

Witchfield Registers

“A”	The earliest Baptism Register covers the dates 1807 to 1837 and was surrendered to the General Register Office under the Non-parochial Registers Commission of 1837 and is now with the National Archives under the reference RG4/3694. The entries were all written in sentences but we have put them into a table. Many of the entries are out of date order and the most likely explanation for this is that many Wesleyan Ministers kept their own baptism registers of the children they had baptised, and that the parts of the register was compiled from these slightly later on. If the register was not to hand when the child was baptised the entry would have been added the next time that the minister visited Witchfield.
“B”	During 1838 to 1844 Witchfield did not keep its own Baptism Register and instead records were kept in a register which covered the whole of Cleckheaton Circuit. This register is now at Wakefield Archives under reference C25/113.
“C”	This register covers the dates 1844 to 1857 and was surrendered to the General Register Office under the Non-parochial Registers Commission of 1857 and is now with the National Archives under the reference RG4/2763.
“D”	This register starts with a copy of register “C” and original entries start in 1858 and run until 1979. It is now at Bradford Archives under the reference 54D82/2/9/1/a/i. These records are currently under transcription.
“E”	This register starts in 1858 and runs until 1965. It duplicates many of the entries in “D” but has some entries which are not in “D.” It is now at Bradford Archives under the reference 54D82/2/9/1/a/ii. These records are currently under transcription.

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