# Non-Conformist Records on Microfilm at The Hive

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#### Introduction to Non-Conformist Records on Microfilm

#### What is a non-conformist?

A non-conformist is someone who could not be counted as part of the Church of England. They are often part of other churches. Examples include Quaker, Methodist and Baptist.

Up to 1644 non-conformists were persecuted and are unlikely to have kept written records. Even after 1644 they were often obliged to marry in the Church of England and were often buried in a parish churchyard. These events, however, may remain unregistered.

The Marriage Act of 1753 only recognised as legal those marriages taken by Anglican clergy (Quakers and Jews were exempt). Despite these tendencies many non-conformist churches did keep their own registers, often in the possession of individual ministers.

There is no requirement to deposit such records with local record offices so coverage can be patchy. Many records are held at The National Archives.

Details concerning what Roman Catholic registers are available on microfilm here at The Hive, is available in a separate handlist.

#### What do the records contain?

Like Church of England Parish Records non-conformist records contain baptisms, marriages and burials. Sometimes births and deaths are mentioned. Meetings of Society of Friends (Quakers) are sometimes included.

## Using this Handlist

- Pages 3-6 provides a list of non-conformist records held by place.
- Pages 7-26 provides a list of records by denomination, giving the name and place of the church, chapel or meeting house, the record type, covering dates and corresponding film number. Any associated notes are also included.
- Pages 27-28 provides an index to the Wesleyan Methodist Historic Roll, which names people who contributed to the Million Guinea Appeal of 1898.
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I hese records are on microfiche. They are arranged in the handlist by place, with fiche number and page numbers listed alongside.

• Please note that details relating to Roman Catholic Registers that are available on microfilm are provided in a separate handlist.

## Non-Conformist Records by Place

	Records								
Place	Baptists	Congregationalist /Independents	Countess of Huntingdon's Connexion	Methodists	Presbyterians	Society of Friends	Other		
Alcester/ Astwood	~								
Astwood Bank	✓								
Bewdley	✓				√				
Bidford-on-Avon (Warks)				✓					
Bloomfield see Tipton				~					
Bredon see Westmancote	~								
Broadway		✓							
Bromsgrove	✓			✓			✓		
Catshill	✓								

	Records									
Place	Baptists	Congregationalist /Independents	Countess of Huntingdon's Connexion	Methodists	Presbyterians	Society of Friends	Other			
Clent				✓						
Crabbs Cross (Redditch)				✓						
Cradley (Halesowen)	✓				✓					
Cradley (Herefordshire) (Leigh Sinton/ Suckley			✓							
Dodford	✓									
Dudley	✓			✓	✓	✓				
Evesham				✓	✓	✓				
Great Malvern			✓							
Kidderminster	✓		✓	✓	✓		~			

	Records								
Place	Baptists	Congregationalist /Independents	Countess of Huntingdon's Connexion	Methodists	Presbyterians	Society of Friends	Other		
Langley see Oldbury				✓					
Leigh				✓					
Lower Clent see Clent				✓					
Lower Mitton (Stourport)				✓					
Oldbury/ Langley				✓					
Pershore	✓						✓		
Redditch	✓	✓		✓					
Romsley				✓					
Shipston-on- Stour				✓					
Stourbridge/Lye		✓		✓	✓	✓			

	Records									
Place	Baptists	Congregationalist /Independents	Countess of Huntingdon's Connexion	Methodists	Presbyterians	Society of Friends	Other			
Stourport				✓						
Tenbury	✓									
Tipton (Bloomfield)				~						
Westmancote/ Bredon	✓									
Wolverley				$\checkmark$						
Worcester		✓	~	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Wyre Piddle				✓						

## **Baptists**

Name of church/Chapel	Type of record	Covering dates	Film	Notes
Alcester and Astwood Baptist	Births	1788-1837	1	Alcester is in Warwickshire and Astwood
Church	Deaths	1801-1806	1	was part of Feckenham. Alcester was
	Burials	1800-1837	1	the mother church. No pre-1837 register of marriages was kept. Between 1801 and 1813 the minister was minister for both Alcester and Astwood. From 1813 he was minister of Astwood only.
Astwood Bank Baptist Church	Baptisms	1813-1950	5	Astwood was a daughter church of
·	Burials	1800-1877(gaps)	5,6	Alcester Baptist Church. It had ceased to be used as a place of worship by
	Volume containing list of persons buried, plan of burial ground and list of graves.	1845-1887	6	1990.
	Register of members.	1813-1850	6	
Bewdley Baptist Chapel	Births	1776-1836	3	Bewdley Baptist Church was founded in
	Deaths	1756-1836	3	1649.
	Burials	1756-1836		

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Name of church/Chapel	Type of record	<b>Covering dates</b>	Film	Notes
Bromsgrove Baptist Church	Births	1671-1710(gaps)	12	Bromsgrove Baptist Chapel was
	Baptisms	1684-1862(gaps)	12,13	founded in 1666
	Marriages	1692-1841(gaps)	12	
	Deaths	1684-1854(gaps)	12,13	
	Church Books 1-6	1671-1862	12,13	
	List of Members	1863	13	
Bromsgrove Worcester Street	Births	1785-1836	4	
Independent and Baptist Church	Baptisms	1788-1804	4	
Catshill, Little Catshill Baptist	Births	1828-1834	4	
Chapel	Baptisms	1830-1836	4	
Cradley Baptist Church	Births	1794-1837	4	
[Halesowen]	Dedications	1806-1837	4	
	Burials	1807-1837	4	
Dodford Baptist Chapel	Originals only			Dodford Baptist Chapel has ceased to
				be used as a place of worship
Dudley, New Street Baptist	Births	1816-1837	4	Dudley New Street Baptist Chapel was
Church				founded in 1766
Kidderminster Union Street	Births	1803-1837	1	
	Births	1803-1837	1	

## **Baptists**

Name of church/Chapel	Type of record	Covering dates	Film	Notes
Pershore Broad St Baptist Church	Births	1811-1872	8	
Shipston on Stour Baptist Chapel	Births Baptisms	1776-1782 1783-1836	2	
Tenbury, Cross St Baptist Chapel		1820-1836	2	
Westmancote Baptist Chapel, Bredon	Marriages	1928-1962		Founded in 1779. Originals only Ref. b004.0301 BA10562.
Worcester, Silver St Baptist Chapel	Births	1793-1836	2	

## Congregationalists/Independents

Name of church/Chapel	Type of record	Covering dates	Film Nos	Notes
Broadway Independent Chapel	Births	1801-1837	3	
	Baptisms	1801-1837	3	
Redditch Independent	Births	1823-1837	2	
Congregational Chapel	Baptisms	1824-1837	2	
	Burials	1827-1837		
Stourbridge High Street	Births	1789-1937	2	
Independent Chapel	Baptisms	1790-1837	2	
Worcester, Angel Street	Baptisms	1699-1955	16	The Congregationalists established
Congregational Church	Marriages	1838-1840	16	themselves here circa 1687. This chapel
	Burials	1781-1899	16	is now closed
Worcester Angel Street	Births	1792-1837 (gaps)	2	
Independent Chapel	Baptisms	1699-1837 (gaps)	2	
	Burials	1815-1837	2	

## **Countess of Huntingdon's Connexion**

Name of church/Chapel	Type of record	Covering dates	Film	Notes
Cradley Countess of Huntingdon's Chapel [Herefordshire]				See Leigh Sinton
Great Malvern Countess of Huntington's Chapel				See Malvern
Kidderminster Countess of	Births	1790-1837 (gaps)	1	
Huntington's Chapel	Baptisms	1790-1837 (gaps)	1	
Leigh Sinton, Suckley and	Births	1818-1830	1	
Cradley Countess of Huntingdon's Chapel	Baptisms	1818-1837	1	
Malvern, Great Malvern,	Births	1827-1837	1	
Countess of Huntingdon's Chapel	Baptisms	1828-1837	1	
Suckley, Countess Huntingdon's Chapel	See Leigh Sinton			
Worcester Birdport Street	Births	1785-1836	2	This chapel is now closed
Countess of Huntingdon's Chapel	Baptisms	1784-1836	2	
Worcester, Deansway, Countess of Huntingdon's Church	Baptisms	1846-1973	9	

Name of church/Chapel	Type of record	Covering dates	Film	Notes
Bidford on Avon Wesleyan Methodist Church	Baptisms	1834-1879	6	Bidford on Avon is in Warwickshire
Bloomfield Wesleyan Methodist Chapel				See Tipton
Bromsgrove Hepzibah Primitive	Marriages	1906-1946	6	Built in 1861 and was on the
Methodist Chapel	Marriages	1947-1976	38	Birmingham Road. It is now closed
Bromsgrove Primitive Methodist	Baptisms	1837-1932	6	In September 1955 it was amalgamated with Bromsgrove Wesleyan Methodist circuit
Bromsgrove Wesleyan Methodist	Baptisms	1837-1941	14	
	Marriages	1900-1953	6	
Bromsgrove Wesleyan Chapel	Births	1818-1837	4	
	Baptisms	1815-1837	4	
	Burials	1835-1837	4	
Clent, Lower Clent Wesleyan Methodist	Marriages	1919-1958	6	
Crabbs Cross				See Redditch

Name of church/Chapel	Type of record	Covering dates	Film	Notes
Dudley, King Street Methodist Chapel and other chapels in the Dudley Circuit.	Births Baptisms	1804-1837 1804-1837	1,4 1,4	Dudley King Street Methodist Chapel was founded in 1788. The registers are also said to include entries for Oldbury and other places
Dudley, Wolverhampton Street Methodist New Connexion Chapel	Burials	1829-1837	1	Founded in 1829
Evesham Methodist Circuit	Baptisms Baptisms Marriages	1838-1935 (gaps) 1935-1964 1905-1915	6,7 32 7	
Evesham Wesleyan Methodist Chapel	Births Baptisms	1804-1837 1813-1837	1	
Kidderminster, Cross Street (Lion Fields) Methodist Chapel	Baptisms	1841-1878	7	
Kidderminster, George St, Primitive Methodist Church	Marriages Marriages	1911-1954 1955-1963	7 31	
Kidderminster, Mill Street Methodist	Baptisms Marriages Marriages Marriages	1841-1906 1847-1952 1952-1964 1964-1973	7,8 7,8 32 36	

Name of church/Chapel	Type of record	Covering dates	Film	Notes
Kidderminster Sion Field Primitive Methodist Chapel	Births Baptisms	1830-1837 1833-1837	3 3	
Kidderminster Wesleyan Chapel	Births Baptisms	1788-1837 (gaps) 1788-1837 (gaps)	1	
Langley				See Oldbury
Leigh Methodist	Baptisms	1884-1975	37	
Leigh, Smithsend Green Methodist Chapel	Marriages	1932-1964	32	
Lower Clent				See Clent
Lower Mitton				See Stourport on Severn
Oldbury, Langley, Spring Street Methodist Church	Marriages	1916-1945	8	
Oldbury Wesleyan Methodist	Births	1822-1837	1	
Chapel	Baptisms Burials	1832-1837 1823-1837	1 1,2	

Name of church/Chapel	Type of record	Covering dates	Film	Notes
Redditch Circuit Bates Hill	Baptisms	1929-1964	32	
Wesleyan Methodist Church and	Baptisms	1964-1968	35	
Other churches	Baptisms	1968-1976	38	
Redditch Circuit Wesleyan	Baptisms	1838-1929	21,22	
Methodist Chapel	Marriages	1844-1872	21	
Redditch Circuit Wesleyan Methodist Chapels	Baptisms	1891-1952	23	
Redditch Crabbs Cross Methodist Church	Marriages	1961-1975	37	
Redditch Crabbs Cross Wesleyan Methodist Chapel	Baptisms	1878-1891	23	
Redditch, Evesham Street Methodist Church	Marriages	1951	8	
Redditch Holyoakes Field Methodist Circuit	Baptisms	1909-1960	23	
Redditch, Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church	Baptisms	1908-1953	23	

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Redditch Wesleyan Chapel	Births Baptisms	1806-1837 1810-1837	2 2	
Romsley, Dayhouse Bank Methodist Church	Baptisms	1960	8	
Stourbridge, Lye Hayes Lane Methodist Church	None Held			Records transferred to Dudley Library.
Stourbridge, Lye Love Lane Methodist Church	None Held			Records transferred to Dudley Library.
Stourbridge, Lye St. Methodist Church	None Held			Records transferred to Dudley Library. This church was formerly known as Chapel Street Wesley chapel.
Stourbridge, New Road Ebenezer United Methodist Church	None held			Records Transferred to Dudley Library. This church was formerly known as Ebenezer Methodist New Connexion Chapel
Stourbridge Wesleyan Chapel	Births Baptisms	1804-1837 1809-1837	2 2	

Name of church/Chapel	Type of record	Covering dates	Film	Notes
Stourport on Severn, Lower Mitton, Lickhill Lane Methodist	Marriages	1936-1949	9	
Stourport on Severn Wesleyan Chapel	Births Baptisms	1788-1837 1788-1837	2 2	The chapel ceased to be used as a place of worship
Stourport on Severn Wesleyan Methodist Circuit	Baptisms	1791-1837	9	
Tipton, Bloomfield Wesleyan Methodists Chapel	Births Baptisms	1823-1837 1823-1837	1,3 1,3	
Tipton, Tipton Green Wesleyan Methodist Chapel	Births Baptisms	1808-1837 1809-1837	3 3	
Wolverley, Drakelow Methodist Church	Marriages	1945-1958	12	
Worcester Blockhouse Methodist Chapel	Baptisms	1825-1927	10	
Worcester, Bromyard Road Methodist Church	Baptisms	1885-1966	34	
Worcester, George Street Methodist Church	Baptisms Marriages Marriages	1928-1963 1915-1957 1957-1963	31 10 31	

Name of church/Chapel	Type of record	Covering dates	Film	Notes
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Worcester, Ombersley Road Methodist Chapel	Baptisms	1884-1962	30	
Worcester, Pump Street Methodist Chapel	Births Baptisms Baptisms Marriages Marriages	1799-1837 1799-1837 1803-1957 1899-1950 1950-1965	2 2 10 10,11 33	
Wyre Piddle Methodist Church	Baptisms	1838-1966	34	

## Presbyterians

Name of church/Chapel	Type of record	Covering dates	Film	Notes
Bewdley, High Street	Births	1772-1823	3	
Presbyterian Meeting House	Baptisms	1772-1823	3	
	Burials	1812-1815	3	
Cradley, Park Lane Presbyterian	Births	1785-1837	4	
Chapel [Halesowen]	Baptisms	1789-1837	4	
	Deaths	1761	4	
	Burials	1797-1826	4	
Dudley, Wolverhampton St	Births	1800-1837	4	
Presbyterian Chapel	Baptisms	1743-1837(gaps)	4	
	Burials	1829-1835	4	
Evesham, Oat Street Unitarian	Births	1776-1836	1	Founded in 1737. There is some
Presbyterian Chapel	Baptisms	1776-1955(gaps)	1,7	duplication of the pre 1837 entries
	Marriages	1848-1953(gaps)	7	
	Burials	1822-1962(gaps)	1,7	
Kidderminster Presbyterian/	Births	1783-1836	1	
Unitarian New Meeting House	Baptisms	1783-1836	1	
Stourbridge Presbyterian/	Baptisms	1709-1869	8,9	
Unitarian Church	Marriages	1838-1961	9	
	Burials	1791-1860	8,9	

## Presbyterians

Name of church/Chapel	Type of record	Covering dates	Film	Notes
Worcester, Castle Street Presbyterian Church	Baptisms Marriages	1866-1944 1867-1929	12 12	The Church was closed in October 1962. A new church was built in Albany Terrace, Worcester. The original baptism and marriage registers are very badly singed
Worcester Presbyterian Church	Sessions minutes	1865-1889	28	

Name of church/Chapel	Type of record	Covering dates	Film No	Notes
Birmingham Bull St Society of Friends	Births Deaths Burials	1662-1858(gaps) 1664-1796 1756-1861	10	Film located in Miscellaneous microfilm cabinet Drawer 7
Coventry and Warwick Society of Friends	Burials	1837-1861	29	Film located in Miscellaneous microfilm cabinet Drawer 7
Dudley Society of Friends	Births	1662-1848(gaps)	30	Film located in Miscellaneous microfilm cabinet Drawer 7
Evesham Society of Friends	Marriages	1776-1796		Originals only – Ref: b898.2 BA9751/1
Herefordshire Society of Friends	Births Marriages Burials	1635-1837 1657-1836 1650-1838	24 24 24	
Herefordshire and Worcestershire Society of Friends	Minutes of Quarterly Meeting	1791-1816	24	
Herefordshire, Worcestershire and Wales General Meeting	Births Marriages Burials	1635-1837 1657-1836 1650-1838	39	

Name of church/Chapel	Type of record	Covering dates	Film No	Notes
Leicestershire Society of Friends				See Warwickshire, Leicestershire and Rutland Society of Friends.
Rutland Society of Friends				See Warwickshire, Leicestershire and Rutland Society of Friends.
Shropshire Society of Friends	Births Marriages Deaths Particulars of	1656-1859 1656-1834 1656-1859 1703-1866	19 19 19 19	
	Graves at Coalbrookdale	1703-1800	19	
	Abstracts, Copy Deeds re. Shropshire Monthly Meeting Property	1670-1800	19	
	Papers re. Coalbrookdale, Shropshire and Shrewsbury	1795-1858	19	

Name of church/Chapel	Type of record	Covering dates	Film No	Notes
Shropshire Society of Friends (cont)	Meeting Houses and burial grounds			
	Monthly meeting List of members	1807-1872	19	
	Monthly meeting men's minutes	1768-1859	19,25	
	Monthly meeting women's minutes	1753-1824	25,26	
	Ministers' and elders' minutes	1766-1851	26	
	Removal Certificates Book	1785-1804	26	
	Broseley accounts	1690-1719	26	
	Broseley meeting Collections	1720-1748	26	

Name of church/Chapel	Type of record	Covering dates	Film No	Notes
Shropshire Society of Friends (cont)	Men's preparative meeting	1748-1829	26	
	Sufferings books	1660-1759	26	
Stourbridge and Dudley Society of Friends	Burials	1839-1858	29	Film located in Miscellaneous microfilm cabinet Drawer 7
Wales Society of Friends	Births	1635-1837	24	
	Marriages	1657-1836	24	
	Burials	1650-1838	24	
Warwick Society of Friends	Burials	1660-1879	10	Film located in Miscellaneous microfilm cabinet Drawer 7
Warwickshire, Leicestershire and Rutland Society of Friends	Quarterly Meeting Book and Accounts of Friends, sufferings	1704-1730	29	
	Minutes of Quarterly meeting	1730-1771	29	
	Accounts of Sufferings	1731-1795	29	

Name of church/Chapel	Type of record	<b>Covering dates</b>	Film	Notes
			No	
Worcestershire Society of	Births	1635-1837	24	
Friends	Marriages	1657-1836	24	
	Burials	1650-1838	24	
	Minutes of	1771-1791	29	
	Quarterly meeting			

### Other

Name of church/Chapel	Type of records	Covering dates	Film Nos	Notes
Bromsgrove Chapel Lane High Street	Births Baptisms Burials	1732-1837(gaps) 1739-1837(gaps) 1772-1837(gaps)	4 4 4	The Congregational Chapel in Chapel Lane was built on the site of the old meeting house in 1833. It was formerly known as Upper Meeting House
Bromsgrove Upper Meeting House				See Bromsgrove, Chapel Lane
Kidderminster Old Meeting House	Births Baptisms Deeds etc.	1785-1837(gaps) 1727-1837 1627-1860	1 1 27	
Pershore Broad Street Church	Births	1811-1872	8	Founded in 1658
Worcester, Bromwich Road Mission Hall	Marriages	1947-1983(gaps)	10	The mission hall was not affiliated to any non-conformist church, but was run on a non-denominational basis
Worcester Glenthorne Mission Church	Baptisms	1936-1961(gaps)	10	
Worcester Holy Trinity Poor Law Institution and Shrub Hill Hospital	Baptisms	1929-1971	10	

#### Wesleyan Methodist Historic Roll

The Wesleyan Methodist Historic Roll comprises of 50 volumes, organised into areas, in which the names of some 1,025,000 contributors to the Million Guinea Appeal of 1898 are recorded. The Appeal raised £1,073.682 before it was closed in 1908 and was used to purchase the site of the Royal Aquarium opposite Westminster Abbey, build Westminster Central Hall and expand the missionary work of the Wesleyan Methodist Church both at home and abroad.

The microfiche at Worcestershire Archive and Archaeology Service comprise of fiche numbers 1-19 from volume 22. These contain the Worcestershire Circuits which were part of the Birmingham and Shrewsbury District in 1898-1908.

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#### **Non-Conformist Records found within Private Collections**

Name of church/Chapel	Type of record	Covering dates	Film
Society of Friends, Birmingham	Quarterly Meeting Minute Books & Sufferings	1700-1816	1-31
Presbyterian Church, Worcester	Session Minutes	1865-1889	1
Congregational Church, Worcester	Parish Registers	1699-1955	1