

DISSENTERS' CHAPEL, TOTTERIDGE

Notes by John Heathfield

Extracts from the register of Totteridge Dissenters' chapel to 1811.

BAPTISMS

1788 8 November. Elizabeth, daughter of John Reynolds of Whetstone and Violet

1788 7 December. At the Independent Meeting, Whetstone, John Matthews. Minister.
Mary Ann Smith, daughter of Abraham of Whetstone, and Anne

1789 3 May (born 12 April). Baptised by J Matthews. William, son of James Sibley of
Whetstone and Elizabeth, his wife

1789 28 June (born 1 June). At the Independent Meeting at Whetstone, by J Banfield.
Ann, daughter of Thomas Aldridge and Anne of Finchley

1790 8 August (born 11 July). Baptised by J Matthews. James, son of James Barnes
and Amelia of Finchley

1790 3 October (born 2 September). At The Rectory of Whetstone, by James
Matthews. Samuel, son of Jonathan Lines and Elizabeth of Finchley

1791 23 August (born 31 July). Baptised by John Bamfield. Elizabeth, daughter of
Thomas Wark and Anne of the Parish of Friern Barnet

BURIALS

Anderson, Joseph. The 1861 Census has him aged 64, a pork butcher living in Whetstone High Road near Green Street. He is also shown there in the 1857 Rate Book

Boome, William. The Boome family moved into Whetstone about 1839. They were non-conformist bakers at a time when C of E customers used Harper's at the corner of Totteridge Lane.

Claypon. There appears to have been three members – Joseph, his wife Susanna and their daughter, shown in the Directory of 1866 as Miss R Claypob. They lived at Rose Hill opposite the church

Hawley. The Hawley family owned a draper's business next door to *The Griffin*

Kipping. *Cowan's Trade Directory of Herts* 1836 shows: *Three Horse Shoes*, prop J Kipping. *Pigot* of 1839 shows the same. The 1851 Census had J Kipping, farmer of 170 acres employing 6 labourers

Pinkerton. Rev James Pinkerton was appointed in October 1832. He lived in The Manse at the side of the Chapel

Purser, Oliver. *Cowan's* 1836 shows him as a bricklayer living in Totteridge Lane. His brother William, a carpenter, lived in Whetstone

Thorowgood. The Wood and Thorowgood families intermarried. They were the leading Nonconformists in the district

MEMBERS OF DISSENTERS' CHAPEL FROM 1832 ONWARDS

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Record of the transactions of the Congregational Church of Christ at Whetstone from 1825

1832 (members of the church at the time of my taking over pastoral office in October 1832. James Pinkerton)

Armstead, Mrs St Johns Belfast Row returned Nov 1834
Attfield, Mrs
Barnes, Maria Totteridge Sep 1832
Bentley, Mrs
Cooper, Mr left for America April 1834
Cooper Ms G
Cox, Mr & Mrs Whetstone Mar 1833
Dean, Joseph Whetstone Feb1834
Dixon, Mrs Samuel Whetstone Seo 1834
Fletcher, Mr Jno by letter from the church at Barnet
Fletcher, Mrs
Goulbarrow (now Mrs J Barnes) Mar 1834
Grubb, Mrs
Hendley, Thomas Whetstone
Horstead, Mr
Horstead, Mrs
Jepson, Miss from Bristol (now Mrs Lane) Jan 1833
King, Mrs
Kirkman, Mr
Lane, Miss Hackney
Lines, Mrs
Lister, Hugh from Colney Hatch 30 Oct 1834
Lister, Mrs Christina from Colney Hatch 30 Oct 1834
Mitchum, Mrs by letter from the church of Shacklewell, Stoke
Pinkerton, James
Puget Mrs
Reid, Mrs Moved to Barnet 1832
Revie, Mr Whetstone. Died May 1832
Reynolds, Mr Juno from Totteridge Chapel
Schneider, Mr
Stoneham, Miss removed to London
Sowerby, Mr & Mrs from the chapel at Craven Cottage
Stovell, Mr & Mrs Whetstone
Stutchbury, Mr Whetstone Feb1833
Stuchbury, Mrs
Taylor, Mrs
Taylor, Miss Christchurch, Hants
Thorowgood, Mr

Thorowgood, Mr	Totteridge Mar 1833
Thorowgood, Mrs	
Westin, Mrs	Whetstone Jan 1832
White, Mary	Totteridge 1 Feb 1832
Wood, Mr	Totteridge, Deacon
Wood, Mrs	
Woosnam, Mr	
Woosnam, Mrs	

At a meeting of the church membership and subscribers it was resolved unanimously that Mr John Moreland of Milton next Sittingbourne, Kent, who has supplied the pulpit for four Sabbaths should be invited to become Minister of the Church and Congregation. This invitation was conveyed by Mr Wood, the Deacon, to Mr Moreland upon the evening of the same day Which Mr Moreland promised to consider seriously and to return his answer shortly. On the following Friday, he intimated his intention to accept the same.

1837 (members of the church when I commenced my labours 5 Feb 1837)

Attfield, Mrs	
Bentley, Mary	
Campbell, Mr & Mrs	
Challenor, Mr & Mrs	
Chandler, Miss	
Cox, Mr & Mrs	
Dean, Joseph	
Dixon, I	to Cockfosters
Fletcher, Mr & Mrs	withdrawn
Grubb, Mr	
Horstead, Mr & Mrs	
Joyner, Mr & Mrs	
Judge, Mrs	
Lines, Mrs	
Maynard, Mrs	
Puget, Mrs	
Stifle, Mr	
Stored, Mrs	
Stovell, Mr & Mrs	
Stuchbury, Mr & Mrs	
Taylor, Mrs	
Thorowgood, Mr & Mrs	
Thorowgood, Miss	
Wade, Miss	
White, Mr & Mrs	30 Jun 1837
Wood, Mr	
Wood, Mr & Mrs	Totteridge
Woodward, Emma	
Woosnam, Mr	
Woosnam, Mr & Mrs	

Persons subsequently admitted to the church

Addinsall, Mr & Mrs	from Tottenham Sep 1844
Anderson, Mrs	Whetstone 1855

Baldman, James	Nov 1850
Baxter, Mr & Mrs	Nov 1853
Boome, Mrs	from Mill Hill Dec 1844
Campbell, Ellen	Totteridge Apr 1845
Chambers, Mr & Mrs	1852
Chapman, George	Whetstone Jul 1846
Chapman, Mary	Finchley
Cole, Mrs	Whetstone
Conquest, Joseph	Totteridge Jan 1856
Cooper, Miss	Totteridge Oct 1855
Cullen, Hepzibah	Totteridge 29 Apr 1847
Dingwell, Mr	1854
Dingwell, Andrew	Woodside 1855
Dixon, Mrs	Whetstone Jan 1856
Dunn, John & Mrs	East Barnet Jun 1849
Fassnal, Maria	
Field, Ann	Apr 1850
Golding, Selina	1855
Golding, William	1855
Greenhill, Miss	Finchley Common
Grey, Mary	Totteridge Mar 1849
Green, Elizabeth	Totteridge Jun 1845
Hawkins, Miss	Whetsrone Feb 1856
Heath, Emma	
Heath, Louisa	
Hider, Miss	Whetstone
Hovell, Caroline	
Hovell, Mary	
Jordan, Mrs	Finchley Common 1853
Joyner, Anna	Totteridge Jul 1847
Joyner, Frederick	Totteridge Jul 1847
Kipping, Mr & Mrs	Totteridge May 1846
Kits, David	died Nov 1848
Maroon, Mr	died Feb 1843
Maroon, Mrs	Mar 1843
Mather, Joanna	Jan 1850
Mider, George & Mrs	Jan 1853
Palmer, Fanny	Totteridge Jun 1849
Parker, Mrs	Whetstone 1854
Pettigrew, Mr & Mrs	1853
Port, John	Totteridge 3 Apr 1845
Powell, George	Feb 1855
Powell, Mrs Hepzibah	Feb 1855
Pratt, Fanny	Totteridge
Puget, John Hey	3 Jun 1847
Purser, Mr	Whetstone May 1849
Purser, Mrs	Whetstone 1855
Reynolds, Mr	Whetstone Mar 1843
Reynolds, Miss	
Reynolds, Sarah	Totteridge 3 Jun 1837
Rock, Mr	(now moved to Natal, South Africa) Jun 1849

Shoulder, Mrs Finchley Common
Shoutts, George Finchley Common Nov 1855
Smith, George
Stratton, Miss
Stutchbury, Caroline
Summerby, Charlotte Jun 1854
Sumpter, Emma Totteridge May 1848
Sumpter, Jessica 30 May 1850
Taylor, Mrs Whetstone 1854
Thompson, A Feb 1853
Thorowgood, Mr & Mrs Sarah
Tower, Miss Belmont House, East Barnet Nov 1849
Webber, Mrs Totteridge 1852
White, Mr & Mrs by discretion from Barnet May 1844
Whitehead, Mr Whetstone
Wilkinson, Robert & Mrs from Uxbridge Aug 1850
Youngman, Harriet May 1848

BARNET PRESS 13 November 1869

Round about 1790, Charles Matthews the elder was a preacher at Whetstone, he came on Saturdays and stayed until Monday mornings. At that time there was a sharp division between church and chapel. Brother Woodward, the butcher, as Minister's Clerk. Wilson the cobbler played the bassoon in the choir and Charles Matthews junior played the flute. Brother "Wizzum" had a "barrowtome" voice. Charles Matthews junior later became a famous comedian and made his debut at the Dublin Theatre in 1794

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A folder of press cuttings containing the farewell of Rev J Milnes some 24 yaers as Pastor of Oakleigh Park Church

(Summary by John Heathfield: There was a public meeting preceded by a tea and followed by an organ recital to present Rev Milnes with a cheque for £215. The meeting was presided over by Mr Thomas Knight (Deacon) with Mr Greig (Church Secretary) and Mr Moody. Speakers included Mr Pointing (member for over 40 years), Mr Straker, Mr Cook, Mr Sweet, Mr Ling Senior, Mr Ling Junior, Mr Lawley. Edward Knight gave the organ recital)

OTHER MISCELLANEOUS FACTS

In 1880 there was a meeting in the Oakleigh Road schoolroom to discuss building a church nearer the centre of Whetstone. On 2 November 1884 Messrs Knight & straker secured a site in Oakleigh Park for £700.

14 March 1884. Communion plate, forms, tables and other furniture removed from Totteridge Lane chapel.

1 May 1888. Lecture hall and school opened in Oakleigh Park. Mr Judge no longer required to act as chapel keeper at Totteridge Lane. His tenancy will expire at the end of the month. Rent for Judge to be set at 1s 6d per year.

1907. Totteridge Lane Chapel to be used by Lay Preachers Association, a body connected with the Wesleyan Church.

1908. A new Mission Hall in Whetstone built in Athenaeum Road at rear of shops in High Road.

1911. Church asked the Lay Preachers Association to return the keys of Totteridge Lane Chapel. No response. Much debate about what to do.

1912. Oakleigh Park church members forced lock of the chapel and fitted new locks. Required Miss Trott (?) to sign receipt for the new keys.

Fred Claridge of Frances Cottage, Whetstone was killed at the battle of Loos 25 September 1915.

EXTRACTS FROM KELLY'S DIRECTORIES

1886

Tilden, H J	Chapel House
Congregational Church and School	
Mackay, Ronald	East Ride
Colonel Puget	Poynters Grove

1892

Tilden H J	Chapel House
Mackay, Ronald	Oakfield
Cook, Ernest	The Manse
Totteridge Lane Congregational Chapel	
Berry, Thomas	Oakfield

1926

Sherwood, George Motor Engineer	The Manse
The Great Northern Motor Company	
Palmer, Thomas Jobbing Gardener	Chapel Cottage
Brodie, Charles	Oakfield

1937

Carpenter, J E	The Old Manse
Great Northern Motors	
Palmer, Mrs	Chapel Cottage

1939

Carpenter, J E	The Old Manse
Great Northern Motors	
Stanley, Miss F	Oakfield

