

# FALKIRK ARCHIVES

## Records of Churches

### Falkirk Graham's Road Church finding aid

Graham's Road Church had its origins in the Anti-burghers who left Erskine Church in 1747. Some of the congregation removed to form the Falkirk (Lifter) congregation in 1781. The remaining anti-burgher congregation entered the United Secession Church in 1820 and then the United Presbyterian Church in 1847 at which point it became known as the Falkirk South United Presbyterian Church. It took the name Falkirk Graham's Rd Church in the 1870s following construction of a new building. The congregation entered the United Free Church in 1900 and the Church of Scotland in 1929.

The congregation was linked with Falkirk Grahamston on 5 September 1972 and then on 15 October 1975 the linkage was dissolved and the two congregations united, along with Falkirk Methodist Church and Falkirk Congregational Church as part of the ecumenical Grahamston United Church (listed separately as CH3/1620).

The Church of Scotland kirk session for Falkirk Graham's Road sat within the presbytery of Linlithgow and Falkirk and from 1976 in the presbytery of Falkirk.

The congregation occupied a building on Cow Wynd from 1782 until 1806 when they moved to the newly completed Tattie Kirk, also on Cow Wynd. The congregation moved to Grahams Road in the 1870s and became known as Grahams Road Church.

<i>Reference Code</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Brief Description</i>
CH3/1222/1	1784-1787; 1799-1821; 1824-1833	Session minutes (volume damaged - it once continued to 1856)
CH3/1222/2	1857-1866	Session minutes
CH3/1222/3	1866-1886	Session minutes
CH3/1222/4	1886-1903	Session minutes
CH3/1222/5	1916-1932	Session minutes
CH3/1222/6	1932-1937	Session minutes
CH3/1222/7	1937-1959	Session minutes
CH3/1222/8	1959-1971	Session minutes
CH3/1222/28	1971-1976	Session minutes
CH3/1222/9	1839-1882	Board of Managers minutes
CH3/1222/10	1882-1907	Board of Managers minutes
CH3/1222/11	1907-1915	Board of Managers minutes
CH3/1222/12	1915-1925	Board of Managers minutes
CH3/1222/13	1925-1930	Board of Managers minutes
CH3/1222/14	1930-1933	Board of Managers minutes
CH3/1222/15	1933-1953	Board of Managers minutes
CH3/1222/16	1953-1975	Board of Managers minutes
CH3/1222/17	1888-1974	Baptismal Register
CH3/1222/18	1888-1929	Marriage Register
CH3/1222/19	1932-1975	Register of proclamations of banns for marriage
CH3/1222/20	1827-1869;	Burial Register

	1884-1891	
CH3/1222/21	1888-1929	Burial Register
CH3/1222/22	1913-1925	Communion Roll
CH3/1222/23	1932	Communion Roll
CH3/1222/24	1932-1936	Communion Roll
CH3/1222/25	1937-1949	Communion Roll
CH3/1222/26	1879-1915	Adherents' Roll
CH3/1222/27	1882	Congregational and other subscriptions (mostly undated)
CH3/1222/29	1977-1980	Property Register (2 volumes)
A384.01	10 Oct 1910	Plan attached to feu charter by Trustees of Graham's Rd United Free Congregation in favour of Wm Fleming Gordon. [Tattie Kirk graveyard]
CH3/1222/30	1883-1893	Accounts: account to Russell and Aitken, writers, 1883; account to Borthwick and Nelson, accountants, 1893; account to J H Burns, writer, 1893
A1101.005	1923-1946	Account book. Also includes loose inserts with lists of elders and districts, cheques from the National Bank of Scotland, Falkirk Branch and financial papers
CH3/1222/31	1923-1929	Business accounts: the Trustees for Graham's Road United Free Church to Messrs T & T Gibson & Aitchison, WS, 1923; Graham's Road Church per Mr W Hay, Russell Street, Falkirk to Messrs T & T Gibson & Kennedy, WS, 1929
CH3/1222/32	1925-1961	Annual Reports with financial statements (with some gaps)
CH3/1222/33	1910-1961	Church building repairs and maintenance papers. Includes repair of church windows, 1910; repairs to church roof, 1911; plumbing work, 1912; cleaning and lighting of church, 1913; painter work, 1913; window cleaning and repair, 1913; lighting of church, 1913; replacement chimney cans to hall, 1915; obscuring of hall windows, 1916; laying of a concrete pavement at the front of church, 1916; installation of radiators in hall, 1921; plumbing work, 1922; repairs to heating apparatus, 1924; repairs to spire, 1924; electrical work to church and hall, 1924; work on pulpit light, 1924; alterations to Galloway Street entrance, 1926; changing electricity supply from direct current to alternating current, 1926; conversion from coal to electricity, 1961; list of subscriptions towards cost of cleaning, painting and lighting of church buildings, nd
CH3/1222/34	1911-1926	Manse repairs and maintenance papers. Includes estimates for paintwork, 1911; specification of work, 1911; plumbing work, 1911; gardening, 1911; drainage work, 1912; painter work, 1915; new range for manse kitchen, 1916; hot water supply, 1916; painting and decorating 1922; repairs required following Presbyterial Visitation, 1922; repairs to footpaths, 1925; repair to hearth in manse, 1926
CH3/1222/35	1909-1963	Papers relating to the church organ and other musical instruments. Estimate for piano tuning and repairs to the harmoniums, 1909; estimate for piano tuning, 1909; letter and estimate for tuning and maintenance contract, 1911; copy minute regarding the building of a pipe organ in the church as a memorial to those belonging to the congregation who died during the First World War, 1922;

		papers concerning the handing over of the memorial organ, 1925; letter and estimate for cleaning and overhauling of organ, 1953; specification and estimate for repairs to the organ bellows following a fire in the church kitchen, 1963
CH3/1222/36	c 1919	Constitution
CH3/1222/37	1963-1975	Statistical Returns
CH3/1222/38	1963-1969	Religious Instruction of Youth forms for 1963, 1964, 1965 and 1969
CH3/1222/39	1966-1976	Details of statistics: new communicants, new members, members removed from communion roll by transfer certificate/death, baptisms, and changes of address
CH3/1222/40	Early 20th century	Presbyterial Quinquennial Visitation questionnaire
CH3/1222/41	1898-1905	Correspondence regarding the Town Mission. These papers concern the ownership of a strip of ground running from the High Station Road past the front of the Town Mission Hall. A small section of this ground belonged to the South United Presbyterian Church, and the question was raised whether the church would be willing to give up the land in order to widen the road
CH3/1222/42	1910-1933	Correspondence regarding the Old Graveyard at Cow Wynd. These papers refer to the proposed purchase of part of the old graveyard at Cow Wynd by William Fleming. The papers include letters, petitions, valuations and land value forms, and newspaper cuttings relating to the 'Falkirk Graveyard Scandal' of 1914
CH3/1222/43	1963	Fire damage papers. These papers refer to a fire which damaged the rear of the church premises on 31 Dec 1962
CH3/1222/44	1916-1929	Correspondence regarding the redemption of casualties
CH3/1222/45	1911-1918	Lands valuation notices. Includes notices and associated correspondence
CH3/1222/46	1879-1956	Extract Minutes. Extract from minutes of Home Committee of Board of Missions, 2 Apr 1879; extract from minute of Congregational Meeting regarding the purchase of a new manse, 15 Feb 1893; extract from minute of Congregational Meeting regarding manse repairs, strip on unused ground in church-yard, election of new trustees, 12 Apr 1910; extract from minute of Special Congregational Meeting regarding cleaning of hall and manse, sale of ground at Falkirk South Church, appointment of trustees, 12 Apr 1910; extract from minute of Special Congregational Meeting regarding an application to the Baird's Trust for funds towards completing the building of the new halls, 22 Mar 1933; extract from minute of Special Congregational Meeting regarding election of new trustees to oversee the sale of old manse and purchase of new manse, 30 Dec 1956
CH3/1222/47	1929-late 20th century	Church vacancy duties. Duties of Church Officer, Hall-keeper and Cleaner, 1929; duties of Leader of Church Praise, nd; appointment of Church Officer and Cleaner, 1958; appointment of Organist and Choirmaster, [late 20th century]
CH3/1222/48	1928	Inventory of books and papers
CH3/1222/49	1919	Financial circulars and notices. Circular from the Central

		Fund Committee regarding a scheme to increase subscriptions, Jan 1919; circular from the Convenor of Presbytery's Committee regarding increasing contributions to the Central Fund, 28 Apr 1919; handwritten notice addressed to 'Dear Fellow Member' setting out the church's financial position and an appeal for more funds, 1919; leaflet entitled 'The Central Fund Explained'; circular addressed to 'the Members and Adherents' appealing for increased contributions
CH3/1222/50	1892-1934	General correspondence
CH3/1222/51	1907- c 1975	Miscellaneous papers. Churchyard Feu, 1907; locality of Polmont, 1926; statement prepared by the Church Office Bearers giving reasons why Graham's Road Church should be allowed to continue as a separate body rather than uniting with other churches, [1970s]; leaflet giving details of church activities, nd; deed of Constitution form (not completed), nd; plan of land belonging to church, 1910; drawings of church altar, nd
CH3/1222/52	20th century	Black and white photograph strips showing the exterior of the church and the organ. With negatives