

L DCCU**CONGREGATIONAL RECORDS****1813-1974****Historical Background:**

In 1831, the Congregational societies joined together to form the Congregational Union of England and Wales. The Hull & East Riding Congregational Union was formed in 1838.

On 1st July 1966 following the inauguration of the Congregational Church for World Mission and the formation of the Congregational Church in England and Wales. In 1972, the Congregational Union joined with the Presbyterian Church to form the United Reformed Church in England and Wales.

See Francis Wrigley, 'The History of the Yorkshire Congregational Union: a story of fifty years, 1873-1923' (1923)

Arrangement:

The Collection has been arranged as follows:

L DCCU/1 Yorkshire Congregational Union: Hull & East Riding District 1867-1974

L DCCU/1/1	General Committee	1900-1972
L DCCU/1/2	Women's Committee	1965-1972
L DCCU/1/3	Hull & East Riding Congregational Magazines	1867-1974
L DCCU/1/4	Yorkshire Congregational Year Book	1935-1972
L DCCU/1/5	Miscellaneous	1885-1897

L DCCU/2 Hull Congregational Board 1895-1966

L DCCU/2/1	Board and Monthly Meetings	1895-1966
L DCCU/2/2	Hull City Group of Congregational Churches	1939-1942

L DCCU/3 Women's Guild of Christian Service: Hull & District branch 1955-1966

L DCCU/3/1	Committee	1955-1966
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L DCCU/4 Hull & East Riding Auxiliary 1813-1824**Related material:**

West Yorkshire Archives Service, Leeds hold the Records of the Yorkshire Congregational Union (Ref WYL777) which includes records of the Hull and East Riding Association 1816-1879, and the Yorkshire Congregational Union, Young People's Committee 1907-1972.

East Riding Archives, Beverley hold Hull and District Auxiliary of the London Missionary Society minute book, 1932-1973 (Ref EUR13/5/2/1)

Extent:

104 items (7 boxes)

Access Conditions:

Access will be granted to any accredited reader

L DCCU/1	<p>Yorkshire Congregational Union: Hull & East Riding District 91 items</p>	1867-1972
L DCCU/1/1	<p>General Committee Minutes regarding church issues across the region including proposed new churches, the admission and transfer of members, the Election of Officers, the appointment of Church Visitors and the disbursement of grants and charities. Reports of the District Executive meetings are also included with details of any resolutions passed. Two meetings were held each year 'Spring' and 'Autumnal' with printed notices serving as reminder of the forthcoming meeting and its agenda. 3 items</p>	1900-1972
L DCCU/1/1/1	<p>Minute Book Front of the volume includes 'Standing Orders Adopted' (Sep 1917), 'Rules for the Election of Officers' (1912) and list of donations totalling £40 towards the cost of the [Cester] Memorial Window (n.d.) and letter (13 Nov 1895) from Hornsea Congregational Church to H. Lambert asking if he would consent to be a Trustee. Minutes include condemnation of the proposed Education Bill (Oct 1902) because it proposes to destroy the School Boards. Also contains 'Scheme for a Re-constituted Congregational Union' (Oct 1901). 1 volume</p>	11 Sep 1900- 7 Mar 1918
L DCCU/1/1/2	<p>Minute Book With typescript notes regarding a scheme of co-operation between Albion and Emmanuel Churches in Hull (May 1936). Includes Yorkshire Congregational Union and Home Missionary Society printed notice (Sep 1935) with typescript notes on the reverse regarding churches destroyed by enemy action (annotated date of Dec 1943); Hull & District Congregational and Baptist Lay Preachers' Association quarterly plan (Jan-Mar 1942) timetable of speakers appearing at churches in the district; Report of the Committee on Ministerial Settlements and Removals (May 1938). 1 volume</p>	19 Jul 1918- 10 Feb 1944

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| L DCCU/1/1/3 | <p>Minutes
Annual Meeting, Advisory Committee and District Planning Committee (established Mar 1944) minutes with a list of venues and chairman of the District meetings (1900-1972) with printed programmes for the Annual Meetings, each year includes a list of subscriptions and collections and targets for the forthcoming year. Includes Report of Planning Committee on the 'Needs of Hull in Connection with Reconstruction and the Reconstruction Fund' (Jul 1948) detailing the situation with regards Albion, East Hull, Hessle Road and Newland Churches; Statement regarding Albion Congregational Church (Jul 1956); consultation with local residents and the leaflet 'Can we help you? Can you help us?' about plans for a congregational church in South Ella (Oct 1962). With index.
1 item</p> | 10 Feb 1944-
14 Sep 1972 |
| L DCCU/1/2 | <p>Women's Committee
Meetings concerning the arrangement of future events and activities including rallies which were held across the region
1 item/1 volume</p> | 1965-1972 |
| L DCCU/1/2/1 | <p>Minutes
Includes statement (Dec 1966) regarding the integration of the Women's Guild of Christian Service (see L DCCU/3/1-5). Includes copy of report of the Annual Ladies' Rally (April 1972) and ends with the final meeting following the amalgamation of the Yorkshire Congregational Union into the United Reform Church. Also includes details (1965-1971) of the Committee members and the nominated representatives from churches across the region.
1 volume</p> | 26 Mar 1965-
20 Oct 1972 |
| L DCCU/1/3 | <p>Hull & East Riding Congregational Magazines
Based on the 'Christian's Penny Magazine' the first Congregational Magazine appeared in April 1867. This monthly publication featured a range of general and local content including regular news and updates from churches across the region including detailed obituary for prominent members of the church.

Each year was given a Volume No (ie 1867 was Vol 1, 1868 Vol 2) but there appears to have been some errors in the numbering system, details provided here have not been corrected or adjusted to take into account any errors.</p> | 1867-1974 |

From 1868 the magazine was through numbered across the year and are usually bound in yearly volumes with a table of contents for the year. Until 1878 the volume also features what is believed to be 'The Juvenile Missionary Annual' for the same year but this is unclear as the cover page has not been included. From 1909 the volume only contains the Congregational Magazine.

From 1955 the newsletter, by now renamed 'East Riding News' is much shorter and is a typescript (instead of printed) based newsletter. The Newsletter was discontinued in December 1974.

50 items

L DCCU/1/3/1	Hull & East Riding Congregational Magazine, Vol 1 1 volume	Apr 1867- Dec 1867
L DCCU/1/3/2	Hull & East Riding Congregational Magazine, Vol 2 1 volume	1868
L DCCU/1/3/3	Hull & East Riding Congregational Magazine, Vol 3 1 volume	1869
L DCCU/1/3/4	Hull & East Riding Congregational Magazine, Vol 4 1 volume	1870
L DCCU/1/3/5	Hull & East Riding Congregational Magazine, Vol 5 1 volume	1871
L DCCU/1/3/6	Hull & East Riding Congregational Magazine, Vol 8 1 volume	1874
L DCCU/1/3/7	Hull & East Riding Congregational Magazine, Vol 9 Includes laying the foundations for the new Congregational Church on Hessle Road, Hull (Nov 1875) 1 volume	1875
L DCCU/1/3/8	Hull & East Riding Congregational Magazine, Vol 10 Includes the new Chapel at Skipsea (Apr 1876) 1 volume	1876
L DCCU/1/3/9	Hull & East Riding Congregational Magazine, Vol 11 1 volume	1877
L DCCU/1/3/10	Hull & East Riding Congregational Magazine, Vol 12 1 volume	1878
L DCCU/1/3/11	Hull & East Riding Congregational Magazine, Vols 16-17 1 volume	1909-1910

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L DCCU/1/3/12	Hull & East Riding Congregational Magazine, Vols 19-20 Includes (1911) series of biographical portraits of prominent individuals with photographs entitled 'Stalwarts of Congregationalism – Past & Present' 1 volume	1911-1912
L DCCU/1/3/13	Hull & East Riding Congregational Magazine, Vols 21-22 1 volume	1913-1914
L DCCU/1/3/14	Hull & East Riding Congregational Magazine, Vols 23-24 1 volume	1915-1916
L DCCU/1/3/15	Hull & East Riding Congregational Magazine, Vol 25 1 volume	1917
L DCCU/1/3/16	Hull & East Riding Congregational Magazine, Vols 26-27 1 volume	1918-1919
L DCCU/1/3/17	Hull & East Riding Congregational Magazine, Vol 28 1 volume	1920
L DCCU/1/3/18	Hull & East Riding Congregational Magazine, Vols 30-32 1 volume	1922-1924
L DCCU/1/3/19	Hull & East Riding Congregational Magazine, Vol 33 1 volume	1925
L DCCU/1/3/20	Hull & East Riding Congregational Magazine, Vol 34 1 volume	1926
L DCCU/1/3/21	Hull & East Riding Congregational Magazine, Vol 35 1 volume	1927
L DCCU/1/3/22	Hull & East Riding Congregational Magazine, Vol 36 1 volume	1928
L DCCU/1/3/23	Hull & East Riding Congregational Magazine, Vol 37 1 volume	1929
L DCCU/1/3/24	Hull & East Riding Congregational Magazine, Vol 38 1 volume	1930
L DCCU/1/3/25	Hull & East Riding Congregational Magazine, Vol 39 1 volume	1931

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L DCCU/1/3/26	Hull & East Riding Congregational Magazine, Vol 40 1 volume	1932
L DCCU/1/3/27	Hull & East Riding Congregational Magazine, Vol 41 1 volume	1933
L DCCU/1/3/28	Hull & East Riding Congregational Magazine, Vols 29-42 Incomplete series, contains local church notes only 1 volume	Nov 1917- Jun 1934
L DCCU/1/3/29	Hull & East Riding Congregational Magazine, Vols 45-83 Incomplete series, contains local church notes only 1 volume	Apr 1937- Apr 1950
L DCCU/1/3/30	Hull & East Riding Congregational Magazine, Vol 85 Single issue 1 item	Jul 1952
L DCCU/1/3/31	East Riding News January is missing 1 bundle/11 pieces	1955
L DCCU/1/3/32	East Riding News October and November are missing 1 bundle/10 pieces	1956
L DCCU/1/3/33	East Riding News January and February are missing 1 bundle/10 pieces	1957
L DCCU/1/3/34	East Riding News 1 bundle/12 pieces	1958
L DCCU/1/3/35	East Riding News 1 bundle/12 pieces	1959
L DCCU/1/3/36	East Riding News 1 bundle/12 pieces	1960
L DCCU/1/3/37	East Riding News 1 bundle/12 pieces	1961
L DCCU/1/3/38	East Riding News 1 bundle/12 pieces	1962
L DCCU/1/3/39	East Riding News 1 bundle/12 pieces	1963
L DCCU/1/3/40	East Riding News 1 bundle/12 pieces	1964

L DCCU/1/3/41	East Riding News 1 bundle/12 pieces	1965
L DCCU/1/3/42	East Riding News 1 bundle/12 pieces	1966
L DCCU/1/3/43	East Riding News 1 bundle/12 pieces	1967
L DCCU/1/3/44	East Riding News 1 bundle/12 pieces	1968
L DCCU/1/3/45	East Riding News February is missing 1 bundle/11 pieces	1969
L DCCU/1/3/46	East Riding News 1 bundle/12 pieces	1970
L DCCU/1/3/47	East Riding News 1 bundle/12 pieces	1971
L DCCU/1/3/48	East Riding News 1 bundle/12 pieces	1972
L DCCU/1/3/49	East Riding News 1 bundle/12 pieces	1973
L DCCU/1/3/50	East Riding News 1 bundle/12 pieces	1974
L DCCU/1/4	Yorkshire Congregational Union Year Books The Annual Year book features the proceedings of the Yorkshire Congregational Union (YCU) and the Home Missionary Society with a statement about the objects and work of the Union. Also includes a list of Committee members, details of past Chairman of the YCU (from 1872), list of churches and ministers and financial information regarding income raised through subscriptions and collections. 35 items	1935-1972
L DCCU/1/4/1	The Yorkshire Congregational Union Year Book 1 item	1935
L DCCU/1/4/2	The Yorkshire Congregational Union Year Book 1 item	1936
L DCCU/1/4/3	The Yorkshire Congregational Union Year Book 1 item	1937

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L DCCU/1/4/4	The Yorkshire Congregational Union Year Book 1 item	1938
L DCCU/1/4/5	The Yorkshire Congregational Union Year Book 1 item	1939
L DCCU/1/4/6	The Yorkshire Congregational Union Year Book 1 item	1940
L DCCU/1/4/7	The Yorkshire Congregational Union Year Book 1 item	1941
L DCCU/1/4/8	The Yorkshire Congregational Union Year Book 1 item	1942
L DCCU/1/4/9	The Yorkshire Congregational Union Year Book 1 item	1943
L DCCU/1/4/10	The Yorkshire Congregational Union Year Book 1 item	1944
L DCCU/1/4/11	The Yorkshire Congregational Union Year Book 1 item	1945
L DCCU/1/4/12	The Yorkshire Congregational Union Year Book 1 item	1946
L DCCU/1/4/13	The Yorkshire Congregational Union Year Book 1 item	1948-49
L DCCU/1/4/14	The Yorkshire Congregational Union Year Book 1 item	1950-51
L DCCU/1/4/15	The Yorkshire Congregational Union Year Book 1 item	1951-52
L DCCU/1/4/16	The Yorkshire Congregational Union Year Book 1 item	1952-53
L DCCU/1/4/17	The Yorkshire Congregational Union Year Book 1 item	1953-54
L DCCU/1/4/18	The Yorkshire Congregational Union Year Book 1 item	1954-55
L DCCU/1/4/19	The Yorkshire Congregational Union Year Book 1 item	1955-56
L DCCU/1/4/20	The Yorkshire Congregational Union Year Book 1 item	1956-57

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L DCCU/1/4/21	The Yorkshire Congregational Union Year Book 1 item	1957-58
L DCCU/1/4/22	The Yorkshire Congregational Union Year Book 1 item	1959-60
L DCCU/1/4/23	The Yorkshire Congregational Union Year Book 1 item	1960-61
L DCCU/1/4/24	The Yorkshire Congregational Union Year Book 1 item	1961-62
L DCCU/1/4/25	The Yorkshire Congregational Union Year Book 1 item	1962-63
L DCCU/1/4/26	The Yorkshire Congregational Union Year Book 1 item	1963-64
L DCCU/1/4/27	The Yorkshire Congregational Union Year Book 1 item	1964-65
L DCCU/1/4/28	The Yorkshire Congregational Union Year Book 1 item	1965-66
L DCCU/1/4/29	The Yorkshire Congregational Union Year Book 1 item	1966-67
L DCCU/1/4/30	The Yorkshire Congregational Union Year Book 1 item	1967-68
L DCCU/1/4/31	The Yorkshire Congregational Union Year Book 1 item	1968-69
L DCCU/1/4/32	The Yorkshire Congregational Union Year Book 1 item	1969-70
L DCCU/1/4/33	The Yorkshire Congregational Union Year Book 1 item	1970-71
L DCCU/1/4/34	The Yorkshire Congregational Union Year Book 1 item	1971-72
L DCCU/1/4/35	The Yorkshire Congregational Union Year Book 1 item	1972-73

L DCCU/1/5	Miscellaneous 2 items	1885-1897
L DCCU/1/5/1	A Grand Bazaar Printed leaflet publicising the Wycliffe Congregational Church's bazaar which it states is being held for the 'Removal of the Debt remaining on Wycliffe Church'. 1 item	Mar 1885
L DCCU/1/5/2	Annual Meetings - Official Handbook Printed booklet, featuring numerous photographs of individuals, for the Annual Meetings held over three days in churches across Hull including details of the Women's Conference held at the same time. With a list of delegates and details of their host. Features numerous advertisements by local firms and business and includes details of train times to/from Hull Paragon station. 1 item	Apr 1897
L DCCU/2	Hull Congregational Board The Congregational Board was responsible for the management of the Congregation's Finances and Funds, maintenance of Church Properties and Stewardship and Fund-raising. 7 items	1895-1966
L DCCU/2/1	Board and Monthly Meetings Concerned with the growth and spread of Congregationalism in Hull including the foundation of new churches. Minutes include details about the churches nominated representatives on the Board, often confirmed by postcard attached into the minutes; the 'Congregational Magazine'; newspaper reports of meetings; printed publicity leaflets about the annual 'United Conversazione'. 6 items	1895-1966
L DCCU/2/1/1	Minute Book With historical note at the start of the volume indicating the Board was established on 22 September 1890 with information about key resolutions agreed relating to representation on the Board (1894-1900). Includes obituary and Memorial Service programme (Sep 1898) for the Rev T.J. Leslie, Pastor of Salem Congregational Church and Secretary of the Hull Congregational Board. Also includes 'Proposed Scheme for the Re-Construction of Hull Congregational Board' (Sep 1902) and 'Revised Constitution and Bye Laws' (Dec 1902)	1 Mar 1895- 26 Oct 1906

outlining the aim and objectives of the Board, its membership, its services and meetings, its funds and its sub-committees.

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| L DCCU/2/1/2 | Minute Book Includes printed leaflet 'Warning to Girls: Forewarned is Forearmed' produced by the Hull Vigilance Association about not speaking to strangers (Dec 1912) | 2 Nov 1906-
10 Nov 1916 |
| L DCCU/2/1/3 | Minute Book
Includes typescript summary notes on the main recommendations of Carter Commission Report which included amalgamating the County Congregational Unions into larger Provincial Unions, a scheme for amalgamating Durham, Northumberland and Yorkshire was part of the full report (c1934). With index. | 31 May 1929-
5 Jun 1936 |
| L DCCU/2/1/4 | Minute Book
With printed notice of a 'United Rally' with Rev A.M. Chirgwin addressing the meeting on 'The Present World Situation and the Main Proposals of the New Advance' (Jun 1943). Also includes printed notes 'The New Advance' issued by the Hull & District Congregational Board and the London Missionary Society (East Riding Auxiliary) (Jun 1943). | 11 Sep 1936-
16 Jun 1944 |
| L DCCU/2/1/5 | Minute Book Includes printed notice about the opening of a 'Gift Shop' at 18 Goerge Street, Hull as part of the Congregational Board's attempts to raise £500 towards the movement's target of raising £500,000 for Reconstruction. | 29 Sep 1944-
20 Jan 1950 |
| L DCCU/2/1/6 | Minute Book
Final meeting of the Hull Congregational Board was in November 1966 following the decision to restructure the District. The end of the volume includes a list of Chairman (1949/50-1965/66) and list of subjects discussed at Board Meeting (1950-1965) | 17 Mar 1950-
17 Nov 1966 |

1 volume

L DCCU/2/2	<p>Hull City Group of Congregational Churches Representatives from Memorial, Newlands, Albion, Hessle Road and Garden Village Churches met in October 1939 to consider grouping the five churches into one for the duration of the war. 1 item</p>	1939-1942
L DCCU/2/2/1	<p>Minute Book Features minutes of the Grouping Committee, typescript copy of the Group's Constitution (Dec 1939) and Minutes of the Council and Executive Committee meetings. The Group began to wind-up its operations in June 1942 and formally ended on 31 Dec 1942. 1 volume</p>	20 Oct 1939- 12 Dec 1942
L DCCU/3	<p>Women's Guild of Christian Service: Hull & District Branch The Yorkshire Women's Guild of Christian Service was formed at the Dewsbury Meeting of the Yorkshire County Union on the 8th April 1891. The Hull & District branch was formed in 1955 (see L DCCU/3/1). 5 items</p>	1955-1966
L DCCU/3/1	<p>Minute Book With notes relating to the creation of the branch following a talk in October 1954 by Mrs F. Holdforth the County Secretary of the Women's Guild of Christian Service after which a local branch was proposed. Includes printed copy of Yorkshire Women's Guild of Christian Service 'Objects and Constitution' (n.d.); typescript copy of Presidential Address (Feb 1959). Also includes committee members for 1964 and their affiliated churches and copy of report sent to 'Federation News' about the Hull & District branch and its activities (1959). 1 volume</p>	20 Jan 1955- 29 Jan 1965
L DCCU/3/2	<p>Correspondence Committee related correspondence relating to the Committee including nomination of delegates for the committee, arrangements for future events including the branch's 10th anniversary event in Oct 1964. Also includes typescript notes providing guidance for Guild Chairman, Secretaries and Treasurers and typescript list of Committee Members 1965-1966. 1 bundle/12 pieces</p>	Oct 1960- Dec 1966

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| L DCCU/3/3 | <p>Autumn Rally
Correspondence relating to the organisation of the Autumn Rally on the 20 September 1961 held at Newland Congregational Church, Hull including sub-committee minutes and letters from a number of outlying Guilds.
1 bundle/20 pieces</p> | Feb 1961-
Oct 1961 |
| L DCCU/3/4 | <p>Integration of Women's Work within the County Union Structure
Items concerning the re-structuring of the Congregational Union in the mid 1960s. It includes recommendations regarding future policy for Women's Work (Sep 1962); Questions for Discussions at the [Yorkshire] Assembly (Apr 1964) regarding 'The Church and Women's Work'; agenda for a meeting to discuss the re-structuring (Aug 1964) and a circular notice about the forthcoming changes that will take effect 1 July 1966 (Mar 1966); copy of the Yorkshire Congregational Newsletter (Jan 1964); typescript notes about the work of the District Guilds and Young Wives Group (c1965) and typescript notes about a possible survey of 'Religious Broadcasting' with proposed questions (c1963).
1 bundle/19 pieces</p> | Sep 1962-
Mar 1966 |
| L DCCU/3/5 | <p>Bridlington Conference
Items concerning the Conference for Congregational Women to be held at Bridlington in October 1965. Includes draft and typescript programme for the three day event; Questions for Discussions at the [Yorkshire] Assembly (Apr 1964) regarding 'The Church and Women's Work'; typescript notes for a training day on 'Christian Behaviour' (Sep 1965) and copy of the Yorkshire Congregational Newsletter (Oct 1965).
1 bundle/6 pieces</p> | Apr 1964-
Oct 1965 |
| L DCCU/4 | <p>Hull & East Riding Auxiliary Missionary Society
The Hull & East Riding Auxiliary Missionary Society was formed on 18 August 1813 with the express intention of co-operating with and promoting the work of the Missionary Society. Formed in 1795 the Society was re-named the London Missionary Society in 1818.</p> <p>The records of the London Missionary Society are held as part of the archive of the Council for World Mission at the School of Oriental and African Studies</p> | 1813-1824,
1895 |

(SOAS) in London (Ref CWM/LMS).

There are three official histories of the London Missionary Society:

- Richard Lovett, 'The History of the London Missionary Society 1795-1895' 2 vols (pub. 1899)

- Norman Goodall, 'A history of the London Missionary Society, 1895-1945' (pub 1954)

- 'Gales of Change: responding to a shifting missionary context: the story of the London Missionary Society, 1945-1977', ed. by Bernard Thorogood (pub. 1994)

1 item

L DCCU/4/1

Committee Minutes

Includes printed resolutions regarding the foundation and purpose of the Society and a hand-written list of its first committee members with the first Committee meeting being held on the 10th March 1814.

The minutes record details of meetings held across the District to raise funds for and to promote the work of the Missionary Society. With printed notices and programmes for the General Meeting held over two days each July.

Also includes three newspaper cuttings from the 'Hull Daily Mail' relating to a meeting held in Hull (June 1895) to celebrate the centenary of the London Missionary Society.

1 volume

Aug 1813-
May 1824,
&1895