



## The Wesleyan Methodist MILLION GUINEA FUND



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On the 18th July 1897 the Wesleyan Methodist Conference gave its approval to its **Twentieth Century Fund** which became commonly known "**Million Guinea Fund**" due to its stated aim to "Obtain One million Guineas from our One Million Methodists".

Proceeds from the Fund were to be dispersed as follows:

- 30,000 guineas to Places of Worship;
- 300,000 to Education;
- 230,000 for the erection of a Connexional Building in London
- 200,000 to Missions.

Donors to the Fund were asked to write their names and addresses on special pages which were distributed to all Wesleyan Methodist Churches in the United Kingdom and overseas.

Donors were invited to give no more than one guinea but additional donations could be made "In Memorium" for people who had died or who had moved away from home. All adult donors received a signed certificate printed on thin card as their official receipt

The Fund finally closed in 1909 when £1,073,682 had been raised.

When the pages were returned, they were bound into 50 volumes which were called "The Historic Roll". This Roll, comprising more than 17,500 pages, is kept, and can be inspected, at Westminster Central Hall.

Separate pages were submitted to the Fund by Sunday School scholars who donated one shilling for which they received a John Wesley medallion. The Children's Collection raised £4,162 and 90,000 medals were struck. The whereabouts of the pages containing these names are not known!

SJB  
December 2012

Pages numbered 349 to 352 from the Historic Roll containing the names and addresses of those contributors from Maidenhead have been transcribed onto the following pages.

Each individual name has been researched and, where possible, brief detail has been added regarding their family relationships and occupation.

The list of names follows the sequence in which they were written down on the four pages but line spacing has been added for clarity and to emphasise family groups.

Apologies are tendered in advance should any errors be discovered in the facts presented. All has been done in good faith.

The date when these names were recorded is slightly problematic. However considering the years when a number of those listed were born or died and the fact that by 1903 one Donor had changed her name on marriage, 1902 has as a representative date been chosen to list the age of Donors.

The names of some of the individuals listed are recorded in other parts of the High Street Church on tablets, gravestones or in stained glass windows.

Some of the names were well known in the civic life of Maidenhead and others may have little record other than what is indicated in this document. Together they are representative of the mix of the Church Triumphant associated with the High Street Methodist Church.

Forename	Surname	Address etc		Age in 1902	Notes
John Wesley	Walker	4 Crauford drive,		53	Son of Anne & Robert Walker. Mayor 1905 - Local Preacher - Freedom of the Borough 1928
Mary	Walker	In Memoriam		-	Wife of John Wesley Walker (JWW)
Robert	Walker	In Memoriam		-	Mayor 1871/72 - Postmaster - Local Preacher
Ann	Walker	In Memoriam		-	JWW's sister died aged 10
Jemima Ann	Walker	In Memoriam		-	Wife of John Higgs (below)
John	Higgs	In Memoriam		-	Mayor 1844/45 - Magistrate/Postmaster
Jemima Griffin	Higgs	In Memoriam		-	Wife of John Higgs
Mary Ann	Treffrey	In Memoriam		-	JWW's grandmother
Arthur	Male	Maidenhead		52	Minister at High St 1899 - 1901 - born Madras 1847
Matthew Trevan	Male	In Memoriam		-	Methodist Minister - father of Arthur Male (AM)
Katherine	Male	In Memoriam		-	Wife of Matthew Trevan Male - mother of AM
William Fox	Male	In Memoriam		-	Brother of AM - born Madras 1846 died 1883
Matthew Trevan jnr	Male	In Memoriam		-	Brother of AM - born India 1847
Helena Lucy	Hussey	Maidenhead		45	Born Berkshire - lived in Cornwall
?	Hussey	Maidenhead			Possibly Thomas Newell Hussey - husband of above
Ellie (?) Gertrude	Allen	Maidenhead		40	Possible Emily Gertrude Allen born Buckingham 1862
John Edward	Allen	In Memoriam		-	Possible brother of Emily Allen - died 1900 aged 35
Walter Sidney	Taylor	Maidenhead		31	18 York Road - Printer's machinist
Eliza	Taylor	In Memoriam		-	Mother of Walter Sidney Taylor died 1898 aged 58
Charles	Symmons	Park House,		60	York Road - Auctioneer, Estate Agent, Local Preacher
Rosina	Symmons	Park House,		51	Wife of Charles Symmons
Eliza Rosina	Symmons	Park House,		24	Daughter of Charles Symmons
Archibald Greenwood	Watkins	Park House,		24	Public Dispenser M.P.S
Harriet Muriel	Symmons	Park House,		26	Daughter of Charles Symmons - Assistant Auctioneer
Charles William	Symmons	Park House,		23	Son of Charles Symmons - Assistant Auctioneer
Mabel Ursula	Garwood	Park House,		23	Marries Charles William Symmons (above) June 1903
Emily Laura	Symmons	Park House,		21	Daughter of Charles Symmons - Teacher & Organist
Alice Beatrice	Symmons	Park House,		19	Daughter of Charles Symmons - Postal Clerk
Lillian Mary	Symmons	Park House,		15	Daughter of Charles Symmons
Annie Dora	Symmons	Park House,		14	Daughter of Charles Symmons
Gertrude	Bartingdale	(35) High Street,		23	Domestic Servant
Ada	Bartingdale	(35) High Street,		19	Drapers Assistant

Susan	Frampton	4 Crauford Rise		20	Domestic servant to John Wesley Walker
Elizabeth	Wright	4 Crauford Rise		77	Sister to John Wesley Walker's mother
Fanny	Wise	4 Crauford Rise		33	Cook to John Wesley Walker
James	Langford	The Workhouse,		71	Bricklayer's labourer
Edith	Chesterman	Lock Lane Cott, Courthouse Rd		35	Daughter of James Chesterman, Carpenter
John	Furness	In Memoriam		-	Brother of Barbara Collins Andrews (see below)
Samuel	Andrews	In Memoriam		-	Husband of Barbara Collins Andrews (see below)
Barbara Collins	Andrews	In Memoriam		-	Born Barbara Collins Furness - married Sam Andrews
Charles	Cleare	In Memoriam		-	Head Postmaster - died 29 October 1898
Elizabeth Fawcett	Cleare	Southampton		70	Wife of Charles Cleare - dies 14 June 1903
Thomas	Upson	In Memoriam		-	Father of Arthur Upson (below)
Sarah Fanny	Upson	Cantore Street, Southampton			Mother of Arthur Upson (below)
Arthur	Upson	35 High Street		38	Chemist, Druggist, Optician, Local Preacher
Elizabeth Susanna	Upson	35 High Street		41	D of Charles & Elizabeth Cleare- wife of Arthur Upson
Arthur Charles	Upson	35 High Street		12	Son of Arthur & Elizabeth Upson - see War Memorial
Arthur Cleare	Upson	In Memoriam		-	Son of Arthur & Elizabeth Upson - died 15 Aug 1888
Robert Henry	Upson	35 High Street		9	Son of Arthur & Elizabeth Upson
Dorothy Barbara	Upson	35 High Street		7	Daughter of Arthur & Elizabeth Upson
Marjorie Elizabeth	Upson	35 High Street		5	Daughter of Arthur & Elizabeth Upson
Edith Annie	Upson	35 High Street		3	Daughter of Arthur & Elizabeth Upson
Ernest Henry	Bromley	Farnham Common, Bucks		24	Baker, Shopkeeper
Florence	Bromley	Farnham Common, Bucks		25	Wife of Ernest Henry Bromley
Arthur Ashley	Bromley	42 Bridge Street		36	Baker/Confectioner
Kate Louise	Bromley	42 Bridge Street		38	Wife of Arthur Ashley Bromley
Ashly Donald	Bromley	42 Bridge Street		9	Son of Arthur Ashley & Kate Bromley
Collis Norman	Bromley	42 Bridge Street		3	Son of Arthur Ashley & Kate Bromley
Arthur Kenneth	Bromley	42 Bridge Street		1	Son of Arthur Ashley & Kate Bromley
Thomas Henry	Bromley	In Memoriam		-	One time Steward at High Street Church
Jane Ashley	Bromley	Norfolk Park		67	Wife of Thomas Henry Bromley
Annie Louse	Bromley	Norfolk Park		31	Drill teacher - sister in law to Arthur White (below)
Arthur William	White	63 King Street		35	Secretary to a Building Co
Beatrice Mary	White	63 King Street		38	nee Bromley - wife of Arthur William White
Phyllis Bromley	White	63 King Street		6	Daughter of Arthur William and Beatrice White
George Edward	Francis	College Glen		60	Bootmaker
Frances	Francis	College Glen		65	Wife of George Edward Francis
William Edward	Francis	Heaven		-	Son of George & Frances born 1870 - died ?

Hannah	Ford	Furze Platt	
George	Ford	Furze Platt	
Edwin Frank	Thorne	St Marks Road	
Sarah	Thorne	St Marks Road	
Harold William	Thorne	In Memoriam	
Hilda Dorothy	Thorne	St Marks Road	
Margaret Kathleen	Thorne	In Memoriam	
John	Pymm	In Memoriam	
Ann	Pymm	In Memoriam	
Connie	Pymm	In Memoriam	
Frederick George	Pymm	High Town Road	
Elizabeth	Pymm	High Town Road	
Frederick John	Pymm	High Town Road	
Gwendoline	Pymm	High Town Road	
George Edward	Whiteman	16 Market Street	
Kate Louise	Whiteman	16 Market Street	
Edwin	Hewitt	(54 - 56) High Street	
Charles	Ryan	In Memoriam	
Margaret	Ryan	Grenfell Road	
John	Truscott	York Lodge	
Sarah Jane	Truscott	York Lodge	
Florence Mary	Truscott	York Lodge	
William Henry	Truscott	York Lodge	
George Abercrombie	Truscott	York Lodge	
Albert Henry	Hill	Bridge Street	
George Christian	Neech	Australia	
Walter	Adams	89 High Street	
Emily Mabel	Evans	30 George Street, Reading	
Elizabeth	Hine	St Marks Road	
Thomas	Hine	In Memoriam	

	41	Wife of George Ford
	60	retired Grocer "Holmdene"
	32	<b>School Teacher</b>
	34	Daughter of Thomas Hine - wife of Edwin Thorne
	-	Son of Edwin & Sarah Thorne died in childbirth
	3	Daughter of Edwin & Sarah Thorne
	-	D of Edwin & Sarah Thorne died (six months) 1900
	-	Born 1817
	-	nee Goodchild - wife of John Pymm
	-	Daughter of Frederick & Elizabeth Pymm died aged 3
	39	<b>Builder - Local Preacher</b>
	38	D of Thomas Hine - Wife of Frederick George Pymm
	6	Son of Frederick George & Elizabeth Pymm
	2	Daughter of Frederick George & Elizabeth Pymm
	28	Ironmonger shopkeeper
	27	Wife of George Edward Whiteman
	47	Clothier
	-	Carpenter - died 1897
	49	Wife of Charles Ryan
	55	Coal & Corn Merchant - Mayor 1898 - Local Preacher
	50	Wife of John Truscott (above)
	14	Daughter of John Truscott (above)
	17	Son of John Truscott (above) - see War Memorial
	12	Son of John Truscott
	19	Watchmaker's apprentice
	37	Born Croydon 1865 - no further trace
	31	Drapery Manager - with 16 live-in employees
	5	Daughter of Francis & Mary Ann Evans
	39	Butcher's wife - Thomas Hine's (below) daughter in law
	-	Local Preacher - Gored by a bull - Church window

Eric Arthur	Bromley	Farnham Common, Bucks		1	Died March 1903
Ronald Ernest	Bromley	In Memoriam		-	Probably born Eton 18/2/1903 - no further information
Cyril Bromley	Jacka	High Street, Burnham, Bucks		1	Son of John Jacka & Elizabeth (nee Bromley)
David	Bidmead	Glastonbury, 11 Boyn Hill Ave		32	Grocer Shopkeeper
Bertha	Bidmead	Glastonbury, 11 Boyn Hill Ave		33	(Born Bertha Winifred Ford) Wife of David Bidmead
Hilda Winifred	Bidmead	Glastonbury, 11 Boyn Hill Ave		31	Sister of David & Bertha Bidmead
Vera Doris	Bidmead	Glastonbury, 11 Boyn Hill Ave		6	Daughter of David & Bertha Bidmead
David Leslie	Bidmead	In memoriam		-	Son of David & Bertha Bidmead died aged 0 years
John	Budgen	Shirley, Castle Hill		55	Founder of "Budgens" Supermarket and local JP
Mrs	Budgen	Shirley, Castle Hill		58	Wife of John Budgen
Kate	Aldridge	3 Queen Street		32	Station Manager
Edwin C	Hopwood	Fairview, 24 Castle Hill		72	Retired Bootmaker
William	Hodgson	69 High Street		16	Son of Joseph W Hodgson Ironmongery Manager
Arthur	Hodgson	69 High Street		14	Son of Joseph W Hodgson Ironmongery Manager
Frank	Jones	Gordon Cottage, Cookham		13	Son of Henry John Jones - Bootmaker
Nellie Mabel	Jones	Gordon Cottage, Cookham		11	Daughter of Henry John Jones - Bootmaker
John Wesley	Clayton	2 Market St		16	Hairdresser - Nephew of Isaac Clayton
Violet	Tilbury	6 Grenfell Avenue		10	Son of Simon Tilbury - Bricklayer
Kate	Everett	Westholme		21	Servant to Principal of Ladies' School - 5 The Crescent
William	Rowe	Westville, Gordon Road		37	Coach Painter
Annie	Rowe	Westville, Gordon Road		39	Wife of William Rowe
Edith Bessie	Rowe	Westville, Gordon Road		11	Daughter of William and Annie Rowe
Albert William	Rowe	Westville, Gordon Road		9	Son of William and Annie Rowe
Clarence W	Green	18 Queen Street		9	Son of William Green Fruiterer and Greengrocer
Alban Isaac	Green	18 Queen Street		6	Son of William Green Fruiterer and Greengrocer
John M	Blumfield	31 Queen street		50	Master Tailor - Local Preacher
Eliza	Wing	9 College Avenue		47	Housemaid to Emily Clay - widow

Matilda	Fosbery	53 Moffett Street		
			72	Lived with Sarah her unmarried sister in Cox Green
Thomas	Brett	3 South Street	41	Tailor cutter - Local Preacher
Mary	Brett	3 South Street	41	Wife of Thomas Brett
Blanche	Brett	3 South Street	?	No information
Laura Susannah	Brett	3 South Street	16	Daughter of Thomas & Mary Brett
Thomas Maurice	Brett	3 South Street	12	Daughter of Thomas & Mary Brett
Job	Frampton	Briardene, 64 Rutland Road	59	Gardener
Maria	Frampton	Briardene, 64 Rutland Road	56	Wife of Job Frampton
Nathan Curtis	Thompson	In memoriam	-	Master Grocer, Holydene, Castle Hill died 1897



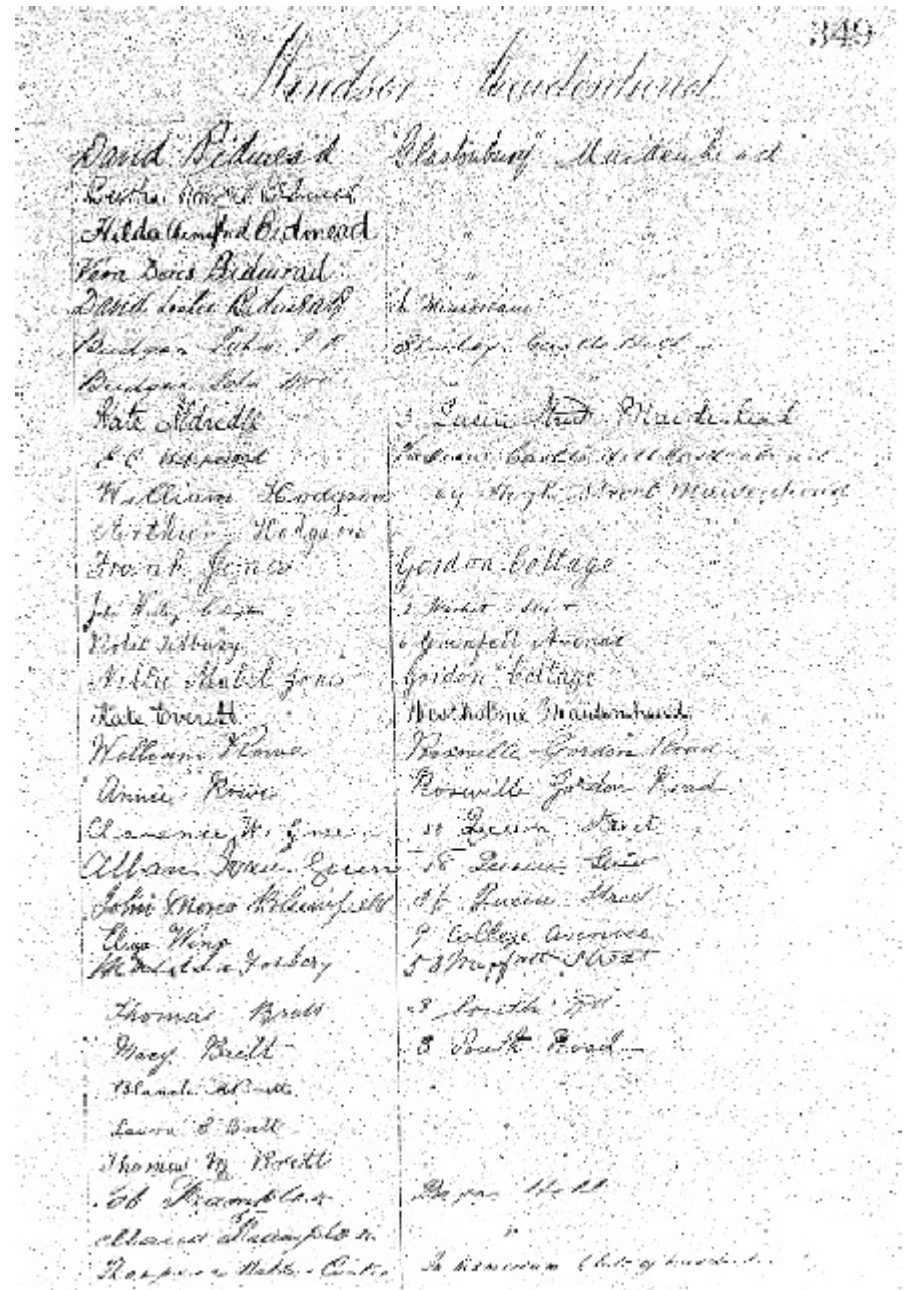
Adult Donor's Certificate



Children's Wesley Medal

1. Give me the wings of faith to rise  
Within the veil, and see  
The saints above, how great their joys,  
How bright their glories be.
2. Once they were mourners here below,  
And poured out cries and tears:  
They wrestled hard, as we do now,  
With sins, and doubts, and fears.
3. I ask them whence their victory came:  
They, with united breath,  
Ascribe their conquest to the Lamb,  
Their triumph to His death.
4. They marked the footsteps that He trod,  
His zeal inspired their breast,  
And following their incarnate God,  
Possess the promised rest.
5. Our glorious Leader claims our praise  
For His own pattern given;  
While the long cloud of witnesses  
Show the same path to heaven.

Isaac Watts  
(1674 - 1748)



An example of one of the Maidenhead pages