

FALKIRK ARCHIVES

Records of Churches

Shieldhill Church finding aid

**Muiravon Free Church
Shieldhill Free Church
Shieldhill Parish Church**

Shieldhill congregation was first formed as mission charge from Falkirk Free Church in 1861 with the name Muiravon Free Church and gained full status in 1890. The congregation entered the United Free Church in 1900 and the Church of Scotland in 1929, taking the name Shieldhill Parish Church. The charge was in a prolonged vacancy from 1943 and was linked with Blackbraes until 1958. The linkage was dissolved and Shieldhill was linked with Polmont South on 16 February 1958. This linkage was dissolved and Shieldhill was linked with Polmont North on 10 September 1961. This linkage was then dissolved and the congregation united with Blackbraes on 1 November 1963 as Blackbraes and Shieldhill Parish Church.

In January 2008 the congregation of Blackbraes and Shieldhill was linked with Muiravonside Parish Church.

The United Free Church congregation was part of the UF Presbytery of Linlithgow & Falkirk from 1900-1929. The Church of Scotland congregation were in the presbytery of Linlithgow and Falkirk from 1929 (and as part of Blackbraes & Shieldhill became part of the Presbytery of Falkirk in 1976).

<i>Reference Code</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Brief Description</i>
CH3/796/1	1866-1922	Session Minutes
CH2/1620/1/1	22 June 1922- 13 Dec 1970	Session minutes of Shieldhill Parish Church (includes Session minutes of Shieldhill & Blackbraes Parish Church after union in 1963).
CH3/796/2	1890-1903	Deacons' Court Minutes
CH3/796/3	1907-1945	Baptismal Register
CH2/1620/6/1	22 Mar 1932- 29 Sep 1985	Register of Proclamations of banns of marriage (includes proclamations for Shieldhill & Blackbraes Parish Church after union in 1963)
CH3/796/4	1904-1936	List of Members
CH3/796/5	1907-1909, 1928, 1959	Annual statistical returns
CH3/796/6	1937	Annual statistical return for youth participation
CH3/796/7	1907-1914, 1919-1927, 1937-1938	Annual financial returns
CH3/796/8	1915, 1918, 1943	Returns to the UF Central Fund (Sustentation and Augmentation Funds) and to Church of Scotland Maintenance of the Ministry required before a new minister is called
CH3/796/9	1944	Schedule for Quinquennial Visitation
CH3/796/10	1908	Acknowledgement of lodging of titles for Shieldhill Church

		in the United Free Church offices
	1864-1965	Partial contents of Time Capsule originally buried under foundations in 1864 and 1894 and discovered in 1965. Includes extract minute, 31 Dec 1864, extract minute, 25 October 1894, concerning re-laying foundation stone in enlarged church, 1894, luncheon programme and ticket, soiree programme and leaflet relating to extending church in 1894. Also includes leaflet listing complete contents and history of discovery. (Note: newspapers and similar contents were retained by congregation)
A175.001	31 Dec 1864	Photocopy of report of laying the foundation stone of Muiravon Free Church, Easter Shieldhill by Mrs Agnes Hay Irving
A175.002	25 Oct 1894	Photocopy of report of opening of "the enlarged Church" at Shieldhill and laying of foundation stone by Mrs Peebles, Redding House, Polmont
A175.003	25 Oct 1894	Photocopy of ticket and programme for opening of Muiravon Free Church