.

Annual Meeting July 2nd 1893

Minister - H Ringwood Peach Esq BA preached both Morning & evening to fairly good congregations and was listened to with much attention by his hearers. Collections were taken after the services amounting to £4.7.9.

The day was fine and very warm which accounted for some friends not attending. Tea was provided as usual by Miss Turner and 50 persons partook of it. R.T.

Congregational Meeting Aug 22nd 1893

Mr H Ringwood Peach in the Chair.	Present:
Mr J, Mrs & Miss Turner	Miss F Rowland
Mr H, Mrs & the two Miss Turners	Miss X Rowland
Miss E & Miss Adelaide Mercer	Mr R Rowland
Miss Cooke	Miss S Turner
Mr H & Mrs, Mr A E & Miss E M Turner	
Mr Jas Brooker & Mr J W Brooker	Mr P Hilton
Mr J B Hobbs Mrs Hobbs	Mr A P Scrace

Proposed by Mr Jas Turner that the American Organ be purchased this was seconded - when Mrs R Turner gave the particulars about the cost of the Pipe Organ, who had subscribed to it & the value of it as it stood stating that it would not be worth half the value when taken down & Proposed an Amendment that the Pipe Organ be retained - this was seconded & put to the Meeting when 11 voted for the amendment & 13 against

Mr Hilton proposed that both instruments should be retained for a time at least & this was supported by Mr Hobbs, Mr A P Scrace and duly seconded - this was lost by the same majority

A letter was read from Mr H D Browns stating that if the Organ was retained he would subscribe £5 annually to the funds of the Chapel. A letter from Mr Tarrant stated that the Organ as it stands is worth £40 and in good repair.

All these things were brought forward, but the stated majority voted the original motion - that the American Organ be purchased and the other disposed of. R.T. Secretary

Congregational Meeting Oct 15th 1893

Mr H Ringwood Peach in the Chair

The Organ having been disposed of without the knowledge of the Chapel Committee or the Secretary - questions were asked by Mr J B Hobbs 1st for what sum was the Organ sold 2nd who held the money 3rd and what was going to be done with it

Mr Jas Turner stated that the Organ had been sold for £2 and that the money was in his hands. Also charged the Secretary with having prevented a sale for £10 thus causing a loss of £8 - Retort that the Secretary was quite within the scope of his duties in doing what he did, and whoever sold was not obliged to sell at any price.

Proposed by Miss Turner, seconded by Miss Rowland, that the money be given to the Ministers Fund. Carried Unanimously.

In consequence of the above proceedings the secretary gave notice that he would resign his office communicated to Secretary Robt Turner

Transcriber's Note: The above entries are in the hand of Robert Turner who had been Secretary since the death of Wm Kensett. The entries which follow are in the hand of Miss Emily Cooke and appear to have been made after the October 22nd Meeting when she was elected Secretary in place of Robt Turner

As the minutes of the foregoing meetings held on June 18th, June 25th, Aug 22nd & Oct 15th 1893, are not accepted as correct, the following have been inserted

A Congregational Meeting was held June 18th 1893
(amended minute)

Mr H Ringwood-Peach in the Chair.

Proposed by Mr H Turner & seconded by Mr R Rowland, that the organ be disposed of and a more suitable instrument purchased

Mr R Turner moved an amendment, that this meeting be adjourned indefinitely, seconded by Mrs R Turner; the amendment upon being put was lost.

On Mrs R Turner stating that the Dover Committee had stipulated that the organ (on its presentation) should not be sold, it was proposed by her & seconded by Mr R Turner that the Dover Congregation be communicated with & the meeting adjourned until the required information was obtained. Carried

H Ringwood-Peach

The adjourned Meeting was held on June 25th 1893
(amended minute)

Mr H Ringwood-Peach in the Chair

Communications were read from Mr Chitty of Dover & Mr J Agate, treasurer at the time the organ was sent, stating that the organ was given unconditionally

Proposed by Mr H Turner & seconded by Mr Hobbs that the organ be disposed of & a more suitable instrument purchased and not any more money be spent on the old one. Carried.

Proposed by Mr R Turner & seconded by Miss Turner, that the organ be left a reasonable time until another instrument is decided upon. Carried.

Proposed by Mr J Turner & seconded by Mr R Rowland that Miss Rowland, Miss Turner, Miss M Mercer, Mr R Rowland and Mr H Turner form a Committee to procure a new instrument. Cd.

Proposed by Mr J Turner & seconded by Mr R Turner that a vote of thanks be given to Mr Peach for presiding & for his promise of a subscription towards a new instrument. Carried Unan.

An American Organ was had upon trial from Messrs Lyon & Hall on July 19th; price £21.10.0 H Ringwood-Peach

A Congregational Meeting was held on Aug 27th 1893
(amended minute)

Mr H Ringwood-Peach in the Chair

Proposed by Mr J Turner & seconded by Mr R Rowland that the American organ had upon trial be retained.

An amendment was proposed by Mr Hilton & second by Mr Hobbs that the two instruments should be retained. Upon being put to the vote this amendment was lost.

Mrs R Turner stated that the pipe organ had cost £31 & that Mr Tarrant valued it £40 as it stood, but if taken down it would lose 50 per cent, she also said it was a fixture & could not be sold without the consent of the trustees & proposed an amendment that it be retained. This amendment was likewise lost.

Proposed by Mr J Turner & second by Mr H Turner that the Committee who purchased the American organ be empowered to dispose of the pipe organ in the best way they can. Carried.
H Ringwood-Peach

A Congregational Meeting was held in accordance with notice previously given; & at the requisition of Mr R Turner on October 15th 1893 (amended minute)

Mr H Ringwood-Peach in the Chair

The meeting was called to decide what to do with the money received for the pipe organ.

Mr Hobbs enquired on the part of Mr R Turner at the request of Mrs R Turner; How much money was received for the organ; In whose possession it was; & To what purpose it was to be applied

Mr J Turner stated in reply that Mr Tarrant wrote for the first refusal of the organ, it was offered him at his own valuation of £20 - which offer he declined; the sale was then put into the hands of Mr Stares of Lewes, who advertised & sold the organ for £10. Mr R Turner wrote to Mr Stares, stating that the sale was not authorised by the Chapel Committee; the purchaser was informed of this & refused to have the organ. A gentleman from Brighton wrote about it but it was too high for his room.

It was then sold to Mr Stares for £2 - which money I, as Treasurer hold & consider that the congregation has a claim on Mr R Turner for £5 which through him was lost. I think the money received for the organ should be paid to the ministers fund.

Proposed by Miss Turner & second by Miss Rowland that the money received for the organ be paid into the ministers fund. Carried unanimously.

James Turner

A Congregational Meeting was held on Oct 22nd 1893

Mr James Turner in the Chair

Mr R Turner tendered his resignation as Secretary to the Congregation

Mrs J Turner proposed & Mr H Turner second that the resignation be accepted. Carried.

Mr J Turner proposed & Miss Rowland second that Emily Cooke be Secretary. Carried Unanimously. James Turner

A Committee Meeting held on Nov 12th 1893

Mr James Turner proposed that Mr Henry Turner take the Chair in his place in consequence of deafness

The minutes of last meeting were read & passed.

Emily Cooke proposed & Miss Ellen Turner second a vote of thanks to Mr Robt Turner for his past services. Carried Unanimously.

Mr Robt Turner attended the meeting in compliance with the notice forwarded to him by the Secretary.

Mr J Turner proposed & Miss Rowland second that the Chapel Deeds be placed in his hands for lodgment at Essex Hall. Carried.

Mr R Turner objected to Deeds being sent away without consulting the trustees, said it could not be done without.

Questions were raised by Mr J Turner concerning Reserve Fund Accounts, monies remaining in Mr R Turner's hands; if the receiving of rent, paying of taxes, attending to funerals & receiving the fees, also keeping Chapel yard in order belong to Secretary's office.

Mr R Turner objected to resigning matters mentioned as he contended it was work belonging to the acting trustee, which office he inherited from his father, and which further devolved on him, his name standing first on the list of New Trustees appointed in 1886.

Henry Turner

A Committee Meeting held on February 25th 1894

Mr Henry Turner in the Chair

Proposed by Miss Rowland & seconded by Mr J Turner that Revd Harwood be invited to preach the Anniversary Sermons on the first Sunday in July. Carried Unanimously.

Proposed by Miss Turner, second by E Cooke that Rev E M Daplyn be invited. C.U.

Proposed by Mr H Turner & second by Miss Rowland that the Rev Armstrong be invited C.U.

Proposed that these gentlemen be invited in rotation, if all be unable to come, the matter left in the hands of the Sec.

The Chairman stated, nothing had been done concerning the Chapel Deeds.

..... J Hobbs

Transcriber's Note:

No further entries appear in this book. The above entry appears on page 97. The remaining pages up to the end of the book at page 110 are blank.

LIST OF BAPTISMS and of
others admitted to Church Membership
(see page 48 heretofore)

When the record opens in 1737 admission to Church Membership was confined strictly to those duly baptised or recommended by Churches of similar faith elsewhere.

The first mention of admission without baptism is on May 17th 1801, evidently referring to a Mr Vidler whose admission was agreed the following year. Strangely, his name does not appear in the list of admissions in the memorandum book.

Nothing more is recorded of this Mr Vidler. Possibly he was William Vidler, then hearing the end of his lively ministry at Parliament Court Meeting in Bishopsgate, but this is sheer conjecture.

The matter arose again in 1811 when Mrs Hannah Marten sought admission without baptism. She was, presumably, the former Hannah Burtenshaw who had married Henry Marten of Newland, Keymer.

It must have been a turning point in the life of the church community that a member of a family which had been one of the pillars of the old church order should have made such an application. She was, nevertheless, duly admitted without serious opposition.

The last reference to any baptism occurs on June 3rd 1832.

List of Persons Received into Church Communion

1737	
5. 6.37	1 LEOPARD George
	2 POSTER Richard
26. 6.37	3 LEVARY Rose w of Daniel
	4 DOUST Edward of Balken
	5 HIDER Rich of Hurst
4. 9.37	6 BROGNE James s of Peter
12. 3.37	7 REEVE John of Ditchling
	8 GODARD John of Ditchling
9. 5.38	9 PARKER Sarah of Lewes
	10 SOAPER Mary d of Tho: m John Southon now of Shiply
25. 6.38	11 BOOKER Jane d of John m Baske withdrawn herself
	12 AGATE William of Bolney
	13 AGATE Sarah w of William n Denman
	14 DENMAN Ann d of Wn
20. 8.38	15 MARTEN Michael of Franklands
	16 BEAL Ann d of Rich
25. 2.38	17 PRITCHAT Elizabeth w of John by a Letter from Horsham
6. 5.39	18 MERCER Tho: of Lewes
	19 VIRGOE Sarah of Ditcheling m Hide
	20 EARLE Sarah of Ditcheling m Pierce
29. 7.39	21 FANET Drew
	22 HARRAN Ann of Lewes
27. 4.40	23 NYE Walter gone to Stansted
	24 GODARD Mary w of John
6. 7.40	25 GEARING Tho: of Keymer
20. 7.40	26 BEAL Jane
21. 9.40	27 HUCKMAN Sarah d of Tho
	28 CRASKEY Jane m Thos Bourne
19.10.40	29 Bull Joseph
22. 3.40	30 BROGNE Peter Junr
	31 CREASE Widow
3. 5.40	32 PARSONS Sarah w of Isaac Junr
	33 VIRGOE Mary w of George
	34 WELLER w of Wn
	35 DEAN Mary from Shiply m Willm Everahed
	36 MARTEN Henry now at Billingshurst
17. 5.41	37 MERCER Joseph
	38 MERCER Mary w of Jon.
14. 6.41	39 VINCENT Susana
	40 VINCENT Sarah
	41 BASHFORD Hanah
13. 9.41	42 PARSONS Isaac Junr withdrawn from
	43 BASHFORD John
	44 STEWMAN Ann w of Ric:
27. 9.41	45 BECHELY Jonathan
	46 BECHELY ... w of Jonat
18.10.41	47 NYE Benjamin
15.11.41	48 LOOKER Luce m Mr Michal Chatfield
	49 PARSONS James
	50 VINE John withdrawn himself
6. 5.42	51 HIDER Susana by Letter from Horsham
1.11.41	52 SHAT John
	53 SHAT Mary w of John by Letter from Horsham
19. 9.42	54 BUCKMAN Simeon
	55 DUDINGS Hanah

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1742	
19. 9.42	56 Earl Mary
17.10.42	57 COLCHIN Ann
	58 CLIFORD Mary
6. 2.42	59 BUCKMAN Mary d of Edward of Horsham m Walder
	60 MITCHEL Mary d of Henry of Streat m Ouden
20. 2.42	61 HUNTER Matt: Jar
17. 4.43	62 BURGESS Mary m Beale
	63 BROWNE Elisabeth m Fryer
- . 4.43	64 BUCKMAN Sarah w of Jos Bull
	65 CAFFIN Sarah w of John Buckman
	66 WISDOM Elis: w of Blakewell of Bright-helmston
26. 6.43	67 BULL John (by letter from Horsham)
23. 9.43	68 WELLS Willm
	69 BILLINGUST Willm
	70 MALCHANT ... w of Jon
13.11.43	71 BUCKMAN John from Hitching-field
- .10.43	72 BROWNE Sarah w of James now of Shiply
	73 BASHFORD Ann by Letter from Horsham
1. 4.44	74 SOUTHWAN Ann by Letter from Horsham
29. 4.44	75 BOOKER John s of John now at Croydon
13. 5.44	76 CHATFIELD Mich:
17. 6.44	77 JARRET Tho: of Bolney
22. 7.44	78 PARSON Susana d of Isaac noy Eylet at Lewis
	79 BUCKMAN Elisabeth d of Edwd. m Willm Billinghamst
	80 CAFFIN Matthew from Horsham
14.10.44	81 BULL Sarah d of Tho: m Nose
	82 DANCEY Mary d of John
	83 SOAPER Ann from Horsham
9.12.44	84 BROWNE Henry
3. 2.44	85 WHITE Ann w of Rich: of Bright-helmston
24. 2.44	86 PATTY Mary m Voske
26. 4.45	87 BOOKER Ann m Browne
23.10.45	88 PARKER Sarah re-admitted m Hide
4. 5.46	89 SHATT Tho: of Lewes
	90 TAYLOR Sarah from Horsham m Ball
6. 7.46	91 OLIVE Hannah w of John by a Letter from Horsham
10. 3.46	92 SOAPER Tho: of Henfield
	93 SIFFLETT James
3. 8.46	94 MERRICK Bridgat w of Tho: by Letter from Cranbrook
12.10.46	95 SOUTHWAN Mary from Horsham m Harris
	96 CLIFFORD ... w of James
8. 5.47	97 SHATT Mary of Lewes m Gilbert
	98 AGATE Tho: of Cowfold
10. 5.47	99 WALDEN Wm. of Cuckfield
	100 BOURNE Mary } by a Letter from Horsham
	101 SOAPER Mary } both returned
19. 7.47	102 BROWNE John of Ditchling
	103 SIFFLETT Sarah of Newick m Night
11.10.47	104 DENMAN Saml. from Cowfold
	105 BROWNE Mary m Walder
	106 BROWNE Ann
	107 JUPP Mary of Palmer
	108 WELLS Mary from Chayley m(1) Beard m(2) Chatfield

1747	
11.10.47	109 WEBB Susanah of Palmer died 27.12.68 m John Godard
11. 3.47	110 SOAPER Tho: by a Letter from (30.11.58) Seven-Oaks now at Henfield
24. 4.48	111 PARSONS ... w of Frances of Westmeaton
26. 6.48	112 CAFFIN Ann of Clayton
	113 MARTIN Sarah d of Michall
6. 8.48	114 HEADLE John of Palmer
28. 8.48	115 BUCKMAN John from Bolney withdrawn from
	116 JENNEAR Jane w of Ambras
	117 MUGHRIDG Elizab: of Rotherfield gone to Tunbridge
	118 LASHMER Sarah from Uckfield Wells
	119 SIFFLETT Elizab: from Newick
7. 8.48	120 DEENE Tho: } by a Letter from Seven Oaks
	121 DEENE .. w of Tho: } Returned
9.10.48	122 DAVISS Ann w of Tho: of Ditchling
26. 3.49	123 WOOD Susanah }
	124 HARMAN Ann d of Tho: } from Lewes
16. 7.49	125 DENMAN Will. from Bolney
	126 DENMAN Ann w of Will.
	127 ATKINS Robt. from Lewes gone to Ile of Wite
	128 ATKINS Elisabeth w of Robt.
	129 LENE Sarah d of Sam:
	130 LENE Lydia d of Sam: m Burt
	131 HULL Hannah from Bolney
14. 9.49	132 DANCEY Ann of Cuckfield
24.12.49	133 TASKER William of Balkam
	134 VINCENT John of Ditcheling
1. 4.50	135 BURGESS Ann from Chitingly
14. 4.50	136 EDWARDS Henry Resigned to us By the Church or Elders of Warbleton - Belongs to them again
15. 7.50	137 WHITE Sarah from Brighthelston Dismissed at her own request
	138 BUCKMAN Ann w of Simeon withdrawn
	139 WISDOM Mary w of Nic. Jar
	140 WALDER John of Cuckfield
23. 9.50	141 HEVERS w of Wm from Ivell
30. 9.50	142 BOOKER Mary of Ditcheling m Josiah Dancy
	143 LASKNER Frances from Uckfield m Eridgen
	144 LENREY Mary of Cuckfield m John Fannett(?) now of Hookhouse
14.10.50	145 BASHFORD Joseph of Cuckfield
	146 BOOKER Henry of Ditcheling withdrawn from
	147 WELLS Mary } of Wevelsfield m Lewry
	148 WELLS Ann } m Pentecost
21. 4.51	149 PARSON Sarah w of James from Lewes
26. 5.51	150 SIFFLETT Mary of Newick
14. 7.51	151 OLIVE John of Chiltonington Withdrawn himself
	152 BOOKER Eliz: of Ditcheling Withdrawn herself
	153 OLDER Ann from Crawley m Leney
4. 8.51	154 DANCEY Joseph of Cuckfield
24.11.51	155 BOOKER James of Ditcheling Withdrawn him
12. 4.52	156 HUMPERY michael of Balkham
17. 5.52	157 COLLENS Edward Withdrawn himself
	158 COLLENS Ann w of Edward
	159 GEEN Sarah d of Edward
	160 WALDER Elisabeth } from Cuckfield
	161 WALDER Tho: }

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12. 7.52	162	AGATE Thos. s of Step:	
	163	WEBB Mary d of Joseph	
9. 8.52	164	HEVER Wm from Ivel	
	165	SIFFLETT Tho Junr	
30. 8.52	166	DEENE Sarah w of John of Bolney	
22. 5.53	167	CAFFIN Wm Junr of Ditcheling	
3. 6.53	168	PARKS Tho: from Lewes	
	169	GILBERT David	Withdrawn
	170	TAYLOR William	now at Horsham
3. 6.53	171	CHAMMAN Tho. from Lewes	gone to Wenham in Kent
	172	TURLE John	"
	173	LAWRENCE Aron (Aaron Lempriere) from Lewes	
10. 6.53	174	PENTECOST Mary w of Henry by a Letter from Tunbridge Wells	
19. 8.53	175	SCOTT Sarah d of Richard	m John Normand
11. 7.53	176	CAFFIN John late of Shermanbury by a Letter from Horsham	
30. 9.53	177	WOOD Susanna w of Thos: of Rottenden	
22. 5.54	178	PENTECOST Henry by our Church agreement	
4. 8.54	179	ELPICK Lydia from Ashurst, now at Lewes, returned to	
18. 8.54	180	TOUB Wm of Ditcheling	Ashurst
	181	TOUB Ann w of Wm	withdrawn herself
	182	VOKS Tho:	
	183	SIFFLETT Eliz: w of Jans.	
	184	AGATE Ann	m Thos Pensely 1762 gone to Hornchurch
	185	DEERING Sarah w of John	
13.10.54	186	WOOD Tho of Rottendean	died Feb 98
	187	MOSE Saml.	
	188	FELDWICK Tho:	
	189	BULL Ann d of Tho:	m Nic
	190	JUDEN Ann of Lewes	
	191	KING Susana	Widow
27.10.54	192	PAIN Sarah w of Israel of Brighthelmston	
	193	WHITE Ann of ditto	withdrawn herself
4.10.54	194	TASKER Mary of Balkham	
	195	LENEY Re-admitted	
2. 3.55	196	BRADLE Susana of Palmer	
	197	NYE James from Bolney	
25. 5.55	198	TASKER Eliz of Balkham	m Mitchell
	199	SMITH John of Wevilsfield	
29. 6.55	200	SILLAGUS John) by a Letter from	withdrawn himself
	201	FURTELL Ried.) Warblton	
	202	SCOTT Ried.)	
17. 8.55	203	CUTMAN Ann from Uckfield	
15.10.55	204	BULL Elizabeth at Lewes	
	205	HAMPER Jane of Clayton	withdrawn from
	206	BOURN Sarah of Ditcheling	m Richd Mutton
	207	LASHMAR Jane of Uckfield	
	208	BREACH Ann of Ditcheling	withdrawn herself
	209	MARTIN Tho: of Ditcheling	withdrawn from
	210	BUCKMAN Tho: of Wevilsfield	"
11.10.56	211	SOUTHON Ann) by a Letter from Horsham	
	212	SOUTHON Raobel)	
7.11.56	213	WHITE Mary w of Jeremy	
23.12.56	214	CHATFIELD Sarah) by a Letter from	
	215	WOOD Mary) Chichester	m Mott
6. 3.57	216	DANCY John of Signy	
	217	DANCY Josiah of Wevilsfield	

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17. 4.57	218	JUDEN Mary of Lewes now gone to O..ford	
22. 5.57	219	LEWREY Wm from Cuckfield	Excluded
	220	KINGSNORTH Jans.	
	221	HIDER Ann w of Ried by a Letter from Horsham	
14. 8.57	222	PENTECOST Willm Removed	(now Buxton ?)
	223	DANIEL Sarah	m Wells
	224	BILLINCOURST Ann	m Thos Agate now Fax
6.11.57	225	PENTECOST Mic: of Chittington	
30. 4.58	226	WALDER James now of Balcomb, by a Letter	
21. 5.58	227	WELLER Eliz d of Step	from Waldron
			now belongs to Tunbridge Wells
	228	SPRING John from Pagham	withdrawn himself
	229	WALDER James from Cuckfield	
13. 8.58	230	MOSE Sarah from Horsham	
	231	JEFFERY John from Balkham	
	232	NORMAN John from Isfield	
	233	WELER John s of Step:	
5.11.58	234	CRASSEY Standing	withdrawn himself
	235	MARTEN sic. s of Henry	
	236	POSTER ... w of George	
	237	WEBB Ann d of Joseph	m Magnall
18. 2.59	238	MERCER William by a Letter from Horsham	
16. 5.59	239	KORLEY Mary re-admitted	
20. 5.59	240	GODARD Susan) Recommended by Letter from Horsham	
	241	BOURN Sarah)	
12. 8.59	242	TERRY Mary w of John	
	243	AGATE Mary	m Rowland gone to Horsham
4.11.59	244	SCOTT Hannah	buried 17.6.66
	245	PANNETT Sarah	
	246	DUNTON Nicolas	withdrawn himself
18. 5.60	247	PIERCE David	
17. 8.60	248	LENEY .. w of Saml.	
	249	TYLER Susanna	
	250	CAFFIN Ann	
	251	WHITBOURN Tho	withdrawn himself
26.10.60	252	LEOPARD Wm	"
17. 5.61	253	MITCHEL Sarah late Scutt	withdrawn from
	254	MARTEN Mary	m Austen now at Jarden in Kent
30. 8.61	255	LEOPARD John	
	256	STEALMAN Eliz. re-admitted	m Ellis
1.11.61	257	PANNETT Mary	
17. 5.62	258	HUSEY Rebekah re-admitted	
7.11.62	259	NYE Mary from Bolney	withdrawn from 1764
	260	LAMPRIERE Elisabeth	died Oct-1764
28.11.62	261	WILETT Jane w of Edward	
4. 9.63	262	BROWNE James	
	263	WERB Nathaniel	
	264	WELLER Jane	
- . 6.64	265	PANNETT Wm	withdrawn himself
	266	PANNETT Tho.	
	267	FOSTER Wm	withdrawn himself
23.12.64	268	MARTIN Mary of Firle	
	269	BOURNE Mary	m Palmer gone to Battle
9. 6.65	270	REEVE Michl.	

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9. 6.65	271 LEAHY Wm
	272 NORMAN Widdow
23. 9.65	273 WALDEN .. w of Tho. in Cuckfield now Lindfield
8. 6.66	274 WEBB Richd. died Jan 24 1768
	275 WOOD Richd of Palmer
	276 WOOD Ann of Valmer m Flint now in Kent
19. 8.66	277 EDWARDS Henry of Lewes
	278 MARTIN Peter of Selscomb
	279 FELDWICK Elizabeth w of Thos.
	280 WOOD Ann of Ditchling
26. 4.67	281 BILLINGHURST Mary
	281 HALLETT Ann w of Tho
27. 6.67	282 EDWARDS Willm withdrawn himself
	283 NORMAND Richard withdrawn
	284 EDWARDS Ann m Stephens
	285 FANNETT Phanny withdrawn herself
	286 NORMAND Mary m Herriot
	287 EDWARDS Elizabeth w of Henry Jnr of Lewes withdrawn
18. 9.67	288 WEBB Sarah
	289 CHATFIELD Joseph
11. 9.68	290 FOSTER Francis
	291 HALLETT Thos
	292 BROOMFIELD Mary m Denman
	293 BURGACE Eliz m Panel
	294 FOSTER Elizabeth
	295 GODARD Mary withdrawn herself
16. 9.68	296 FARNCOMB Richard
8. 5.69	297 HALLET Sarah Widdow
8.10.69	298 BEAL Rich. Jnr
	299 OUDEN Mary m Fuller
17. 6.70	300 BROOMFIELD John of Clayton
	301 DOBEL Daniel
	302 HOBDEN Mary w of John at Lewes
	303 MARTEN Ann of Firlle withdrawn
18. 5.71	304 FANNETT Sarah w of Wm at Challey
	305 FALLAR Richard at Lewes
	306 DANCEY Sarah at Clayton
	307 ISJARD Wm at Lewis East Grinstead
11. 8.71	308 WALLS Reba. at Rottendean
	309 OLDER Mary at Lewis
22. 9.71	310 FARNCOMB Henry at Keymer
31. 5.72	311 CHATFIELD Looker at Ditchling
	312 OUDEN John at Streat
	313 BACKS Jane at Keymer m Ashdown
18.10.72	314 BROWNE Mary at Ditchling
	315 BROWNE John "
30. 5.73	316 PHYOR Eliz of Cuckfield m Marten Bedingham
	317 LEFARD Frank (?) of Cuckfield
	318 BILLINGHURST Eliz now Man Narices America
	319 DANCY John
	320 BROWNE Sarah of Lingfield
	321 MARTIN Jos } of Firlle - Isford now Kingslane
	322 MARTIN Jane } m Langrige withdrawn
28.11.73	323 GYFLEST Edit (SIFPLEST?) m Gandor
	324 BROOMFIELD Tho withdrawn from our Church

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1774	
14. 8.74	At the Annual Visit of the Messengers, Viz Mr Saml Dobel & Mr John Boarman were Baptised & Received to Communion:
	325 MARTIN Elizabeth d of Mr Martin at Furl
	326 MERCER Sarah of Lewes m Wood of Hingstone
	327 MERCER Robert
	328 PENYECOST Mary of Ditchling
	329 BROOMFIELD Elizabeth at Homebush m Fannet
	330 HALLETT Ann m Martin
	331 LEAHY Ann withdrawn herself
27. 9.75	by Bro Boarman Messenger:
	332 JONES Hannah m Billinghurst Brighton Excluded
	333 BILLINGHURST William
	334 BROOMFIELD Sarah m Hollingdale Hurst
	335 KNIGHT Mary
	336 BEARITT Nathaniel
	337 BARTHOLOMEW Pilly withdrawn
29. 9.75	338 CHATFIELD Mrs of Middleton
22.10.75	by Brother Daniel Dobel Messenger:
	339 BILLINGHURST Ed s of Wm recommended to Horsham
	340 LEWRY Daniel s of Wm gone to America
	341 BEAL Hannah d of Jon. m Ede
	342. BEAL Susan " m Dancey
	343 JUDEN Sarah
26. 5.76	by Bro. John Boarman Messenger
	344 MARTIN Robt. of Feltscombe
	345 BUCKMAN Simcon St. Johns Common withdrawn
	346 BUCKMAN Ann late Fannett " himself
	347 PETERS Dame w of Henry
	348 DENMAN Jane d of William
	349 BOOKER Ann late Denman
	350 WALDER Ann d of John m Fannett
29. 9.76	351 PENTICOST Michl } of Cuckfield
	352 WALDER James s of Thos. }
	353 WALDER Tho s of Thos. }
	354 BILLINGHURST Thos s of Wm recommended to Horsham
27.10.76	by Bro Wm Evershed Messenger
	355 MARTEN Sarah w of Tho of Hoochouse
3. 8.77	356 AUSTEN John by letter from Bessels Green
7. 6.78	by Bro John Boarman Messenger
	357 DENMAN Marten Pragbourgh
	358 OUDEN Henry
	359 OUDEN Daniel
	360 DANCY Ann
	361 JEFFERY Lucy withdrawn
	362 EVENDEN Sarah late Foster
	363 LEWRY Mary m Shepherd
	364 WILLIAMS Mary m Winton Motherfield
- 10.78	by Bro William Evershed Messenger
	365 DENMAN .. w of Samuel
	366 SADLER Thos. recommended to Horsham 20.2.85
12. 9.79	367 MARTIN .. w of Peter
	368 JENNER John
	369 LEWRY Samuel
14. 5.80	by Bro Boarman & Bro Seaton Elder
	370 WALDER Isaac

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23. 7.80 by Bro Wm Evershed Messenger
 371 BEARD Charlotte of Rottingdean m Davis of
 372 FREDWICK Sukey Ditchling
 373 DANCY John } read to Horsham
 374 DANCY William } all of Signy
 375 DANCY Michael } Cuckfield
 376 DANCY Thos }
 377 BROWNE Henry Ditchling
 378 GOSLING Mary from Waldron m Kensit, Slaughan
 379 BROWNE Ann Ditchling read to Horsham 20.2.85
 24. 3.82 380 BURGESS John admitted by Letter from Waldron
 381 blank gone to America
 7. 7.82 by Bro Wm Evershed Messenger
 382 BEARD Philadelphia of Rottendeau m Kingsford
 of Chichester & Canterbury
 383 BEAL Eliz from Barcomb m Shelly recommended
 to Mr Bourne, London
 384 DENMAN Saml Jnr of Ditchling Excluded
 385 VOKES Thos Jnr
 386 COLERAN Ed from Lindfield
 387 NYE Thos
 388 BEAL William from Barcomb
 20.10.82 389 DENMAN William Jnr gone to America
 15. 6.83 390 STHREATER Sarah from Cuckfield
 391 MUTTON Richd from Mr Bourne at Franklands
 20. 2.85 392 CHATFIELD Mr at the Bookery
 8. 5.85 393 GERRING Henry of Ditchling
 394 JUDGE Thos from Kingston by Lewes
 28. 5.86 395 DANCY Richd from Signy in Cuckfield
 12.11.86 396 DROWLEY Jas } by letter from Berkhamsted
 397 DROWLEY Mrs Mary } gone to America returned to
 24.12.86 398 PETERS Eliz } from St Johns Commend London
 399 PETERS Ann }
 25. 4.87 400 MITCHELL Henry from Balcomb
 401 LEMPHIER Wm from Lewes
 13. 5.87 402 DANCY Mary w of Thomas of Signye
 403 JUDGE Eliz from Lewes m Grayling
 11.11.87 404 TURNER Martha from Newbridge in Pulborough
 27. 5.88 405 GRAYLING Henry
 406 BEAL Thos } from Lewes
 407 COOPER Jon } now Pletching, Pulborough
 20. 7.88 408 JUDGE Philadelphia m Duley Hayton } from
 409 HERVEY Frances m Russel Bedingham) Lewes
 12.10.88 410 BROWNE James of Ditchling
 411 JUDGE Mary m Glaibrook, Pirle
 29. 3.89 412 MOTT Robt. of Ditchling Brighton
 21. 6.89 413 MERCER Eliz Mrs
 6.12.89 414 JUDGE George of Kingstons withdrawn himself
 415 COOPER Jon at the Coat
 28. 2.90 416 HARRIS Jon of Lewes
 16. 5.90 417 OWEN Mary w of Dr.
 418 WHITMAN Jon gone to America

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- 7.11.1790 by Brothers Ashdown of Dover Elder & Wm Evershed
 419 DRAWBRIDGE Mrs Messenger
 420 WALDR Licia excluded 2.17.92
 421 LLOYD Rev Mr
 31. 1.1791 by Wm Evershed Messenger
 422 DENMAN Richl
 24. 4.1791 423 HOON Rich gone to America
 424 GODDARD Susannah
 425 PETERS Jane m Baldy Baggers Hill
 11. 8.1793 426 BEAL Hannah m Neophem Leves
 3.11.1793 427 BUCKMAN Thos withdrawn himself
 12. 4.1795 428 MARTIN Joseph Jun of Bedingham
 2. 8.1795 429 NORMAN Sarah Jnr
 430 HERRIOT John Chayley
 431 HERRIOT Mary f of John m Booker
 2. 7.1797 432 MARTIN Miss Sarah aged 17 m Martin Isford
 24. 9.1797 433 AGATH Miss Susannah aged 28 of Kewland
 434 MARTIN Miss Sarah aged 25 "
 435 BROOKFIELD Miss Sarah aged 16 of Westend
 436 HOLMAN Lucy of Ditchling
 26. 8.1798 437 BURGESS Jane
 438 SADLER Thomas of Horsham
 439 MARTIN Michael Northpark near Godstone
 5. 5.1799 440 BILLINGHURST Wm of Burgesshill
 441 STREETER Mrs Sarah of Slaugh green
 17. 5.1801 442 WALDER ... w of James, Cuckfield } by Bro John
 443 BROOKFIELD John } Denny Elder
 8. 8.1802 444 HIDER My Huratperpoint
 445 HIDER Susannah w of My
 13. 5.1804 446 WOOD John by baptism
 447 WALDER John by Baptism & laying on of hands
 448 SADLER Elizabeth " "
 449 BENNETT by letter from Parliament Court
 24. 6.1804 449 MARTIN John of Ditchling baptised
 450 MARTIN Thomas of Hookhouse "
 451 ELIN Philip of Arundel "
 452 OUDEN Mary of Ditchling "
 453 MARTIN Mary of Hookhouse "
 454 LEMRY Mrs Eliz. of Ditchling "
 21. 1.1805 455 MARTIN Henry of Newland "
 17. 3.1805 456 DRAWBRIDGE Jane "
 1.12.1805 457 TUSLER Mrs received into communion
 458 ROWLAND Peter by letter from Horsham
 459 ROWLAND Ann "
 460 BROWNE Elizabeth "
 461 TURNER Mrs "
 20. 4.1806 462 WALDER James baptised & received into communion
 463 KNIGHT Sarah of Ditchling "
 14. 5.1809 - SHELLEY Harriet of Lewes baptised
 - JUDGE Emily "
 464 BEAL William of Lewes "

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24. 9.1809	-	SHELLY Sarah	baptised
	-	MARTIN Sarah	"
	-	MARTIN Lucy	"
	-	BILLINGHURST Henry	"
21. 4.1811	465	MARTIN Mrs Hannah of Howland	admitted without
	466	MARTIN Elizabeth of Hookhouse	baptism
			received into the Church
26. 5.1811	467	DANCY Susannah	baptised & admitted
1. 9.1811	468	BEAL Benjamin	" "
	469	KENNETT Peter	" "
	470	BROCKE Ann	" "
30. 4.1813	471	VIRGO Mrs of Hurst	baptised & received
22. 5.1814	472	HOWLAND Ann	baptised & added to the Church
	473	BILLINGHURST Mrs	"
7. 5.1815	474	DANCY Richard	"
26. 5.1816	-	NIGHT Stephen	baptised
	-	WELLEN John	"
	-	HERRIOTT Charlotte	"
18. 5.1817	-	STANDEN Ruth	"
	-	STANDEN Elizabeth	"
	-	PARSONS Thomas	"
	475	POTTER Thos	baptised & admitted
	476	BENNETT Mary	" "
29. 6.1817	477	WALDEN Sarah	admitted by baptism & laying on
			of hands by Abraham Bennett
19. 5.1822	478	MARTIN Miss Sarah Franklands	} baptised by Mr Isaac Jeffery
	479	MARTIN Miss Mary	
	480	HOWLAND Miss Eliz Howshan	
21. 7.1822	481	STANDING Ann w of James at (of)	baptised
	482	STANDING Ann Spinster	Newick "
15. 9.1822	483	DUPLOCK Miss Elis of Billingshurst	- baptised
			by Mr Stevens of Brighton without laying on of hands
6.10.1823	484	HERRIOTT Mary d of John	baptised by Rev Stevens
30. 5.1824	485	CLAREBROOK Barnabas	baptised by Rev R Wright
16. 5.1825	486	DUPLOCK Rev G	baptised by Rev W Chinnoke
1. 1.1826	-	KEMPER Mrs	admitted without baptism
	-	KEMPER Mrs	"
	-	HOLLINGHAM Mrs T Jun	"
27. 5.1827	487	HALLITT Mrs T Ditchling	} baptised & introduced to the Church by G Duplock Pastor
	488	HOOKER Mrs J	
	489	WILLIOTT Jane Franklands	
	490	FULLER Jane Erighton	
	491	HOOKER John Ditchling	
	492	HOOKER George	"
6. 1.1828	-	HOWLAND Miss Kery	joined the Church in
			Communion not having been baptised
18. 5.1828	493	HOWLAND Mary Ditchling	} baptised & introduced by G Duplock Pastor
	494	WILLETT Ann	
3. 6.1832	-	STEVENS Ann	} baptised by Mr Howse
	-	HERRIOTT Frances	
	-	HERRIOTT John	
	-	HERRIOTT Nathaniel	
	-	HERRIOTT Richard	"

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s	son of
d	daughter of
f	father of
w	wife of
m	married to
fr	first time mentioned
lr	last do
T	Trustee (1834 or 1886)
MH	Meeting House
GBA	General Baptist Assembly
etc	numerous references
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PREFACE

This volume has been prepared to assist students of this and future generations who may be studying the history of the Old Meeting House at Ditchling, the genealogy of their families or other related matters.

As more information comes to light so the volume may need to be amended or extended. This the compiler hopes to do if needed. The present volume should thus be considered an interim one.

The compiler would welcome advice from any reader who has additional information on the subject and which might serve to make a future edition more useful.

It is hoped that such a future edition will be supplemented by genealogical trees of the larger families whose names appear in its pages. Substantial progress has been made in the compilation of these trees, but they are at present insufficiently complete to warrant publication with this volume.

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INTRODUCTION

Most of the persons whose names appear in the records which follow were members, or descendants of members of what was once a relatively closed community. To understand why this community existed and why these people chose to belong to such a community, it is necessary to look back into history.

The early years of the reign of Queen Elizabeth were ones of stability and consolidation. The Church had been rid of its worst corruption and superstition in the time of her father, had swung to one extreme, so it was argued, in the reign of her brother, had swung to the opposite extreme under her sister to the revulsion of most people in the country, but was now treading a steady middle path. The Book of Common Prayer had been re-established and had found general acceptance. The Bible, now widely available, was having a profound influence on the people who regarded it as the ultimate measure of what was right and wrong in things spiritual. The Government was firm, and if justice was a little rough at times, the fears of enemies abroad and conspiracy at home rendered it acceptable.

Such conditions could not last as the country became more settled. The revulsion against the spiritual bondage of the past was deeply ingrained in many people, lay and clergy. They saw the pride and wealth of the bishops, the vestments of the Church, and many passages in the Book of Common Prayer as savouring of popery.

The more thoughtful clergy, commonly known as 'Puritans', began to give no more than lip service to the church establishment. They preached without vestments. They baptised without the sign of the cross.

When John Whitgift was appointed Archbishop of Canterbury he had a firm directive from the Queen to enforce conformity. The Puritan party came under persecution, but to no avail, for two generations later their strength had grown such that crown and bishops were swept away.

There were some clergy whose minds followed a more radical path. Whereas the Puritans sought to purify rather than destroy the Church of England, these other minds, by dint of deep study of the bible, found no scriptural authority for an established church. Moreover they found many of the practices of the church as contravening the scriptures.

They concluded that when two or more were gathered together in the name of Jesus Christ, there was the true church. It was that church and no other, that should appoint Elders for their spiritual uplifting, Deacons for their temporal support, and Messengers for spreading the Gospel.

Some took a step further. Admission to the true church could only be as a result of belief in the teachings of Jesus, repentance for past sins and the washing away of those sins by baptism. Baptism of infants was meaningless and without any scriptural authority.

Such people were originally called 'Anabaptists' as a mark of derision though, in time, they accepted the name 'Baptists'.

At that time the teaching of Calvin was becoming widely accepted throughout much of Europe and England. It taught, amongst other things, that salvation was limited to a predestined few and that the bulk of mankind was lost through the sins of Adam. Most Baptists found this view quite unacceptable. They considered salvation was available to all and general who diligently sought it. From this tenet they became known as 'General Baptists' and it is from these that the Ditchling Meeting House people trace their origin.

Baptists suffered much persecution, both the General Baptists and those who held to the Calvinist view and were known as 'Particular Baptists'. Those caught practising adult baptism risked imprisonment or even death. The hoped for improvement in these conditions on the death of Elizabeth failed to materialise. A number fled to Holland and it was in Amsterdam in about 1609 that the first English Baptist Church was formally constituted.

A few years later, uneasy at the thought of accepting a safe refuge rather than facing troubles at home, the church leaders returned to England eventually to die in prison. Not till the time of the Civil War did conditions in England allow Baptists and others separated from the Church of England to worship in peace. Sadly, with the restoration of Charles II, persecution began once more. It was not till the Glorious

Revolution of 1688 which placed William and Mary on the throne that religious persecution virtually came to an end.

Persecution for 100 years or so had left its mark on the Baptists, as with others. Secrecy of worship had been essential for long periods. Any stranger might be an informer. Thus the custom arose of intermarriage between Baptist families, a custom often enforced by threat of exclusion from their communion.

The records which follow, even though relating mainly to persons living long after persecution had ceased, still show extensive intermarriage between the old families, at least up to the early 1800s by which time the old customs had almost died.

So too by then had some of the old beliefs. From its inception the movement had a strong aversion to any written creed or statement of faith other than in the most general terms. Their only authority was the written word of the bible and this, in strict terms, meant the Greek and Hebrew originals. As modern biblical criticism arose so their approach to the bible was affected. Some, troubled by the new thinking, had moved to Methodism or across to the Particular Baptists. Some, despairing of the religious and political climate in England had moved to America. Others,

no longer influenced by the troubles of the past and following the pressures attendant upon growing prosperity, reverted to the Church of England.

The remainder, following a rational path as they saw it, developed into Unitarianism.

The Meeting House still has no credal basis for membership. While it seeks new light from whatever direction it may come, it honours its founders and those who have sustained its witness in and about Ditchling over the centuries and many of whose bodies lie in the burial grounds which surround it.

It is to the memory of these people that this volume is dedicated.

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REGISTER OF BIRTHS

In the 17th century Parish Registers tended to be records of baptisms rather than of births. The General Baptists did not practise infant baptism. There was a reluctance amongst some Parish Clergy to enter births into their registers even when requested to do so. The result was that in the early days of dissent few records of births were kept other than in family bibles or journals.

As difficulties arose the inevitable consequence was the creation of non-parochial registers of various kinds. The Braham Meeting began their own Register in 1724, accepting entries from all who so requested including a few entries from Ditchling. Another such Register was that kept by Dr Williams's Library.

The keeping of a Register of Births for the Ditchling Meeting seems to have been first raised in 1785 when it was minuted:

" Agreed that a Book be bought to Register Childrens Names in when Born - To be done by H Browne "

No action was taken possibly due to Henry Browne being preoccupied with the setting up of a business in Lewes with his partner William Crosskey. Again in 1791 it was minuted:

" It is the wish of this Meeting that a Book be bought to register Childrens names in - they have therefore appointed Jas Browne to procure the same and execute the business "

James Browne, a younger brother of Henry, was Secretary to the Meeting. Still no action was taken.

In 1803 Abraham Bennett, former Minister of the General Baptist Meeting in Bishopgate, was appointed Elder. It was he who, in 1811, began the Register. His first entries were those of his children born some years earlier.

Following the departure of Mr. Bennett to a ministry at Poole and the brief ministry of William Browne, the Register was taken over by James Browne. He made some amends for his earlier inactivity by gathering and entering details of some earlier births and thereafter keeping the Register with his customary care.

George Withall was appointed Minister in 1832 for by this time the term 'Elder' had been quietly dropped. Thereafter the Register was in his hands though few entries were made.

In 1837 there came into operation the Act of 3 & 4 Vict cap 92 relative to the General Registration of Births, Marriages and Deaths. Amongst the provisions of this Act, all non-parochial registers were to be deposited in the General Register Office. This was duly done and the Ditchling Register of Births is now to be found in the Public Record Office, manuscript RG4 1796.

The Register is a large book. Most of the pages are unused. On the flyleaf is pasted a Return evidently made before it, along with the Deaths Register, was deposited. In the Return, George Withall certifies, inter alia

' I am the Minister of the General Baptist Chapel Ditchling

The principal acting trustees are John Wood, Jesse Eussett, Edward Turner, all of Ditchling

The Register of Burials at the Burial Ground of the General Baptist Chapel, Cuckfield has been kept by Mr James Walder of Long Acre House, Cuckfield '

A copy of the Register was made before the original was deposited. This copy has survived though in a somewhat mutilated condition. No subsequent Register was kept. The new Act rendered it unnecessary.

In making the transcription of the Register of Births some simplification of format has been adopted together with some abbreviations, viz:

R	Registered by	
Dr WL	Registered at Dr Williams's Library	
AB	Abraham Bennett	} Protestant Dissenting Ministers
WB	William Browne	
GW	George Withall	
JB	James Browne	

The Register entries are numbered 1 to 62 but with a gap between 16 and 25. The last entry was in 1832. The entries appear to cover only a small proportion of the births of children to members of the Church.

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No	Names of Children	Names of Parents	Witnesses	Date born	Dr VL
1	Mary BENNETT St Matthew Bethnal Green R 22/6/11 AB	Abraham Bennett Esther w of AB	-	7 Dec 1798	
2	Maria BENNETT Christ Church Middlesex R 22/6/11 AB	Abraham Bennett Esther w of AB	-	23 June 1801	
3	Selina BENNETT Ditchling R 22/6/11 AB	Abraham Bennett Esther w of AB	-	17 June 1804	
4	Hannah MARTEN Keymer R 22/1/12 AB	Henry Marten Hannah w of HM	-	22 Sept 1806	
5	John MARTEN Keymer R 22/1/12 AB	Henry Marten Hannah w of HM	-	11 July 1808	
6	Mary MARTEN Keymer R 22/1/12 AB	Henry Marten Hannah w of HM	-	12 May 1811	
7	Michael MARTEN Keymer R 9/2/12 AB	Michael Marten Herriot w of MM	-	27 Jan 1812	
8	Joseph MARTEN Keymer R 1/9/13	Michael Marten Herriot w of MM	-	20 Aug 1813	
9	Henry MARTEN Keymer R 15/5/14 AB	Henry Marten Hannah w of HM	-	27 Sept 1813	
10	John MARTEN Keymer R 4/8/15	Michael Marten Herriot w of MM	-	2 July 1815	
11	Elizabeth MARTEN Keymer R 11/5/17 AB	Michael Marten Herriot w of MM	-	21 Feb 1817	
12	Henry MARTEN Fellingbride Lindfield Sx R 21/2/19 WB	Michael Marten Herriot w of MM & d of Richard Herriott	-	3 Dec 1818	

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No	Names of Children	Names of Parents	Witnesses	Date born	Dr VL
13	John BROWNE Ditchling R 21/2/19 WB	James Browne Elizabeth w d of Wm Turner	-	9 Dec 1797	
14	Maria BROWNE Ditchling R 21/2/19 WB	James Browne Elizabeth w	-	11 Mar 1800	
15	Jane BROWNE Ditchling R 21/2/19 WB	James Browne Elizabeth w	-	9 Mar 1802	
Transcriber's Note: At this point the format of the MS changes. Serial Nos 15 to 25 do not appear					
26	John MARTEN Bedingham Sx R 15/12/19 JB	Joseph Marten Elizabeth d of Richard Pryor	Elizabeth Marten Lydia Piper	21 Feb 1786	0/12/19
27	Jane MARTEN Bodnall Sx R 15/12/19 JB	John Marten Sarah d of Allen Browne	Martha Browne Jane Marten	9 Sept 1813	do
28	Sarah MERCER Ditchling R 15/12/19 JB	Richard Mercer Sarah d of John Wood	Richard Weeks Sarah Wood	5 Dec 1813	do
29	Richard MERCER Ditchling R 15/12/19 JB	Richard Mercer Sarah d of John Wood	Richard Weeks Sarah Wood	18 Dec 1815	do
30	John Wood MERCER Ditchling R 15/12/19 JB	Richard Mercer Sarah d of John Wood	Richard Weeks Junior Sarah Wood	18 Dec 1817	do
31	Louisa MERCER Ditchling R 15/12/19 JB	Richard Mercer Sarah d of John Wood	Richard Weeks Junior Sarah Wood	13 Oct 1819	do
32	William MARTEN Fellingbride Lindfield Sx R 25/1/23	Michael Marten Herriot d of Rich. Herriott	Michael Burtonshaw Elizabeth Bennett	26 Aug 1821	1/10/22 2644
33	Ann ROWLAND Ditchling R 25/1/23 JB	Peter Rowland Ann d of Henry Wood	Richard Weeks Sarah Sumner	27 June 1795	1/10/22 2645
34	Peter ROWLAND Ditchling R 27/1/23	Peter Rowland Ann d of Henry Wood	Richard Weeks Sarah Sumner	27 Dec 1801	1/10/22 2646

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No	Names of Children	Names of Parents	Witnesses	Date born	Dr WL
35	Henry ROWLAND Ditchling R 27/1/23 JB	Peter Rowland Ann d of Henry Wood	Richard Weeks Sarah Sumner	18 Jan 1801	1/10/22 2647
36	Stephen ROWLAND Ditchling R 27/1/23	Peter Rowland Ann d of Henry Wood	Richard Weeks Sarah Johnston	18 Jan 1801	1/10/22 2648
37	Harry ROWLAND Ditchling R 27/1/23 JB	Peter Rowland Ann d of Henry Wood	Richard Weeks Sarah Sumner	28 Jan 1805	1/10/22 2649
38	Sarah ROWLAND Ditchling R 27/1/23 JB	Peter Rowland Ann d of Henry Wood	Richard Weeks Mary Ilman	26 April 1808	1/10/22 2650
39	William ROWLAND Ditchling R 27/1/23 JB	Peter Rowland Ann d of Henry Wood	Hampton Weeks Mary Turner	20 June 1810	1/10/22 2651
40	William MARTEN Portons House Keymer R 27/1/23 JB	Wm Marten Ann d of Peter Rowland	Henry Holman Sarah Marten	24 June 1820	1/10/22 2652
41	Joseph Cocher KNIGHT Pulborough Sx R 19/12/24 JB	Joseph Cocher Mary Knight Spinster d of John Knight	P J Martin Ann Piper Mary Child	15 Aug 1813	22/9/24 4892
42	John MARTEN Redmill Sx R 19/11/24 JB	John Marten Sarah d of Allen Browne	Avery Roberts Jane Marten	25 May 1823	22/9/24
43	Herriot MARTEN Lindfield R 19/11/24 JB	Michael Marten Herriot d of Rich Herriott	Phebe Leppard Elizabeth Botting	19 Dec 1823	22/9/24
44	Sarah MARTEN Bedingham R 14/6/25 JB	Joseph Marten Sarah d of Peter Marten	Ann Briggs Elizabeth Marten	7 Oct 1803	9/6/25 512
45	Mary MARTEN Bedingham R 14/6/25 JB	do	Ann Briggs Mary Marten	4 July 1805	9/6/25 513
46	Frend MARTEN Redmill Sx R 19/10/26	John Marten Sarah d of Allen Browne	Richard Turner Jane Marten	8 June 1825	10/3/26

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No	Names of Children	Names of Parents	Witnesses	Date born	Dr WL
47	John WOOD Horsham R 19/10/26 JB	John Wood Sarah d of James Heaman	Stephen Dendy Rebecca Potter	21 Nov 1803	10/3/26
48	John Backman BROWNE Lindfield R 19/10/26 JB	Allen Browne Philadelphia d of George Backman	Dorothy Morley Elizabeth Botting	4 Mar 1822	do
49	Susannah BROWNE Lindfield R 19/10/26 JB	do	Richard Stapley Tuppen Elis Botting	4 Nov 1823	do
50	Thomas DAVIES Ditchling R 25/5/27	Wm Davies Mary d of By Hamper	-	23 Aug 1826	-
51	Alfred BROWNE Horsham R 23/5/27 JB	John Browne Hannah d of Joseph Potter	Stephen Dendy Lydia Burfield	29 Nov 1826	15/3/27 1947
52	Henry William CROSSKEY All Saints P Town of Lewes R 11/8/28	Wm Crosskey Elizabeth d of Daniel Rowland	Richard Turner Jane Marten	7 Dec 1826	14/3/28
53	Margaret DEBNAH Falmer Sx R 21/10/28 JB	Samuel Denman Elizabeth d of Butcher	-	18 Sept 1826	-
54	Edward KNIGHT Lindfield R 2/3/29 JB	Joseph Knight Louisa d of Joseph Dancey	R S Tuppen	3 June 1826	18/12/28 333
55	Edwin POTTER Cuckfield R 2/3/29 JB	Peter Potter Rebecca d of Thos Puttock	Lavel Byass Sarah Botting	8 July 1827	17/12/28 330
56	Elizabeth Marten DUPLOCK Ditchling R 2/3/29 JB	Gideon Duplock Mary d of Joseph Marten	Robt Boddington Sarah Brooker Sarah Sayers	30 July 1828	12/11/28 3285
57	Edwin BROWNE Horsham R 16/3/29 JB	John Browne Hannah d of Joseph Potter	Wm Rickword Lydia Burfield	16 Jan 1829	13/3/29

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No	Names of Children	Names of Parents	Witnesses	Date born	Dr WL
58	John Marton BURTONSHAW Clayton St R 3/12/52 GW	James Burtonshaw Sarah d of John Marton	Elizabeth Weller of Clayton Rich Weeks of Burstpierpoint	14 Dec 1812	27/2/55 3225
59	Suzannah BURTONSHAW Clayton R 3/12/52 GW	do	Elizabeth Weller of Clayton	8 Nov 1810	27/2/55 3222
60	Joseph KNIGHT Finches in P Lindfield R 2/5/55 GW	Joseph Knight Louisa d of Joseph Dancey	R S Tuppen Surgeon Mihalaleel Millyard	14 Nov 1827	27/2/55 3294
61	Lidia KNIGHT do R 2/5/55 GW	do	do	20 June 1829	27/2/55 3295
62	Jane BROWN Horsham R 2/5/55 GW	John Browne Hannah d of Joseph Potter	William Rickword Jr Lydia Barfield of Horsham	1 July 1852	-

REGISTER
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REGISTER OF DEATHS AND BURIALS

This has been compiled from a number of sources.

Firstly there is the Register covering the period 1821 to 1837 which was deposited in the General Register Office along with the Register of Births under the 1837 Act and now held by the Public Record Office, Document No RG4 1797. The 68 entries in this Register have been transcribed using a simplified format as was done for the Register of Births.

Secondly there is an additional Register held in the Meeting House archives (MS DL6). It begins with a copy of the 68 entries of the original Register and then carries on, the last entry being dated February 1950.

This second Register bears the imprint of many hands, both in the original entries and in corrections or additions added by later hands. The title of the Register changes as time goes on. The original flyleaf reads:

'Register of Ditchling General Baptist Chapel Burials'

The outer cover, in a later hand reads:

'Register of Chapel Burials'

A later brown paper dust cover bears the title:

'Ditchling Free Christian Church Burials'

There are a number of gaps in the Register suggesting that it was lost or was inaccessible to those officiating at funerals for some periods. Some of the gaps were noted in a list in the handwriting of Miss Emily Cooke entitled 'Burials not entered in Register - On Stones' (MS DL99) and citing 24 names.

For ease of reference this information has been added to the Register as transcribed, in date order and marked *.

No attempt has been made to add details of Deaths and Burials before 1821 when the original Register was started. Where such information is available, it will be found in the Register of Graves and Monumental Inscriptions or the Supplementary List which follow.

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No	Names of Deceased	Names of their Parents	South East	Date Decd.	Date Bur	Age
1	Robert CHATFIELD Ditchling R 19/8/21 JB	Michael Chatfield & w Lucy of Court Gardens Ditchling	21 35	13 8	19 1821	66
2	Ann w of Benjamin BEAL of Barcombe R 16/11/21 JB	Thomas Hursey & w Jane of Sullington Sx	31.6 14	10 11	16 1821	77
3	Ann w of Robert MOTT of Brighton R 4/2/22 JB	Michael Chatfield & w Lucy of Court Gardens Ditchling	12 35	12 1	- 1822	74
4	Frederic HOLMAN R 4/2/22 JB	Thomas Holman & w Ann Ditchling	58.6 28	25 1	- 1822	7 weeks
5	Un-named R 4/2/22 JB	Samuel Stevens & w Mary of Street Died at his birth	94.6 14	1 2	- 1822	-
6	Mary SLIGHT Brighton R 6/5/23 JB	Lewis Slight & w Mary Brighton	57.10 44.2	29 4	4 5 1823	2
7	Louisa JOHNSTON R 18/5/23 JB	John Johnston Ditchling	46.5 14	11 5	18 1823	-
8	Susannah w of Robert SAXBY of Skanes R 3/10/23 JB	Thomas Wood & w Susannah of Rottendeau Interred in her father's vault in the old burial ground		24 9	1823	61
9	George HOLLINGDALE Ditchling R 22/10/23 JB	John Hollingdale of Pulking near Peynings Buried in the old burial ground		14 10	19 10 1823	88
10	Sarah w of James BONIFACE of Chiltington R 22/10/23	John Knight & w Jane of Pulborough	100.6 28	16 10	22 10 1823	36
11	William MARTEN Pellingbridge Lindfield R 31/3/24 JB	Michael Marten & w Harriot of Lindfield	4.6 7	27 5	31 5 1824	2 $\frac{2}{12}$
12	Frances Ann ROBERTSON R 3/3/25 JB	James Robertson & w Sarah of Old North Street, London	47.4 45.6	24 2	3 3 1825	1 $\frac{8}{12}$

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No	Names of Deceased	Names of their Parents	South East	Date Decd	Date Bur	Age
13	Lucy HOWLAND w of Stephen Ditchling R 1/7/1825 JB	Thos Holman & w Ann of Ditchling	63 28	24 6	30 6	49
14	Ann STANDING of Newick R JB	John Standing & w Ann of Newick	22.6 56	6 11	25 11	
15	Elizabeth DENMAN widow of Michael Hurstpierpoint	Mr Hubbard late of the Parish of Hurstpierpoint Interred in the old burial ground			1 1	77
16	Ann NOLMAN w of Thomas of Ditchling R 12/1/1826 JB	Thomas Goldsmith & Ann his wife Ditchling	54 28	9 1	12 1	26
17	George HOLMAN R JB	Thomas Holman & w Ann of Ditchling Buried in his mother's grave		18 2	21 2	6 12
18	Mary DANCEY Ditchling R 29/3/1826 JB	Richard Dancey & w Mary Ditchling	66 14	25 3	29 3	18
19	We BILLINGHURST of Chailley R 25/6/1826 JB	John Billingham of North America	40.6 21	20 6	25 6	61
20	Sarah WOOD w of John of Southover	Joseph Mercer & w Mary Buried in the Vault of Richd Wood late of Falmer her father in law		12 2	17 2	81
21	Ann WALKER widow of James of Chiltington R 24/5/1827 JB	Samuel Hobden & w Susanah of Chiltington Buried in the old Ground upon her husband.		16 5	20 5	92
	Centre of grave 25' 8" from the North Wall of the Meeting House 5' 6" from the East wall of the Ground					
22	John DANCEY of Brighton R 24/5/1827 JB	Richard Dancey & w Mary Ditchling	69 14	25 3	1 4	52
23	James STANDING of Newick R 24/5/1827 JB	John Standing & w Ann of Newick	25.5 56	1 4	8 4	28

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No	Names of Deceased	Names of their Parents	South East	Date Decd	Date Bur	Age
24	Ann FLINT of Southover R 10/10/27 JB	Richard Wood & w Elizabeth of Falmer		6 10	10 10	81
	Interred in her family Vault in the old Burial Ground					
25	John WOOD of Southover R 21/1/1828 JB	Richard Wood & w Elizabeth of Falmer		16 1	21 1	79
	Interred in his father's Vault in the old Burial Ground					
26	John CHATFIELD of London R 5/5/1828 JB	Michael Chatfield & w Lucy of Court Gardens, Ditchling	12 35	25 4	5 5	78
27	Martha BROWNE widow of Hy of	William Turner & w Jane of Pulborough		13 7	20 7	60
	Buried in the Browne's family Cemetery					
28	John BURFIELD of Horsham R 31/1/1829 JB	Robert Burfield & w Susanah of Plumpton	7 7	21 1	26 1	19
29	We BROOKFIELD of Lindfield R 9/2/29 JB	John Brookfield of Plumpton	56.6 7		8 2	70
	1829					
30	James FLINT of Kington R 14/2/1829	Samuel Flint & w Ann of Ashford, Kent		6 2	15 2	49
	Interred in the family Vault in the old Ground					
31	Thomas NYE of Keymer R 10/4/1829 JB	James Nye & w Ann of St John's Common	52.6 56	1 4	5 4	70
	1829					
32	Ann MARTIN widow of Thomas of Ditch. R 23/4/1829 JB	Thomas Ballett & w Ann of Ditchling		13 4	17 4	75
	Buried in the old Burial Ground					
33	George HOLMAN R 1/8/1829 JB	Lake Holman, butcher of Brixthelaston	50 29.6	27 7	31 7	1 12
	1829					
34	Joseph MARTIN of Franklands R 28/8/29	Joseph Marten & w Elizabeth of Kington near Lewes	16.6 21	21 8	29 8	54
	1829					
35	Anna LEOPRIERE R 18/9/1829 JB	John Leupriere & w Charlotte of Hurstpierpoint		- -	18 9	2 12
	Buried in the old Burial Ground 11 ft from Flint Tomb					

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No	Names of Deceased	Names of their Parents	South East	Date Decd	Date Bur	Age
36	John BONIFACE of Ditchling R 23/10/1829 JB	John Boniface of Plumbers plain near Slaugham	91.6 28	19 10 1829	23 10	41
37	Susanah AGATE of Keymer widow of Stephen Agate R 26/10/29	John Marten of Newland, Keymer		17 10 1829	24 10	60
38	Jane BROWNE of Ditchling Spinster R by JB	James Browne & w Elizabeth of Ditchling Buried in the Browns's family Cemetary		2 2 1830	7 2	27
39	John JENNER of Ditchling R 4/4/1830 JB	Ambrose Jenner of Ditchling	40.6 7	30 3 1830	4 4	78
40	Henry HOSKWOOD R 20/5/1830 JB	Thomas Homewood & w Susanah of Ditchling	16.6 49	15 5 1830	20 5	5
41	Augusta LEMPRIERE Hurstpierpoint R 8/4/1831 JB	John Lempriere & w Charlotte of Hurstpierpoint Intered in the old ground centre of the grave 5 feet from Billingshurst tomb 9 feet from Flint tomb		3 4 1831	8 4	6
42	Elis BROOKFIELD widow of Thomas Holbush, Keymer	Wm Punnet of Holbush Farm, Keymer Intered in her husband's Vault in the old Ground near the North East corner		1 4 1831	9 4	83
43	Richard DANCEY of Ditchling R 19/9/1831 JB	John Dancey & w Mary of Sidney Farm Cuckfield	63 14	15 9 1831	18 9	66
44	Stephen MARTEN R 6/12/1831 JB	William Marten & w Ann of Colwell Wivelsfield	34.6 63	2 12 1831	7 12	7
45	Elis LEMPRIERE Hurstpierpoint R 8/12/1831	Mr Aaron Lempriere of Lewen Intered in the old Ground Centre of Grave 7' 4" from Billingshurst's Tomb 15' from Flint's Tomb		3 12 1831	8 12	65
46	Jesse BURTONSHAW of the Gas Farm Clayton R 25/1/1832 JB	Samuel Burtenshaw & Catharine his wife	49.6 35	18 1 1832	25 1	56

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No	Names of Deceased	Names of their Parents	South East	Date Decd	Date Bur	Age
47	Hanna BROWNE w of John of Hornham R 3/12/1832 GW	Joseph Potter & Jane his wife Buried in the Browns's family Cemetary		29 9 1832	4 10	34
48	- HOMEWOOD of Ditchling R 5/9/1836 GW	Thomas Homewood & w Susannah of Ditchling	14 49			Child
49	- HERRIOT of Plumpton R 5/9/1836 GW	-	100 14.6			Old Man
50	Peter MARTEN of Keymer R 2/3/1833 GW	Henry Marten of Newland, Keymer Buried in the family Vault in the old Burial Ground near the well		17 2 1833	24 2	91
51	Clement LEMPRIERE of Brighton R 7/5/1833 GW	Aaron Lempriere & w Elizabeth	33 42	2 5 1833	7 5	59
52	Henry PAUL of Brighton R 17/9/1833	Walter Paul & w Ann	18.6 49	9 9 1833	15 9	2 12
53	Mary WOOD w of Thos of Newick R 5/10/1833 GW	John Standing & w Ann	19 56	26 9 1833	3 10	29
54	James BROWNE of Ditchling R 20/2/1834 GW	John Browne & w Ann Buried in the Browns's family Cemetary		20 1 1834	23 1	64
55	Marten DENMAN of Lindfield R 15/9/1834	- Buried in the family Vault in the Chapel North East Corner		19 4 1834	26 4	84y 6m 16d
56	Ann GRONIER of Brighton R 15/9/1834 GW	Thomas Gronier & w Mary	6.9 16.3	10 9 1834	14 9	11 12
57	Mary DANCEY Ditchling R 11/12/1834	-	60 14	21 11 1834	26 11	68
58	Sarah SWINBURN of Ditchling R 21/1/1835	- Intered in the old Burial Ground		- 12 1834	21 12	70

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No	Names of Deceased	Names of their Parents	South East	Date Decd	Date Bur	Age
59	Geo COOPER of Brighton R 16/4/1835 GW	-	41 36	12 4	16 4	76
60	John STANDING of Newick R 21/7/1835	-	15.6 56	16 7	21 7	68
61	Sarah BURFIELD of Ditchling R 31/7/1835	Robert Burfield & w Susannah of Plumpton	9.9 7.9	27 7	30 7	29
62	Sarah FRANCIS of Brighton R 9/6/1836 A Brick Vault is made large enough to take four coffins. This is the first interment.	Samuel Francis & w Elizabeth of Brighthelmstone	55.6 36.6	2 6	9 6	19
63	Frances BROWNE of Newick R 15/6/1836	Allen Browne & w Philadelphia of Newick	13 7.6	8 6	12 6	7
64	Ann BROWNE of Newick R 5/9/1836	do	60	24 6	29 6	8 12
65	Sarah VINGO of Ditchling R 11/9/1836	- Interred in the old Burial Ground		8 9	11 9	84
66	Harriet ANHEIMS R 25/9/1836 GW	John Andrews & w Harriet of Brighthelmstone	62.6 49.9	18 9	25 9	1
67	- WITWALL R 7/11/1836 GW	Geo Withall & w Elizabeth Experience Dead at his birth. Interred in the old Burial Ground		9 10		
68	Ann STAMMING of Newick R 1/2/1837	-	13.4 56	27 1	1 2	71

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No	Names of Deceased	Names of their Parents	Date Decd	Date Bur	Age
69	Alfred FLINT	James Flint & w Mary Buried in the Family Vault in the old ground	- 2	13 2	16
70	Henry TURNER	James Turner & w Ann of Ditchling Grave South 31 East 42	23 3	28 3	17
71	Agnes HOLMAN	Luke Holman & w Sarah of Brighton Buried in the same grave as another child of the same Parents Grave South 50 East 28.6	4 4	9 4	6 mos
72	Thomas HALLETT	Thomas Hallett & w Harriet of Brighton Buried in the same grave as his great-grandmother in the old gd	20 5	25 5	2y 1m 3w 6d
73	Anne VALENTINE	John Doughty & w Mary of Brookdish Norfolk Buried near to Chatfield's Vault	25 6	30 6	32y 4m 2w 2d
74	Samuel THOMPSON of Reigate Ex R 27/11/1837 by Thomas Grimes	Thomas King Thompson & (supposed) w Mary Ann Buried next to Robt. Chatfield Esq & witnessed by Thos: Grimes	20 11	27 11	71
75	Hannah MARTIN	Samuel Burtenshaw & w Catherine Next (North side) Mr Francis's Vault	23 1	30 1	64
76	Ann TURNER (w of James Turner)	Philip Kennett & w Ann of Shipley, Ex West End of Mr Thompson's Vault	24 3	30 3	60y 7m 2w 2d
77	Sarah BURTENSHAW	John Marten & Mary Nye of Newland In the same grave with her husband Mr James Burtenshaw	27 0	1 9	66
78	Thomas HOMEWOOD	Francis Homeewood & w Elizabeth of Plumpton North side of his children	17 11	21 11	41

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No	Names of Deceased	Names of their Parents	Date Deed	Date Bur	Age
79	Mary DOUGHTY	John Doughty & w Mary of Brockdish Norfolk Close to the south Wall by the side of Anne Valentine	17 1	22 1	59
80	Stephen MARTIN	John Marten & w Mary Nye of Nowland Next (north side) to Mrs Hannah Marten's grave	20 1	26 1	72
81	James Mitchell CHANDLER	Stephen Chandler & w Elizabeth of Hurstperpoint Close to the Grave of Ann Cronier abt 4 feet from South Wall	31 1	6 2	1y 4m
82	Thomas MARTIN	Peter Marten & w Elizabeth Buried in old ground?	10 3	17 3	53
83	John MARTIN of Rodmill	Joseph Marten & w Elizabeth of Kingston Steined Grave	4 4	12 4	53
84	Peter ROWLAND	Stephen Rowland & w Mary of Horsham	26 4	30 4	71
85	Charlotte Anne VALENTINE	Charles Porteus & w Anne (Doughty)	22 4	26 4	14y 6m
86	Susan Fletcher HALLETT	Frederic Fletcher and Mary Hallett of Ditchling In the same grave with Sarah Virgo, in the Old Burying Ground	16	21	12w
87	Thomas HALLETT	Thomas Hallett & w Ann of Ditchling	21 10	27 10	80
88	Charlotte FRANCIS	Samuel Francis & w Elizabeth of Brighton In the same vault with her sister Sarah	5 3	12 3	20
89	Ann HERRIOTT w of John	John Avery & w Jenima of Chilmington	- 1840	24 4	54
90	Elizabeth BROWNE of Ditchling	William Turner & w Jane of Pulborough In the Browne's Family Cemetery	-	-	-

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91	Jane DENMAN of Lindfield R by Edward Turner	William Denman & w Ann of Freeborough in Ditchling Buried in the Old ground	13 11	20 11	65y 11m 7w
92	John BROOKER of Ditchling Intered by Me William Linwood	John Brooker & w Sarah of Ditchling A few feet from East wall gate to the New Ground	10 11	22 11	13y 10m 1w
93	John WALDER of Plumpton Green Intered by Me William Linwood	James Walder & w Ann In the Old Ground North Side of Chapel by East Wall	21 11	27 11	65y 9m
94	Elizabeth WILLETT of Brighton R 25/1/42 by Thomas Gilbert	Edward Willett & w Jane of Ditchling South side of the Gate in the New Ground	15 1	23 1	78
95	Ann relict of Robert CHATFIELD Esq of this Parish R 8/4/42 by Thomas Gilbert	In the same Vault with her Husband	2 4	8 4	74
96	Thomas UWINS of Ditchling R 5/4/42 by Thomas Gilbert	In a Vault near to Burtonshaw's	2 5	5 5	-
97	William EDWARDS of Lindfield R 4/9/42 by Thomas Gilbert	Henry Edwards & w Elizabeth The next grave to Beals	1 9	4 9	22
98	Ann BILLINGHURST of Lindfield R 7/2/43 by Thomas Gilbert	A few feet from the east wall	1 2	7 2	69
99	Susanna relict of John CHAFFIELD of Brighton R 29/4/43 by Thomas Gilbert	Daughter of James Agate In a Vault	22 4	29 4	73
100	Henry HIDER of Hurstperpoint R -/5/43 by Thomas Gilbert	Richard Hider & w Ann	-	-	74

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101	Robt. MOTT of Brighton R 23/6/43 by Thomas Gilbert		16 6 1843	23 6	79
102	George TURNER of Ditchling R -/11/43 by Thomas Gilbert	James Turner & w Ann of Ditchling South 31 East 42	8 11 1843	14 11	14y 11m
103	John MARTEN of Ditchling R 14/2/43 by Thomas Gilbert	Henry MARTEN & w Hannah of Newland Next (North side) to Steps Marten near Mr Francis Vault	9 2 1844	14 2	-
104	Henry ISTEED of Lindfield R 7/4/44 by Thomas Gilbert	Edward Isted & w Jane In the same grave with Wm Edwards next to Beals	1 4 1844	7 4	7
105	William WILSON R 21/4/44 by Thomas Gilbert	William Wilson & w Mary of Brighton	15 4 1844	21 4	6m
106	Mary Springett BADGER R 12/9/44 by Thomas Gilbert	John Hallett & w Sarah of Ditchling	7 9 1844	12 9	27
107	James TURNER of Northend Farm Ditchling R 17/9/44 by Thomas Gilbert	John Turner & w Sarah (error ? see Turner Genealogical Tree)	10 9 1844	17 9	75
108	Elizabeth WILSON R 17/9/44 by Thomas Gilbert	William Wilson & w Mary of Brighton	12 9 1844	17 9	8d
109	Mary BROWNE R 23/2/45 by Thomas Gilbert	John Browne & w Ann In family Cemetery	21 2 1845	23 2	86y 3m
110	Henry MARTEN of Newland R 6/6/45 by Thomas Gilbert	John Marten & Mary Nye of Newland Keymer	31 5 1845	6 6	79
111	Susan HIGGER R 9/6/45 Thomas Gilbert	James & Ann Walder of Westmeston	3 6 1845	9 6	74

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112	William STEVENS of Brighton R 21/6/45 by Thomas Gilbert	Grave 8 feet deep 1st Internment	16 6 1845	21 6	75
113	William HOLLINGHAM of Lindfield R 12/9/45 by Thomas Gilbert	Thomas & Sarah Hollingham	3 9 1845	9 9	79
114	Edward ISTEED of Worthing, Sx died at Lindfield R 30/11/45 Thomas Gilbert	Henry Isted & w Sophia	24 11 1845	30 11	41
115	Lydia STUBBS of Ditchling R 15/2/46 by Thomas Gilbert	George Hollingsdale & w Ann	12 2 1846	15 2	78
116	Samuel FRANCIS of Brighton R 31/5/46 by Thomas Gilbert		29 5 1846	30 5	74
117	Harriett MARTEN R 14/8/46 by Thomas Gilbert		9 8 1846	14 8	
118	Thomas FRANCIS of Brighton R 26/10/46 by Thomas Gilbert		22 10 1846	26 10	69
119	Elizabeth WALDER R 20/1/47 by Thomas Gilbert		16 1 1847	20 1	75
120	Jane STEVENS of Brighton R 12/2/47 by Thomas Gilbert	In the same grave as her Husband	4 2 1847	10 2	77
121	Elizabeth HOLLINGHAM of Lindfield R 7/2/47 by Thomas Gilbert	John Stevens & w Elizabeth	2 2 1847	7 2	80
122	Jesse KENSSETT R 14/3/47 by Thomas Gilbert	Wm & Mary Kennett of Slaughter Grave 8 feet deep	10 3 1847	14 3	54

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125	James BURTENSHAW of Plumpton R 25/3/47 by Thos Gilbert	John Burtenshaw & w Sarah of Ashurst, Plumpton In a Vault	20 3 1847	25 5	3y 10m
124	Elizabeth FRANCIS of Brighton R 3/12/47 by Thomas Gilbert	Samsel Francis & w Elizabeth of Brighton In family Vault	25 11 1847	1 12	32
125	Edward WILLETT of Ditchling R 30/11/47 by Thomas Gilbert	Edward Willett & w Jane Grave 7 feet deep	23 11 1847	28 11	81
126	Sarah MARTIN of Petersfield R 24/12/47 by Thos Gilbert	Peter & Elizabeth of Hook House Cuckfield	17 12 1847	1 12	
127	Theophilus ISTEED of Worthing R 9/1/48 by Thos Gilbert	Edward Isted & w Jane of Worthing Close to grave of Hollingmann	30 12 1847	5 1 48	6y 6m
128	John WILLETT of Ditchling R 17/2/48 by Thos Gilbert	Edward Willett In same grave as Father 2nd Intersment	13 2 1848	20 2	50
129	Infant Daughter of Jacob & Eliza COOKE of Lewes R 27/3/48 by Thomas Gilbert		18 3 1848		
130	Robert MERCER of Ditchling R 3/4/48 by Thomas Gilbert	Richard Mercer & w Sarah In a New Vault South side of the Pathway	29 3 1848	31 5	26
131	John BROOMFIELD R 14/4/48 by Thomas Gilbert	Thomas Broomfield & w Elizabeth In the Old Burial Ground	6 4 1848	12 4	
132	Ann HOWLAND of Malt House Ditchling R 20/6/48 by Thomas Gilbert	South side near to her Husband's Grave	13 6 1849		
133	Ann MAPPIN R 21/6/48 by Thomas Gilbert		14 6 1849		

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134	Harriett HALLOTT R 15/7/48 by Thomas Gilbert		7 7 1848		
135	Stephen BROOMFIELD R 30/7/48 by Thomas Gilbert		25 7 1848	30 7	
136	Jane STEVENS of Brighton R 11/10/48 by Thomas Gilbert	Henry Stevens & his wife	10 10 1848	10 10	
137	Michael MARTIN R 22/10/48 by Thomas Gilbert	Peter & Eliza of Hook House Cuckfield	16 10 1848	29 10	72
138	Thomas HOLMAN R 22/5/49 by Thomas Gilbert		15 5 1849	21 5	
139	Sarah MERCER R 26/10/49 by Thomas Gilbert	w of Richard Mercer In family Vault	19 10 1849	24 10	
140	Harry Beaufoy TRAVERS of London	Vault		2 5	1y 5m
141	Mary THOMPSON died at Croydon W Edward Turner	widow of Samuel Thompson	9 9 1850	16 9	73y 4m
142	Mary MOTT R 3/1/51 by Thos Gilbert	Sister of Robert Mott of Brighton Buried in the Vault with her brother	30/12 1850	3 1	
143	Lydia LEFFRIERS died at Brighton R 4/1/51 by Thomas Gilbert	Buried at Southover Lewes in the ground behind the house formerly the General Baptist Chapel - No Register being kept there, it is placed on this book for convenience of reference	29 12 1850	4 1	69
144	Mary FRANCIS of Brighton R Edward Turner	Buried in the Grave with her Brother Thomas	15 8 1851	20 8	76
145	Ann CHEESMAN R Edward Turner	Wife of John Cheesman of Ditchling		28 12 1851	45

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146	Jacob COOKE of Lewes R Alex McDougall	Thomas Cooke & w Elis of Ashburnham	1 7 1852	2 7 1852	34
147	Margaret CHEESMAN R Alex McDougall	John & Ann Cheesman	1 8 1852	5 8	5y 10m
148	Mary TURNER w of James Turner R Alex McDougall	Henry & Hannah Marten	10 9 1852	15 9	41
149	Mary ROWLAND w of Henry Rowland R Alex McDougall	Peter & Elizabeth Marten Buried North side of Peter Rowland	2 11 1852	9 11	64
150	John BROOKER R Alex McDougall	James Brooker & w Jane	22 1 1853	30 1	55
151	Charlotte BROOKER	Henry Marten & w Fanny	7 2 1853	13 2	55
152	Mary FRANCIS	Samuel Francis & w Elizabeth of Brighton	4 11 1853		51
153	George MARTIN *		14 11 1853		
154	John MARTIN R Alex McDougall	Peter Marten & w Elizabeth Old Ground	30 12 1853	4 1	62
155	Samuel FLINT R Alex McDougall	Samuel Flint & w Ann Interred in the family Vault in the old ground	8 1 1854	13 1	76
156	Ann MARTIN R Alex McDougall	Joseph Marten & w Elizabeth Interred in the same grave as her Husband Michael Marten	29 1 1854	5 2	69
157	James KNIGHT R Alex McDougall		12 3 1854		
158	Philadelphia BROOKER R Alex McDougall		3 8 1854		60

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159	William STEVENS R Richard Holmes of Maidstone	William & Jane Stevens Interred by J P Malleon of Brighton	19 2 1855	23 2	59
160	Elizabeth LEMPRIERE of Brighton R Edw Turner	Abraham Soper & w Elizabeth Buried in the same grave as her Husband Clement Lempriere	30 1 1856	5 2	79
161	Thomas ANDREWS of Brighton R Edw Turner		25 8 1856	31 8	7m
162	Henry STEVENS of Brighton R Edw Turner	Henry Stevens	7 1 1857		2
163	Robertson PRATT *		15 8 1857		
164	Stephen ROWLAND of Hitchling R Edw Turner	Stephen Rowland & w Mary of Hornham In same Grave as his Wife	6 10 1857	11 10	76
165	Elizabeth PACKETT of Race Course Land Lewes R Edw Turner	In the same grave as her first Husband Herriott	16 11 1857	22 11	84
166	Elizabeth FRANCIS	Widow of Thomas of Brighton In the same Grave as her Husband and Mary Francis	15 2 1858	21 2	80
167	Harriet STEVENS of Brighton	Henry Stevens Second Interment in the same grave	9 3 1858		4
168	Kate ROWLAND of Hurstpierpoint	Henry Rowland & w Elizabeth	16 6 1858		19
169	C. Sam: FRANCIS * (Charles Samuel *)		30 12 1858		2
170	Sarah MARTIN of Brighton	John Marten & w Elizabeth of Keymer Next South of Mary Turner of Newland	4 1 1859		22

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171	Maria STEVENS of Brighton	Henry Stevens Third Internment in the same Grave lengthways with Harriet	14 1 1859		2y 3m
172	John WOOD Joiner, Ditchling	Steau Grave East of Mercer's Vault	22 1 1859	28 1	83
173	Susannah UWINS	Wife of (undated - Cuckfield Reg John Potter Uwins 2b 83 indicates 4th Qr 1850)			
174	Mary WILLETT widow of Edward	William Alwynell (Massell In same Grave as G471) Husband & Son John	5 3 1859	13 3	90
175	Alfred SMITH North End Cottage Ditchling R Robt Turner		5 6 1860		19
176	Francis COOPER R Edward Turner	Buried South part of the Ground	24 3 1859	30 3	67
177	Allen BROWNE of Werthing late of Newick R Edward Turner	Allen Browne	3 10 1861	7 10	75
178	Elizabeth * FRANCIS		18 1 1862		85
179	Peter ROWLAND *		1 10 1862		63
180	Mary FLINT	Joseph Mercer & w Mary	27 11 1863	3 12	81y 6m 2w
181	Alice ROWLAND *		14 5 1864		17
182	Willm SHARP *		4 9 1865		47

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183	Walter ROWLAND *		9 5 1867		17
184	Mary WILSON *		3 9 1867		20
185	Alfred TURNER of Werthing late Ditchling R Robt Turner Sevd Smith Lewes	Edward Turner & w Lydia nee Burfield In grave by & next his Grandfather Turner	6 2 1868	12	30
186	Richard MERCER *		18 9 1868		79
187	Henry ROWLAND *		13 10 1870		69
188	Jane MARTIN *		18 10 1870		45
189	William WILSON *		7 11 1870		58
190	Ann KESSEY *		30 12 1870		74
191	Mary COOPER *		2 1 1871		80
192	Thomas FRANCIS *		22 4 1871		63
193	Mary WILSON *		26 9 1871		55
194	Sarah RANSON *		1 3 1872		66

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195	Thomas COOKE		8 5 1872		25
196	Susanna SMITH		21 12 1872		86
197	Elizabeth CROSSKEY	w of Wm Crosskey Buried in the Browne Family Cemetery	1 8 1875		75
198	John Marten BURTENSRAW of Darenth Court Lodge Dartford, Kent R Edward Turner	James Burtenshaw & w Sarah In Family Vault 2nd Interment	16 4 1874	21 4	61
199	William CROSSKEY	Buried in the Browne Family Cemetery	28 5 1874		76
200	Ann MARTEN		1 6 1875		79
201	William MARTEN		11 4 1876		81
202	Sarah MARTEN d of Allen & Susannah Browne of Shipley	from DL102 - widow of John Marten of Rodmill	8 9 1876		89
203	Henry BROWNE late of Lowes & at 22 Camden Sq London		18 1 1877		75
204	Jasper TAYLOR of Uckfield R Robt Turner	In Grave next Rev Wm Stevens of Maidstone i.e. South of			
205	Elizabeth ROWLAND		30 3 1879		70
206	Jane SMITH of Brighton R Robt Turner	In Steyne Grave near to South Wall & centre or half way apt. betn. Wood. 2nd Interment	27 9 1800	1 10	70

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207	Richard MESSER of Ditchling R Robt Turner	Richard Mercer & w Sarah Buried in Family Vault 4th Interment	1 1 1881	7 1	65
208	Harriett CADE R Robt Turner	of 22 Gloucester Street Brighton. Buried in Grave 1 south of Rev Wm Stevens next Jasper Taylor	8 1 1881	11 1	74
209	Samsel FRANCIS (late Brighton & Deal) Hastings R Robt Turner	Thomas Francis & w Elizabeth Buried in Steen Grave North of Wm Wilson & w Mary	16 2 1881	21 2	66
210	Mary Ann STEVENS 131 Upper Frant St Maidstone R Robt Turner	Buried in Grave with her husband Rev Wm Stevens 1881 A pencil note below this entry reads "Miss Bryans wishes the piece of ground north of the above"	27 3 1881	31 3	85
211	Lydia TURNER West St Ditchling R Robt Turner	Robert Burfield Susanna Burfield Buried in Grave South of Son Alfred and next west of Thompsons Tomb	4 1 1882	9 1	74y 11m
212	Henry STEVENS of Western Road Brighton R Robt Turner	Buried in grave south of his children (4) & north of Tomb of Thompsons 8 1/2 ft deep or more	15 3 1882	18 3	73
213	Eleanor SLATTERY of Hove R Robt Turner	Buried in Grave next Hollingham & listed headstone & south of Mrs Ranscos grave one grave intervening;	26 4 1882	29 4	64
214	Frances KENNETT of Ditchling R Robt Turner	In Grave south of Mr Jesse Kennett & w Ann 1882	27 5 1882	31 5	71
215	Sarah BURTENSRAW of Darenth Court Dartford Kent R Robt Turner	Richard Mercer & w Sarah In Family Vault with her husband and child	12 9 1882	16 9	68
216	John CHESMAN of Ditchling R Robt Turner	In grave with his wife first on left of path just thro' gateway	1 10 1882	4 10	76
217	Henry Wood ROWLAND of Hurstpierpoint R Robt Turner	In grave south of his children and just West of Alfred Turner son of Edward Turner	25 1 1883	26 1	74

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218	Mary Ann de WASQINDT of Brighton & Keymer Villa R Robt Turner	Rev T R Dobson & w Mary Ann of Brighton In grave just north west of Notts Tomb & 28 ft from East & 5 ft 6 in from North walls North side of path to Chapel	4 2 1885	8 2	52
219	Mary Ann DOBSON of 14 Park Crescent Terrace, Brighton R Robt Turner	In grave due west of Mr de Wasqindt, and 5ft 6in from north wall to centre of grave	23 3 1885	20 3	68
220	Elisabeth BROOKER of South End Ditchling R Robt Turner	James Knight & w Lucy In grave a foot east of Mr John Woods Stein Grave	9 8 1883	15 8	65
221	Sarah BROOKER of Standean, Ditchling R Robt Turner	Edward Willett & w Mary In grave by and near the gate and east wall with her husband	17 10 1883	22 10	67
222	Arthur HOWLAND of West Grinstead R Robt Turner	William Howland & w Lucy In grave close by west wall 8ft 6in North of & parallel with graves of Henry & Peter his Uncles	6 1 1884	10 1	27
223	Harriett SLATTER of 96 Queens Road Brighton R Robt Turner	Charles Slatter & w - In grave 9ft deep immediately west of R Chatfields Tomb, centre grave -ft from west wall	15 2 1884	18 2	48
224	John BROWNE of Horsham R Robt Turner	James Browne & w Elizabeth In grave with first wife Eunah, in 'Brownes' Private burial ground	17 9 1884	20 9	86
225	Charles SLATTER of 96 Queens Road Brighton R Robt Turner	In same grave as daughter Harriett above	7 4 1885	7 4	76
226	Elisabeth MARTIN d at Newland Keymer R Robt Turner	John Marten & w Elizabeth In grave with her sister Sarah next South to Mrs Jas Turner (Mary) & west end of Vault	19 4 1885	25 4	51
227	Edward TURNER of Ditchling R Robt Turner Rev T R Dobson	James Turner & w Ann Buried in grave with his wife Lydia Turner	28 3 1886	2 4	76y 6m

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228	Walter FRANCIS of Broadley Kent late of Brighton R Robt Turner Rev T R Dobson	Thomas Francis & w Charlotte Buried in grave next to Samuel Francis's, North of him	14 12 1886	16 12	28
229	John Wood MERCER of Burgess Hill R Robt Turner Rev C D Badland	Richard Mercer & w Sarah Buried in Grave next Mercer's Tomb next John Marten of Newland	3 8 1887	5 8	69
230	George TURNER of Standean R Robt Turner Rev C D Badland	Richard Turner & w Lydia (in pencil Elizabeth) Buried in Grave in row left hand of gate, 6th south next John Brooker & his wife, near east wall	5 11 1887	8 11	66
231	Harriett STEVENS of Worthing late of Brighton R Robt Turner Rev T R Dobson	In same grave as her husband & Henry Stevens next children & north of Thompsons Tomb	12 3 1888	14 3	68
232	John Wood FLINT of Lewes R Robt Turner Rev C D Badland	James Flint & w Mary In Family Vault in old ground	16 3 1888	20 3	80
233	Lucy FRANCIS of Brighton late of Hastings & Deal R Robt Turner Rev A Hood	Michael Marten & w Ann of Chalvington In Stein Grave with her husband Saml. Francis	26 5 1888	29 5	67
234	Lucy HOWLAND of East Grinstead late of Ditchling R Robt Turner Rev Brooker of East Grinstead	James Knight & w Lucy In grave under wall of Matthouse garden one south of Son, Arthur & two spaces North of Peter Howland Senr.	16 10 1888	19 10	74
235	Mary FLINT of Lewes R Robt Turner Rev C D Badland	James Flint & w Mary In Family Vault in old ground, south west corner	24 1 1889	28 1	82
236	John RANSON of Kennington R Robt Turner Rev C D Badland	In grave with his wife in New Ground	22 2 1889	25 2	89y 10m

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237	Arthur James BROOKER of Chailey St R Robt Turner Rev C D Badland	In grave next south of Mrs Jas Brookers grave south east corner of Mr John Woods vault	4 12 1889	6 12	4
238	Mary TURNER of Standean R Robt Turner Rev C D Badland	John Brooker & w Sarah In grave with her husband Geo Turner in row left hand of entrance gate 6th grave under east wall	3 5 1890	7 5	71
239	Charlotte FRANCIS of Brighton & Deal R Robt Turner Rev Alfred Hood	In grave with her husband Thos Francis in row East of Burtenshaw Vault nearly in line with it	4 6 1891	6 6	74
240	Ellen MARTIN of 6 Mighell Street Brighton R Robt Turner Rev Alfred Hood	Walls In grave next the Steyne grave of Joseph Marten late Franklands	4 8 1891	5 8	74
241	Adolphe de WASQUINDT of 1 Sudeley Terrace (Hilton Lodge) Brighton R Robt Turner Rev Alfred Hood	In grave with his wife nee Dobson	27 10 1891	28 10	50*
242	William KENSITT of Ditchling R Robt Turner Rev C D Badland	In grave with his wife Frances Kensitt in south west corner of ground	21 11 1891	24 11	76
243	Caroline BROWNE of Finchley Road Hampstead R Robt Turner Rev J C Odgers	nee Doughty In Brownes Burial ground with her husband Henry Browne	29 9 1892	1 10	83
244	Elizabeth BROWNE of Hornham R Robt Turner Rev C D Badland	In Brownes Burial ground with her husband John Browne	1 5 1893	2 5	83
245	Rev Thomas Robert DOBSON of Tunbridge Wells late of Brighton R Robt Turner Rev A Hood	In grave close to north wall new ground, north of De Wasquindt's & north east part of the enclosed piece of ground & of Mrs Dobson's grave in said ground	17 10 1893	20 10	77

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246	Thomas MARTIN of 6 Mighell Street Brighton R Robt Turner Rev C D Badland	In grave with his wife Ellen Marten	30 1 1895	31 1	71
247	James TURNER of Newland, Keymer Interred by James Harwood	James Turner & w Ann In grave with his first wife Mary (nee Marten) opposite new part of Cottage	12 2 1895	16 2	80
248	William ROWLAND of Cranleigh, Sy Interred by Alfred Hood, Minister of Brighton Free Christian Church	Peter & w Ann In grave with his wife close to West wall	8 11 1898	11 11	88
249	Harriett SLATTER 20 Breakspair Rd London, S.E. W. Chynoweth Pope Minister		11 4 1900	14 4	85
250	Jessie DOBSON of Brighton & Tunbridge Wells Interred by H M Livens, Minister at Brighton	Moses Mocatta & his wife Widow of the late Rev Thos Dobson. Interred in the same grave.	9 12 1901	13 12	88
251	Elizabeth ROWLAND of Hurstpierpoint Interred by Hubert M. Livens, Minister of Brighton	In same grave as her husband Henry Rowland	7 11 1902	10 11	89
252	Elizabeth TURNER Interred by Edgar Daplyn Minister of Hampstead	Michael Marten & w Ann of Chalvington widow of Jacob Cooke (d 1852) & James Turner (d 1895) same steined grave with Jacob Cooke	25 5 1905	30 5	87
253	James BROOKER South End Cottage Ditchling Interred by Edward Capleton, Minister of Highbury, London		17 4 1906	20 4	82
254	Emily MERCER Interred by Edgar Daplyn, Minister of Hampstead	Richard Mercer & w Sarah of Ditchling	19 12 1906	22 12	83
255	James SHARP Interred by Edgar Daplyn, Minister of Hampstead	William & Mary Sharp formerly of Twineham St	23 12 1906	27 12	84

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256	Charlotte RANSON Interred by me Priestly Priest Minister of Christ Church New Road Brighton	John & Sarah Ranson of Brighton In same grave as her Father & Mother	3 1 1907	8 1 1	72
257	William SLATTERY Interred by me Priestly Priest, Minister (as above)	With his wife Kleanor	9 2 1908	14 2 2	80
258	James David HIRST SMYTH Interred by me Alfred Hall (Newcastle on Tyne)	Thomas Ekin Smyth & w Delphina Marita Oakmary nee Walker Grave next to Rev Dobsons whose is close to wall near back of cottages on the right of the path	9 6 1908	12 6 6	73
259	Henry TURNER of Newland Interred by me Edgar Daplyn Minister of All Souls Free Church West Hampstead	James & Mary Turner of Newland Next to his sister Ellen Turner & almost behind Mercer's vault	15 8 1908	18 8 8	68
260	Mary Ann BROOKER Interred by me E Capleton, Minister of College Chapel Stepney		4 2 1909	8 2 2	55
261	Ellen TURNER of Nuthurst, Ditchling Interred by me Edgar Daplyn, Minister of All Souls Free Church West Hampstead	James & Mary Turner of Newland Next her Father & Mother	8 3 1909	12 3 3	70
262	Mary MERCER widow of Robert Mercer d at Amberley, Eastbury Avenue, Rickmansworth Interred by me Edgar Daplyn	William & Mary Sharp formerly of Twineham St In Mercer vault close to path right hand	22 6 1909	25 6 6	83
263	Harriet CADE of 22 Howlands Road Worthing W W Cynoweth Pope, Minister Lewisham SE	Robert Charles & Harriet CADE of Chelsea	30 1 1911	4 2 2	65
264	Eliza STANDEN 5 Brighton Road Hornham		15 3 1912	19 3 3	87

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265	Alexander MACDOUGALL Minister of Westgate Chapel, Lewes	Interred by me J M Connell	27 9 1914	1 10 10	84
265	Ronald William WILSON Interred by me after cremation J J Marten Hornham.	Alfred & Ada Wilson Casket of about 12 ins placed at head of grave Next to Walter Francis Grave 3 feet deep	28 2 1915	26 3 3	18y 364d
267	Joseph TURNER Interred by me J M Connell (as above)	James & Ann Turner	1 11 1916	4 11 11	99y 11s 3w
268	Robert TURNER Interred by me J M Connell (as above)	Edward & Lydia Turner	27 2 1917	3 3 3	81
269	Adelaide MERCER Interred by me J M Connell (as above)	Richard Mercer & w Sarah of Ditchling	25 9 1917	29 9 9	86
270	James William BROOKER Interred by me Edward Capleton lay minister of London	Elizabeth & James Brooker of Ditchling	19 1 1918	25 1 1	60
271	Ellen Mary SMYTH Interred by me J M Connell	Same grave as her husband, James David Hirst Smyth	14 1 1919	20 1 1	71
272	Roger de Mileham HIRST-SMYTH Interred by me J M Connell (as above)	James & Ellen Mary Hirst-Smyth Next his father & mother	14 10 1919	17 10 10	44
273	Fanny HOWLAND Interred by me Arthur Golland Bell St. London NW	Henry Wood Howland & w Elizabeth In her brother Walter's grave next north to Father & Mother	21 11 1919	27 11 11	83
274	Mary KENNETT Interred by me J M Connell (as above)		19 1 1921	24 1 1	88
275	Emily COOKE Interred by me J M Connell (as above)	Jacob Cooke & w Elizabeth	16 9 1921	20 9 9	69

DEATHS AND BURIALS

No	Names of Deceased	Names of their Parents	Date Decd	Date Bur	Age
276	Fanny MACDOUGALL interred by me J M Connell, Minister of Westgate Chapel, Lewes		29 1	2 2 1923	85
277	Mary Ann TURNER interred by me Edgar Daplyn, Minister of All Souls Church Colders Green	Thomas Boale & w Mary Ann	3 10 1925	7 10	80y 4m
278	Elizabeth COOKE interred by me Harry Maguire, Minister Free Christian Church Ditchling, and by Rev J Williams Vicar of Ditchling Parish Church, conjointly. Transcriber's Note: This entry is out of date order. This is partly explained by a loose sheet found in the Register, evidently torn from a small Memoranda book, and copied in part into the Register. The sheet reads: 'Elizabeth Cooke died 12th April 1924 Aged 74. Interred in Chapel Yard in same grave as her Brother Thomas. Service at Parish Church by Revd Williams, assisted by Revd H Maguire And remainder of service in Chapel Yard by Revd Williams and Revd Maguire April 16th 1924 M A Turner To be entered in the book of Registers' The Transcriber, then aged 11, was present with his father on this occasion.	Jacob Cooke & w Elizabeth	12 4	16 4 1924	74
279	Sarah TURNER interred by Rev H Maguire BSc	George & Mary Turner Standean Near East Wall. Four Graves south of George & Mary Turner Died Sussex County Hospital	15 2 1927	19 2	73
280	Alfred WILSON interred by me after cremation J Arthur Pearson & Harry Maguire	William & Mary Wilson formerly of Charles St Brighton In the grave of his son Ronald Casket of about 12" placed at head of grave. Grave 6 feet deep.	20 9 1928	24 7 1929	69
281	Elizabeth ROWLAND interred by me J M Connell	Henry Wood Rowland & w Elizabeth of Hurstpierpoint New Grave 8 feet deep north of other members of family	21 11 1929	23 11	84

DEATHS AND BURIALS

No	Names of Deceased	Names of their Parents	Date Decd	Date Bur	Age
282	Ada WILSON interred after cremation Dr Gow (?)	J J Marten of Horsham (this is incorrect - In grave of her son was nee Welch Ronald d 26/11/1930 Aged 64)			
283	Jessie Ellen HURST-SYTHE interred by Canon Smallwood & Rev H Maguire	James & Ellen Mary Hurst-Seythe In Grave of her Husband	22 11 1931		54
284	Hilda Caroline ARDNEY interred by Alfred Heidenreich	Edward Swaine Adensy Gorrards Cross New grave by West Wall Assistant of Interment H Maguire	12 5 1932	14 5	51
285	Herbert Gladstone Walker SMYTHE interred by Rev H Maguire	New grave by east wall	29 1 1933	2 2	52
286	Margery CHITTLE after cremation Rev H Maguire	New Grave near West Wall	14 7 1933	26 7	46
287	Mary Alice BIBBY Harry Maguire	New Grave near Cottage Window	10 11 1934	14 11	70
288	Sarah Anne GREENING Harry Maguire	Old Grave near Front (Cade)	31 12 1936	2 1	88
289	Miss Edith EVERARD Harry Maguire	Buried in Parish Church yard	26 12 1936	30 12	67
290	Sarah Maria GODDARD After Cremation interred by J M Connell Lewes	Casket deposited in Grave of Margery Chittle near West Wall	30 5 1938	27 8	76y 11m
291	Ellen TURNER interred by Revd Gordon Stuart	John Marten Burtenshaw Sarah Mercer interred in Grave of Robert Turner (27 Feb 1917)	2 12 1939	7 12	95y 1m 1d

DEATHS AND BURIALS

No	Names of Deceased	Names of their Parents	Date Died	Date Bur	Age
292	Katherine Taylor RAE Interred by Rev Gordon Stuart	McMillan (Glasgow) Casket containing ashes Interred near West Wall & Cottage	2 9	15 9	68
293	Alfred Gavin RAE Interred by Rev F M Hyde	Casket after Cremation Interred in the Grave of Kathleen Taylor Rae	2 10	9 10	73
294	Herbert Thompson KELLAM Interred by Rev F M Hyde		31 10	6 12	74
295	John Thomas HIRBY Interred by Rev F M Hyde		25 12		86
296	Leon John SCOTT Interred by the Rev Stephenson of Lewis	Casket Cremation interred next to Grave of John Thomas Hibby	16 2	20 2	86

The Register, as seen and transcribed
in July 1977, ends at this point.

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The Register which follows has been compiled from four principal sources:

- a) A plan of the Meeting House and Burial Grounds prepared at the time of the creation of the 1834 Trust Deed together with a partly completed Schedule of those persons buried in the Old Burial Ground MS DL23
- b) A pencil sketch, undated, by an unknown hand and entitled 'The Floor of the Chapel before being boarded' and giving some details of the grave stones exposed at that time MS DL48
- c) A record of gravestone inscriptions compiled by Miss Emily Cooke (1852-1921) from personal observation and using an earlier record of inscriptions made by Colonel F W T Attree. This record was loaned to the Transcriber by her kinswoman Miss Jessie Head. It is referred to hereafter as MS DL107
- d) A visual check of all surviving gravestones and memorial tablets by the Transcriber and members of his family

The numbering system used to identify graves in the Old Burial Ground is that found in the 1834 plan. Elsewhere the numbering system is that of the Transcriber. A plan at the end of this volume locates the position of each individual grave by number.

The Burial Register, up to 1837 and when referring to the New Burial Ground, generally locates the grave by the distance in feet/inches from the East and South walls. When referring to the latter, it should be remembered that, in 1849 the South wall was moved some 12 feet or so right up to the boundary of the property

The Register entries are in five groups:

- 1 to 180 Old Burial Ground
- 101 to 188 Inside the Meeting House
- 201 to 510 New Burial Ground
- 551 to 557 Other tablets & inscriptions
- 610 to 617 Browns's Burial Ground

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No	Details	Source
1	MARY MARTEN	DL23
2	-	
3	-	
4	-	
5	-	
6 to 11	Mr GODARD two wives & family	DL23
12	WILLIAM FANSET d March 17 1796 aged 63 SARAH his wife d August 9 1815 aged 62	DL23
13	-	
14	-	
15	SARAH FOSTER d February 10 1811 aged 63	DL23
16	-	
17	SAMUEL TUGWELL d June 21 1818 aged 19	
18	In memory of MARY FANSETT of the parish of Keymer who departed this life 15th April 1814 Aged 68 years Whate'er Gods Providence desires We calmly should resign For he is just & good (& wise) And all his ways (divine)	DL23 DL107
19	In memory of RICHARD FANSETT of the parish of Keymer who departed this life February the 23rd 1774 Aged 65 (or 67) years	DL23 DL107
20	In memory of MARY the wife of Richard Fannett of the parish of Keymer who departed this life March the 31st 1762 Aged 52 years	DL23 DL107
21	-	
22	-	
23	-	
24	-	
25	-	
26	Mr Browns's family	DL23
27	do	DL23
28	JOHN BROWNE died Dec 31st 1750 Aged 32 years (Deciphered by the Rev F C Herton, Vicar of Ditchling)	DL107
29	-	
30	-	
31	-	
32	-	
33	CLAMONT LEMPHRENE d April 6 1819 aged 11 (44408 3145)	DL23
34	WILLIAM EVENSEN d June 10 1797 aged 6 1894 d 29 1797 aged 2	DL23

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No	Details	Source
35	Altar Tomb	DL 107
	In memory of SAMUEL FLINT of Lewes who died Janry 6th 1854 Aged 76 years	N. side Top
	In memory of MARY FLINT died Southover Lewes 22nd Janry 1889 Aged 82 years	do
	In memory of JAMES FLINT of Kingston near Lewes N. side who died Febr 6th 1829 Aged 49 years	N. side
	Also of Mrs MARY FLINT widow of the above who died at Lewes Novembr 27th 1863 Aged 81 years	do
	To the memory of SAMUEL FLINT late of Ashford in the County of Kent who departed this life 9th February 1815 Aged 73 years	S. side
	Also of ANN wife of the above Samuel Flint who died October 7th 1827 Aged 81 years	do
	To the memory of SARAH daughter of James & Mary Flint of Kingston near Lewes who died the 4th February 1816 Aged 4 months	W. side
	Also of ALFRED FLINT son of the above James & Mary Flint who was drown'd at Infield 8th February 1837 Aged 16 years	do
	To the memory of ELIZABETH daughter of Richard & Elis WOOD of Palmer in this County who departed this life July 19th 1766 Aged 22 years	E. side
	Also of her sister SARAH who departed this life Janry 29th 1768 Aged 15 years	do
	Also of her brother RICHARD who departed this life Sept 26th 1768 Aged 26 years	do
	In memory of JOHN WOOD FLINT died at Lewes 15 March 1888 Aged 80 years	Top
36	-	
37	-	
38	Samuel Flint d Feb 1815 (above) buried here	DL44
39	Sarah Flint d Feb 4th 1816 (above) buried here NATHANIEL HERRIOTT d 10th Jan 1819	DL44 DL44 DL23
40	the wife of Nathaniel Herriott	DL23
41	Mrs LEMMY	DL23
42	Mrs HOLMAN	DL23
43	-	
44	-	
45	-	
46	-	

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No	Details	Source
47	-	
48	-	
49	-	
50	In this grave or nearby are the following according to the Burial Register entries B55, 41 & 45 MMA LEPRIERE d 1829 Aged 2 years AUGUSTA LEPRIERE d 1831 Aged 6 years ELIZ LEPRIERE d 1831 Aged 65 years	
51	-	
52	In memory of SUSANNA FIELDWICK wife of Thomas Fieldwick she departed this life August 28th 1764	DL23 DL107
53	In memory of THOMAS FIELDWICK who died January 8th 1764 Aged 15 months	DL23 DL107
54	In memory of JANE daughter of John & Sarah CHRISTIE of Hackney-Wick Middlesex who died 4th of Sept 1810 Aged 14 months	DL23 DL107
55	-	
56	-	
57	In memory of JOHN & SARAH BROOKFIELD son & daughter of John & Sarah Brookfield. Sarah died May 18 1777 - weeks John died June 11th 1777 aged five weeks & 5 days	DL23 DL107
58	-	
59	-	
60	-	
61	-	
62	Here lyeth the body of SAMUEL son of Samuel & Sarah DESMAN who died Feb ye 14th 1761 Aged weeks 1 day	DL23 DL107
63	In memory of MARY wife of John TERRY of this Parish who departed this life Sept 6th Aged 74 years Stop passenger see where I lie As you are so was I Prepare for death & follow me	DL23 DL107
64	-	
65	-	
66	Altar Tomb about west of Chapel Beneath this tomb is deposited the remains of LOCKER CHATFIELD son of Michael & Lucy Chatfield he died the 30th March 1773 Aged 21 years	DL23
67	-	
68	-	

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No	Details	Source
69	Altar Tomb Here lyeth interred the body of ELIZABETH WOOD wife of James Wood late of Twineham and eldest daughter of Michael Marten late of Franklands in Keyser who departed this life the 20th day of May 1748 Aged 64 years	DL23 DL107
70	TIM NYS & THOMAS HALLETT April 10 1819 69 (Register fragment DL44 gives the date of death of Thos Hallett as 15th April 1819)	DL23
71	Mr POTTER & Mrs HALLETT	DL23
72	Mrs POTTER	DL23
73)	
74	) Mrs WOOD wife of Henry Wood Ponds	
75	) ANN HALLETT daughter of Hy Wood	DL23
76	) and four of her daughters	
77)	
77 1/2	HANAN VIRGO d Sept 11 1836 aged 84 (also buried in this grave, according to entry D86 in the Deaths Register in Susan Fletcher Hallett)	DL23
78	-	
79	-	
80	-	
81	NATHANIEL BROWN d February 5 1745 aged 5 days very small headstone	DL23
82	-	
83	Altar Tomb In memory of PETER son of Peter and Sarah BROWN who died April ye 11th 1761 Aged 6 years	DL23 DL107
84	THOMAS BROOKFIELD	DL23

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No	Details	Source
86	Altar Tomb In memory of ABIGAIL BILLINGHURST wife of John Billingham of Ditchling who departed this life the 5th of October 1774 Aged 63 years Also of THOMAS AGATE of Ditchling husband of Ann daughter of John & Abigail Billingham who departed this life the 23rd of July 1787 Aged 50 years Also JOHN husband of the above Abigail BILLINGHURST who departed this life the 19th of December 1791 Aged 77 years	DL107 DL23
87	Here lyeth interred the body of JOHN NEY son of Tho and Mary Ney of Chilmington who departed this life ... the 15th 1775 (or 3) Aged 6 years	DL107 DL23
88	-	
89	-	
90	Altar Tomb inscription on top Beneath this tomb is deposited the remains of Mrs ANN BEADLE she died the 22nd of March 1787 Aged 82 years	DL107 DL23
91	SARAH wife of Danl. HOLLINGDALE	DL23
92	-	
93	Altar Tomb Sacred to the memory of JOHN BROOKFIELD late of Plumpton who died the 11th of June 1815 Aged 67 years Also of SARAH his wife who died the 8th of August 1793 Aged 45 years South side Sacred to the memory of SARAH wife of Joseph POTTER and only daughter of John & Sarah Brocfield North side who died the 11th of Sept 1808 Aged 27 years Sacred to the memory of JOSEPH son of Joseph & Sarah POTTER who died 8th May 1808 Aged 2 months East end	DL107
94	JOHN DANCEY Sidanny In memory of MARY wife of John DANCY who died the 26th of April 1822 Aged 88 years In memory of JOHN DANCY who died the 23rd of June 1800 Aged 75 years in a coffin shaped enclosure	DL23 DL107

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No	Details	Source
95	Sacred to the memory of MARY NYE who departed this life 8th of May 1797 Aged 59 years	DL23 DL107
96	Sacred to the memory of JOHN MARTEN late of Keymer Yeoman who departed this life 24 July 1814 Aged 63 years	DL23 DL107
97	Here under is Interred ye body of THOMAS HUSSEY son of Tho Hussey & Rebeckah his wife who departed this life November 14th 1747 Aged 3 years	DL23 DL107
98	Altar Tomb inscription on side Beneath this tomb is deposited the remains of MICHAEL CHATFIELD of Court Gardens in this parish. He died the 26th of August 1786(?) Aged 67 years Beneath this tomb are deposited the remains of Mrs LUCY CHATFIELD widow of Michael Chatfield gent of Court Gardens in this parish she died the (1st August 1792 aged 71 years)	DL107 DL23
99	Altar Tomb Here lyeth interred the body of ROBERT CHATFIELD late of this parish who departed this life the 24 (or 21) day of February Anno Domini 1736 in the 62 year of his age	DL107 DL23
100	Altar Tomb inscription on top Here lyeth interred the body of ROB CHATFIELD Junior who departed this life March 23rd 1741 Aged 36 years	DL107 DL23
101	- Possibly here is the grave of Sarah, wife of the	
102	- above and her granddaughter Sally Mott	535
103	-	
104	In memory of JOHN BUCKMAN who departed this life December ye 31st 1750 Aged 52 years	DL107 DL23
105	-	
106	-	
107	SARAH BEAL inscription on 108/109	DL23
108/9	109 In memory of JOHN BEAL who departed this life November the 6 1790 Aged 75 years December Death Yeoman late of Barkham	DL107 DL23
	108 Also MARY wife of John Beal who departed this life May the 26th 1791 Aged 66 years	
	also near this place lieth SARAH BEAL daughter of John & Mary Beal who departed this life May the 20th 1771 Aged 22 years	
110	In memory of JANE daughter of Benjamin & Ann BEAL who departed this life the 26th July 1804 in the 22nd year of her age Affliction sore long time I bore Physicians skill was vain when God did please death did me seize and eased me of my pain	DL107 DL23

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No	Details	Source
111	-	
112	-	
113	JAMES WOOD January 1811 GRACE WOOD 1806 Infant William ³ ₁₂ Sacred to the memory of SARAH the daughter of Peter & Ann ROWLAND who died 10th Sept 1798 Aged 1 year & 9 weeks	DL107 DL23
114	Altar Tomb In memory of SARAH the wife of JOHN WOOD gent of Southover near Lewes who died February 12th 1827 Aged 81 years Also of the above named JOHN WOOD who died January 18th (or 16th) 1828 Aged 79 years In a vault beneath are deposited the remains of RICHARD WOOD (late of Palmer) he died the 7th of Feby 1789 in the 80th year of his age Also ELIZABETH his wife she died the 11th (?) of July 1792 in the 87th year of her age	DL107 DL23 Top N side
115	-	
116	- not shown on the 1834 plan	
117	-	
118	JOHN SIMMONS	DL23
119	-	
120	-	
121	Altar Tomb Beneath this tomb are deposited the remains of LUKE CHATFIELD son of Joseph & Elix Chatfield late of Middleton he died the 1st of Juny 1792 in the 17th year of his age Beneath this tomb is deposited the remains of JOSEPH CHATFIELD Gent (late of Middleton) he died the 17th of June 1784 Aged 47 years Also ELIZABETH his wife who died the 12th of February 1776 Aged 38 years	DL107 on South side North side
122	Altar Tomb Here under lyeth the body of JOHN? (Henry?) MARTEN late of Franklands in Keymer who departed this life November 17th (or 15th) 1755 (or 1757) In the 30th (or 57th) year of his age	DL107
123	PETER MARTEN Franklands	DL23
124	-	
125	-	
126	-	
127	-	
128	-	

GRAVES & MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS

No	Details	Source
129	Altar Tomb Sacred to the memory of Mr RICHARD BEAL who departed this life 27 Feb 1817 Aged 70 years 'Finally Brethren farewell be perfect be of good comfort be of one mind live in peace And the God of love and Peace shall be with you'	DL23 DL107
130	-	
131	-	
132	SARAH daughter of Peter & Ann ROWLAND Sept 9 1798 $1\frac{9}{12}$	DL23
133	Altar Tomb Sacred to the memory of SARAH wife of the said JOHN WOOD who departed this life Sept 22 1822 Aged 64 years In memory of JOHN WOOD of the Joister in this parish Yeoman who departed this life 8th Janry 1802 Aged 29 years	DL23 DL107 S Side N Side
134	Altar Tomb inscription on top In memory of THOMAS MARTEN of Hook House Cuckfield who died March 10th 1839 Aged 53 years Also of PETER MARTEN of Hook House Cuckfield who died Feb 16 1833 Aged 91 years Also of ELIZABETH his wife who died May 27 1798 Aged 45 years Also of JOHN MARTEN who died 30 December 1853 Aged 62 years Emily Cooke adds a note in DL107 " In the diary of Thos Marten's sister Mary - Thomas Marten died March 7th aged 53. Peter Marten was her father. She married Henry Rowland of Ditchling Feb 20 1835 at Keymer Church by Mr Ash. John and Thomas were sons of Peter "	DL107
135	Altar Tomb In memory of STEPHEN AGATE son of Thos & Ann Agate of Ditchling who departed this life the 1st March 1794 Aged 29 years And also of SUSANNAH his wife who departed this life October 17th (?) 1829 Aged 60 years	DL23 DL107

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No	Details	Source
136	Altar Tomb North Side In memory of Mrs LUCY wife of Mr Thomas WOOD late of London died Janry 10th 1708 Aged 51 years Also three children of ye above who died in infancy (Emily Cooke adds a note in DL107 that Lucy was the daughter of Mr Chatfield Court Gardens) South Side In memory of Mr THOMAS WOOD of Rottingdean who died 1st Feb 1798 Aged 73 years Also of SUSANNA his wife who died 18th February 1813 Aged 82 years East End Sacred to the memory of Mrs SUSANNAH wife of Robert Garby of Skeynes Edenbridge Kent daughter of the said Thos & Susannah Wood who died Sep 24th 1823 Aged 61 years	DL23 DL107
137	This is presumably the grave of those named on the nearby tablet on the North wall of the Chapel Near this place lieth the body of THOS GRABING he died May the .. 1770 Aged 80 years And ELIZABETH his wife who died December the 19th 1774 Aged 72 years	DL107
138	(Here lieth) the body of THOMAS MARTEN son of Michael & Ann Marten who died October ye 22nd 1779 Aged 64 years	
139	Altar Tomb with inscription on the top Here lieth the Body of MICHAEL MARTEN late of Newclose in Keymer who departed this life the 7th day of January 1755 in the 63 year of his age In Memory of (his) daughter Mrs MARY WOOD who departed this life the 23rd August 1791 Aged 81 years Note: DL23 is not clear on Graves 138-140. DL107, in which Emily Cooke has copied information from Col. Attree, seems to conflict with what can now be read in respect of which parts of the recorded inscriptions are on which stones. What is set down above and on the next sheet appears to be the most likely	DL107

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No	Details	
140	Altar Tomb with inscription on the top Here lieth interred the body of ANN wife of Michael MARTEN late of Newclose in the parish of Keymer and daughter of John and Margaret Webb of Falmer who departed this life the 18th November 1738 Aged 59(?) years Also the body of ANN daughter of Thomas & Mary WOOD & granddaughter of Michael & Ann Marten who died Sept ye 9th 1738 Aged 3 years MICHAEL son of Michael & Ann CHATFIELD Oct 25 1779 8w (DL23)	
141	Her MARY WOOD ROCK	DL23
142	THOMAS WOOD ROCK	
143	-	
144	Here Under lyeth the body of JOHN CAFFIN (?) Senior DL107 DL23 who departed this life July the 21st 1731 Aged 9.. years	
145	Here underlyeth the body of BRIDGET CAFFIN wife of John do Coffin she departed this life the 13th of April 1730 (or 1750) Aged 84 years	
146	-	
147	-	
148	-	
149	-	
150	Slab on North wall of Chapel In memory of JOSIAH DANBY late of Wivelsfield who died January 19th 1802 Aged 62 years Also of SARAH his wife who died the 1st of April 1813 Aged 63 years	DL107 DL23 See 1877
151	PETER son of Michael & Elizabeth MARTEN of this Town Dec 5 1736 $1\frac{6}{12}$	DL23
152	-	
153	-	
154	Here lyeth the body of HANNAH daughter of Thomas and Sarah BUCKMAN who died February the ..1753 Aged 59 (4?) years	DL23 DL107
155	THOMAS BUCKMAN Jan 17 1730 54	DL23
156	-	
157	-	
158	-	
159	-	
160	-	
161	-	
162	-	
163	-	

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No	Details	Source
164	Altar Tomb - removed when the vestry was built - stone now leaning against the vestry west wall Sacred to the memory of Mr PETER WOOD of Croydon who died 4th Decr 1817 Aged 72 years	
165	-	
166	From the Burial Register entry D21 this appears to be the grave of ANN WALDSER widow of James Waldser of Chiltington who died 16th March 1827 Aged 92 years Also of her husband JAMES WALDSER who died - according to a Burial Register fragment DL43 on 6 May 1819 Nearby, if not in the same grave, according to entry D93 is buried their son JOHN WALDSER died 21 Nov 1840	
167	-	
168	-	
169	-	
170	-	
171	-	
172	-	
173	-	
174	-	
175	-	
176	-	
177	-	
178	-	
179	-	
180	Sacred to the memory of THOMAS BROOMFIELD late of Keymer who died the 13th June 1820 Aged 71 years Also of ELIZABETH his wife who died the 1st of April 1831 Aged 83 years ' Finally Brethren etc ' It seems probable that also buried here are the remains of JOHN BROOMFIELD died 6th April 1848 from the entry D131 in the Burial Register	DL107

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No	Details
	Headstones deciphered by Colonel Attree and copied into Emily Cooke's record DL107 but whose location in the Old Burial Ground has not been established
180A	To the memory of JOHN CAFFIN who died Sept 12th 1817 Aged 72 years
180B	..KY ...LIAM ... late of ... Died July the .. 1744 39 years
180C	In memory of JOHN SMITH who died Decr 17 1820 Aged 86 years Also of ANH his wife who died Febr 12th 1822 Aged 89 years ' Thou shalt come to thy grave in full age like an a shock of corn cometh in in his season ' Job chap V verse 26
180D	In memory of STEPHEN AGATE who departed this life January the 16th 1763 Aged 59 years Graves underneath the floor of the Meeting House as recorded on a rough plan MS DL48
181	Slab with the inscription: To the memory of ... MARTEN of ... Minister of the Gospel who Departed this life September 1775 in the 61st(?) year of his age Tablet on the internal wall of the Meeting House seen 1977 In a Vault 4ft West of this Tablet lieth the remains of MICHAEL MARTEN obit 1775 also ELIZABETH his wife 1795 FRANC their Son 1795 WILLS 1789 ANH 1792 ELIZABETH April 22nd 1820 JOHN Dec 8 1822 MARY May 2 1825 All of Pirle, Sussex
182	Slab with the inscription In Memory of ANH wife of Wm DUNMAN of this parish who died 30 November 1776 in her 49 year Also of Wm DUNMAN who died Feb 27 1796 aged 75 years Also of MARY wife of Marten DUNMAN of Lindfield who died April 20 1817 aged 72 years Also of MARTEN DUNMAN late of Lindfield who died 19 April 1834 aged 84 years 6 mos & 16 days
183	Slab with the inscription - evidently very worn DUNMAN who died Feb 16 1761 late of Lindfield
184	Slab with the inscription - evidently very worn In DUNMAN and 1776
185	Grave marked on DL 48 as in the S W corner but without inscription

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No	Details
	Additional graves recorded by Colonel Attree as being under the Meeting House floor but for which no location was given in MS DL107
186	Here lyeth the body of HENRY MARTEN late of Sewland in the parish of Keyser who departed this life the 25th June 1763 aged 60 years Also the body of ELIZABETH wife of the said Henry Marten who departed this life the 28th January 1779 aged 77 years Also the body of MICHAEL MARTEN of East Tarring son of Henry & Elizabeth Marten who departed this life the 1st August 1779 aged 43 years Also the body of MARIAN MARTEN daughter of Henry & Elizabeth Marten who departed this life the 8th April 1780 aged 39 years
187	Here lyeth the body of MICHAEL MARTEN late of Fragbarrough who died June ye 11th 1753 Aged 51 years SARAH wife of Samuel died June 14th .. Aged 65 years

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No	Details	Source
201	In memory of PETER ROWLAND who died 26th April 1839 Aged 71 years Also of ANN his widow who died 7th June 1848 Aged 79 years	seen 1977
202	In memory of MARY wife of Henry ROWLAND of Cranley Surrey who died Nov 2nd 1852 Aged 64 years Also of the above named HENRY ROWLAND who died October 15th 1870 Aged 69 years	seen 1977
203	In memory of PETER ROWLAND who died October 1st 1862 Aged 63 years Also of ELIZABETH ROWLAND relict of the above who died March 30th 1879 Aged 70 years	seen 1977
204	To the memory of JOHN WOOD MENCER Born Dec 18th 1817 Died July 31st 1887 ' It is the Lord him do what seemeth good '	seen 1977
205	In loving memory of LUCY ROWLAND the beloved wife of William Rowland who died at East Grinstead October 16th 1888 Aged 74 years ' Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest ' Also in memory of WILLIAM ROWLAND husband of the above who died at Cranleigh Surrey November 8th 1898 Aged 88 years	seen 1977
206	In affectionate remembrance of ARTHUR ROWLAND Born at Ditchling June 22nd 1856 Died at East Grinstead January 6th 1884 ' Shall not the judge of all the earth do right '	seen 1977
207	This is presumed to be the grave of ELIZABETH HOWLAND died 21 November 1929	2001
208		
209	In loving memory of MARGERY CERRYLE 2 March 1887 - 11th July 1933 And of her father JOHN ALFRED GODDARD 25 March 1864 - 3 October 1927 This grave is presumed also to contain the ashes of SARAH MARIA GODDARD died 30 May 1930	seen 1977 2290

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No	Details	Source
210	In affectionate remembrance of ANN wife of William MARTIN who died June 1st 1875 Aged 79 years Also of WILLIAM MARTIN husband of the above who died April 11th 1876 Aged 81 years Also of STEPHEN son of the above who died December 1st 1851 Aged 8 months And of GEORGE their son who was drowned in the Black Sea November 14th 1853 Aged 21 years	seen 1977
211	In loving memory of HILDA CAROLINE ADERBY Born 15th January 1861 Died 12th May 1932 The dimensions given in entry D44 indicate that Stephen Marten above is buried in this grave. Emily Cooke in D1107 has a note for this location 'Stephen Marten - name on stone with father & mother' The transcriber recalls his father mentioning that human remains were found when digging a grave in this area.	seen 1977
212	In loving memory of MARY ALICE wife of J. T. BIBBY of Hove who died November 10th 1934 Aged 70 JOHN THOMAS BIBBY Oct 20th 1861 - Dec 25th 1947 ' Say not good-bye, but in some fairer clime wish me good morning ' And of their daughter ELSIE JANE GORING who died on September 8th 1969 ' God be at mine end '	seen 1977
213	In loving memory of KATHARINE RAE who died 2nd September 1942 GAVIN RAE died 2nd October 1946 D296 indicates that the casket of Leon John Scott was deposited here	seen 1977
214	HERBERT T KELLAM 1873 - 1947 ELIZABETH R KELLAM 1872 - 1954 JOYCE M KELLAM 1905 - 1958	seen 1977
215	to 230 numbers not used	
231	In loving memory of MARY daughter of Peter & Susanna KENSITT Born 16 March 1833 Died 19 January 1921 of Smallfield Hascocks ' Her ways are ways of pleasantness and all her paths are peace '	seen 1977
232	In memory of FRANCIS KENSITT who died May 27th 1892 Aged 71 years Also of WILLIAM KENSITT husband of the above who died November 20th 1891 Aged 76 years	seen 1977
233	In memory of JESSE KENSITT who died March 7th 1847 Aged 54 years Also of ANN relict of the above who died December 30th 1870 Aged 74 years	seen 1977

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No	Details	Source
234	In memory of Mr JOHN STANDEN who died 16th July 1835 Aged 68 years Also of ANN his wife who died 27th January 1837 Aged 71 years Also of JAMES their son who died 1st April 1827 Aged 29 years And of ANN their daughter who died 18 Novr 1825 Aged 25 years And of MARY WOOD their daughter who died 26th Sept 1833 Aged 29 years The above inscriptions are on the headstone at this grave although only Ann the elder is buried here	seen 1977
235	JOHN STANDEN above	D68
236	MARY WOOD above w of Thomas Wood of Newick	D60
237	ANN STANDEN above	D53
238	JAMES STANDEN above	D14
239	Inscription on a headstone at this location recorded by Emily Kennett but no longer extant. A later plan by an unknown hand (DL7) shows the stone at grave 241 In loving memory of ELIZA STANDEN who died at Horsham March 15th 1912 Aged 87 years Also of RUTH STANDEN her sister who died March 2nd 1858 Aged 31 years And of their Mother ANN HOLMES daughter of Wills Billinghamurst and widow of James Standen who died March 1st 1878 Aged 79 years who were both interred in the graveyard at Newick Church	D25 DL107
240	-	
241	-	
242	-	
243	-	
244	-	
245	-	
246	THOMAS NYE of Keymer died April 1st 1829 Aged 70 years Aged 70 years	D31
247	to 260 numbers not used	
261	To the memory of HARRY BEAUFY TRAVERS second son John Ingram Travers of Swithins Lane London Died 29th May 1850 Aged 1 year 5 months	seen 1977
262	In memory of ROBERTSON PRATT son of Samuel Peace Pratt late of Bath Born 21st day of May 1857 Died at Lindfield 15th day of August 1857	seen 1977

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No	Details	Source
263	Son of Thomas & Susannah HOMEWOOD a child d 5/9/1836 (Entry 48 in the Register DL6)	DL107
264	HENRY FRANCIS HOMEWOOD died May 15th 1830 Aged 6 years son of Thos & Susannah	DL107
265	THOMAS HOMEWOOD son of Francis & Elizabeth d 17/11/1838 41 DL6	
266	HENRY PAUL son of Walter & Ann Paul of Brighton Died 9th September 1833 Aged 2 years 2 months (the dimensions given in DL6 entry 52 suggest that the burial was partly in the area of grave 265)	
267	In memory of HENRY WOOD ROWLAND of Hurstpierpoint who died January 23rd 1883 Aged 74 years Also of ELIZABETH widow of the above who died November 7th 1902 Aged 89 Also of KATE died June 16th 1858 Aged 19 years ALICE May 14th 1864 17 years WALTER May 9th 1867 17 years children of the above Also FANNY eldest daughter died November 21st 1919	seen 1977
268	The above Fanny Rowland appears to be buried in this grave according to markings on the plan DL23	
269	The above Kate ditto Also, according to DL107, Alice	
270		
271		
272	See grave 303 which occupies part of this plot - Mary Ulight	
273		
274		
275	See grave 306 as above - Frances Ann Robertson	
276		
277		
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280	HARRIETT ANDREWS daughter of John Andrews & Harriett his wife of the Parish of Brixton	DL107
281 to 290	numbers not used	
291		
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294	In affectionate memory of CHARLES SLATTER born 21st June 1808 died 3rd April 1885 Also of HARRIETT widow of the above born 14th June 1814 died 11th April 1900 Also of HARRIETT eldest daughter of the above born 14th March 1835 died 15th February 1884	seen 1977

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No	Details	Source
295		
296	In memory of ROBERT TURNER who died 27th February 1917 Aged 61 years Also of ELLEN his wife who died 2nd December 1939 Aged 95 years	seen 1977
297	In affectionate memory of LYDIA wife of Edward TURNER of Ditchling born January 15th 1807 died January 4th 1882 Also of the above EDWARD TURNER who died March 26th 1886 Aged 76 years	seen 1977
298	In affectionate remembrance of ALFRED TURNER who died February 6th 1868 Aged 50 years	seen 1977
299	To the memory of ANN wife of James TURNER who died March 24th 1838 aged 60 years Also of the above named JAMES TURNER who died September 10th 1844 aged 76 years	seen 1977
300	To the memory of HENRY son of James and Ann TURNER who died March 24th 1837 aged 17 years Also of GEORGE their son who died November 5th 1843 aged 22 years	seen 1977
301	- - CLEMENT LINGRINE late of Brighton who died May 2nd 1833 Aged 59 years - - ELIZABETH his widow who died 30th January 1856 Aged 79 (inscription very worn)	DL107
302		
303	MARY SLIGHT daughter of James & Mary Slight of Brighton who died 29th April 1823 Aged 2 years (the plan DL23 shows the grave partly in plot 272)	DL107
304		
305		
306	FRANCES ANN youngest daughter of James & Sarah ROBERTSON of Old North Street Lion Square London who died 24th February 1825 Aged 1 year & 8 months (the plan DL23 shows the grave partly in plot 275)	DL107
307	) Indicated on plan DL23 as 'the vault of THOMAS SWING'	
308	) do died 2nd May 1842	DL107
309	In loving memory of ALEXANDER MACDOUGALL Minister of Religion Felixstowe who died September 27th 1914 in his 83rd year (this stone was removed a few years ago - a broken part was seen in 1977 lying near the hut in the SW corner of the new burial ground) Also FANNY MACDOUGALL D276 ?	DL107
310	Sacred to the memory of SARAH 2nd daughter of the late John & Elizabeth MARTIN of Keymer who died January 4th 1859 Aged 22 years Also of ELIZABETH eldest daughter of the above John & Elizabeth MARTIN who died April 18th 1865 Aged 51 years	DL107

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No	Details	Source
311	In memory of MARY wife of James TURNER who died September 10th 1852 Aged 41 years Also of JAMES TURNER of Newland who died 12th February 1895 Aged 88 years	DL107
312	In memory of ELLEN only daughter of the late James TURNER of Newland Keymer who died March 8th 1909 Aged 70 years Also of JOSEPH brother of James TURNER born November 10th 1816 died Nov 1st 1916 Aged 68 years	seen 1977
313	In memory of HENRY only son of the late James TURNER of Newland who died August 18th 1908 Aged 68 years Also of MARY ANN wife of the above who died October 3rd 1925 in her 81st year	seen 1977
314 to 320	numbers not used	
321	In affectionate remembrance of ALFRED SMITH who departed this life June 3rd 1860 aged 19 years Also of JANE SMITH Aunt of the above Alfred who departed this life September 27th 1880 (DL107 states 'at Clapham')	seen 1977
322	Sacred to the memory of FRANCIS COOPER who departed this life March 24th 1859 Aged 67 years 'Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord' Also to the memory of MARY wife of the above who died January 2nd 1871 Aged 80 years 'They rest in peace from their labours, and their works do follow them beyond the grave'	seen 1977
323	Sacred to the memory of MARY DOUGHTY eldest daughter of of the late Mr John Doughty of Brockdish Norfolk who departed this life 17th January 1859 in the thirty-fifth year of her age ' - - Death also - - very worn (1977)	seen 1977
324	Sacred to the memory of ANNE the beloved wife of the Rev C P VALENTINE of Lewes and daughter of Mr J Doughty of Brockdish Norfolk Natus 1805 Nupta 1823. Obit 1857 Also of CHARLOTTE ANNE eldest daughter of the above died 22nd June 1839 in the 15th year of her age (some parts of the above from DL107) The verses below each of the above two inscriptions cannot now be read. A small part of the second remains: ' - two lines unreadable - the - that - Judge rightly of the - Than shed parents' tear o'er a child's tomb'	seen 1977 very worn
325		
326	Vault Altar Tomb now much damaged resulting from a tree growing through it some years ago. The original inscription taken from DL107 and part of which remains JOHN CHATFIELD Died April 25th 1828 in his 79th year SUSANNAH widow of the late John Chatfield Died April 17th 1843 in her 74th year ANN MOTT	seen 1977

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No	Details	Source
327	Altar Tomb South face: In memory of ROBERT CHATFIELD ESQ who died 13th August 1821 Aged 67 years North face: Also of ANN relict of the late Robert CHATFIELD Esq who departed this life 2nd April 1842 Aged 74 years	seen 1977
328	Sarcophagus South face: MARY widow of Samuel THOMPSON born 6th May 1777 died at Croydon 9th September 1850 North face: SAMUEL THOMPSON of Selgate Surrey and formerly of Holborn Hill London born 7th June 1766 died at Brighton 20th November 1857 'He was a most sincere believer in one only Supreme being the Creator & Governor of the Universe, in the Divine Mission of Jesus the son of Joseph & Mary, but declared to be the Son of God with power by his Resurrection from the dead and also in the Oneness and Exclusiveness of the Church of God (which is distinct and separate from all sects, parties and churches in the Christian World) of that God of whom St Paul says "For though there be that are called Gods whether in heaven or earth (as there be Gods many, and Lords many) but to us there is but one God the Father of whom are all things and we in Him: and one Lord Jesus Christ the Anointed, by whom are all things and we by him" The good loved him and the base hated because they feared:'	seen 1977
329	In loving memory of HENRY STEVENS who died at Brighton March 12th 1882 Aged 73 years Also of HARRIETT wife of the above who died at Worthing March 10th 1888 Aged 68 years (worn text from DL107)	seen 1977
330	In memory of JANE daughter of Henry & Harriett STEVENS who died October 5th 1848 Aged 3 years Also of HENRY their son who died January 7th 1857 Aged 3 years Also of HARRIETT their daughter who died March 9th 1858 Aged 4 years Also of MARIA their daughter who died January 14th 1859 Aged 2 years and 3 months	seen 1977
331	In memory of WILLIAM STEVENS of Brighton who died June 15th 1845 Aged 75 years Also of JANE his wife who died January 28th 1847 Aged 77 years	seen 1977
332	Sacred to the memory of GEORGE COOPER ESQ formerly of Hockney late of Brighton who died April 12th 1835 Aged 77 years (worn text derived from DL107)	seen 1977

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No	Details	Source
333	Altar Tomb North face: Sacred to the memory of JOHN MARTIN BURTONSHAW who died at Darenth Court, Dartford, Kent April 16th 1874 Aged 61 years 'The memory of the just is Blessed' Also of SARAH his wife who died at Darenth Court September 12th 1862 'Her children arise and call her Blessed' East face: Sacred to the memory of JAMES son of John Marten BURTONSHAW of Plumpton and Sarah his wife who died 3rd March 1847 Aged 3 years & 10 months	seen 1977
334	Sacred to the memory of JAMES BURTONSHAW late of the Man Para in the parish of Clayton who departed this life January 18th 1832 Aged 56 years Also of SARAH wife of James BURTONSHAW who departed this life August 27th 1838 Aged 66 years (worn text derived from DL107)	seen 1977
335	Altar Tomb - inscriptions on top slab In memory of SARAH daughter of Samuel & Elizabeth FRANCIS of Brighton who died June 2nd 1836 Aged 19 years Also of CHARLOTTE their daughter who died March 5th 1840 Aged 20 years Also of SAMUEL FRANCIS who died May 26th 1846 Aged 74 years Also of ELIZABETH daughter of the above Samuel & Elizabeth FRANCIS who died November 23rd 1847 Aged 32 years Also of MARY their youngest daughter who died November 4th 1853 Aged 31 years Also of ELIZABETH widow of the above Samuel Francis who died January 18th 1862 Aged 83 years	seen 1977
336	HANNAH MARTEN daughter of Samuel & Catherine BURTONSHAW Died 23rd January 1838 Aged 64	DL6 DL107
337	STEPHEN MARTEN son of Henry and Hannah MARTEN of Newland Died 20th Jan 1839	DL6 DL107
338	JOHN MARTEN son of Henry and Hannah Marten of Newland Died 9th February 1844	DL6 DL107
339	DL107 gives this as the grave of John Wood Mercer - this seems to be an error - see grave 204 with its extant headstone	
340		
341	Vault formerly surrounded by iron railings - inscription much worn and fully deciphered only by reference to the Burial Register DL6 and DL107 In memory of ROBERT son of Richard and Sarah MERCHANT who died March 25th 1848 Aged 26 years Also of SARAH wife of Richard Mercer who died October 14th 1849 Aged 56 years Also of RICHARD MERCHANT who died September 18th 1860 Aged 79 years Also of RICHARD MERCHANT eldest son of the above who died January 1st 1881 Aged 65 years Also of MARY widow of the above Robert MERCHANT who died June 22nd 1909 Aged 83 years	seen 1977

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No	Details	
342 to 350	numbers not used	
351		
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361	In loving remembrance of HARRIETT relic of Robert Charles CASE late of Chelsea who died 5th January 1881 Aged 74 years Also of HARRIETT daughter of the above who died 30th January 1911 (lower inscription worn - details from DL107)	seen 1977
362	JASPER TAYLOR of Uckfield	DL6
363	In affectionate remembrance of WILLIAM STEVENS for 27 years Unitarian Minister of the Earl Street Chapel Maidstone died February 17th 1855 Aged 58 years Also of MARY ANN widow of the above who died March 26th 1881 Aged 85 years	seen 1977
364	Reserved for Miss BRYANS entry D210	
365	In memory of THOMAS FRANCIS of Brighton who died April 22nd 1871 Aged 63 Also of CHARLOTTE FRANCIS widow of the above Thomas Francis who died June 2nd 1891 Aged 74 years Also of CHARLES SAMUEL their son who died December 30th 1858 Aged 2 years and 5 months	seen 1977
366	In memory of THOMAS FRANCIS of Brighton who died October 19th 1846 in the 69th year of his age Also of ELIZABETH his wife who died February 15th 1858 Aged 30 years Also of MARY FRANCIS sister of the above Thomas Francis who died August 15th 1851 Aged 76 years	seen 1977
367	In memory of WILLIAM son of William and Mary WILSON born October 24th 1843 died April 19th 1844 Also of ELIZABETH their daughter born September 3rd 1844 died September 11th 1844 Also of MARY born July 19th 1847 died September 3rd 1867	seen 1977
368	GEORGE HOLMAN son of Luke Holman died 27th July 1829 Aged 1 year 1 month ANNE daughter of Luke & Sarah Holman died 4th April 1837	DL6

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No	Details	
369	ANN wife of Thomas HOLMAN daughter of Thos & Ann Goldsmith died 9th January 1826 Aged 26 years GEORGE son of Thos & Ann HOLMAN died 18th February 1826 aged 8 months (7 also Thomas Holman - entry D138)	DL6
370	FREDERIC HOLMAN son of Thomas & Ann Holman died 25th January 1822 Aged 7 weeks	DL6
371	possibly no grave here	DL107
372	LUCY wife of Stephen ROWLAND died 24th June 1825 Aged 49 years Also of STEPHEN ROWLAND died October 6th 1857 Aged 76 years	DL6
373	-	
374	In loving memory of EMILY MERCER born 28th August 1823 died 19th December 1906 Also of ADELAIDE MERCER born 28th July 1831 died 25th September 1917 'Rest in peace'	seen 1977
375	long stone with iron railings now gone - inscription much worn Sacred to the memory of Mr JOHN WOOD late of the Jointer Ditchling who died January 22nd 1859 Aged 83 years 'Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord Revelations xiii'	seen 1977
376 to 380	numbers not used	
381	-	
382	-	
383	-	
384	grave partly in plot 414 JAMES MITCHELL CHANDLER son of Stephen & Elizabeth Chandler of Hurstpierpoint died 31st January 1859 Aged 1 year 4 months	DL107 DL6
385	grave partly in plot 415 ANN GRENIER daughter of Thos & Mary Grenier died 10th September 1854 Aged 11 months	do
386	-	
387	To the memory of JOHN MARTIN of Redhill who died 4th April 1859 Aged 53 years Also of SARAH wife of the above John Martin who died 8th September 1876 Aged 89 years	seen 1977
388	In memory of ELLEN wife of Thomas MARTIN died July 31st 1891 Aged 74 years Also of the above named THOMAS MARTIN who died January 28th 1855 Aged 71 years	do
389	In memory of JOSEPH MARTIN late of Franklands, Yemman who died August 21st 1829 Aged 54 years	do
390	double headstone with 389 In memory of SARAH Relict of the said Mr Joseph Martin who died December 15th 1847 Aged 67 years	do

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No	Details	
391	Sacred to the memory of JACOB COOKE who died July 1st 1857 Aged 34 years Also an infant daughter of Jacob & Elizabeth COOKE who died March 18th 1849 Also of the above ELIZABETH who died May 25th 1905 Aged 37 years ' Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God Matt v '	seen 1977
	Also of EMILY daughter of the above who died April 12th 1921 Aged 69 years	
392	In affectionate remembrance of THOMAS COOKE who died May 8th 1872 Aged 25 years Also of ELIZABETH COOKE eldest daughter of James & Elizabeth Cooke who died April 12th 1924 Aged 74 years	do
393	Sacred to the memory of Mr MICHAEL MARTIN late of Chalvington who departed this life 12th October 1849 Aged 72 years Also of ANN wife of the above who died 29th January 1854 Aged 69 years	do
394	In memory of JANE youngest daughter of Michael & Ann MARTIN late of Chalvington who died October 18th 1870 Aged 45 years	do
395	presumably the grave of SARAH ANNE GREENING entry D288	
396	-	
397	-	
398	In loving memory of ELEANOR wife of William SLATTER died April 24th 1882 Aged 64 years Also of the above named WILLIAM SLATTER died February 9th 1908 Aged 80 years ' He succored the poor '	seen 1977
399	WILLIAM BILLINGHURST of Chailey son of John Billingham of North America died 20th June 1826 Aged 61	DL6
400	SARAH wife of John RANSOM died at Brighton 1st March 1872 Aged 66 years Also of the above JOHN RANSOM died at Kensington 19th February 1889 Aged 89 years Also of CHARLOTTE their daughter died at Brighton 3rd January 1907 Aged 71 years	DL107
401	In memory of WILLIAM WILSON of Brighton who died 7th November 1870 Aged 58 years Also of MARY widow of the above who died 26th September 1871 Aged 55 years	seen 1977
402	In memory of SAMUEL FRANCIS of Hastings who died 16th February 1881 Aged 66 years Also of LUCY widow of the above who died May 25th 1888 Aged 67 years	do
403	In memory of WALTER FRANCIS of Brighton who died at Bromley Kent 12th December 1886 Aged 28 years	do

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No	Details	
404	A cross on a base on which is inscribed: East face: In loving memory of RONALD WILLIAM WILSON of the RAMC TF eldest son of Alfred & Ada Wilson born March 1st 1896 died February 26th 1915 North face: In loving memory of ALFRED WILSON born December 16th 1858 died September 20th 1928 ' An upright man ' South face: ADA WILSON June 16th 1866 November 20th 1928 ' A loving mother and wife '	seen 1977
405	possibly no grave here	DL107
406	In loving memory of MARY ANN the devoted wife of James William BROOKER who died February 4th 1909 Aged 55 years Also of the above named JAMES WILLIAM BROOKER who died January 19th 1918 Aged 60 years	seen 1977
407	In loving memory of ARTHUR JAMES the beloved son of James William and Mary Ann BROOKER who died at Chailey December 2nd 1889 Aged 4 years ' The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away '	do
408	In loving memory of ELIZABETH the devoted wife of James BROOKER who died August 9th 1883 Aged 65 years Also of the above named JAMES BROOKER who died April 17th 1906 Aged 82 years	do
409 to 410	numbers not used	
411	-	
412	-	
413	-	
414	see grave 384	
415	see grave 385	
416	-	
417	-	
418	-	
419	-	
420	-	
421	-	
422	-	
423	-	
424	double stone with 425 - inscription, if any, now worn	seen 1977
425	In memory of ANN the wife of Benjamin BEAL who departed this life November 10th 1821 Aged 77 years	do
426	Sacred to the memory of WILLIAM EDWARDS who died 1st September 1842 Aged 22 years Also of HENRY ISTD who died 1st April 1844 Aged 7 years And of THOMPSON ISTD who died 30th December 1847 Aged 6 years	do

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No	Details	Source
427	Double headstone with 428	seen
428	Sacred to the memory of EDWARD ISTEAD who died 24th November 1845 Aged 41 years WILLIAM HOLLINGHAM who died 3rd September 1845 Aged 79 years Also of ELIZABETH his widow who died 2nd February 1847 Aged 80 years	1977
429	-	
430	-	
431	LOUISA JOHNSTONE daughter of John Johnstone of Ditchling died 11th May 1823 (Johnstone - 37)	DL107
432	-	
433	-	
434	-	
435	-	
436	MARY DANCY of Ditchling died 21st November 1834 Aged 68 years	DL6
437	RICHARD DANCY of this parish son of John & Mary Dancy of Sidney Farm parish of Cuckfield died 15th September 1831 Aged 66 years	DL6 DL107
438	MARY daughter of Richard & Mary Dancy of Ditchling died 23rd March 1826 Aged 18 years	DL6
439	JOHN DANCY of Brighton son of Richard & Mary Dancy of Ditchling died 25th March 1827 Aged 32 years	DL6
440	-	
441 to 443	possibly no graves	
444	-	
445	WILLIAM MARTEN of Pellingbridge in the parish of Lindfield son of Michael & Harriett Marten died 27th May 1824 Aged 2 years 9 months	DL6
446	To the memory of JOHN BURFIELD son of Robert and Susanna Burfield born July 14th 1809 died January 21st 1829 Aged 19 years ' This stone was erected by John Browne his Master in testimony of the faithful manner in which he performed his duty as an apprentice '	seen 1977
447	In memory of SARAH daughter of Robert and Susanna BURFIELD who died 27th July 1835 Aged 29 years	seen 1977
448	Sacred to the memory of FRANCES BROWNE fourth daughter of Allen and Philadelphia Browne born 10th October 1827 died 24th June 1836 (ANN BROWNE also buried here - entry D54)	
449	To the beloved memory of PHILADELPHIA wife of Allen BROWNE who died August 20th 1854 Aged 60 years Also of the above named ALLEN BROWNE who died October 3rd 1861 Aged 75 years	do

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No	Details	Source
450	In affectionate remembrance of SUSANNA widow of James SMITH late of HORSHAM who died December 21st 1872 Aged 86 years	seen 1977
451	-	
452	-	
453	-	
454	-	
455	Somewhere in this vicinity is buried	D98
456	ANN BILLINGSHURST died 1st February 1843	
457	-	
458	-	
459	-	
460	JOHN JENNER son of Ambrose Jenner of Ditchling who died 30th March 1830 Aged 78 years	D39
461	-	
462	-	
463	-	
464	SARAH TURNER died 15th February 1927	D279
465	-	
466	WILLIAM BROOMFIELD of Lindfield son of John Broomfield of Plumpton who was buried February 8th 1829 Aged 70 years	D29
467	-	
468	In loving memory of GEORGE TURNER who died at Standean November 3rd 1867 Aged 66 years ' Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest ' Also of MARY widow of the above who died at Standean May 2nd 1890 Aged 71 years ' Fear thou not; for I am with thee; be not dismayed; for I am thy God '	seen 1977
469	JOHN BROOKER son of James & Jane Brooker died January 22nd 1853 Aged 55 years SARAH his wife of Standean daughter of Edward & Mary Willett died October 17th 1883 Aged 87 years	D150 DL107
470	probably JOHN BROOKER son of John and Sarah	DL107
471	probably EDWARD and MARY WILLETT and son JOHN (Edward s of Edward & Jane, Mary d of Wills Maxwell)	DL107
472	ELIZABETH WILLETT of Brighton daughter of Edward and Jane Willett of Ditchling died 15th January 1842 Aged 73 years	D94
473	ANN CHEESMAN wife of John Cheesman buried 28th December 1831 Aged 45 years the above JOHN CHEESMAN of Ditchling died 1st October 1882 Aged 76 years	D145

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No	Details	Source
474	The precise location of this grave is unknown other than the Register note 'new grave by East wall' ROBERT GLADSTONE WALKER SMYTH died 29th January 1933 Aged 52 years	D285
475	Memorial slab following cremation In loving memory of HANNAH LOUISA WILSON July 1892 - September 1967 'Love, Courage and Humility These shaped her life' ROBERT HARTON WILSON September 1898 - August 1973	seen 1977
476 to 500	numbers not used	
501	Stone obelisk on a pedestal on which is inscribed: South face: In memoriam THOMAS ROBERT DOBSON who died October 16th 1893 Aged 77 Also of JESSIE DOBSON wife of the above died December 9th 1901 in her 89th year West face: In memoriam MARY de WASCINDT (nee Dobson) who died February 4th 1883 Aged 35 MARY ANN DOBSON mother of the above who died March 21st 1883 Aged 69 ADOLPH de WASCINDT who died October 25th 1891 Aged 58	seen 1977
502	Double grave surrounded by a dwarf wall on which are the inscriptions - floral pedestal in the centre ROGER de MILNEAM-HIRST SMYTH son of James & Ellen Mary Hirst-Smyth who died October 14th 1919 Aged 44 years JAMES DAVID HIRST-SMYTH died 9th May 1908 Aged 73 years Also of ELLEN MARY his widow died 14th January 1919 Aged 71 years	seen 1977
503	SARAH wife of James BONIFACE of Chiltonington daughter of John & Jane Knight of Fulborough died 16th October 1823 Aged 36 years	D10 DL107
504	JOHN BONIFACE of Ditchling son of John Boniface of Plumbers Plain near Slaughter died 19th October 1829 Aged 41 years	D36 DL107

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No	Details	Source
505	Altar Tomb with inscriptions on sides South face: Sacred to the memory of Mr ROBERT MOTT who departed this life the 16th day of June 1843 Aged 79 years East face: no inscription visible West face: Sacred to the memory of Miss MARY MOTT of Brighton sister of Mr Robert Mott who departed this life the 30th day of December 1850 Aged 78 years North face: Near this spot in the vault of John Chatfield Esq are deposited the remains of ANN the wife of Robert MOTT	seen 1977
506	HERRIOT of Plumpton old man (1832 or 1833)	D49
507	unknown grave marked on plan DL23 by a later hand	
508	A son of Samuel and Ann STEVENS who died at birth 1st February 1822	D5
509	SUSAN HIDER daughter of James & Ann Walder of Westmeston died May 3rd 1845 Aged 74 years	D111 DL23 DL107
510	In memory of WILLIAM SHARP who died September 4th 1865 Aged 47 years Also of JAMES SHARP who died December 23rd 1906 Aged 84 years formerly of Twineham	seen 1977

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No	Details	Source
551	Tablet on the South Wall inside the Meeting House Joseph Thomas BAILEY 1850-1934 Faithful Organist for 30 years Here and at New Road Brighton	seen 1977
552	Tablet on the North Wall inside the Meeting House In Remembrance of Herbert Thompson KELLAM 1875-1947 who served here faithfully for many years Selfless	do
553	Tablet on the East Wall inside the Meeting House Elizabeth BROWN 1846-1950 To whose dear memory is dedicated the present installation of light and heat 1932	do
554	Brass plate on a table top In memory of Rev: Harry MAGUIRE BSc Minister 1922-1941	do
555	Small plate on a garden chair In memory of Miss GOCHING	do
556	Wall inscription above and inside the porch door '1877'	do
557	Brass plates on a table top In memory of MARTHA HOWE PEARSON 1847-1932 And her daughter ELIZABETH RONALD KELLAM 1872-1954	do

For details of the 'MARTIN' tablet see No. 181

GRAVES & MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS
(BROWNE'S BURIAL GROUND)

No	Details	
601	SAHAN BROWNE daughter of James & Sarah Browne who departed this life March 13th 1809 Aged 63 years	seen 1977
602	In memory of ELIZABETH wife of William CROSSKEY of Lewes who died August 1st 1873 Aged 75 years Also of the above named WILLIAM CROSSKEY who died at Castle Gate Lewes May 28th 1874 Aged 76 years	do
603	Erected to the memory of MARTHA wife of Henry BROWNE late of Lewes who died July 13th 1828 Aged 60 years	do
604	Erected to the memory of MARIA wife of W CROSSKEY of Lewes and daughter of J & E Browns of Ditchling who died December 18th 1823 Aged 23 years	do
605	Headstones broken - inscription from DL107 quoting Col. Attree ANN wife of John BROWNE died May 12th 1801 Aged 73 years Footstone extant - ..B 1801	
606	In memory of HENRY BROWNE late of Lewes who died at 22 Camden Square London on the 18th of January 1877 Aged 73 years 'In the great hand of God' Also of CAROLINE his widow who died at Highfield Finchley Road on the 28th of September 1892 Aged 83 years	seen 1977
607	Erected to the memory of Mr HENRY BROWNE of Lewes who died May 18th 1822 Aged 57 years	do
608	In memory of JOHN BROWNE who died 17th September 1834 Aged 86 years According to Mrs V & Charman, this stone was erected by John Browne's grandson from California who had assumed the headstone was absent because of a failure of the Executors of John Browne to carry out his expressed wishes on the matter. Mrs Charman also believed the grave to contain the remains of FRANCES, daughter and ALFRED, son of the above John Browne. Register DL6 entry 224 indicates that John Browne was buried in Grave 610	do
609	In memory of JOSEPH BROWNE son of John & Ann Browne who died May 25th 1790 Aged 18 years 'When Age all pain and without regret Lies down in peace and pays the general debt In which is most to deplore The death of those who relish life no more But when said youth that every promise gave Sheds his sweet blossom in the blighting (?) grave All eyes overflow with many a streaming tear And each sad blossom heaves the sigh sincere' Footstone: JOSEPH BROWNE 1790 'Whatever God's providence denies We calmly should resign For he is just & good & wise And all his ways divine'	seen 1977

GRAVES & MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS
(BROWNE'S BURIAL GROUND)

No	Details	Source
610	In memory of HANNAH BROWNE wife of John Browne daughter of Jane Potter of Woolton died September 29th 1852 Aged 55 years (347) leaving behind ALFRED, EDWIN and JANE Register DL6 entry 244 indicates that in this grave are also the remains of ELIZABETH BROWNE of Horsham along with those of her husband John Browne - see 608 above Elizabeth was presumably the second wife of John	seen 1977 DL107
611	In memory of PETER BROWNE of this parish Draper, Grocer etc who departed this life May 5th 1774 Aged 86 years	seen 1977
612	In memory of JAMES BROWNE Shopkeeper of this place who died January 10th 1834 Aged 64 years	do
613	In memory of JOHN BROWNE who departed this life January 1st 1775 Aged 49 years Also HANNAH daughter of John and Ann BROWNE who departed this life March the 10th 1769 Aged 2 years A footstone reads: ' Oppressed by sickness made the more resigned To leave this world and family behind With my departed babes In death reposed to rest In hopes with them to rise And be forever blessed '	seen 1977 & DL107
614	In memory of PETER BROWNE son of Henry and Elisabeth Browne who died May the 23rd 1771 Aged 18 years	seen 1977
615	Erected to the memory of Miss MARY BROWNE who died the 17th February 1845 in the 89th year of her age 'Mary Browne was the daughter of John & Ann Browne grand daughter of Peter Browne who was buried in this part of his garden who gave this ground to be used used by the family as a place of burial'	do
616	In memory of JANE BROWNE who died February 2nd 1830 in the 28th year of her age	seen 1977

GRAVES & MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS
(BROWNE'S BURIAL GROUND)

No	Details
	Other burials thought to have been made in the Browne's Burial Ground but details of which do not appear on any extant gravestones
617A	ALFRED BROWNE of Horsham born 29 Nov 1826 (B51) son of John Browne and Hannah daughter of Joseph Potter Death Registered at Horsham 9th May 1856. Certificate held by DMH (DL102) which tends to confirm the belief of Mrs V A Charman that he was buried here
617B	FRANCES BROWNE born 25 May 1845 died 6 Dec 1863 daughter of John Browne of Horsham and Elizabeth his second wife believed by Mrs V A Charman to have been buried in the same grave as her brother Alfred above the Death Certificate, without which burial could not have taken place, has not been found amongst the DMH records
617C	An unknown BROWNE ? The footstone inscription at grave 613 seems to suggest a relatively young woman who had lost more than one child. It is clearly not John Browne's wife Ann who died in 1801 and is buried in grave 605
617D	ELIZABETH BROWNE who died 1840, widow of James Browne (1774-1834) was, according to entry D90, buried in this ground, but no location was given in the Register.

SUPPLEMENTARY LIST

From even a cursitory examination of the foregoing registers it is apparent that many names are missing. The registers were started fairly late in the life of the Church. The entries bear evidence of being somewhat spasmodic at times. The names of the occupants of a number of identified graves are unknown.

A number of dates of births, deaths or burials appear in other records. Where these are such as to suggest they would have been included in the registers but for the reasons cited above, they have been brought together into this Supplementary List.

In the course of the studies leading up to the compilation of this present work, details have come to light of a large number of persons related by family to many of those whose names appear in the registers. No attempt has been made to include them in the Supplementary List. They will be found in a subsequent Volume yet to be prepared covering Genealogies of the larger families associated with the Ditchling and sister Meetings of General Baptist origin.

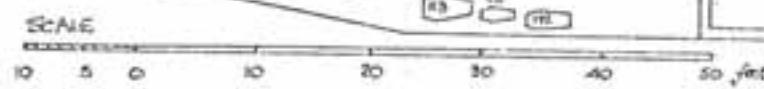
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1	Elizabeth LEWIS	d 1764 Bp 260
2	Hanna SCOTT	d 1766 Bp 244
3	Susan GODARD	d 1768 Bp 109
4	Samuel DUNHAM	d 15.12.1816 DL 43
5	George SLIGHT	b 19.1.1814 d 13.11.1817 son of Mary and brother of Mary D6 DL 47
6	Henry MARTEN	d 10.6.1818 DL 43
7	Sarah NORMAN	d 7.5.1820 do
8	Sarah NORMAN Senior	d 16.6.1820 do
9	Mary FOSTER	d 21.12.1820 do
10	Frances FOSTER	d 26.12.1822 do
11	Jane WILLETT	d -.6.1823 do
12	Mrs MARTEN	d 31.5.1824 do
13	John SIGGERSY	d 2.12.1827 do
14	- STEPHENS	d 26.4.1829 do
15	Child of ROBINSON	undated do
16	John TANNER	drowned 13.8.1832 DL 105
17	Anthony Moor H TANNER	killed 29.9.1832 do
18	Mrs T FRANCIS	buried 1898 DL 3
19	Anne BOOKER	born 2.8.1798 DL 110
20	Sarah BOOKER	born 15.8.1800 do
21	Mrs BOOKER	born approx 1765 do
22	Henry NOTTING	born 21.8.1813 do
23	Son of John DANCY	born approx 1811 do
24	Nathaniel BROWN	born 25.1.1715 son of Peter and Ann do
25	James BROWN	born 2.3.1716 son of Peter and Ann do
26	John BUCKMAN of North Barns	born approx 1812 do
27	James FLINT of Kingdon	son of James born approx 1812 do
28	Henry POTTER	born approx 1813 do
29	William JEFFREY	born approx 1812 do
30	George JEFFREY	born approx 1817 do
31	Samuel POLLARD Senior	born 1760 do

*3 ? Henry Nelaigh ?
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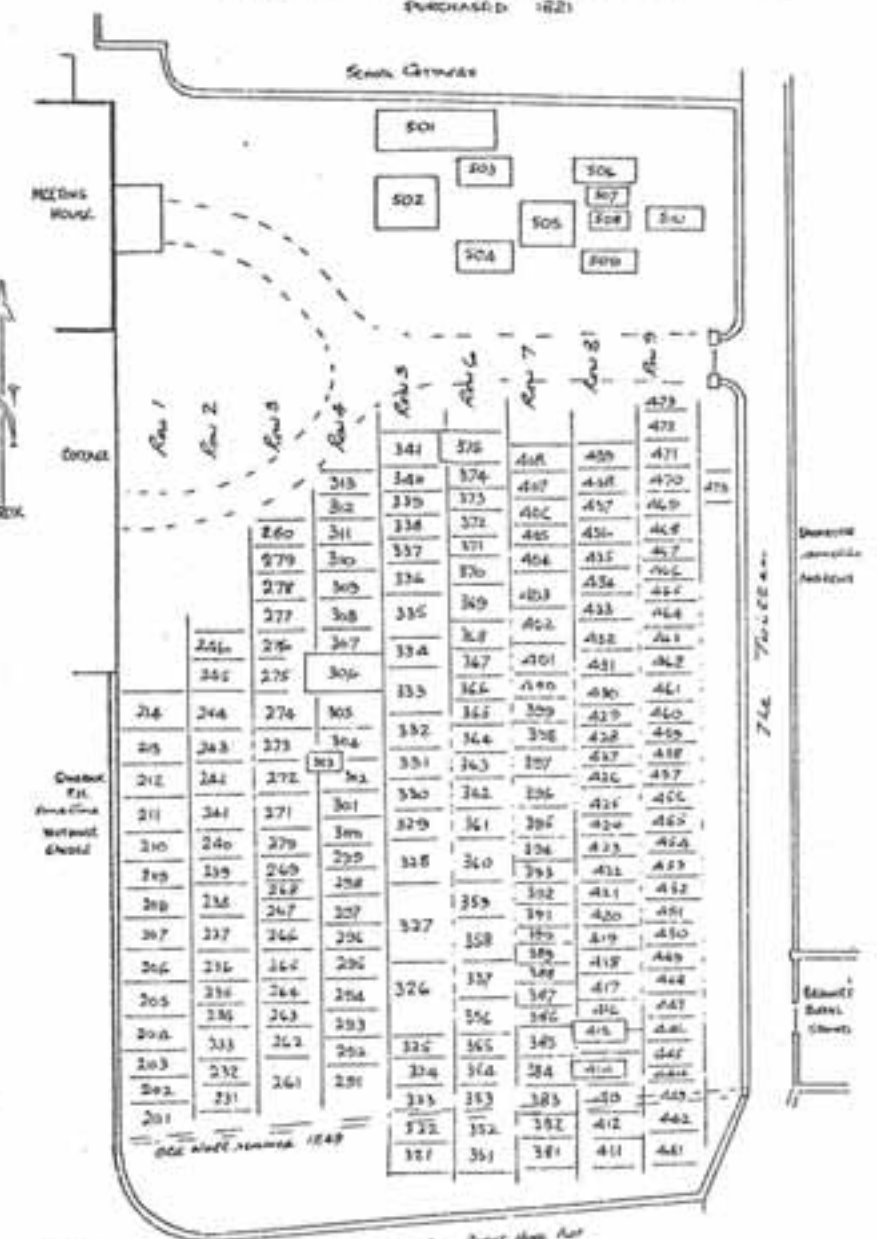
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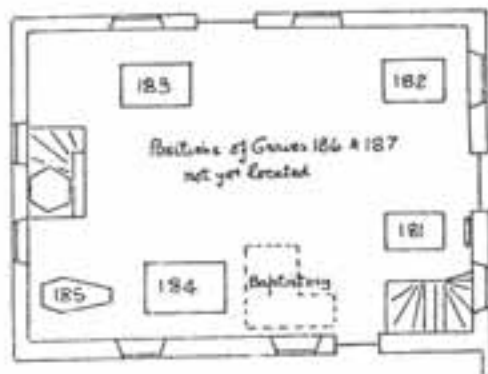
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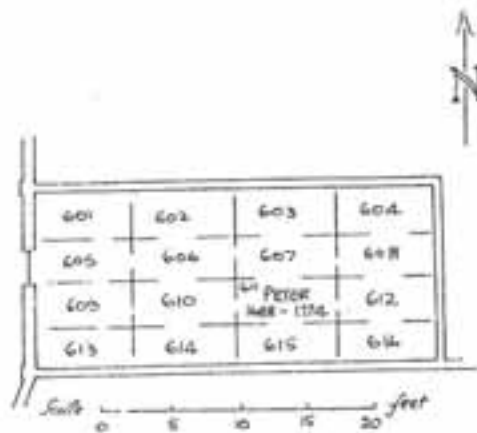
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B53 etc	Births Register entry No 53
D41 etc	Deaths/Burials Register entry No 41
D11	Church Memorandum Book 1753-1803) Transcribed
D12	do 1803-1866) in
D13	do 1867-1894) Volume I
D14	Births Register 1811-1833
D16	Deaths & Burials Register 1821-1950
D123	Plan & List of Burials 1834
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D147	Memorandum by Samuel Slight undated
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f	father of	m	mother of
wt	witness	off	Officiating Minister
gf	grandfather of	h	husband of

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1. The year of birth, shown for ease of identification, has been obtained by subtracting the recorded age from the year of death by simple arithmetic, unless more precisely known
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Joseph 1775-1829 D34 G389
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Mary 1710-1791 G139
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Joseph (G93)

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Mrs G72

PRATT

Robertson 1837-1857 B163 G262
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PRYOR

Elizabeth m of B26
Richard f of Elizabeth

RAE

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Katherine T 1874-1942 D292 G213

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Sarah 1806-1872 D194 G400

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Mary 1805-? B37
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Mary } B5 & D6

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SMITH

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Ellen H 1848-1919 D271 G502
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 Mary } child D5
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 SUTHER Sarah wt B33/34

TAMM

Anthony M H ?-1832 S17
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 Thomas K f of D74
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 Ann 1778-1838 D76 G299
 Edward 1809-1886 D227 G297
 Elizabeth ?-1840 D90 G612
 Elizabeth m of D230
 Elizabeth 1812-1902 D251 G267
 Elizabeth 1818-1905 D252 G391
 Ellen 1830-1909 D261 G512
 Ellen 1844-1939 D291 G296
 George 1820-1843 D102 G300
 George 1821-1887 D230 G460
 Henry 1819-1837 D70 G300
 Henry 1810-1908 D259 G313
 James 1768-1844 D107 G299
 James 1806-1895 D247 G311
 Jane m of D27 D90
 John f of D107?
 Joseph 1816-1916 D267 G312
 Lydia m of D230
 Lydia 1807-1882 D211 G297
 Martha 1768-1879 D27 G605
 Mary wt B39
 Mary 1811-1852 D148 G311
 Mary 1819-1890 D250 G460
 Mary Ann 1845-1925 D277 G313
 Richard wt B46 B52
 Richard f of D230

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WALKER

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 James ?-1819 G166
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 Susan 1771-1845 D111 G509

WEEKS

Rich wt D28-31 B33-39 B58

WELCH

Samuel } parents
 Anne } of D282

WELLER

Elizabeth wt B58/9

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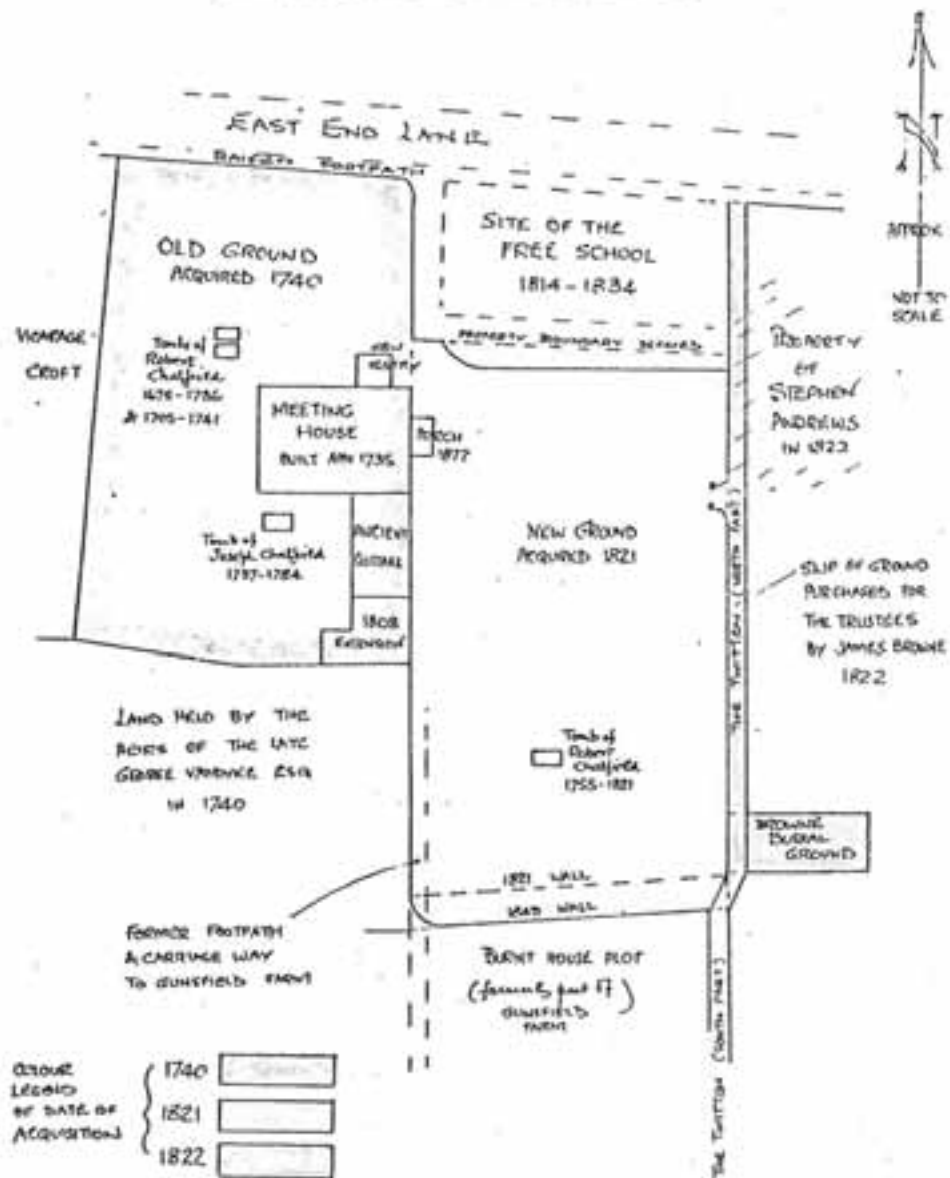
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 Henry f of Ann D132
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 James ? G697
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THE OLD MEETING HOUSE, DITCHLING



GROUP LEGEND BY DATE OF ACQUISITION

1740	[Shaded box]
1821	[White box]
1822	[White box]

PLAN OF THE TRUST PROPERTY

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PREFACE

This transcription had been prepared for convenient reference by the Trustees of The Old Meeting House, by members of the Congregation who gather there Sunday by Sunday, and by visitors.

As the Deeds contain some information which may be of interest to the student of genealogy or local history, the Trustees have agreed to make the work available for reference to the general public by depositing a copy in the East Sussex Record Office as well as in selected libraries elsewhere.

It will be appreciated that the comments on the Deeds in the Introduction and elsewhere are those of the transcriber alone and do not necessarily represent the views of the Trustees.

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INTRODUCTION

For those readers unfamiliar with the history of the meeting house it may be said that it was built to serve a community of people who described themselves in their Church Book as:

'The Church of our Lord Jesus Christ; Meeting in
and about Ditcheling, in the County of Sussex'

They were a group of General Baptists meeting together in strict communion whereby only those who had been baptised in accordance with their customs could be admitted to membership of their Church.

The people who now worship in the meeting house give themselves no such title and adopt no such practices. They might, to the casual observer, appear in no way descended spiritually or by family from the original community.

Yet, on closer examination, one can find no sudden or dramatic changes which came over the community at any time. The change has been gradual. And where specific decisions were taken from time to time, and now seen by us as milestones in their development, such decisions were seen at the time as doing little more than confirming attitudes and practices already long accepted.

Gradual changes were facilitated as there was a long tradition of tolerance for those with differing ideas. Thus, at the end of the 18th century, whilst one preacher might expound Unitarian views, another might preach the traditional message and administer the rite of adult baptism and laying on of hands at the baptistery conveniently exposed by removable floorboards in the meeting house.

So too the meeting house itself has seen changes of name, from The Baptist Meeting House, The Unitarian Baptist Congregation, The Free Christian Church and more recently, simply, The Old Meeting House.

THE TRUST DEEDS

The group of Deeds here transcribed cover the acquisition of the cottage and grounds on which the meeting house was built a few years earlier, a further piece of ground known as the new burial ground, and the purchase of a slip of ground which now forms part of the footpath known as The Twitten. The Deeds contain provisions for the appointment of new Trustees from time to time together with a Declaration of Trust as to the purposes for which the property is intended to be used.

The Declaration of Trust is unusual though by no means unique. It merely states that the Trustees will apply the property to such charitable uses as they shall, in their judgement and discretion, think most proper. There is no mention of a place of worship nor of the General Baptist persuasion of its founders.

The reasons for this open trust are not difficult to guess. The Baptists had suffered perhaps more than any other sect. Their rejection of infant baptism was abhorrent to Anglican and Presbyterian alike. Both had persecuted them in their time. It was well within living memory that their meetings had to be held in secrecy within private houses.

1740 Deeds

On 30th April there was executed the Feoffment whereby Robert Chatfield (1705-1741) obtained the freehold of the property which had previously been held by him copyhold from the Lord of the Manor of Camois Court, John Lucas. His intention was to comply with the Will of his father Robert Chatfield (1675-1736) whereby he was requested to make a good title to Stephen Agate and others to the meeting house and burial ground.

On the following day, May 1st, there was executed an Indenture conveying the property to John Dancy and eleven others, subject to a Declaration of Trust and the consideration of ten shillings, a modest sum compared with the three pounds and three shillings which Robert Chatfield had paid for the freehold on the previous day. As John Lucas and his steward Thomas Attree witnessed the Deed, one may guess that John Lucas was not unsympathetic to the whole transaction.

1758 Deed

The reason for creating this Indenture is not apparent. Possibly the 1740 Deed was temporarily mislaid. Possibly there was some doubt as to its legality. No correspondence on the matter has come down to us. By this Deed, Joseph Chatfield (1737-1784),

the only surviving son of Robert (1705-1741), conveyed the whole of the property to 15 new Trustees, including all the then surviving 1740 Trustees, using substantially similar wording to that of the 1740 Deed. Again the sum of ten shillings is mentioned, doubtless for legal reasons, for the Chatfield family were generous benefactors to the Church.

1790 Deed

By 1790 only two of the 1758 Trustees remained alive and a new Deed became necessary. New names appear. A large proportion of the new Trustees come from Cuckfield and Lewes. From Ditchling comes, amongst others, the lay preacher and diarist John Burgess.

1821 Deeds

The old burial ground had by this time become very crowded. Steps had been taken from time to time to acquire more ground. The land to the east of the meeting house was owned by the Chatfield family. In 1821 it was in the hands of Robert Chatfield (1755-1821) who, incidentally, spelt his name Chatfeild. His elder brother John (1749-1828) had built a free school for boys at the northern end of the ground abutting East End Lane in 1814. Robert had added a room for girls in 1815. The rest was used as a playground for the children.

It was the latter piece of ground which Robert finally agreed to sell to the meeting house Trustees. This was effected by the two Deeds, a one year lease and an outright sale of the land for twenty six pounds. The conveyance was to the surviving 1790 Trustees, of which nine were still alive. Robert Chatfield died shortly afterwards and was one of the first to be interred in the new burial ground.

1822 Purchase

In order to preserve a right of way from East End Lane into the new burial ground, a slip of land was purchased by James Browne, on behalf of the Trustees, from Stephen Andrews, evidently a blacksmith. His land abutted the new burial ground to the east and as far south as the private burial ground of the Browne family. The receipt for the two pounds purchase money is dated Feb 9th 1822. No formal conveyance has come to light. This slip of land is now, as mentioned above, part of The Twitten.

One must suspect the two pounds came from the pocket of James Browne (1774-1834). He was treasurer of the meeting house for 40 years. His brother, father and two uncles had been Trustees in their time.

James Browne was successful in his business in Ditchling as a Draper, coupled with dealings in property. Though a little autocratic at times, he was a loyal and generous supporter of the meeting house and the larger General Baptist movement. He was keenly interested in the free school and bought the buildings after the death of John Chatfield in 1828 rather than allow the school to close. Most of the meeting house business was in his hands. Though not a Trustee himself, his sudden death caused the congregation to seek new Trustee appointments.

1834 Deed

By this time there were only three surviving 1790 Trustees. They appointed 22 new Trustees including the 19 year old William Kensett and James Turner the younger, a wise choice as it proved later.

A plan was made of the burial grounds indicating all known graves together with a schedule of occupants. Though not incorporated into the Deed, the plan has survived and has proved invaluable in the preparation of the register of graves published in 1978.

It is curious that the description of the property conveyed under the 1834 Deed still follows the 1740 description. It makes no reference to the existence of the meeting house. It still refers to the land as being a rood by estimation. Only the description of the north boundary has been changed, and this somewhat vaguely, to take account of the acquisition of the new burial ground. The east boundary is described as if the footpath acquired in 1822 is outside the property.

1886 Deed

This Deed seems to have been drawn up by someone with an imperfect understanding of the provisions of the Act of 1850 (13 & 14 Vic. c.28). Under this Act a form of appointment of new Trustees was given for use in cases where there was no existing power of appointment. In 1886 there were two surviving 1834 Trustees, James Turner treasurer and William Kensett secretary of the Chapel.

The Chapel Minute Book of that time shows clearly that the new appointments were made with the full approval of the two surviving 1834 Trustees. It may thus be argued that, though the Deed was theoretically invalid at the time, it has never been seriously challenged and that, whatever deficiencies there were, time has served to render irrelevant. The Deed is now deemed quite valid.

The 1886 Deed reflects the changes which had come over the congregation in the 50 years since the last appointments. The Meeting House has become a Chapel and is named as such. Nearly all of the new Trustees lived far from Ditchling and could have attended services only rarely at what by then was being called the Free Christian Church. Closer links with the larger community are indicated by the inclusion amongst the Trustees of Rev Frederic Allen some time Secretary of the Provincial Assembly.

1922 Deed

Seven of the 1886 Trustees were alive in 1922. Evidently with their full concurrence, twelve additional Trustees were appointed, again using the 1886 form of appointment with its doubtful validity at the time. The new Trustees were all members of the families of the existing Trustees or well known supporters of the Unitarian movement. The only curious thing is that no member of the congregation regularly meeting at Ditchling at that time was appointed to the Trust.

The British & Foreign Unitarian Association now appears as a Trustee. The intention was, doubtless, that they should be Custodian Trustee though this was not specifically stated.

1963 Deed

By 1944 the congregation became concerned that so few of the 1922 Trustees were still living and even fewer had any contact with the Chapel. Discussions were opened for the creation of a new Trust Deed but were not pursued largely due to the backlog of similar situations elsewhere and resulting from the difficulties of the war years. The Custodian Trustee was disinclined to do other than tackle the more urgent cases first. Ditchling did not appear to be one. It was not till 1963 that positive steps were taken and a new Deed was created, again using the 1886 form of memorandum.

In the years that followed and for various reasons it became necessary to demonstrate the title of the Trustees to the property. The issue was a little clouded. Some of the original Deeds could not be found. Doubts were raised as to whether all of the surviving 1922 Trustees had been traced and their wishes sought before the 1963 Deed was executed. Further, the validity of the form of memorandum used was again questioned.

It was concluded that the validity of the 1963 Deed could not be upheld and that a new Deed was required. All the 1922 Trustees must be traced. Thorough research was put in hand and it was

found that, by 1974, the only living 1922 Trustees were Mrs Kathleen Ruth Burnett-Hall, daughter of Alfred Wilson and her cousin Arthur Keith Wilson.

1975 Deeds

Two new Deeds were drawn up. In the one, ten additional Trustees were appointed and Arthur Keith Wilson retired. In the other the British & Foreign Unitarian Association was formally appointed Custodian Trustee thus regularising its somewhat vague position in the 1922 Deed.

At the time of drafting of the 1975 Deeds, some of the original Deeds were still missing. For the purpose of drafting resort had to be had to what were believed to be copies of missing Deeds. Subsequent research produced all the missing Deeds and at the same time confirming the accuracy of the copies used hitherto.

The title to the Meeting House, the adjoining cottage and the burial grounds may now be regarded as in good order.

Transcripts of the Deeds

The transcripts or abstracts of the various Deeds which follow have been made from the originals, all of which are now in the custody of the Custodian Trustee at Essex Hall, Essex Street, London.

THE TRUSTEES

We have little factual information about the early Trustees. Research may yet shed more light on them but for the purpose of this note some conjecture must be resorted to.

At least of this we can be reasonably sure. All of the early Trustees came from families already long associated with the General Baptist movement. At a period when absence from public worship or marriage outside the Baptist community brought the risk of excommunication, movement into or out of community must have been somewhat restricted.

The origins of the Baptist community which ultimately gathered together to build the Ditchling Meeting House are obscure. The Baptist movement was clearly flourishing during the civil war. The Baptist element in the army of Cromwell was sufficiently large to require strong measures to curtail its political aspirations.

The mists surrounding the community begin to clear by the middle of the reign of Charles II. Notwithstanding the Act of Uniformity of 1662 and subsequent penal legislation, the suppression of dissent from the Established Church was only partly effective. Returns were called for in 1669 so as to establish how many conventicles there were in the country. From these returns come the first names. In the house of James Wood of Twineham were found about 40 'Anabaptists and Quakers' under their teachers Michael Martyn and others unknown. At Ditchling were found 10 Anabaptists but their teachers unknown.

In 1672 Charles issued his Declaration of Indulgence and invited applications for the issue of licences for dissenting places of worship. His intentions were dubious to say the least and Parliament eventually quashed the Declaration. Meantime some applications were made and amongst these was one from Robert Marchant for a meeting at his house in Ditchling.

Here, by family names, appear the first links with the 1740 Trustees. Robert Chatfield himself was the son of the former Sarah Marten and she the daughter of the former Elizabeth Marchant. The Woods of Twineham and their relatives remained staunch supporters of the meetings at Ditchling and Hornham until almost within living memory.

SUMMARY OF TRUSTEE APPOINTMENTS
with tentative identification
by years of birth and death

1740

ROBERT CHATFIELD
Street 1705-41
(Appointor)

JOHN DANCY
Cuckfield

MICHAEL MARTEN
Ditchling ?-1753

STEPHEN AGATE
Ditchling 1704-63

JOHN CAFFIN
Clayton

DANIEL BOURN
Street

MICHAEL MARTEN
Keymer (later Westfirie ?)

WILLIAM MARTEN
Clayton

THOMAS WOOD
Ditchling

JOHN BOURN
Westmeston

BENJAMIN WEBB
Patcham

RICHARD PANNETT
Keymer

THOMAS HUNTER
Southover

1758

JOSEPH CHATFIELD
Ditchling 1737-84
(Appointor)

JOHN DANCY
Cuckfield

STEPHEN AGATE
Ditchling

DANIEL BOURN
Street

RICHARD PANNETT
Keymer

THOMAS PANNETT
Clayton

MICHAEL MARTEN
Westfirie 1711-75

WILLIAM MARTEN
Telscombe

THOMAS WOOD
Ditchling

MICHAEL CHATFIELD
Ditchling 1719-86

JAMES BROWNE
Chailey 1716-78

PETER BROWNE
Lindfield

JOHN BROWNE
Ditchling 1726-75

JOHN DANCY yngr
Cuckfield

DANIEL PANNETT
Newick

THOMAS AGATE
Ditchling

SUMMARY OF TRUSTEE APPOINTMENTS

1790

THOMAS PANNETT
Clayton

JOHN DANCY
Cuckfield
(Continuing Trustees)

MICHAEL CHATFIELD
Ditchling

JOHN CHATFIELD
London '49-1828

HENRY BROWNE
Ditchling '65-1822

EDWARD COLBRAN
Lindfield ?-1825

JOHN DANCY yngr
Worth ?-1800

WILLIAM DANCY
Worth

RICHARD BEAL
Cuckfield ?-1817

THOMAS PANNETT
Ditchling

DANIEL OWDEN
Street

ISAAC WALDER
Cuckfield ?-1828

MICHAEL DANCY
Cuckfield

JOSEPH MARTEN
Beddingham ?-1811

ROBERT MERCER
Lewes '44-1802

THOMAS WALDER
Cuckfield

JOSIAH DANCY
Cuckfield

1821

ROBERT CHATFIELD
Ditchling '55-1821
(Appointor)

JOHN CHATFIELD
Stockwell

HENRY BROWNE
Lewes

EDWARD COLBRAN
Ditchling

WILLIAM DANCY
Cuckfield

DANIEL OWDEN
Horsham

ISAAC WALDER
Cuckfield

MICHAEL DANCY
Cuckfield

THOMAS WALDER
Lindfield

Wm LEMPRIERE
Croydon

JOHN BROOMFIELD yngr
Clayton

Wm LEMPRIERE
Lewes

JOHN BURGESS
Ditchling & USA '51-1825

SUMMARY OF TRUSTEE APPOINTMENTS

1834

WILLIAM DANCY
Worth
DANIEL OWDEN
Horsham
MICHAEL DANCY
Cuckfield
(Continuing Trustees)
EDWARD TURNER
Ditchling 1809-86
RICHARD MERCER yngr
Ditchling 1815-81
JOHN WOOD
Ditchling '76-1859
JESSE KENSSETT
Ditchling '92-1847
JAMES TURNER yngr
Ditchling 1806 95
PETER ROWLAND yngr
Ditchling '98-1862
WILLIAM KENSSETT
Ditchling 1815-91
JOHN WOOD MERCER
Ditchling 1817-87
RICHARD TURNER
Ditchling 1807-81
JOHN H BURTENSHAW
Plumpton 1812-74
JAMES BURTENSHAW
Clayton 1808-
HENRY BROWNE
Lewes 1804-77
WILLIAM CROSSKEY
Lewes '98-1874
JAMES TUSLER
Crawley
JOHN BROWNE
Horsham '97-1884
JOHN MARTEN
Keymer Farmer
JOHN MARTEN
Keymer Shopkeeper
PETER POTTER
Cuckfield

1886

JAMES TURNER
Keymer
WILLIAM KENSSETT
Ditchling
(Continuing Trustees)
ROBERT TURNER
Ditchling '36-1917
HENRY TURNER
Honfield '40-1903
FRANK TURNER
Bognor
Hy TURNER ROWLAND
Lewes
FRANCIS THOS WILSON
Brighton 850-1933
Wm Hy WILSON
Eastbourne '53-
ALFRED WILSON
London '58-1928
Thos STEAD FRANCIS
Deal
JAMES Wm BROOKER
Chailey '58-1918
STEPHEN ROWLAND
Cranleigh
ROBERT STEVENS
London
WILLIAM STEELE
Billingshurst
ALBERT BURTENSHAW
Hailsham '41-1930
DAVID PRICE
Horsham
Hy DOUGHTY BROWNE
London -1907
ARTHUR BURTENSHAW
London '59-
FREDERIC ALLEN
London '44-1927
THOMAS HOLLINGHAM Lindfield
EDWIN KENSSETT Billingshurst
ROBERT CHATFIELD Bromley & USA
HENRY ROWLAND Godstone

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SUMMARY OF TRUSTEE APPOINTMENTS

1922

FRANCIS THOS WILSON
Brighton
Wm Hy WILSON
Eastbourne
ALFRED WILSON
London
Thos STEAD FRANCIS
Deal
ALBERT BURTENSHAW
Hailsham
ARTHUR BURTENSHAW
Fakenham
FREDERIC ALLEN
Newton Abbott
(Continuing Trustees)
ALFRED TURNER
Keymer '69-1948
HENRY TURNER
Dunmow '71-1952
ARTHUR K WILSON
Brighton
EDITH WILSON
Brighton -1970
KATHLEEN R WILSON
London
JOHN THOMAS BIBBY
Hove '61-1947
ALBERT K BURTENSHAW
Hailsham -1936
JOHN H EVERY
Lewes -1941
Miss CONSTANCE FUNNELL
Lewes -1963
Mrs MARY JOHNSON
London -1960
Mrs ELLEN READ
London '76-1952

1975

Mrs K R BURNETT-HALL
Horsted Keynes
(Continuing Trustee)
ARTHUR K WILSON
(Retiring Trustee)
JANET F BUNKLE
Newick
JOHN E MEAD
Hurstpierpoint
PETER W SINDEN
Danehill
BASIL G BURNETT-HALL
Horsted Keynes
INGE SINDEN
Danehill
LDPA Inc
London
LEONARD J MAGUIRE
Croydon
JOHN R MAGUIRE
Croydon
ROBERT J PERRY
Hurstpierpoint
ANDREW G SHEPHERD
Oxford
B & P U A Inc
(Custodian Trustee)

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Mr John Lucas
to
Mr Robert Chatfield

Feoffment
Dated
30th April 1740

THIS INDENTURE made the Thirtieth day of April In the Thirteenth Year of the Reign of our Sovereigne Lord George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Brittain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and So forth And in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty

BETWEEN John Lucas of Barcombe in the County of Sussex Gentleman Lord of the Mannor of Camois Court in the Said County of the one part and Robert Chatfield of the Goat in the parish of Street in the Said County Yeoman of the other part

WHEREAS the Said Robert Chatfield Did on the day of the date of these presents Surrender into the hands of the Said John Lucas Lord of the Said Mannor of Camois Court by the rod and Acceptance of Thomas Attree Gentleman Steward of the Said Mannor

ALL that Tenement or Cottage and plott of Ground thereto belonging heretofore a Garden containing by estimation Twenty rodde of Land more or less and heretofore reputed for a Rood of Land with the Appurtenances in Ditchelling late Tanners before Humphreys before that Smiths heretofore Whites and sometime Naylors

abutting and bounding to the footpath there leading from Gunn'sfield to Eastend Lane towards the East to a plott of Land belonging to the heires of George Vandyke Gentleman deceased towards the South to the Vicarage Croft on the West and to the Kings highway there leading from Ditchelling Town to the East End towards the North

or howsoever otherwise the same is butted or bounded and paying to the Lord by the Year Six pence

AND the Reversion of and Reversions Remainder and Remainders thereof

AND all the Estate Right Title and Interest of him the Said Robert Chatfield of in to and out of the Same and every part thereof To the Intent and purpose that the Lord of the Said Mannor Shall by Deed of Feoffment or by some other good and Sufficient Freehold Conveyance and Assurance in the Said Grant Convey and assure the same premises To the Said Robert Chatfield his heires and assignes

TO the only proper use and behoof of the Said Robert Chatfield his heires and assignes for ever Discharged of and from all Quitrents Heriots Fines Heleias Suit of Court and other Services hereafter to be due and payable to the Lord and Lords for the time being of the Said Mannor of Camois Court as in and by the Said recited Surrender relation being thereunto had it doth and may appear

NOW THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH that the Said John Lucas for and in consideration of the Summe of Three pounds and three Shillings of lawfull money of Great Brittain to him in hand well and truly paid by the Said Robert Chatfield at or before the sealing and

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delivery of these presents the receipt whereof he the Said John Lucas doth hereby acknowledge and thereof and of every part thereof doth acquit release and discharge the Said Robert Chatfield his heires Executors and Administrators and every of them by these presents And for divers other good Causes and Considerations, him the Said John Lucas thereunto especially moving

HATH granted bargained Sold Aliened Enfeoffed and confirmed and by these presents Both grant bargain Sell Alien Enfeoff and confirm unto the Said Robert Chatfield his heires and assignes

ALL that Tenement or Cottage and plott of Ground thereto belonging heretofore a Garden containing by estimation Twenty rodde of Land more or less and heretofore reputed for a Rood of Land with the appurtenances in Ditchelling late Tanners before Humphreys before that Saiths heretofore Whites and sometime Maylors and abutting and bounding as in the Said recited Surrender is mentioned

AND the Diversion and Diversions Remainder and Remainders thereof

AND all the Estate Right Title and Interest of him the Said John Lucas of in to and out of the Same and every part thereof And the Freehold of Inheritance of the Said Tenement or Cottage Land and premises So Surrendered as aforesaid

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the Said Tenement or Cottage Land and premises with the appurtenances hereby granted and Enfeoffed or mentioned or intended to be hereby granted and Enfeoffed unto the Said Robert Chatfield his heires and Assignes

TO the only proper use and behoof of the Said Robert Chatfield his heires and Assignes for ever as a Freehold Estate of Inheritance to all Intents and purposes whatsoever and Discharged of all Quitrents Fines Heriots Release Suit of Court and other Services hereafter to be due and payable to the Lord or Lords for the time being of the Said Manor of Camois Court for and in respect of the premises or any part thereof in any wise howsoever

AND the Said John Lucas doth by these presents for himself his heires Executors Administrators and Assignes and every of them Covenant promise and grant to and with the Said Robert Chatfield his heires and Assignes in manner and form following (that is to say) That he the Said John Lucas is at the time of this Sealing and delivery of these presents lawfully Seized in his Domesne as of Fee of and in the Said Manor of Camois Court with it's rights members and appurtenances of a good perfect absolute and Indefeazible Estate of Inheritance in Fee Simple without any matter Cause or thing to revoke alter change charge or determine the Same And that he now hath in himself good right full power and Authority to grant enfeoffe and convey the same premises unto the Said Robert Chatfield his heires and Assignes in manner and form aforesaid and that the Tenement Cottage Land and premises (for and notwithstanding any Act matter or thing by him the Said John Lucas or any of his Ancestors done or Suffered to the contrary) now is and are free and clear of and from all and all manner of former and other Estates and Incumbrances whatsoever

AND further that the Said John Lucas his heires and Assignes and all and every other person or persons whatsoever any Estate having or lawfully claiming now or at any time or times hereafter of and in the premises or any part thereof from by or under him them or any of them Shall and will from time to time and at all times hereafter at the reasonable request and Costs and Charges in the Law of the Said Robert Chatfield his heires or Assignes Do make Levy Acknowledge and Suffer or cause to be done made levied Acknowledged and Suffered all all and every Such further and other lawfull and reasonable Act and Acts thing and things Conveyances and Assurances in the Law whatsoever for the better and more perfect Assuring Settling and confirming the Said Tenement Cottage and premises hereinbefore mentioned and every part thereof unto and to the use of the Said Robert Chatfield his heires and Assignes for ever. Be it by Fine or Fines Peoffment Common Recovery or Recoverys Release Confirmation or otherwise howsoever as by the Said Robert Chatfield his heires or Assignes or his or their Counsel learned in the Same shall be reasonably advised advised or required So as for the doing thereof he the Said John Lucas his heires or Assignes be not compelled to go or travel more than ten miles from the place of his or their abode.

IN WITNESS whereof the parties first above named to these present Indentures have hereunto Interchangeably Set their hands and Seals the day and Year first above written

Jn^o (Seal) Lucas

On the reverse side of the document is written:

Received the day and Year first within written of
and from the within named Robert Chatfield the Sum
of three pounds and three Shillings of Lawfull money of
Great Britain being the full Consideration money within
mentioned to be paid me Witness my hand

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Signed in the presence of Jn^o Lucas
Isaac Parsons
Thomas Attree

Sealed and delivered and peaceable and quiet possession
and Seizin also delivered of the Tenement Cottage and
premises within mentioned by the within named John Lucas
to the within named Robert Chatfield this Deed being
first duly Stampd in the presence of
Isaac Parsons
Thomas Attree

These Hiteings Be Long to the Church of Christ Meeting at the
Baptist Meeting house in Dichaling

Mr. Robert Chatfield
to
John Dancy & others

Bargain & Sale
Dated 1st May 1740

THIS INDENTURE made the first day of May In the Thirteenth Year of the Reign of our Sovereigne Lord George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Brittain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and So forth And in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty

BETWEEN Robert Chatfield of the Goat in the parish of Street in the County of Sussex Yeoman of the one part

and John Dancy of Cuckfield in the Said County	Yeoman
Michael Marten of Ditchelling in the Said County	Yeoman
Stephen Agate of Ditchelling aforesaid	Turner
John Caffin of Clayton in the Said County	Yeoman
Daniel Bourn of Street aforesaid	Farmer
Michael Marten of Keymer in the Said County	Yeoman
William Marten of Clayton aforesaid	Yeoman
Thomas Wood of Ditchelling aforesaid	Yeoman
John Bourn of Westmeston in the Said County	Husbandman
Benjamin Webb of Patcham in the Said County	Farmer
Richard Pannet of Keymer aforesaid	Farmer
and Thomas Hunter of Southover in the Said County	Weaver
	of the other part

WITNESSETH that the Said Robert Chatfield for and in Consideration of the Summe of Ten Shillings of Lawfull money of Great Brittain to him in hand well and truly paid by the Said John Dancy Michael Marten Stephen Agate John Caffin Daniel Bourn Michael Marten William Marten Thomas Wood John Bourn Benjamin Webb Richard Pannet and Thomas Hunter the Receipt whereof the Said Robert Chatfield doth hereby Acknowledge He the Said Robert Chatfield

HATH granted bargained Sold and confirmed and by these presents Doth grant bargain Sell and confirm unto the Said John Dancy Michael Marten Stephen Agate John Caffin Daniel Bourn Michael Marten William Marten Thomas Wood John Bourn Benjamin Webb Richard Pannet and Thomas Hunter

ALL that Tenement or Cottage and plott of Ground thereto belonging heretofore a Garden containing by estimation Twenty Rodds of Land either more or less and heretofore reputed for a Rood of Land with the appurtenances in Ditchelling late Tanners before Humpreys before that Smiths heretofore Whites and Sometime Naylor's abutting and bounding to the Footpath there leading from Gunfield to East End Lane towards the East to a plott of Ground belonging to the heires of George Vandyke Gentlemen deceased towards the South to the Vicarage Croft on the West and to the Kings highway there leading from Ditchelling Town to the East End towards the North or howsoever otherwise the Same is butted or bounded now or late in the tenure or occupation of Isaac Parsons the Elder or his Assignes which Said Tenement and premises was lately a Copyhold

and held of the Manner of Casois Court by Copy of Court Roll and was by John Lucas Gentleman Lord of the Manner by his Deed of Peoffment bearing Date the day next before the day of this Date hereof Granted and Enfeoffed to the Said Robert Chatfield and his heires for ever as and for a Freehold Tenement

AND the Reversion and Reversions Remainder and Remainders Rents Issues and profits of the Said Tenement and premises hereby granted bargained and Sold and every part and parcell thereof TOGETHER with all Ways Waters Lights Easments priviledges and Advantages to the Same belonging or therewith usually Enjoyed or reputed as parcell thereof

AND ALSO all the Estate Right Title Claims and Demand whatsoever of the Said Robert Chatfield of in to and out of the premises and every part and parcell thereof

AND all Deeds Evidences and writings concerning the Said premises or any part thereof now in the Custody or power of the Said Robert Chatfield or which he can or may come by without Suit in law

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the Said Tenement or Cottage Land and premises before mentioned to be hereby granted bargained Sold and confirmed or Intended So to be with all and Singular the appurtenances unto the Said John Dancy Michael Marten Stephen Agate John Caffin Daniel Bourn Michael Marten William Marten Thomas Wood John Bourn Benjamin Webb Richard Pannet and Thomas Hunter their heires and Assignes

TO the only proper use and behoof of the Said John Dancy Michael Marten Stephen Agate John Caffin Daniel Bourn Michael Marten William Marten Thomas Wood John Bourn Benjamin Webb Richard Pannet and Thomas Hunter their heires and Assignes for ever

UPON this Special Trust and Confidence nevertheless and to the Intent and purpose That then the Said John Dancy Michael Marten Stephen Agate John Caffin Daniel Bourn Michael Marten William Marten Thomas Wood John Bourn Benjamin Webb Richard Pannet and Thomas Hunter their heires and Assignes Shall from time to time apply the Tenement or Cottage Land and premises hereby granted bargained Sold and confirmed and the rents and profits thereof to Such Charitable use or Uses as the Said John Dancy Michael Marten Stephen Agate John Caffin Daniel Bourn Michael Marten William Marten Thomas Wood John Bourn Benjamin Webb Richard Pannet and Thomas Hunter or the greater part of them Shall in their Judgment and discretion think most proper

AND UPON THIS FURTHER TRUST and Confidence that as Soon as any one two three four five Six or Seven at the most of them the Said John Dancy Michael Marten Stephen Agate John Caffin Daniel Bourn Michael Marten William Marten Thomas Wood John Bourn Benjamin Webb Richard Pannet and Thomas Hunter Shall depart this life or Surrender their Estate or Interest in the Said premises That then Such Survivours or remaining Trustees or the greater number of them Shall chuse Twelve Such other persons as they in their Discretion Shall think most proper to be new Trustees in the room and Stead of them the Said John Dancy Michael Marten Stephen Agate John Caffin

Daniel Bourn Michael Marten William Marten Thomas Wood John Bourn Benjamin Webb Richard Pannet and Thomas Hunter And that then and thereupon Such Surviving or remaining old Trustees Shall by Such good Assurances in the Law as Counsel Shall advise well and Sufficiently Convey the premises unto and to the use of Such Twelve new Trustees So to be chosen as aforesaid their heires and Assignes for ever In Trust for Such Charitable use or uses as Such new Trustees or the greater part of them Shall think most proper and with like power and direction that whenever Such Trustees Shall again be reduced to the number of Eleven, Ten, Nine, Eight, Seven, Six or five at the least by the Death or Surrender of the rest of them and in any of the Said Cases the Surviving and remaining Trustees or the greater part of them Shall chuse twelve Such and Convey the premises to them in the Manner before directed It being the Intent of all the Said parties hereto that the premises hereby granted bargained Sold and Confirmed Shall always be applied to Such Charitable use or uses as the Trustees for the time being or the greater part of them Shall think most proper And that whenever and as often as the Trustees for the time being Shall be reduced to the Number of Eleven, Ten, Nine, Eight, Seven, Six or five at the least That the Surviving and remaining Trustees Shall from time to time continually Convey the premises to twelve New Trustees in the manner before directed

AND the Said Robert Chatfield for himself his heires Executors and Administrators and for every of them doth Covenant promise and grant to and with the Said John Dancy Michael Marten Stephen Agate John Caffin Daniel Bourn Michael Marten William Marten Thomas Wood John Bourn Benjamin Webb Richard Pannet and Thomas Hunter their heires and Assignes by these presents in manner following (that is to say) That the Said Robert Chatfield before the Sealing and delivery of these presents was lawfully Seized of an Absolute and Indefeasible Estate of Inheritance in Fee Simple of and in the Said Tenement Cottage and premises hereby granted bargained Sold and confirmed and that the Same are free from all Incumbrances done committed or Suffered by the Said Robert Chatfield or any person claiming Under him And that the Said Robert Chatfield his heires and Assignes and all and every other person lawfully claiming now or at any time hereafter and Estate Right Title or Interest of in or to the premises hereby granted bargained Sold and confirmed or mentioned So to be or any part or parcell thereof Shall and will at all times hereafter upon the reasonable request and at the Costs and Charges of the Said John Dancy Michael Marten Stephen Agate John Caffin Daniel Bourn Michael Marten William Marten Thomas Wood John Bourn Benjamin Webb Richard Pannet and Thomas Hunter their heires and Assignes Do Levy execute Acknowledge and Suffer all Such further and reasonable Acts whatsoever for the further and more perfect Assuring and Settling the Said Tenement or Cottage peice of Ground and all and Singular the premises hereby granted bargained Sold and confirmed and every part thereof with all and Singular the Appurtenances unto the Said John Dancy Michael Marten Stephen Agate John Caffin Daniel Bourn Michael Marten William Marten Thomas Wood John Bourn Benjamin Webb Richard Pannet and Thomas Hunter their heires and Assignes or their Counsel learned in the Law Shall be reasonably advised

or required So as the persons that Shall be required to make or Execute the Same be not compelled to travel for the doing thereof from the place of their habitation or abode

AND the Said John Dancy Michael Marten Stephen Agate John Caffin Daniel Bourn Michael Marten William Marten Thomas Wood John Bourn Benjamin Webb Richard Pannet and Thomas Hunter for themselves their heires Executors Administrators and Assignes Do Covenant promise and grant to and with the Said Robert Chatfield his heires and Assignes by these presents That they the Said John Dancy Michael Marten Stephen Agate John Caffin Daniel Bourn Michael Marten William Marten Thomas Wood John Bourn Benjamin Webb Richard Pannet and Thomas Hunter their heires and Assignes Shall and will apply the Tenement or Cottage and premises hereby granted bargained Sold and confirmed to Such Charitable use or uses as the greater part of them Shall think proper and Shall and will from time to time chuse Twelve new Trustees in the room of Such Trustees as Shall dye or Surrender their Estate or Interest in the premises hereby granted bargained Sold and confirmed as often as the Trustees for the time being Shall by the Death or Surrender of any of the Trustees be reduced to the Number of Eleven Ten Nine Eight, Seven Six or five at the least and Shall and will by good Conveyance and Assurance in the Law as Counsel shall advise Convey the Said premises and all their Estate and Interest therein unto Such new Trustees So to be chosen and their heires and Assignes According to the true Intent of these presents before directed And Shall take care that Such new chosen Trustees do enter into proper Covenants with the Trustees who chuse them to fill up the Said Trust by Chusing Twelve new Trustees when ever they Shall be again reduced to the Number of Five at least

IN WITNESS whereof the parties first above named to these present Indentures have hereunto Interchangeably Sett their hands and Seals the day and Year first above written

Robert	(S)	Chatfield
John	(S)	Dancy
Mich	(S)	Marten
Stephen	(S)	Agate
John	(S)	Caffin
Daniel	(S)	Bourn
Michael	(S)	Marten
Will	(S)	Marten
Thomas	(S)	Wood
John	(S)	Bourn
Benjamin	(S)	Webb
Richard	(S)	Pannatt
Tho	(S)	Hunter

The following appear on the reverse side of the Deed

'Received the day and Year first within written of and from the within named John Dancy and other the Grantees within named the Summe of Ten Shillings of lawfull money of Great Brittain being the full Consideration money within mentioned to be paid to me Witness my hand

Robt. Chatfield

Signed in the presence of

Jn^o Lucas
Thomas Attree

'Sealed and delivered being first duly Stampd by the within named Robert Chatfield these worde viz. (Seven Six or five) being first inserted in proper place of the several crasures as within written in the presence of

Jn^o Lucas
Thomas Attree

'Sealed and delivered by the within named John Dancy and the other Trustees within named in the presence of

Matt Hunter
John Evershed

'Be it remembered that the fourteenth day of June in the Year of our Lord 1740 the within named Robert Chatfield the Grantor came before me John Walls one of the Masters Extraordinary in the High Court of Chancery and did voluntarily acknowledge the within written to be his Act and Deed in order for obtaining the Same to be Inrolled upon the Rolle of the same Court In Witness whereof he hath hereunto set his hand the Day and Year above written

Robert Chatfield

Acknowledged the day and Year above written before me

John Walls (Watts ?) one of the Masters in Chancery Extraordinary

Joseph Chatfield
to
John Dancy & ors

Bargain & Sale
Dated 30th October 1758

THIS INDENTURE made the Thirtieth Day of October in the Thirty Second Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth And in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Eight

BETWEEN Joseph Chatfield of Ditcheling in the County of Sussex Yeoman of the one part

AND John Dancy of Cuckfield in the said County Yeoman
Stephen Agate of Ditchelling aforesaid Turner
Daniel Bourn of Street in the said County Farmer
John Bourn of Ditchelling aforesaid Farmer
Richard Pannett of Keyser in the said County Farmer
Thomas Pannett of Clayton in the said County Farmer
Michael Marten of Westfirie in the said County Farmer
William Marten of Telescomb in the said County Farmer
Thomas Wood of Ditchelling aforesaid Farmer
Michael Chatfield of Ditchelling aforesaid Gentleman
James Browne of Challey in the said County Mercer
Peter Browne of Lindfield in the said County Mercer
John Browne of Ditchelling aforesaid Mercer
John Dancy the Younger of Cuckfield in the said County Husbandman
Daniel Pannett of Newick in the County aforesaid Farmer
Thomas Agate of Ditchelling aforesaid Turner
of the other part

WITNESSETH that the said Joseph Chatfield for and in consideration of the Sum of Ten Shillings of Lawfull Money of Great Britain to him in hand at and before the Sealing and delivery of these presents well and truly paid by the said John Dancy, Stephen Agate, Daniel Bourn, John Bourn, Richard Pannett, Thomas Pannett, Michael Marten, William Marten, Thomas Wood, Michael Chatfield, James Browne, Peter Browne, John Browne, John Dancy the Younger, Daniel Pannett and Thomas Agate, the Receipt whereof the said Joseph Chatfield both hereby acknowledge He the said Joseph Chatfield

HATH Granted Bargained Sold and Confirmed and by these presents DOth Grant Bargain Sell and Confirm to the said John Dancy, Stephen Agate, Daniel Bourn, John Bourn, Richard Pannett, Thomas Pannett, Michael Marten, William Marten, Thomas Wood, Michael Chatfield, James Browne, Peter Browne, John Browne, John Dancy the Younger, Daniel Pannett and Thomas Agate

ALL that Tenement or Cottage and plot of Ground thereto belonging heretofore a Garden containing by Estimation Twenty Rodds of Land either more or less and heretofore reputed for a Rood of Land with the appurtenances in Ditchelling late Tannors before Busphreys before that Smiths heretofore Whites and sometime Maylors Abutting and bounding

to the footpath there leading from Cunsfield to East End lane towards the East
to a plott of Ground belonging to the Heirs of George Vandyke towards the South
to the Vicarage Croft towards the West
and to the Kings Highway there leading from Ditchelling Town to the East end towards the North

or howsoever otherwise the same is butted or bounded now or late in the Tenure or Occupation of Isaac Parsons the Elder or his Assignes which said Tenement and Premises was lately a Copyhold and held of the Manor of Canole Court by Copy of Court Roll and was by John Lucas Gentleman Lord of the said Manor by his Deed of Feoffment bearing Date the thirtieth Day of April which was in the Year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and Forty Granted and Enfeoffed to Robert Chatfield and his Heirs as a Freehold Tenement and is now the Estate of Inheritance of the said Joseph Chatfield the only Surviving Son of the said Robert Chatfield

AND the Reversion and Reversions Remainder and Remainders Rents Issues and profits of the said Tenement and premises hereby Granted Bargained and Sold and every part and parcel thereof Together with all ways waters Lights Easements Priviledges and Advantages to the same belonging or therewith usually Enjoyed or reputed as parcell thereof And also All the Estate Right Title Interest Claim and Demand whatsoever of the said Joseph Chatfield to of in to and out of the premises and every part and parcel thereof And all Deeds Evidences and Writings concerning the said premises or any part thereof now in the custody or power of the said Joseph Chatfield or which he can or may come by without Suit in Law

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said Tenement or Cottage Land and premises before mentioned to be hereby Granted Bargained Sold and Confirmed or Intended so to be with all and Singular the Appurtenances unto the said John Dancy, Stephen Agate, Daniel Bourn, John Bourn, Richard Fannett, Thomas Fannett, Michael Marten, William Marten, Thomas Wood, Michael Chatfield, James Browne, Peter Browne, John Browne, John Dancy the Younger, Daniel Fannett and Thomas Agate their Heirs and Assignes

TO the only proper use and behoof of the said John Dancy, Stephen Agate, Daniel Bourn, John Bourn, Richard Fannett, Thomas Fannett, Michael Marten, William Marten, Thomas Wood, Michael Chatfield, James Browne, Peter Browne, John Browne, John Dancy the Younger, Daniel Fannett and Thomas Agate their Heirs and Assignes for ever

UPON this Special Trust and Confidence Nevertheless and to the Intent and Purpose that they the said John Dancy, Stephen Agate, Daniel Bourn, John Bourn, Richard Fannett, Thomas Fannett, Michael Marten, William Marten, Thomas Wood, Michael Chatfield, James Browne, Peter Browne, John Browne, John Dancy the Younger, Daniel Fannett and Thomas Agate and Joseph Chatfield their Heirs and Assignes shall from time to time apply the Tenement or Cottage Land and premises hereby Granted Bargained Sold and Confirmed and the rents and profits thereof to such Charitable use or uses as the said John Dancy, Stephen Agate, Daniel Bourn, John Bourn, Richard Fannett, Thomas Fannett, Michael Marten, William Marten, Thomas Wood, Michael Chatfield, James Browne, Peter Browne, John Browne, John Dancy the Younger, Daniel Fannett and Thomas Agate

and Joseph Chatfield or the greater part of them shall in their Judgement and Discretion think most proper

AND UPON THIS FURTHER TRUST and Consideration that as soon as any one two three four five Six or Seven at the most of them the said John Dancy Stephen Agate Daniel Bourn, John Bourn, Richard Fannett Thomas Fannett Michael Marten William Marten Thomas Wood Michael Chatfield James Browne Peter Browne John Browne John Dancy the Younger, Daniel Fannett Thomas Agate and Joseph Chatfield shall Depart this life or Surrender their Estate or Interest in the said premises That then such Survivors or remaining Trustees or the greater Number of them shall chuse Twelve such other persons as they in their Discretion shall think most proper to be New Trustees in the room and Stead of them the said John Dancy Stephen Agate Daniel Bourn John Bourn Richard Fannett Thomas Fannett Michael Marten William Marten Thomas Wood Michael Chatfield James Browne Peter Browne John Browne John Dancy the Younger Daniel Fannett and Thomas Agate and Joseph Chatfield and that thereupon such Surviving or remaining Trustees shall by such good Assurances in the Law as Councill shall Advise well and sufficiently Convey the premises unto and to the use of such Twelve new Trustees so to be chosen aforesaid their Heirs and Assignes for ever

IN TRUST for such Charitable use or uses as such New Trustees or the greater part of them shall think most proper and with the power and Direction that whenever such Trustees shall again be reduced to the Number of Eleven, Ten, Nine, Eight, Seven, Six or Five at the least by the Death or Surrender of the rest then and in any of the said Cases The Surviving and remaining Trustees or the greater part of them shall chuse twelve such other Trustees as they shall in their Judgement think fit and Convey the premises to them in the manner before Directed

IT BEING the Intent of all the said Parties hereto that the premises hereby Granted Bargained Sold and Confirmed shall always be Applied to such Charitable Use or Uses as the Trustees for the time being or the greater part of them think most proper and that whenever and as often as the Trustees for the time being shall be reduced to the Number of Eleven, Ten, Nine, Eight, Seven, Six or Five at the least that then the Surviving and remaining Trustees shall from time to time continually Convey the premises to Twelve New Trustees in the manner before Directed

AND the said Joseph Chatfield for himself his Heirs Executors and Administrators and for every of them doth Covenant Promise and Grant to and with the said John Dancy Stephen Agate Daniel Bourn John Bourn Richard Fannett Thomas Fannett Michael Marten William Marten Thomas Wood Michael Chatfield James Browne Peter Browne John Browne John Dancy the Younger Daniel Fannett and Thomas Agate their Heirs and Assignes by these presents in manner following that is to say That for and Notwithstanding any Act Matter or Thing by him the said Joseph Chatfield made done or committed or wittingly or willingly Surrendered to the contrary he

the said Joseph Chatfield before the Sealing and Delivery of these presents was Lawfully Seized of an Absolute and Indefeasible Estate of Inheritance in fee Simple of and in the said Tenement Cottage and premises hereby Granted Bargained Sold and Confirmed and that the same are free from all Incumbrances done Committed or suffered by the said Joseph Chatfield or any person Claiming under him and that the said Joseph Chatfield his Heirs and Assigns and all and every other person lawfully Claiming now or at any time hereafter and Estate Right Title or Interest of in or to the premises hereby Granted Bargained Sold and Confirmed or mentioned so to be or any Part or Parcel thereof shall and will at all times hereafter upon the reasonable request and at the Costs and charges of the said John Dancy Stephen Agate Daniel Bourn John Bourn Richard Pannett Thomas Pannett Michael Marten William Marten Thomas Wood Michael Chatfield James Browne Peter Browne John Browne John Dancy the Younger Daniel Pannett and Thomas Agate their Heirs and Assigns Do Levy Execute Acknowledge and suffer all such further and reasonable Acts whatsoever for the further and more perfect Assuring and Settling the said Tenement or Cottage Piece of Ground and all and Singular the premises hereby Granted Bargained Sold and Confirmed with all and Singular the Appurtenances unto the said John Dancy Stephen Agate Daniel Bourn John Bourn Richard Pannett Thomas Pannett Michael Marten William Marten Thomas Wood Michael Chatfield James Browne Peter Browne John Browne John Dancy the Younger Daniel Pannett and Thomas Agate their Heirs or Assigns or their Councell Learned in the Law shall be reasonably advised or required So as the persons that shall be required to make or Execute the same be not Compelled to Travel for the doing thereof from the Place of their Habitation or Abode

AND the said John Dancy Stephen Agate Daniel Bourn John Bourn Richard Pannett Thomas Pannett Michael Marten William Marten Thomas Wood Michael Chatfield James Browne Peter Browne John Browne John Dancy the Younger Daniel Pannett and Thomas Agate for themselves their Heirs Executors Administrators and Assigns Do Covenant promise and Grant to and with the said Joseph Chatfield his Heirs and Assigns by these presents That they the said John Dancy Stephen Agate Daniel Bourn John Bourn Richard Pannett Thomas Pannett Michael Marten William Marten Thomas Wood Michael Chatfield James Browne Peter Browne John Browne John Dancy the Younger Daniel Pannett and Thomas Agate their Heirs and Assigns shall and will apply the Tenement or Cottage and premises hereby Granted Bargained Sold and Confirmed to such Charitable Use or Uses as they or the greater part of them together with the said Joseph Chatfield shall think proper and shall from time to time chuse Twelve New Trustees in the Room of such Trustees as shall Die or Surrender their Estate or Interest in the premises hereby Granted Bargained Sold and Confirmed as often as the Trustees for the time being shall by the Death or Surrender of any of the Trustees be reduced to the Number of Eleven Ten Nine Eight Seven Six or Five at the least and shall and

will by good Conveyance and Assurance in the Law as Councell shall Advise Convey the said premises and all their Estate and Interest therein unto such New Trustees so to be chosen and their Heirs and Assigns according to the true Intent of these presents before Directed and shall take care that such New chosen Trustees do enter into proper Covenants with the Trustees who chuse them to fill up the said Trust by choosing Twelve New Trustees whenever they shall be again reduced to the Number of Five at the least

IN WITNESS whereof the said Parties to these presents have hereunto Interchangeably Set their Hands and Seals the Day and Year First above Written

Joseph (S)	Chatfield	John (S)	Dancy	Stephen (S)	Agate
Daniell (S)	Bourn	John (S)	Bourn	Richard (S)	Pannett
Thomas (S)	Pannett	Michael (S)	Marten	Will (S)	Marten
Thomas (S)	Wood	Mich (S)	Chatfield	James (S)	Browne
Peter (S)	Browne	John (S)	Dancy Junr	Daniel (S)	Pannett
Thomas (S)	Agate				

Note in the margin of the Deed;

'This Deed was Acknowledged by Joseph Chatfield one of the parties thereto at Lewes in the County of Sussex the 24th Day of March 1759 Before Me a Master Extraordinary in Chancery

Ri: Ridesat (?)

Note on the reverse side of the Deed:

'Inrolled in his Majestys High Court of Chancery the Twentyninth day of March in the Year of our Lord 1759 being first duly Stampd according to the tenor of the Statute made in the Sixth Year of the Reign of their Late Majesties King Wm. and Queen Mary

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By Huspht Hackshaw

Mr Thomas Pannett & another }
to }
Mr Michael Chatfield & others }

Dated 29 May 1790
BARGAIN & SALE

THIS INDENTURE made 29 May 30 G III R 1790

BETWEEN	Thomas Pannett of Clayton Sussex	Yeoman	
	John Dancy of Cuckfield Sussex	Husbandman	
		of the one part	
AND	Michael Chatfield of Ditchelling Sussex	Gentleman	
	John Chatfield of London	Timber Merchant	
	Henry Browne of Ditchelling aforesaid	Mercer	
	Edward Colbran of Lindfield Sussex	Blacksmith	
	John Dancy the Younger of Worth Sussex	Yeoman	
	William Dancy of Worth aforesaid	Yeoman	
	Richard Beal of Cuckfield Sussex	Yeoman	New
	Thomas Pannett of Ditchelling Sussex	Yeoman	1790
	Daniel Owen of Street Sussex	Thatcher	Trustees
	Isaac Walder of Cuckfield aforesaid	Malster	
	Michael Dancy of Cuckfield aforesaid	Yeoman	
	Joseph Marten of Beddingham Sussex	Yeoman	
	Robert Mercer of the Parish of St Peter & St Mary Westout Lewes Sussex	Gentleman	
	Thomas Walder of Cuckfield aforesaid	Yeoman	
	Josiah Dancy of Cuckfield aforesaid	Yeoman	
	John Brocfield the Younger of Clayton Sussex	Yeoman	
	William Lempriere of the Parish of St Michael in Lewes	Glazier	
	John Burgess of Ditchelling aforesaid	Glover	
		of the other part	
WHEREAS	by Indenture and Bargain & Sale Enrolled in the High Court of Chancery 30 October 1758		
BETWEEN	Joseph Chatfield of Ditchelling aforesaid	Yeoman	
		of the one part	
AND	John Dancy of Cuckfield Sussex	Yeoman	
	Stephen Agate of Ditchelling	Turner	
	Daniel Bourn of Street	Farmer	
	John Bourn of Ditchelling	Farmer	
	Richard Pannett of Keymer	Farmer	
	Thomas Pannett of Clayton	Farmer	New
	Michael Marten of Westfirie	Farmer	1758
	William Marten of Telcombe	Farmer	Trustees
	Thomas Wood of Ditchelling	Farmer	
	Michael Chatfield of Ditchelling	Gentleman	
	James Browne of Chailey	Mercer	
	Peter Browne of Lindfield	Mercer	
	John Browne of Ditchelling	Mercer	
	John Dancy the Younger of Cuckfield	Husbandman	
	Daniel Pannett of Newick	Farmer	
	Thomas Agate of Ditchelling	Turner	
		of the other part	

the said Joseph Chatfield for the consideration therein mentioned
Did Grant Bargain Sell Alien Remise Release and Confirm

the Tenement or Cottage Land and Hereditaments therein .. mentioned unto the said John Dancy etc (New 1758 Trustees) To hold to them their Heirs and Assigns for ever To for and upon such uses Trusts .. as are therein and hereinafter particularly mentioned and in case any one .. of seven of the Trustees should die .. the remaining or greater number of them should choose twelve new Trustees and convey the said Tenement .. upon the same Trusts

AND WHEREAS the said John Dancy etc .. are now all deceased and Thomas Pannett and John Dancy the Younger are the only surviving Trustees

Therefore for settling conveying .. the said Tenement .. Thomas Pannett and John Dancy have agreed to convey and Assure the said Tenement .. unto the said Michael Chatfield etc (New 1790 Trustees)

NOW THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH that in consideration of the sum of ten shillings .. to them the said Thomas Pannett and John Dancy in hand well and truly paid by the said Michael Chatfield etc and before Ensealing and Delivery of these presents .. receipt acknowledged .. that Thomas Pannett and John Dancy have and each of them HATH granted .. and each of them BOTH grant unto .. Michael Chatfield etc (New 1790 Trustees)

ALL That Tenement or Cottage and Plot of Ground thereto belonging heretofore a Garden Containing by Estimation twenty Rodds of Land either more or less and heretofore reputed for a Rood of Land with appurtenances in Ditchelling late Tanners before Humphreys before that Smiths heretofore Whites and some time Maylors abutting and abounding to a footpath here leading from Gunfield to East end lane towards the East to a plot of Ground belonging to the heirs of George Vandyke Gentleman deceased towards the South to the Vicarage Croft on the West and to the Kings highway there leading from Ditchelling Town to the East an towards the North

or howsoever otherwise the same is butted or bounded now or late in the Tenure or Occupation of Isaac Parsons the Elder or his assigns

which said Tenement and Premises was lately a copyhold and held of the manor of Camois Court by Copy of Court Roll and was by John Lucas Gentleman Lord of the said Manor by his deed of feoffment bearing date 30 April 1740 Granted and Enfeoffed to Robert Chatfield and his heirs as a freehold Tenement .. hereby Bargained and Sold .. Together with all ways waters .. reputed a parcel thereof

AND ALSO All the Estate Right Title .. of the said Thomas Pannett and John Dancy .. Together with all Deeds Evidences .. together with the above recited Indenture now in the hands .. of Thomas Pannett and John Dancy or which .. they can come by without suit at Law or in Equity

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said Tenement .. hereby Granted Bargained Sold and Confirmed .. unto the said Michael Chatfield etc .. their Heirs and Assigns for ever

In Trust nevertheless and to and for the several uses intents and purposes hereinafter declared and appointed of and concerning the same .. That the said Michael Chatfield etc their Heirs and Assigns shall and will from time to time apply the said Tenement or Cottage .. And the rents and profits thereof to such Charitable uses as they or the greater number of them .. in their Judgment and discretion think proper

And Upon This Further Trust and confidence that as soon as .. most of them shall depart this life .. then the surviving Trustees shall choose twelve such other persons as they shall think proper in the room of Michael Chatfield etc .. shall by such conveyances .. well and sufficiently Convey the premises .. unto and to the use of such New Trustees .. for Ever In Trust for such Charitable uses as .. the greater number of them think most proper and with like power and direction ..

AND the said Thomas Pannett and John Dancy .. doth Covenant Promise grant and agree to and with the said Michael Chatfield etc .. by these presents in manner and form following that is to say that the said Thomas Pannett and John Dancy have not .. at any time heretofore done Committed or wittingly .. suffered any matter .. whereby .. the premises .. may be Impeached Charged or Incumbered in Title Charge Estate or otherwise howsoever

AND LASTLY that the said Thomas Pannett and John Dancy .. and all other persons .. claiming under them shall .. at the request Costs and Charges of them the said Michael Chatfield etc .. from time to time and at all times make any further Assurance of the premises .. unto them the said Michael Chatfield etc.. To and for the uses Intents .. herebefore mentioned .. as shall be reasonably .. required

IN WITNESS whereof the parties aforesaid have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and the year first above written

Robert Mercer	(S)	John Broomfield	(S)	Joe Marten	(S)
Hy Browne	(S)	John Dancy Senior	(S)	Thomas Pannett	(S)
Josiah Dancy	(S)	Thomas Pannett	(S)	Michael Dancy	(S)
Edw Colbran	(S)	Mich Chatfield	(S)	John Dancy	(S)
Wm Lempriere	(S)	John Chatfield	(S)	Thos Walder	(S)
Isa Walder	(S)	John Burgess	(S)	William Dancy	(S)
Richard Beal	(S)	Daniel Owden	(S)		

In a margin is written:

* This Deed was acknowledged by Robert Mercer one of the parties hereto who prayed that the same be enrolled the 15 day of July 1790 before me Joe Smith A Master in Chancery Extraordinary

On the reverse side of the first of the two sheets which comprise the Deed is written:

* Enrolled in HM High Court of Chancery 21 July 1790 being first duly stamped according to the Tenor of the statutes made for that purpose
John Mitford
5.9.7.

Robert Chatfield
to
John Chatfield & others

} Dated June 1821
One Year Lease of
New Burial Ground

THIS INDENTURE made the day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty one

BETWEEN Robert Chatfield of Ditcheling in the County of Sussex Esquire of the one part

And the within named
John Chatfield
Henry Browne
Edward Colbran
William Dancy
Daniel Owden
Isaac Walder
Michael Dancy
Thomas Walder and
William Lempriere

of the other part

WITNESSETH that the said Robert Chatfield in consideration of five shillings of lawful English money to him in hand paid by each of them the said John Chatfield Henry Browne Edward Colbran William Dancy Daniel Owden Isaac Walder Michael Dancy Thomas Walder and William Lempriere at or immediately before the sealing and delivery hereof the receipts whereof are hereby acknowledged

HATH bargained and sold and by these presents DOETH bargain and sell unto the said John Chatfield Henry Browne Edward Colbran William Dancy Daniel Owden Isaac Walder Michael Dancy Thomas Walder and William Lempriere their executors administrators and assigns

ALL that small piece or parcel of land or ground containing by admeasurement twenty six perches little more or less situate lying and being in the parish of Ditcheling aforesaid and abutting

on the East partly to premises of Stephen Andrews and partly to a private burying ground belonging to the Browne family
on the West partly to a Plot of ground of Peter Rowland and partly to the cottage and premises within conveyed
on the North to a narrow slip of ground adjoining the School House of the British Institution and
on the South to a piece of ground of the said Robert Chatfield called the Burnt House Plot

AND all ways passages rights members and appurtenances to the said piece of ground intended to be hereby bargained and Sold belonging and appertaining

AND the reversion and reversions remainder and remainders rents issues and profits thereof

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the same piece of ground and hereditaments with the appurtenances unto the said John Chatfeild Henry Browne Edward Colbran William Dancey Daniel Ouden Isaac Walder Michael Dancey Thomas Walder and William Lespriere their executors administrators and assigns from the day next before the day of the date of these presents for and during and unto the full end of One Whole Year from thence next ensuing and fully to be complete and ended

To The Intent And Purpose that by virtue of these presents and by force of the Statute made for transferring Uses into possession the said John Chatfeild Henry Browne Edward Colbran William Dancey Daniel Ouden Isaac Walder Michael Dancey Thomas Walder and William Lespriere may be in the actual possession of the same hereditaments and premises hereby bargained and sold or intended so to be and may be thereby enabled to accept a Grant and Release of the Freehold Reversion and Inheritance thereof to them their heirs and assigns according to the purport and effect of a certain Indenture of Release already prepared and intended to bear date the day next after the day of the date hereof and made or expressed to be made between the same parties as are respectively parties to these presents

IN WITNESS whereof the said parties to these presents have hereunto set their Hands and Seals the day and Year first above written

Robt. Chatfeild (S)

Signed Sealed and delivered by the
above named Robert Chatfeild
(being first duly stamped)
in the presence of

James Browne
John Browne

Sealed and Delivered
(being first duly stamped)
in the presence of

Thos Street

Robert Chatfeild
to
John Chatfeild & others

} Dated June 1821
} Bargain & Sale of
} New Burial Ground

THIS INDENTURE made the day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty one

BETWEEN Robert Chatfeild of Ditcheling in the county of Sussex Esquire of the one part

And the within named

John Chatfeild now of Stockwell in the county of Surrey Esquire
Henry Browne now of Lewes
Edward Colbran
William Dancey now of Cockfield
Daniel Ouden now of Horeham in the said county of Sussex
Isaac Walder
Michael Dancey
Thomas Walder now of Lindfield and
William Lespriere now of Croydon in the county of Surrey of the other part

WHEREAS the said Robert Chatfeild hath agreed with the said other parties hereto for the absolute sale to them of the piece of ground hereinafter described at the price of Twenty six pounds

NOW this Indenture WITNESSETH that for and in consideration of the sum of Twenty six pounds of lawful British money to the said Robert Chatfeild in hand immediately before the sealing and delivery of these presents paid by the said other parties hereto (the receipt whereof in full for the absolute purchase of the piece of ground hereinafter described the said Robert Chatfeild doth hereby admit and acknowledge) he the said Robert Chatfeild in pursuance exercise and execution of the power or authority given and reserved to him in and by a certain Indenture of Release bearing date the thirty first day of December in the year one thousand eight hundred and seven and of all other powers and authorities him in any wise enabling by this deed or instrument in writing by him sealed and delivered in the presence of two credible persons whose names are intended to be subscribed to the attestation hereupon indorsed

Doth absolutely and irrevocably direct limit and appoint And for further assurance the said Robert Chatfeild Doth also in respect of his estate and interest grant bargain sell alien release and confirm unto the said John Chatfeild Henry Browne Edward Colbran William Dancey Daniel Ouden Isaac Walder Michael Dancey Thomas Walder and William Lespriere their heirs and assigns

ALL that small piece or parcel of land or ground containing by admeasurement twenty six perches little more or less situate lying and being in the parish of Ditcheling aforesaid and abutting

on the East partly to premises of Stephen Andrews and partly to a private burying ground belonging to the Browne family

On the West partly to a plot of ground of Peter Rowland and partly to the cottage and premises within conveyed On the North to a narrow slip of ground adjoining the School House of the British Institution and on the South to a piece of ground of the said Robert Chatfeild called the Burnt House Plot

And all ways passages rights members and appurtenances to the said piece of ground intended to be hereby appointed and released belonging or appertaining (All which said piece of ground and hereditaments are now legally vested in the said John Chatfeild Henry Browne Edward Colbran William Dancy Daniel Ouden Isaac Walder Michael Dancy Thomas Walder and William Lempriere for the term of one year by virtue of the bargain and sale to them hereof made by the said Robert Chatfeild and hereunto annexed)

And the reversion and reversions remainder and remainders yearly and other rents issues and profits thereof

And all the estate right title use trust property claim and demand of him the said Robert Chatfeild whatsoever therein or thereto

To have and TO HOLD the same piece of ground and hereditaments with the appurtenances unto and to the use and behoof of them the said John Chatfeild Henry Browne Edward Colbran William Dancy Daniel Ouden Isaac Walder Michael Dancy Thomas Walder and William Lempriere their heirs and assigns for ever

And the said Robert Chatfeild for himself his heirs executors administrators doth hereby covenant declare and agree with and to the said other parties to these presents their heirs and assigns in manner following that is to say, that notwithstanding any act deed matter or thing done occasioned or suffered by him the said Robert Chatfeild or any former owner or proprietor of the said piece of ground to the contrary he the said Robert Chatfeild now hath in himself full power and absolute right and title to appoint release and convey the said piece of ground and hereditaments in manner aforesaid and according to the true intent and meaning of these presents

And that they the said John Chatfeild Henry Browne Edward Colbran William Dancy Daniel Ouden Isaac Walder Michael Dancy Thomas Walder and William Lempriere and their heirs and assigns shall and may at all times hereafter enter into and upon and hold retain and enjoy the same piece of ground and hereditaments with the appurtenances without any lawful interruption or disturbance whatsoever of or by him the said Robert Chatfeild or his heirs or of or by any other person or persons whomsoever claiming or to claim by from under or in trust for them or any of them or by from or under any former owner or proprietor of the said premises Free from all incumbrances whatsoever occasioned or suffered by him the said Robert Chatfeild or any former owner or proprietor of the said premises

And further that he the said Robert Chatfeild and his heirs and all persons claiming and to claim as aforesaid shall and will at the request and expence of the said other parties hereto their heirs and assigns concur and join in all acts that may be reasonably required for further assurance of the same hereditaments according to the true intent of these presents

And the said John Chatfeild Henry Browne Edward Colbran William Dancy Daniel Ouden Isaac Walder Michael Dancy Thomas Walder and William Lempriere for themselves and their heirs do hereby covenant and agree to and with the said Robert Chatfeild his heirs executors and administrators That they the said covenantors shall and will forthwith erect good and substantial flint walls on the northern and southern boundaries of the piece of ground hereby conveyed and at all times hereafter keep such walls in repair

IN WITNESS whereof the said parties to these presents have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written

RECEIVED on the day and year first above written of and from the above named John Chatfeild Henry Browne Edward Colbran William Dancy Daniel Ouden Isaac Walder Michael Dancy Thomas Walder and William Lempriere the sum of Twenty six pounds being the consideration money above mentioned to be paid by them to me

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WITNESS Robt. Chatfeild
James Browne
John Browne

Signed Sealed and delivered by
the above named Robert Chatfeild
(being first duly stamped) in the
presence of James Browne

Robt. Chatfeild (S)
John Chatfeild (S)
Hy Browne (S)
Edward Colbran (S)
Thos Walder (S)
Wm Lempriere (S)
Isac. Walder (S)
Daniel Ouden (S)
Michael Dancy (S)
William Dancy (S)

Signed sealed and delivered by
the within named John Chatfeild
Henry Browne Edward Colbran
Thomas Walder William Lempriere
Isaac Walder Daniel Ouden
Michael Dancy and William Dancy
in the presence of James Browne

FOOTPATH TO THE NEW BURIAL GROUND
(THE TWITTEN)

When the Meeting House was built the entrance door was on the north side. The level of East End Lane was lower than the land either side so that access to the Meeting House must have been either across the steeply rising burial ground or by an adjoining footpath then running south from East End Lane along the edge of an open field called Gansfield. Access for burial carts seems to have been from the south along the footpath and into the burial ground at a point where the newer part of the cottage now stands.

Gansfield was owned by Joseph Locker. In 1747 he gave it to his daughter Lucy who had married Michael Chatfield. So long as the Locker or Chatfield families held Gansfield no access problems arose. But the death of Robert Chatfield in 1821, the failing health of his brother John, and the fact that the rest of the family no longer lived anywhere near Ditchling, rendered change of ownership inevitable.

It was thus very prudent of James Browne to negotiate the purchase of a slip of land to the east so as to ensure permanent access both to the new burial ground and to the private burial ground of his family.

Just when the old footpath was closed is not clear. Funeral carts were still using the path up to 1842 when the new owners denied further access for carts. Possibly it was then, if not earlier, that the footpath was switched from the west to the east side of Gansfield, this part of the field now isolated by the new Lewes Road and known as Burnt House Plot. The alignment of the southerly part of the Twitten as it now stands seems to confirm this speculation.

To effect a neat junction between the two sections of the footpath, small slips of ground seem to have been given up by both burial grounds as well as by the property owner to the east of the junction.

A full story of the Twitten awaits research.

Received 9 Feb^ry 1822 of the Trustees of
the Baptist Meetinghouse by the hands of Jas.
Browne two pounds being the purchase Mo-
ney of a slip of land adjoining the new Burial
ground and now occupied as a pub-
lick footpath
£ 2.0.0 *John Browne* Stephen + Andrews
Mark

Received 9 Febry 1822 of the Trustees of
the Baptist Meetinghouse by the hands of Jas.
Browne two pounds being the purchase Mo-
ney of a Slip of land adjoining the new Burial
ground and now occupied as a public
foot path

Witness his
£2.0.0 John Browne Stephen + Andrews
Mark

Mr. William Dancy & others
to
Mr. Edward Turner & others

Dated 29th September 1834
BARGAIN & SALE

Inrolled in His Majesty's High Court of Chancery 9 March 1835
Being first duly stamped according to the tenor of the Statutes
made for that purpose
(y) 9th March D. Drew

This Indenture made 29 September 1834

BETWEEN William Dancy of Worth all of
Daniel Ouden of Horsham Sussex
Michael Dancy of Cuckfield Yeomen } of the
one part

AND Edward Turner Shopkeeper
Richard Mercer the Younger Miller
John Wood Farmer
Jesse Kennett Auctioneer
James Turner the Younger Farmer
Peter Rowland the Younger Maltster
William Kennett Auctioneer
John Wood Mercer Farmer
Richard Turner Farmer All of Ditchling (New
John Marten Burtenshaw of Plumpton Farmer 1834
James Burtenshaw of Clayton Farmer TRUSTEES)
Henry Browne of Lewes Draper
William Crosskey of Lewes Draper
James Tauler of Crawley Shopkeeper
John Browne of Horsham Shopkeeper
John Marten of Newland Keymer Farmer
John Marten of Keymer Shopkeeper
Peter Potter of Cuckfield Shopkeeper
Thomas Hollingham of Skanes Hill
in Lindfield Shopkeeper
Edwin Kennett of Billingshurst Shopkeeper
All of the County of Sussex
Robert Chatfield of Bromley Kent Gentleman
Henry Rowland of Godstone Surrey Shopkeeper

WHEREAS by Indenture of Bargain & Sale in Chancery 29 May 1790
Thomas Farnett and John Dancy for the considerations
therein mentioned did grant, bargain, sell and confirm
unto

Michael Chatfield	Michael Dancy	
John Chatfield	Joseph Marten	
Henry Browne	Robert Mercer	
Edward Colbran	Thomas Walder	(New
John Dancy the Younger	Josiah Darcy	1790
William Dancy	John Broomfield	TRUSTEES)
Richard Beal	William Lempriere	
Daniel Ouden	John Burgess	
Isaac Walder		

the hereditaments with the appurtenances therein and
herein after mentioned to hold to them their heirs and

assigns for ever, To, for and upon such uses, trusts, intents
and purposes as are therein hereinafter mentioned, with
the proviso that in case any number of the said trustees
should die or surrender their estate or interest in the said
hereditaments, then the remaining trustees or the greater
number of them should choose other trustees and convey the said
hereditaments to them upon the same trusts with the same power
and direction for the further choosing of new trustees and so
from time to time as often as there should be occasion

AND WHEREAS fourteen of the said trustees are departed this
life at or about the times following that is to say

Michael Chatfield on
John Chatfield in April 1828
Henry Browne in May 1822
Edward Colbran in June 1825
John Dancy the Younger in June 1800
Richard Beal in February 1817
Isaac Walder on 17th April 1828
Joseph Marten in August 1829
Robert Mercer in
Thomas Walder in June 1823
Josiah Dancy in January 1802
John Broomfield in June 1815
William Lempriere in
John Burgess in

and the said William Dancy, Daniel Ouden, and Michael Dancy
are the only surviving trustees therefore for continuing the
same hereditaments upon the same trusts as are in the said
recited Indenture declared they the said William Dancy,
Daniel Ouden and Michael Dancy have agreed to convey and assure
the said tenement or cottage land and hereditaments unto the
several parties hereto of the second part as new trustees

NOW THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH that in consideration of the sum
of five shillings sterling to each of them the said William
Dancy, Daniel Ouden and Michael Dancy in hand paid by the
several parties hereto of the second part at or immediately
before the sealing and delivery of these presents the receipt
whereof they the said William Dancy, Daniel Ouden and Michael
Dancy do hereby respectively acknowledge and for the conveying
and assuring the said hereditaments hereinafter described
upon and for the trusts intents and purposes hereinafter
expressed they the said William Dancy, Daniel Ouden and Michael
Chatfield DO AND EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THEM BOTH grant,
bargain sell and confirm unto the said

Edward Turner, Richard Mercer the Younger
(all 22 New 1834 Trustees)

and to their heirs and assigns for ever

ALL that tenement or cottage building and plot of ground
thereto belonging containing by estimation a rood of land
more or less with the appurtenances in Ditcheling in the County
of Sussex abutting and bounding

on the east to foot path there leading from Gun's field
to East End Lane

on the south partly to a plot of ground formerly belonging to the heirs of George Vandyke and now to Peter Rowland and partly to a piece of ground late of John Chatfield deceased called the Burnt House Plot

on the west to the Vicarage Croft

and on the north partly to the King's highway called East End Lane and partly to a strip of ground adjoining the school house of the British Institution or howsoever otherwise the same is butted or bounded

And the reversions and reversions remainder and remainders, rents, issues and profits of the said hereditaments and premises hereby granted bargained and sold and every part and parcel thereof Together with all ways, waters lights easements privileges and advantages to the same belonging or herewith usually enjoyed or reputed as parcel thereof and also all the estate right title interest claim and demand whatsoever of them the said William Dancy, Daniel Ouden and Michael Dancy or any or either of them, of, in, to or out of the same premises and every part thereof Together with all deeds evidences and writings concerning the said premises before mentioned or any part thereof now in the custody of them or either of them or which they or either of them may or can come by without suit

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said tenement or cottage land hereditaments and premises hereby granted bargained sold and confirmed or mentioned or intended so to be with their and every of their appurtenances unto and to the only proper use and behoof of them the said

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(all 22 New 1834 Trustees)

their heirs and assigns for ever PROVIDED ALWAYS and it is hereby declared that in case any or either of said grantees herein named shall depart from England for the purpose of residing out of the same or shall become lunatic or non-compos-mentis then the estate and use herein declared as to such person or persons shall from thenceforth cease and the whole estate vest in the other grantees and their heirs as if each person so departing becoming lunatic or non-compos-mentis was actually dead AND it is hereby declared that the said grantees and their heirs shall stand seized and possessed of the said hereditaments IN TRUST and to the intents and purposes following that is to say that they the said

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or such of them in whom the said hereditaments shall from time to time remain vested and their heirs shall and will from time to time apply the said tenement building land hereditaments and premises hereby granted bargained and sold or mentioned or intended so to be and the rents and profits to such charitable use and uses as they or the greater number of them shall from time to time in their judgment and discretion think proper and

UPON THIS FURTHER TRUST and confidence that as soon as any number not exceeding seventeen at the most of them the said

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(all 22 New 1834 Trustees)

shall depart this life or surrender or disclaim their estate or interest in the same premises or depart out of England or become lunatic or non-compos-mentis then the surviving or remaining trustees or the greater number of them shall choose such other persons as they shall think proper in the room of so many of them the said present grantees as shall have so departed this life or surrendered or disclaimed their estate or departed out of England or become lunatic or non-compos-mentis and also in the room of such others of them as shall be desirous of being released from or refuse to act in the trusts of these presents and that therefore all the then surviving or remaining trustees shall by such conveyances & assurances in the law as Counsel shall advise well and sufficiently convey the said hereditaments and premises so as the same shall vest in fee simple in such new trustees jointly with such of the surviving or remaining trustees (if any) as shall be willing to act in the trusts hereof to be held by them in trust for such charitable use or uses as such new and continuing trustees or the greater number of them shall think proper with like powers and discretions to be contained in such conveyance for the future choice of trustees and conveyance of the said hereditaments from time to time as are herein contained it being the intent of all the said parties that the said hereditaments and premises shall always be vested in a competent number of discreet and proper persons to give effect to the intents and purposes herein expressed

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the said parties to these presents have hereto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written

Edward Turner	Richard Turner
Richard Mercer	John Marten Burtenshaw
John Wood	John Browne
Jesse Kennett	Henry Browne
James Turner Junior	William Crosskey
Peter Rowland Junior	James Tualer
William Kennett	James Burtenshaw
	John Marten Newland
William Dancy	Daniel Ouden

This Indenture was on 10th October 1834 acknowledged by Daniel Ouden and Michael Dancy two of the grantors therein mentioned who prayed that the same might be enrolled

Before me Henry Padwick A master extra in Chancery

This Indenture was on 24th November 1834 acknowledged by William Dancy one of the grantors therein mentioned who prayed that the same might be enrolled

Before me John Allin A Master Extraordinary in Chancery

Brighton 10/-
26.11.86

MEMORANDUM of the choice and appointment of new Trustees of the tenement cottage land Hereditaments and Premises situate adjoining East End Lane in the Parish of Ditchling in the County of Sussex at a meeting duly convened and held for that purpose in the Chapel (part of said premises) on the 14th Day of November 1886.

Names and Descriptions of all the Trustees on the Constitution or last appointment of Trustees made the 29th September 1834

Edward Turner Farmer
Richard Mercer the Younger, Miller
John Wood Farmer
Jesse Kensett Auctioneer
James Turner the Younger Farmer
Peter Rowland the Younger Maltster
William Kensett Auctioneer
Richard Turner Farmer all of Ditchling
John Marten Burtenshaw of Plumpton Farmer
James Burtenshaw of Clayton Farmer
Henry Browne of Lewes Draper
William Crosskey of Lewes Draper
James Tusler of Crawley Shopkeeper
John Browne of Horsham Shopkeeper
John Marten of Newland, Keymer Farmer
John Marten of Keymer Shopkeeper
Peter Potter of Cuckfield Shopkeeper
Thomas Hollingham of Skanes Hill Lindfield Shopkeeper
Edwin Kensett of Billingshurst Shopkeeper

Names and Descriptions of all the Trustees in whom the said Chapel and Premises now become legally vested

First. Old continuing Trustees:-
James Turner now of Newland Keymer
William Kensett now of Ditchling

Second. New Trustees now chosen and appointed:-
Robert Turner of Ditchling
Henry Turner of Henfield
Frank Turner of North Bersted, Bognor
Henry Turner Rowland of Lewes
Francis Thomas Wilson of Brighton
William Henry Wilson of Eastbourne
Alfred Wilson of Gracechurch Street London
Thomas Stead Francis of Deal
James William Brooker of Chailey
Stephen Rowland of Cranleigh
Robert Stevens of 92 Queen's Road Bayswater London
William Steele of Billingshurst
Albert Burtenshaw of Hailsham

David Price of Horsham
Henry Doughty Browne
Arthur Burtenshaw
Frederic Allen all of London

Dated this 14th Day of November 1886

Signed sealed and delivered
by the said Robert Turner as
Chairman of the said meeting
at and in the Presence of the
said meeting on the Day and
Year aforesaid, in the presence
of

Robert Turner
Chairman of the said Meeting

Frank Wood Ditchling
Henry Butcher Ditchling

Brighton 10/-
15.11.22

MEMORANDUM of the choice and appointment of new Trustees of the Tenement, Cottage, Land, Hereditaments and Premises situate adjoining East End Lane in the Parish of Ditchling in the County of Sussex, at a meeting duly convened and held for that purpose in the Chapel (part of the said premises) on the 29th day of October 1922.

NAMES AND DESCRIPTIONS of all the Trustees on the Constitution or last Appointment of Trustees made the 14th day of November 1886

James Turner, of Newland, Keymer
William Kensett, of Ditchling
Robert Turner, of Ditchling
Henry Turner, of Benfield
Frank Turner, of North Bersted, Bognor
Henry Turner Rowland, of Lewes
Francis Thomas Wilson, of Brighton
William Henry Wilson, of Eastbourne
Alfred Wilson, of Gracechurch Street, London
Thomas Stead Francis, of Deal
James William Brooker, of Chailey
Stephen Rowland, of Cranleigh
Robert Stevens, of 92 Queens Road, Bayswater, London
William Steele, of Billingshurst
Albert Burtenshaw, of Hailsham
David Rice, of Horsham
Henry Doughty Browne, of London
Arthur Burtenshaw, of London

NAMES AND DESCRIPTIONS of all Trustees in whom the said Chapel and Premises now becomes legally vested -

FIRST - Old Continuing Trustees
Francis Thomas Wilson, of Brighton
William Henry Wilson, of Eastbourne
Alfred Wilson, of Gracechurch Street, London
Thomas Stead Francis, now of Stelling, Kent
Albert Burtenshaw, of Hailsham
Arthur Burtenshaw, of Fakenham
Frederic Allen, now of Newton Abbott

SECOND - New Trustees now chosen and appointed
The British and Foreign Unitarian Association, Essex Hall,
Essex Street, Strand, London
Alfred Turner, Newland, Keymer, Hassocks
Henry Turner, of Barnston, Dunmow, Essex
Robert M. Wilson of 18 Gracechurch Street, London
Arthur Keith Wilson, 1 Charles Street, Brighton
Edith Wilson, 1 Charles Street, Brighton
Kathleen Wilson, 'Beechwood' 25 Eastern Road, Fortis Green, London
J.T. Bibby, 5 Palmeira Avenue, Hove

Albert King Burtenshaw, of Kingecote, Hailsham
John H. Every, Lewes
Miss Constance Funnell, 5 Grange Road, Lewes
Mrs Mary Johnson, of Highgate, London
Mrs Ellen Read, 25 Woburn Square, London

Dated this 29th day of October 1922

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED

by the Said Mary Ann Turner Chairman of the Said Meeting
at and in the presence of the Said Meeting on the day
and year aforesaid in the presence of
Witness

(Rev) Harry Maguire
150 Ditchling Road
Brighton
Herbert T. Kellam
Ironmonger
28 Church Road
Burgess Hill

Mary Ann Turner
(Widow)

10/-
25.12.63

MEMORANDUM of the choice and appointment of new Trustees of the Chapel known as The Old Meeting House with the Land, Hereditaments and Premises situate adjoining East End Lane in the Parish of Ditchling in the County of Sussex at a meeting duly convened and held for that purpose at The Old Meeting House on the Eighth day of December One thousand nine hundred and sixty three

Jean W. Crook
Chairman
of Greenwood, Ditchling, Hassocks, Sussex

Names and descriptions of all the Trustees on the Last Appointment of Trustees made on the 29th day of October One thousand nine hundred and twenty two

Francis Thomas Wilson of Brighton
William Henry Wilson of Eastbourne
Alfred Wilson of Gracechurch Street, London
Thomas Stead Francis of Stelling, Kent
Albert Burtenshaw of Hailsham
Arthur Burtenshaw of Fakenham
Frederic Allen of Newton Abbott
Alfred Turner of Newland, Keymer, Hassocks
Henry Turner of Barnston, Dunsow, Essex
Hubert M. Wilson of 18 Gracechurch Street, London
Arthur Keith Wilson of 30 East Drive, Queen's Park, Brighton
Edith Wilson of Marronsdale, Marlborough Road, Dorking
Kathleen Wilson of 'Beechwood' 25 Eastern Road, Fortis Green, London
J.T. Bibby of 5 Palmeira Avenue, Hove
Albert King Burtenshaw of Kingscote, Hailsham
John H. Every of Lewes
Miss Constance Punnell of 3 Grange Road, Lewes
Mrs Mary Johnson of Highgate, London
Mrs Ellen Read of 25 Woburn Square, London
The British & Foreign Unitarian Association, Essex Hall,
Essex Street, Strand, London

Names and descriptions of all Trustees in whom the said Chapel & Premises now become legally vested

FIRST - Old Continuing Trustees
The British & Foreign Unitarian Association (Incorporated)
of Essex Hall, Essex Street, Strand, London, W.C.2.
Hubert M. Wilson now of Nymhurst Old Farm, Leigh,
near Dorking, Surrey
Mrs Kathleen Hall (nee Wilson) now of 'Hameldon'
Rixons Orchard, Horsted Keynes, Sussex
Miss Constance Punnell of 3 Grange Road, Lewes

SECOND - New Trustees now chosen and appointed
Mrs Janet Bunkle of 'Briarlea' Colwell Lane
Haywards Heath, Sussex
Mrs Elsie Coring of Grotto Farm, Great Bealings,
near Woodbridge, Suffolk
Miss Dorothy Mabel Green of 11 Mackie Avenue,
Hassocks, Sussex
Miss Florence Mary Harrison of 74 Grand Avenue,
Hassocks, Sussex
Ronald Ernest Jones of 55 Noel Rise,
Burgess Hill, Sussex
John Edward Mead of 'Little Tott' 20 Hassocks Road,
Burstpierpoint, Sussex
Mrs Ingrid Elli Maclear of 72 Wickham Hill,
Burstpierpoint, Sussex
Peter William Sinden of 83 Church Road,
Burgess Hill, Sussex

Dated this Eighth day of December One thousand nine hundred and sixty three

Signed Sealed and Delivered by the
said Jean M. Crook as Chairman
of the said Meeting, at and in the
presence of the said Meeting, on
the day and year aforesaid, in the
presence of

Jean M. Crook (S)
Chairman of the said Meeting

Evelyn Peat
Borrers Platt
Ditchling, Sussex
Householder

Ethel Nelson
9 Hurst Road
Hassocks, Sussex
Housewife

Kathleen Ruth Burnett-Hall & others }
 appoint }
 Janet Francesca Bunkle & others } Dated 29th April 1975
 Chapel & Grounds

THIS DEED OF APPOINTMENT is made the 29th day of April one thousand nine hundred and seventy five

BETWEEN Kathleen Ruth Burnett-Hall of Haseldon Rixons Orchard
 Horsted Keynes Sussex Married Woman
 (hereinafter called "the Continuing Trustee") of the first part
 Arthur Keith Wilson of 30 East Drive Brighton
 Sussex Retired
 The British and Foreign Unitarian Association Incorporated
 of Essex Hall 1-6 Essex Street London
 (hereinafter called "the Retiring Trustees") of the second part
 Janet Francesca Bunkle of 6 Allington Road
 Newick Sussex Married Woman
 John Edward Mead of 20 Hassocks Road
 Hurstpierpoint Sussex Company Director
 Peter William Sinden of Greenways Box's Lane
 Danehill Sussex Advertising Agent
 Basil Graham Burnett-Hall of Haseldon Rixons Orchard
 Horsted Keynes Sussex Barrister-at-Law
 Inge Sinden of Greenways Box's Lane Danehill
 Sussex Married Woman
 The London District and South Eastern Provincial
 Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches
 (Incorporated) of Essex Hall 1-6 Essex Street London
 Leonard John Maguire of 54 Croham Valley Road
 South Croydon Surrey Chartered Engineer
 John Robert Maguire of 54 Croham Valley Road
 South Croydon Surrey Undergraduate
 Robert James Ferry of 116 High Street
 Hurstpierpoint Sussex Schoolmaster
 Andrew George Sherratt of 14 Myrtle Close
 Long Hanborough Oxford Museum Curator
 (hereinafter called "the New Trustees") of the third part

SUPPLEMENTAL to

- (1) an Indenture dated May 1st 1740 between Robert Chatfield of the one part and John Dancy and certain other persons therein named of the other part and
- (2) an Indenture dated October 30th 1758 and made between Joseph Chatfield of the one part and John Dancy and certain other persons therein named of the other part (which said two Indentures are hereinafter referred to as "the Trust Deeds") whereby certain land at Ditchling Sussex in the Trust Deeds more particularly described was conveyed by the said Robert Chatfield and Joseph Chatfield to the said John Dancy and the other persons named as parties to the said respective Indentures of the other part in fee simple to the intent

and purpose that the said persons their heirs and assigns should from time to time apply the said premises and the rents and profits thereof to such charitable use or uses as the said persons or the greater part of them should in their judgment and discretion think most proper and whereby the surviving or continuing Trustees thereof from time to time were empowered to appoint New Trustees of the Trust Deeds

WHEREAS (1) At a meeting held on October 29th 1922 the Continuing Trustees and the Retiring Trustees (hereinafter jointly referred to as "the Appointors") together with certain other persons all of whom have since died were appointed to be Trustees of the property comprised in the Trust Deeds and a Deed was thereupon executed pursuant to the provisions of Section 3 of the Trustee Appointment Act 1850 the Continuing Trustee being in the said Deed described as Kathleen Wilson

(2) The Retiring Trustees desire to be discharged from the trusts of the Trust Deeds and the Appointors desire to appoint the New Trustees to be Trustees of the Trust Deeds in the place of the Retiring Trustees and jointly with the Continuing Trustee

NOW THIS DEED WITNESSETH that in exercise of the power given to them by the Trust Deeds and of every or any other power enabling them in this behalf the Appointors HEREBY APPOINT the New Trustees to be Trustees in the place of the Retiring Trustees and jointly with the Continuing Trustees for all the purposes of the Trust Deeds

IN WITNESS whereof the said parties hereto (other than The British and Foreign Unitarian Association Incorporated and The London District and South Eastern Provincial Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches (Inc) have set their respective hands and seals and the B & F and the LEPA have caused their respective seals to be affixed the day and year first above written

SIGNED SEALED AND DELIVERED by
 the above named
 in the presence of

(all the above named persons signed
 and sealed and the two corporate
 bodies affixed their seals to the
 Deed - the Deed was duly
 Stamped on May 7th 1975)

Kathleen Ruth Burnett-Hall & others }
 appoint }
 The British and Foreign Unitarian }
 Association Incorporated }
 Dated 29th April 1975
 Custodian Trustee

THIS DEED OF APPOINTMENT is made the 29th day of April One Thousand nine hundred and seventy five

BETWEEN Kathleen Ruth Burnett-Hall
 Janet Francesca Bunkle
 John Edward Mead
 Peter William Sinden
 Basil Graham Burnett-Hall
 Inge Sinden (all addresses and
 The L.D.P.A. (Inc) occupations as for
 Leonard John Maguire the previous Deed
 John Robert Maguire of the same date)
 Andrew George Sherratt Robert James Perry
 (hereinafter called "the Appointors") of the one part
 and The British & Foreign Unitarian Association Incorporated
 (hereinafter called "the Custodian Trustee")
 of the other part

SUPPLEMENTAL to ... (as the previous Deed of the same date)

WHEREAS (1) By divers means Conveyances acts in the law and ultimate by a Deed of Appointment bearing even date with but executed before this Deed and made between Kathleen Ruth Burnett-Hall of the first part Arthur Keith Wilson and the Custodian Trustee of the second part and the Appointors (other than the said Kathleen Ruth Burnett-Hall) of the third part the Appointors are now the Trustees of the Trust Deeds and have power to appoint Trustees for the purpose of the Trust Deeds
 (2) The Appointors desire to appoint the Custodian Trustee to be the Custodian Trustee of the property subject to the trusts of the Trust Deeds

NOW THIS DEED WITNESSETH as follows:-

(1) The Appointors in exercise of the power vested in them by Section 4 of the Public Trustee Act 1906 and of every or any other power enabling them in this behalf HEREBY APPOINT the Custodian Trustee to be the Custodian Trustee of the property subject to the trusts of the Trust Deeds
 (2) The Appointors as Trustees HEREBY CONVEY unto the Custodian Trustee ALL THAT piece or parcel of land situate in the Parish of Ditchling in the County of Sussex in the Trust Deeds more particularly described Together with the Chapel erected thereon and known as the Old Meeting House and the Cottage adjoining thereto TO HOLD unto the said Custodian Trustee

(3) The Custodian Trustee HEREBY CONSENTS to act as Custodian Trustee of the property subject to the trusts of the Trust Deeds and TO HOLD the property hereby conveyed upon the said trusts

(4) Section 40 of the Trustee Act 1925 shall not apply to this Deed

IN WITNESS whereof the said parties hereto (other than the London District and South Eastern Provincial Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches (Incorporated) and The British and Foreign Unitarian Association Incorporated) have set their respective hands and seals and the London District and South Eastern Provincial Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches (Incorporated) and The British and Foreign Unitarian Association Incorporated have caused their respective seals to be affixed the day and year first above written

SIGNED SEALED AND DELIVERED by

the above named
 in the presence of . .

(all the above named persons signed and sealed, and the two corporate bodies affixed their seals to, the Deed

the Deed was duly stamped on
 May 7th 1975)

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RECORDS OF
THE OLD MEETING HOUSE
DITCHLING, SUSSEX

TRUST DEEDS

ADDENDUM TO VOLUME III
(Originally published in April 1979)

Being a Transcription of certain additional
Deeds executed in 1982 & 1983 whereby
THE BROWNE BURIAL GROUND
was incorporated into
THE TRUST PROPERTY
and some
NEW TRUSTEES
were Appointed

October 1990

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INTRODUCTION

The Deeds relating to the Old Meeting House Trust Property were transcribed and published privately in April 1979 as Volume III of the 'Records of the Old Meeting House, Ditchling'. This work covered all the Deeds executed from the original Feoffment and Declaration of Trust of 1740 to the Appointment of New Trustees in 1975.

Across The Twitten from the Meeting House is what is known as 'The Browne Burial Ground'. It was originally set aside by Peter Browne (1688-1774) from his freehold land to serve as a burial place for members of his family. At that time the Meeting House grounds were small and space for burials was very limited.

Peter Browne and his family were staunch supporters of the Church which met for worship in the Meeting House and so they continued till about 50 years ago. By then death and dispersal of the family had almost severed the link. Since then only Leon and Violet Charman, both descended from Peter Browne, and some descendants from America ever visited the ground.

The care of the ground gradually fell upon the Meeting House Congregation and their friends. Finally as Leon Charman neared the end of his life he indicated his wish that ownership of the ground should be transferred to the Meeting House Trustees.

No Title Deed could be found, nor was it practical to trace all the living heirs-at-law of Peter Browne. The only reasonable solution appeared to be for the Meeting House Trustees to assume possession of the ground by Statutory Declaration with the concurrence all known descendants of Peter Browne.

This concurrence Leon Charman duly obtained. He also generously gave to the Trustees certain funds to help cover the cost of future maintenance of the ground.

The position was duly regularised by the execution of the appropriate statutory Declarations followed by the execution of a Deed of 22nd April 1983 the effect of which was to incorporate the Browne Burial Ground into the Meeting House Trust Property. By the same Deed one Trustee retired at her request and three additional Trustees were appointed.

It is a transcription of these Deeds which forms the subject of this present work.

1983 TRUST DEED

Kathleen Ruth Burnett-Hall and others therein named of the first part and The British and Foreign Unitarian Association Incorporated of the second part whereby the parties of the first part conveyed to the party of the second part the premises more particularly described in the said Deed as Custodian Trustee of the Trust Property subject to the trusts of the Trust Deeds

WHEREAS:

- (1) The Continuing Trustees and Inge Sinden desire to appoint the New Trustees to be Trustees of the Trust Property and to act jointly with the Continuing Trustees
- (2) Inge Sinden desires to retire and be discharged from the Trust
- (3) Basil Graham Burnett-Hall is now dead
- (4) The Custodian Trustee concurs

NOW THEREFORE THIS DEED WITNESSETH as follows:

- (1) The Continuing Trustees and Inge Sinden HEREBY APPOINT the New Trustees to be Trustees in the place of the Retiring Trustee and to act jointly with the Continuing Trustees for all the purposes of the Trust Deeds
- (2) Inge Sinden retires and is HEREBY DISCHARGED from the Trust
- (3) IT IS HEREBY DECLARED that the whole of the Trust Property comprising the aforesaid Meeting House Cottage Old Burial Ground New Burial Ground Part of The Twitten and the Browne Burial Ground is held by the Trustees as Managing trustees and the Custodian Trustee as Custodian Trustee subject to the trusts of the Trust Deeds

IN WITNESS whereof the said parties hereto (other than The London District and South Eastern Provincial Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches (inc) and The British and Foreign Unitarian Association Incorporated) have set their respective hands and seals and the corporate bodies have caused their respective seals to be affixed the day and year first above written

(all parties executed the Deed)

THE
STATUTORY
DECLARATIONS

1982 STATUTORY DECLARATION

I, LEON CHARMAN of Sandhams Leechpool Lane Horsham RH13 6AD 1
in the County of West Sussex Gentleman DO SOLEMNLY AND
SINCERELY DECLARE as follows:

1. I am descended from PETER BROWNE Yeoman of Ditchling in the County of East Sussex who in about 1760 or earlier set aside part of his freehold land to be a burial place for his family which land is now commonly called The Browne Burial Ground and which is indicated edged in red on the plan annexed hereto and marked A.
2. Since 1940 or thereabouts no descendants of the aforesaid Peter Browne have come forward claiming possession of The Browne Burial Ground nor has any descendant taken steps to care for the ground other than my late wife Violet Amy Charman and myself and relatives long resident and born in The United States of America.
3. Since 1965 or thereabouts neither I nor any known relatives have been able to care for the burial ground.
4. Since 1965 or thereabouts with my knowledge and consent the Trustees of The Old Meeting House Ditchling or others acting on their behalf have cared for The Browne Burial Ground and have thereby been effectively in possession of the ground.
5. It is my wish and I sincerely believe it to be the wish of all other living descendants of the aforesaid Peter Browne known to me that the Trustees of The Old Meeting House should now and hereafter stand possessed of The Browne Burial Ground.
6. I depose as above from my knowledge conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the Statutory Declarations Act 1835.

DECLARED by the said LEON CHARMAN at 8 North Street
Horsham West Sussex this 4th day of May 1982
before me A R D Allan Solicitor

1982 STATUTORY DECLARATION

I, HERBERT W BANNISTER of The Weald East End Lane Ditchling
in the County of Sussex Gentleman DO SOLEMNLY AND SINCERELY
DECLARE as follows:

1. I have resided in Ditchling for many years.
2. I stand possessed of that part of the freehold land indicated edged in yellow on the plan annexed hereto and marked A.
3. I declare that the outer face of the existing wall on the north side and the inner face of the existing wall on the east side of the piece of land commonly called The Browne Burial Ground and edged red on the annexed plan are the true boundaries between The Browne Burial Ground and the land of which I stand possessed.
4. I depose the above from my knowledge conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the Statutory Declarations Act 1835.

DECLARED by the said HERBERT W BANNISTER at 211 High Street
Lewes East Sussex this 10th day of May 1982
before me R D Wally (?) Solicitor

RECORDS OF
THE OLD MEETING HOUSE
DITCHLING, SUSSEX

TRUST DEEDS

ADDENDUM TO VOLUME III
(originally published in April 1979
to which was added added
an addendum in October 1990)

This present Addendum
being a transcription of a further
Deed of Appointment
and
Declaration of Trust

April 2003

2003 TRUST DEED

THIS DEED OF APPOINTMENT AND DECLARATION OF TRUST is made the 10th day of April Two thousand and three

BETWEEN Wendy Jean Margaret Adams of 2 The Mews Hitchen Hatch Lane Sevenoaks TN13 3BQ widow

John Jeremy Goring of 12 Keere Street Lewes BN7 1TY Retired

John Edward Mead of 20 Hassocks Road Hurstpierpoint BN6 8QW Retired.

Andrew George Sherratt of 41 Wood Green Witney Oxon OX8 3DQ Museum Curator

The London District and South Eastern Provincial Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches (Incorporated) of 1/6 Essex Street London WC2R 3HY

(hereinafter called 'the Continuing Trustees')

AND Rosemary Joy Goring wife of the aforesaid John Jeremy Goring
John Robert Maguire of Hindover Rectory Lane Wallington SM6 8DX Chartered Engineer

Leonard John Maguire of 2 The Twitten Ditchling BN6 8UJ Retired
Robert James Perry of Lady's Field Great House Street Timberscombe TA24 7TQ Retired

(hereinafter called 'the Retiring Trustees')

AND The British & Foreign Unitarian Association Incorporated of 1/6 Essex Street London WC2R 3HY (hereinafter called "The Custodian Trustee")

AND James Barry of 14 Parklands Road, Hassocks BN6 8JZ Computer Operations Consultant

Leslie Davidson of Tye Beams 101 East End Lane, Ditchling BN6 8UR Retired

Richard Morley of South Tile Barn, Beacon Road, Ditchling BN6 8XB Retired

Joan Nurklik of 54 East End Lane, Ditchling BN6 8UP widow

Timothy Pryke of The Water Tower Wappingthorne Farm Horsham Road Steyning BN44 3AA Post Graduate Student

Alison Short of 15 Victoria Road, Bulwark, Chepstow, Gwent P16 5QN widow

Nicholas Southern of 17 The Twitten Ditchling BN6 8UJ Electronics Engineer

(hereinafter called "the New Trustees")

SUPPLEMENTAL to

(1) an Indenture dated May 1st 1740 between Robert Chatfeild of the one part and John Dancy and certain other persons therein named of the other part and

(2) an Indenture dated October 30th 1758 made between Joseph Chatfeild of the one part and John Dancy and certain other persons therein named of the other part (which two Indentures are hereinafter referred to as "the Trust Deeds") whereby certain land at Ditchling in the Trust Deeds more particularly described (hereinafter referred to as "the Meeting House, Cottage & Old Burial Ground" and forming part of "the trust property") was conveyed by the said Robert Chatfeild and Joseph Chatfeild to the said John Dancy and the other persons named as parties of the said respective Indentures of the other part in fee simple to the intent and purpose that the said persons their heirs and assigns should from time to time apply the said premises and the rents and profits thereof to such charitable use or uses as the said persons or the greater part of them should in their judgment and discretion think most proper and whereby the surviving or continuing Trustees thereof from time to time were empowered to appoint New Trustees of the Trust Deeds and

(3) an Indenture dated June 1821 and made between Robert Chatfeild of the one part and John Chatfeild and certain other persons therein named of the other part whereby certain land at Ditchling in the said Indenture more particularly described therein referred to as "the New Burial Ground" and forming part of "the Trust Property") was conveyed by the said Robert Chatfeild to the said John Chatfeild and the other persons named as parties to the said Indenture in fee simple and Burial Ground" and forming part of "the Trust therein referred to as "the New Property") was conveyed by the said Robert Chatfeild to the said John Chatfeild and the other persons named as parties to the said Indenture in fee simple and

(4) an agreement dated February 9th 1822 made between Stephen Andrews of the one part and James Browne on behalf of the Trustees of the Meeting House of the other part by which the said Trustees purchased a slip of land adjoining the New Burial Ground then occupied as a public footpath (hereinafter referred to as "part of The Twitten" and forming part of "the Trust property") and

2003 TRUST DEED

(5) a Statutory Declaration dated May 10th 1982 made by Peter William Sinden declaring that certain land in Ditchling more particularly described in the said Statutory Declaration (hereinafter referred to as "the Browne Burial Ground" and forming part of the Trust Property) had been in the possession of the Trustees of the Old Meeting House since 1965 without any adverse claim being made to the title of the said land and

(6) A Deed of appointment dated 29th April 1975 and made between Kathleen Ruth Burnett-Hall of the one part Arthur Keith Wilson and another of the second part and Janet Francesca Bunkle and other persons therein named of the third part whereby the parties of the first and second parts appointed Janet Francesca Bunkle and others therein named as New trustee for all purposes of the Trust Deeds and Arthur Keith Wilson and another were discharged from the Trust and

(7) A Deed of Appointment dated 20th April 1975 and made after the execution of the aforesaid Deed of the same date between Kathleen Ruth Burnett-Hall and others therein named of the first part and The British and Foreign Unitarian Association Incorporated of the second part whereby the parties of the first part conveyed to the party of the second part the premises more particularly described in the said Deed as Custodian Trustee of the Trust property subject to the trusts of the Trust Deeds

WHEREAS (1) The Continuing Trustees and the Retiring Trustees desire to appoint the New Trustees to be Trustees of the Trust property and to act jointly with the Continuing Trustees

(2) Rosemary Joy Goring and John Robert Maguire and Leonard John Maguire and Robert James Perry desire to be discharged from the Trust

(3) Kathleen Ruth Burnett-Hall and Janet Francesca Bunkle and Peter William Sinden are now dead

(4) The Custodian Trustee concurs

NOW THEREFORE THIS DEED WITNESSETH as follows

(1) The Continuing Trustees HEREBY APPOINT the New Trustees to be Trustees and to act jointly with the Continuing Trustees for all purposes of the Trust Deeds

(2) Rosemary Joy Goring and John Robert Maguire and Leonard John Maguire and Robert James Perry are HEREBY DISCHARGED from the Trust

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(3) IT IS HEREBY DECLARED that each and every Trustee do hereby undertake to act in the best interest of the Trust and not let their personal or outside interests affect their conduct as Trustees

(4) IT IS HEREBY DECLARED that the whole of the Trust Property comprising the aforesaid Meeting House, Cottage, Old Burial Ground, New Burial Ground, part of The Twitten and the Browne Burial Ground is held by the Trustees as Managing Trustees and the Custodian Trustee as Custodian Trustees subject to the trusts of the Trust Deeds

IN WITNESS whereof the said parties hereto (other than the London District and South Eastern Provincial Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches (Inc) and The British and Foreign Unitarian Association Incorporated) have set their respective hands and seals and the corporate bodies have caused their respective seals to be affixed the day and year first above written

(All parties executed the Deed)