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Blackbraes Church finding aid

Blackbraes Church was set up as a Church of Scotland Chapel of Ease around 1866, with the building located in Blackbraes (California). It was formally disjoined from Muiravonside Parish and erected as quoad sacra parish by decreet of the Court of Teinds on 14 July 1890. It used the name Shieldhill & Blackbraes Parish Church from about 1900 to 1929, when it took the name Blackbraes Parish Church, following the union of the United Free Church of Scotland and the Church of Scotland (while the former Shieldhill United Free Church became Shieldhill Parish Church)..
The congregation was linked with Shieldhill from 1943 until 1957, and then linked with Polmont South Church (Brightons) from 16 Feb 1958 until 10 September 1961 when the linkage was dissolved. The congregation was united with Shieldhill on 1 Nov 1963 as Blackbraes and Shieldhill Church. In 2008 Shieldhill and Blackbraes was linked with Muiravonside.

The Church of Scotland kirk session for Blackbraes sat within the Presbytery of Linlithgow until 1929, when it became part of the Presbytery of Linlithgow and Falkirk. In 1976 (as part of Blackbraes & Shieldhill Parish Church) it became part of the Presbytery of Falkirk.

The building was erected in 1866, closed in 1996 and demolished by 2000.

Reference Code	Date	Brief Description
CH2/830/2	06 Jan 1947-02 Aug 1963	Session minutes
CH2/830/3	18 Jan 1935-31 Dec 1961	Congregational Board minutes
CH2/830/4	1908-1925	Seat letting counterfoil books (2 items)
CH2/830/5	20 Apr 1884-26 Nov 1961	Baptismal Register
CH2/830/1	1890-1919	Register of proclamations of banns for marriage
CH2/830/6	17 Feb 1931-10 Oct 1963	Register of proclamations of banns for marriage