

Rotherham Archives and Local Studies Service

Methodist Church Learning Package

Part 3 – Trustees of the Church

5. Trustees of the Church

The Trustees of the church were responsible for looking after the church and Sunday School buildings.

Trustees were chosen from members of the church. When new trustees were chosen an official document called a deed was filled in to show who they were.

Names and Descriptions of all the Trustees in whom the said premises now become legally vested:—

I.—OLD CONTINUING TRUSTEES.

(Name.)	(Residence.)	(Occupation.)
Ezra Willis	139 Healy Lane Thorpe Healy	Miner
Mark Cheesman	61 Brook Hill "	Boot Shoe Repairer
John Wood	482 Wootley Road "	Engineer
James Copley	48 Healy Bar "	Labourer
Albert George Rugin	135 Healy Lane "	Miner
Joseph Wood	46 Healy Bar "	Miner
John James	256 Wramely Road (Sheffeld)	Manager
Charles Henry MacKintosh	22 Brown Road "	Manager

II.—NEW TRUSTEES NOW CHOSEN AND APPOINTED.

(Name.)	(Residence.)	(Occupation.)
Arthur John Willey	53 Brook Hill Thorpe Healy	Assistant Insurance Agent
Donna Willis	139 Healy Lane "	Miner
William Cheesman	125 " "	Colliery Deputy
Albert Law	17 Healy Bar "	Miner
George W. Copley	48 " "	Green's Assistant
Richard W. Popaton	5 Park View Healy Lane "	Colliery Pump Man
Robert Atkey	22 Healy Bar "	Miner
Mark Cheesman junr	464 Wootley Road "	Colliery Engine Man.

367-N/36/2/A/4 Deed of Memorandum and Appointment of New Trustees

Question 5. What is James Copley's address and what job did he do?

Trustees' Responsibilities

Lumley

Chapel.

Rotherham

Circuit.

Annual Summary for the Year ending December 31st, 19*24*

INCOME.			EXPENDITURE.		
To Balance in hand from last year	13	18 2	By Balance due from last year		
„ Seat Rents			„ Interest and Loan Instalments		
„ Rents of Houses, Schools, &c.			„ Ground Rent		
„ Anniversary, Subscriptions, Donations, Legacies	23	= 9	„ Lighting, Cleaning and Warming	22	18 =
„ Burial Ground			„ Repairs		10 6
„ All other Income	12	19 6	„ Insurance		0 0
„ Balance due to Treasurer			„ Organ and Choir	6	7 3
			„ Subscriptions to Connexional Funds		1 5 6
			„ Circuit Quarter Board		2 0 0
			„ All other Expenditure including Debt paid off except Loan Instalments	3	13 6
			„ Balance in hand	12	3 8
	£	49 18 5		£	49 18 5

We Certify that the above Account is correctly summarised from the Cash Account, which has been examined by us with the Vouchers and found correct.

W. H. Pritchard
14/2/25

Auditors.

367-N/39/2/B/1 Image of Trustees' Treasurer's Account Book

Extracts from Trustees' Meeting Minute Books

Trustees Meeting, Nov 21st 1900

“That we get a card printed to put in the chapel porch stating at what price pews can be let”

Trustees Meeting 25 Sep 1901,

“That Bro J Sylvester be asked to repair the windows and paint the chapel door and he be paid 6d per hour”

Yearly Trustee Meeting, 13 mar 1907

“That Bro E Willis and Jas Copley be elected as officers for auditing”

Special Trustees Meeting, July 11th 1907

“That we allow the sons of temperance society the use of the vestry for their meetings at a charge of 15- per year.”

The account book and extracts from the minute books show the responsibilities of the trustees. These include jobs that make sure the church building remains in good condition such as repairing and maintaining the church. The trustees make sure the church can be used by paying the heating and lighting bills for the church and hiring caretakers to make sure the church is clean and secure. The trustees' also have other important duties such as hiring out rooms and pews in the church and paying for the organist and choir.

Activity

Below is a list of things for the trustees to do. Put a tick against the jobs the Trustees' were responsible for. (**HINT**: The trustees would not do three of the jobs on the list)

Trustees' Things to Do

Repair the church windows

Arrange flowers

Rent out Pews

Pay the electricity bill

Perform a baptism

Hire an organist

Preach a service

Pay the caretaker

Activity - Identifying Church Furniture

Join the right description to the piece of church furniture in the circles.

Pews – benches for the congregation to sit on

Stained Glass Windows

Organ Pipes



Font – where children are baptised

Altar

Pulpit – where the preacher stands and speaks