

METHODIST CHURCH OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

CRADOCK CIRCUIT

MS 21 001

A collection of minute books, cash books and correspondence from both Black and White congregations of the Cradock Methodist community, received in 2014 from Mrs. Elize Olivier of the Bree Street Methodist Church, Cradock. The material ranges from 1888 to 1968. One volume of Income and Expenditure, 1954 – 1965, discarded due to water damage and mould.

1. Folder containing correspondence to and from the Honorary Treasurer, Mr. Charles Butler, including notes of matters to raise at Quarterly Meetings, wage return concerning the church organist in connection with the Workman's Compensation Act of 1941, and a dispute with his nephew, Mr. Ernest Butler of the Midland News, concerning the printing price of 'The Methodist News'. 1943 – 1947.
2. Red leather-covered notebook, 18 x 23 cm, containing: a. Wesley Guild minutes, 21/2/1919 – 11/6/1920; b. Young Peoples' Society minutes, 3/8/1922 – 22/3/1923; Young Pilgrim's Band minutes, 24/9/1924 – 15/10/1926.
3. Black hard cover admission book, 24 x 19 cm, containing: a. Band of Hope admissions 24/11/1901; b. Band of Hope admissions 1917 – 1919; c. Methodist Young Abstainers' League, Cradock branch, 13/11/1921.
4. Black hardcover notebook, 18 x 23 cm: The Methodist Sunday School Register Series – Treasurer's Account Book. Cradock Wesleyan Sunday School for January 1904 to May 1931. Fragile, kept in Folder 4.
5. Leather and cloth covered ledger book, 22 x 33 cm: Methodist Church Circuit Cash Book, 30/3/1918 – 30/6/1936.
6. Black manuscript ledger, 20 x 32 cm: Ledger of Accounts of Native Church, Coloured Church, Basuto Church and National Bank, 1931 – 1948. Also includes School Feeding funds for Mortimer Coloured School, African Schools in Cradock, Mortimer, Hofmeyr, Teviot, and payments to Conway United Native School.
7. Leather and paper covered notebook, 19 x 24 cm containing: a. Cash account of Dutch speaking (Coloured) Church, March 1908 to March 1909; b. Quarterly statements of the Cradock Wesleyan Native Day School, September 1912 to June 1923.
8. Notebook, 18 x 23 cm, containing: a. Class registers, 1913 -1914; b. Minutes of meetings of the Cradock Native Day School Committee, 31/7/1918 – 21/10/1924; c. Receipt of teacher's salaries, 1925; d. Loose copies of completed 'Voted Expenditure Revenue' forms from the Office of the Administrator, Cape Province, made out to Rev. W. Foggitt for the Cradock Wesleyan Native School (and others) in respect of school books and requisites; e. pencil notes re a meeting at the Basuto Church, 24/6/1908. Fragile, kept in Folder 8.
9. Red ledger book, 22 x 32 cm, for the Basuto Church, Cradock, containing: a. Cash accounts July 1904 to December 1914; b. Circuit Quarterly meeting accounts September 1904 to December 1914; c. Detailed cost of Basuto Church, opened 24/5/1904.
10. Ledger book, 20 x 32 cm, containing Basuto Church Quarterly Meeting minutes, 26/9/1904 – 4/1/1915.
11. Leather and cloth covered notebook, 19 x 24 cm, containing: a. Minutes of the Wesleyan Dutch speaking Native Church, Cradock, 11/7/1905 – 4/1/1922; b. Basuto Church Quarterly

Meeting minutes, 8/4/1915 – 2/3/1922; c. Minutes of a General Church meeting at Tarka Bridge, 18/4/1915, loose in an envelope in the notebook.

12. Notebook, 11 x 18 cm, Minute book of the Coloured and Basuto Churches Leaders meetings, Local Preachers meetings, and Quarterly meetings, July 1919 – June 1923.
13. Suede and cloth covered ledger, 22 x 33 cm, containing: a. Cash accounts for the English circuit, the Basuto Church, the Coloured Church, the Native Church circuit, the Poor Fund and the Native School cash account; b. Ledger for Native circuit, Coloured church and Basuto church, 1914 - 1923; c. Minutes for the Basuto and Dutch Leaders meetings, Local Preachers meetings, and Quarterly meetings, 14/7/1926 – 20/7/1932.
14. Minute book, 20 x 33 cm, of the Coloured and Basuto Churches, Cradock, Leaders meetings, Local Preachers meetings, and Quarterly Meetings, 27/7/1932 – 31/8/1945.
15. Black exercise book, 18 x 23 cm containing Membership lists for the Coloured Church and Basuto Church, June 1934 – 1939.
16. Analysis book, 21 x 33 cm, containing Membership lists for the Coloured Church and Basuto Church, 1938 – 1944.
17. Manuscript book, 20 x 32 cm, containing Minutes for the Quarterly meetings, Leaders meetings, and Local Preachers meetings of the Coloured circuit, 23/11/1945 – 27/4/1954. Fragile, partially illegible, kept in Folder 17.
18. Minute book, 20 x 32 cm, containing minutes for the Leaders Meetings at Fish River, September 1956 – September 1968, in Afrikaans. Fragile, partially illegible, kept in Folder 18.
19. Typewriting pad, 20 x 33 cm, containing financial statements, 1961, for the Coloured Church. Fragile, kept in Folder 19.
20. Ledger book, 21 x 33 cm, containing: a. Accounts for the Coloured and Basuto Churches, 1936 – 1946; b. class membership lists (full and members on trial); c. Coloured Women's Auxilliary membership lists for Mortimer, Cradock and Tarka Bridge.
21. Minute book of the Independent Order of True Templers, 1888 – 1895, 20 x 32 cm. No cover. Fragile, partially illegible, kept in Folder 21.
22. Loose ledger pages, 21 x 33 cm, containing: a. Poor fund accounts, 1916 - 1922; b. Coloured circuit accounts, 1914 – 1918; c. Basuto Church circuit accounts, 1916 – 1922; d. Basuto Church Trust account, 1919-1923. Kept in Folder 22.