Minute book of the Congregational Baptist Church Church Committee. 1860-1861. 1 cm. Photocopy Record of meetings which led to the formation of the Church and the engagement of the Rev. Silas Mead as its first minister.

Broadsheet 1861. 0.5 cm. 38 x 25 cm OUTSIZE 7 Proof of printed broadsheet deposited under the church’s foundation stone on 18 December 1861. Originally sewn to the sheet, but now separate, is a handwritten list of foundation members of congregation dated 13 July 1861. Formerly Accession A 436.

Church meetings minute books 1860-1975. 42cm. 11 volumes (Volumes 7-8 OUTSIZE 1) [Refer to Special List for series 44/3 for details. For an index to these and other minutes refer to series 44/32.]

Deacons’ meetings minute books 1861-1985. 55cm. 14 volumes. (Volumes 6-7 OUTSIZE 1) [Refer to Special List for series 44/4 for details. For an index to these and other minutes refer to series 44/32.]

Building committee minute books. 1861-1869. 2cm. 2 volumes. [Volume 1. August 24 1861- March 2 1864 Volume 2. January 11 1866-April 7 1869 Volume begins with extracts from Church minute book May 3, May 31 and June 18 1865.]

Elders’ meetings minute book 1878-1927. 2.5cm. 1 volume. [Meetings held several times each year with none held between 1907 and 1914, and 1917 to 1926. Duties List for elders before minutes of April 3 1927.]
Deaconesses’ meetings minute books
1920-1989. 11cm. 4 volumes
[Volume 1. June 2 1920 – October 17 1944
OUTSIZE 1
Volume 2. February 20 1945 – August 1965

Renovation Fund Committee minute book
1907-1908. 0.5cm.
[Renovation Fund launched to raise £500 during
1907 and further money after that. A “Marine
continental was held January 1907 on the SS
“Leveret”, a “Grand Continental” at “the Briars”,
Medindie in March 1907 and a lecture “An
Australian in India” by Rev. H. Estcourt Hughes in
September were among activities planned.]

Dorcas Society minute book
1867-1889. 0.5cm. 1 volume
[A meeting held on May 1 1867 resolved to form a
society for making and supplying clothes for the
poor.]

Bible class minute book
1909-1913. 2.5cm. 1 volume.
[Meetings of the Bible Class held each Sunday
afternoon.]

Sunday School minute books
1902-1950. 8cm. 11 volumes
[Refer to Special List for Series 44/10 for details.]

Sectional meetings minute book
1865-1868 1cm. 1 volume.
[Meeting called August 14 1865 to promote spiritual
growth of the church. Later meetings attended by
section leaders. The end of volume has lists of
classes under leaders’ names.]
Women’s guild minute book
1909-1916. 2cm. 1 volume
[Guild proposed at meeting held March 16 1909. Volume also contains membership and committee rolls, list of organisations, and accounts.]

Baptist women’s League minute books
1923-1971. 8.5cm 9 volumes.
[Refer to Special List for series 44/13. Includes executive meetings and annual reports, (with some year gaps). This group became The Women’s Day Fellowship in 1971.]

Homemakers’ minute books and roll book
[Volume 1. April 1 1955 – December 1960 Includes members’ roll and addresses.
Volume 2. February 3 1961 – September 27 1971
Volume 3. February 27 1972 – June 3 1975
Volume 5. Loose papers extracted from Series 14/4 including report on Ladies Evening Fellowship survey.

Men’s Fellowship minute books
1944 - 1967 3cm. 3 volumes.
[Evening meetings began on a monthly basis in October 1944.
Volume 1. October 20 1944 – October 7 1954
Volume 2. December 1 1955 – August 1967

Papers relating to The Prayer Circle
1909-1922 2cm. 2 volumes
[Volume 1. Minute book
March 7 1909 – March 24 1919
Volume 2. Receipts & payments 1911-1922.]
Family Bible Fellowship minute books
1970-1983  10cm.  5 volumes.
[Volume 1. Executive meetings
February 17 1970 – February 15 1972
Volume 2. General and staff meetings
January 20 1970 - November 16 1971
Volume 3. April 18 1972 – November 8 1977

Senior Girls’ Missionary Union minute books
1923-1950  4cm.  3 volumes
[Inaugural meeting held July 1923. Records include
a roll book. Each minute book has roll of members
at end.
Volume 1. July 1923- June 1934
Volume 2. July 1934- December 1950
Volume 3. 1931-1938 Roll Book and statements of
receipts and expenditures.]

Christian Endeavour minute books
1956-1957, 1961-1963. 2cm. 2 volumes
[Intermediate and Young Peoples’ groups.
Volume 1. June 10 1956 – November 10 1957
Intermediate level.
Includes a roll of members at the back of volume.
Young People’s Christian Endeavour.]

Papers relating to Basket Ball Club
1957-1985  7.5cm  6 volumes.
[Volume 1. Minutes
February 18 1957 – February 28 1974 and lists of
players at end of volume.
Volume 4. Players’ fees, lists, and receipts and
Youth Committee minute book
1958-1964 1cm.
[Committee concerned with surveying youth work, cooperation with Baptist Youth Fellowship, sporting activities, Christian Education & Literature and under 14 activities.]

Youth Missionary Fellowship minute book
1962-1963 1.5cm. 1 volume + envelope

Evangelistic Committee minute book
1958-1964 1cm. 1 volume
[Committee set up to welcome newcomers, visit Halifax Street mission, assess open-air meetings, and run film evenings.]

Centenary arrangements committee minute book
1960–1961 1cm.
[Committee appointed to arrange history of Church, and public function at Myer Apollo Dining Hall in August 1961.]
Church Membership rolls and financial contributions
record books.
1861. 18 cm. PART OUTSIZE (shelves) 8 volumes
[Roll books with details of dates of acceptance, and
reception and by whom baptised, when member
received, and remarks.
Volume 1. Membership roll
1861-1870 (original roll book)
At front of volume is an index of names.
Volume 3. Attendance roll 1868-1874 includes name
index at front of volume. Roll indicates another
church where member has been transferred.
OUTSIZE 1.
Volume 4. Attendance roll 1874-1875. Middle of
volume changes to a record of weekly contributions
according to order on church roll 1879-1883.
OUTSIZE 1.
Volume 5. Weekly contributions 1903-1915
OUTSIZE 1.
Volume 6. Weekly contributions 1915-1932
OUTSIZE 1.
Volume 7. Small printed volume of list of members
of the church, August 1871.
Volume 8. Small printed volume of list of members
of the church, August 1873.]

Financial records
1861-1854. 32 cm. 8 volumes.
[Volume 1. First cash book 1861-1865
(Page beginning June 19 1861 includes donation of
£500 from George Fife Angas)
Volume 2. Journal 1861 – 1892
Volume 4. Cashbook/Ledger 1930 – 1953
Volume 5. Cashbook/Ledger 1953-1957
Volume 8. Loose papers extracted from journal
26/6.]

Records held by the State Library of South Australia
[Letters concerning membership, and missions and transfers; letters from Baptist ministers in England, Wales and Scotland recommending members; reports from visitors appointed by Rev. Silas Mead of interviews with people wishing to join the church in Adelaide; letters about spiritual matters; and a few letters of a general nature. Some interesting letters have been extracted from the collection and appear as separate items. See Special List for series 44/27 for details, and also Series 33.]

Marriage registers of Flinders Street Church
1954-1973. 5cm. 3 volumes and 2 envelopes.
[Volume 1. 18 December 1954 – 24 August 1963
Volume 2. 2 November 1963 – 6 December 1969
Volume 3. 22 December 1969 – 20 October 1973
Envelope 1. Loose papers extracted from registers – marriage and funeral notices.
Envelope 2. Certificate giving Rev. L.J. Gomm authority to celebrate marriages (28 Sept. 1954).]

Deaconesses’ lists
1906-1909 1.5cm. 1 volume.
[Metropolitan Adelaide and city and North Adelaide divided into areas, with names of each Deaconess and women under her responsibility. Members’ addresses included.]
Sunday School roll books  
1863-1870, 1923, 1961-1972  7.5cm.  6 volumes  
[Volume 1. Sunday School Journal 1863-1870 
Monthly summary of members of children enrolled and numbers attending. Teachers’ names and general remarks included. 
Volume 3. Illawarra Club roll book 1923 
Girls were members and took part in drama and choral activities. 
Volume 4. Sunday school master roll 

Women’s Club roll book  
1944-1984  2cm.  1 volume.

Index to church and deacons’ minutes  
nd. 1cm.  1 volume  
[Index arranged alphabetically by subject, church minutes (blue) refer to series 44/3 and deacons’ minutes (red) refer to series 44/4.]

Correspondence of Secretary and Ministers  
1861-1995  6cm  2 albums  
[Volume 1. Folder of letters selected by the Church archivist as of historic importance. Letter writers include George Fife Angas (declining to lay the foundation stone in 1861), Rev Silas Mead (accepting position of pastor in 1861), R.G. Thomas, (church architect, 1862) Charles Hulls (member of John McKinlay’s northern expedition, writing from Escape Cliffs, Northern Territory, August 1866), and letters from Rev. S. Mead to W. Kyffin Thomas regarding plans for schoolroom and lecture hall (1866). 1861-1871. 
History files  
1860-1998  18cm.  5 volumes  
[Contains copies of documents, newspaper cuttings, lists of office bearers, photographs, of which originals are from other series, relating to history of the church, property and events associated with congregation.  
Volume 1. History and events 1860-1865.  
Volume 3. 1912-1965  
Volume 4. 1966-1983  
Volume 5. 1984-1998. Includes orders of service for important occasions.]  

Papers relating to Jubilee and Centenary  
1910, 1951  3cm.  PART OUTSIZE.  3 volumes  
[Volume 1. Handwritten report of Committee appointed to prepare suggestions for the 1911 Church 50th Jubilee, written by A.A. Brice and Harrison Weir, June 18 1910.  
Volume 3. Scrapbook of newspaper cuttings, photographs, orders of service, programmes assembled by Miss Marjory Mead. OUTSIZE 1.]
Papers read at the Young Men’s Bible Class 1883-1904  4cm.  4 volumes.
Volume 4. Small printed booklet “32 years : being reminiscences of the Flinders Street (Adelaide) Baptist Young Men’s Class” during the leadership of Mr C.H. Goode” (1911).]

Papers relating to the Choir and organ ca.1880-1998.  8cm.  32 items.
[Membership contributions, minutes, choir rolls and attendances, score of centenary cantata, album of papers relating to history of organ and choir, contracts for organ repairs and reconstruction, organ specifications, cost estimates, organ fund correspondence and articles. Refer to Special List for Series 44/37 for details.]

Financial pledges for erection of new Baptist Church 1863  1 cm
[Promises of money for buildings Flinders Street Baptist Church, mostly on printed pledge forms. Among the few manuscript letters are pledges by Rev. Silas Mead, and David Philips of the Kapunda Smelting Works. He describes the Baptist cause at Kapunda and district and lack of help from Adelaide. Pledges arranged alphabetically by surname.]

Illuminated address to Rev. Silas Mead 1892.  39cm x 32cm OUTSIZE 6
[Presented on his leaving Adelaide by the S.A. Baptist Union, 11 January 1892. Artist was “C Stamp” and bookbinder “Halliday Brothers”. Contains vignettes in water colour of Norwood, Alberton, Kapunda and North Adelaide Baptist churches and Fureedpore Mission, India, with designs of native flora. COLOUR PHOTOGRAPH ONLY.]
Papers relating to library catalogues
ca. 1884, nd 2cm. 2 volumes.
[Volume 1. Volume entitled “church Library 1870s-1880s?” listing members’ names, number and dates books(?) were issued and returned. Page near end of volume lists elders and deaconesses in 1884. (Volume may not have been used for library purposes.)
Volume 2. Sunday School library catalogue, printed. (nd).]

Receipt for books purchased
nd. 0.5cm.
[List of 62 theological books with costs, with note on back by Rev. Silas Mead concerning fact that church secretary David Fowler would not allow him to pay the freight charges.]

Manuscript review of church life
1887 0.5cm.
Press copy pages
[Written by church secretary J.B. Adamson, 12 October 1887, about progress of Church and Congregation in 1886-1887. Review uses headings including “Difficulty with Young Members”, “Differences in belief”, “Discipline”, “Choir”, “Membership” and “Finances”.]
Papers relating to legal documents
1862-1933 0.5cm. 7 items
[1. Draft indenture of Mortgage between trustees of church and J Ridley for sum of £1500 lent by Ridley (OUTSIZE 7.)
2. Letter from J.W. Peek, 14 September 1927.
3. Agreement for reduction of interest paid on mortgage with Executor Trustee and Agency Company (576519), 16 October 1931.
4. Agreement for reduction of interest paid on mortgage with Executor Trustee and Agency Co. (819289), 16 October 1931.
5. Typescript copy of Trust Deed of 14 November 1861 with covering memo.
6. Opinion of G.D. Hollidge, Scammell, Skipper & Hollidge, solicitors, regarding the 1861 Trust Deed, 23 January 1933.
7. Certificate of registration of the Church under Associations Incorporation Act, 1880 (Copied 1984).]

Papers relating to church constitution and regulations.
1934, 1945, 1955, 1984 0.5cm
[Original constitution drawn up in August 1876.]

Specification for erection of lecture hall and classrooms.
1868. 0.5cm. 21 pages
[Written by James Cumming, architect, Temple Chambers, 20 Currie Street, Adelaide.]

Papers relating to buildings and facilities
1861-1984 1cm. 18 items.
[Copies of 19th C newspaper articles, copies of Certificates of Title relating to land purchases, and papers about buildings and property. Refer to Special List for Series 44/46 for details.]
Papers relating to redevelopment of church property. 1981-1983. 0.5cm PART OUTSIZE (map cabinet)
[1. Options paper by Property Development Committee re maintenance of buildings on Flinders Street site, 28 April, 1981.
2. Special Notice to Church Members re sale of land on the Southern boundary of Flinders Street site to S.G.I.C., 31 October 1982.
3. Specification for alterations and additions to premises on corner of Flinders Street and Divett Place (nd)
4. Architectural plan showing redevelopment and building additions designed by Ronald M. Lee, March 1983, OUTSIZE (59cm x 85cm) map cabinet.]

Papers relating to use of church facilities 1891-1945 0.5cm. 5 items.
[1. Memo of agreement with Dr. R.S. Rogers to rent premises on Flinders Street site for 2 years 7 September 1891.
2. Letter from Rev. A.C. Hill to Secretary suggesting floor be levelled to enable the Baptist Union to make use of The Church Hall, 29 August 1930.
4. Rules for Young Peoples organisations regarding use of Lecture Hall, 28 July 1932.
5. List of caretaker’s duties, 16 January 1941.
6. List of appliances required to cover fire risk and air raid precautions in Flinders Street site facilities, 21 October 1941.]

Papers relating to later pastors of the church 1917-1986 1cm. Printed and typescript.
4. Sermon by Rev. T.E. Ruth (nd)
Papers relating to Rev. J. Arthur Lewis.  
1934. 0.5cm. Typescript and manuscript.  
[Letters written by Rev. J. Arthur Lewis from Western Australia, prior to his taking up appointment as minister of Flinders Street Church. Includes a recommendation by the minister of the Avenue Baptist Church, Southend, England (1926), and a letter to the Secretary from the W.A. Baptist union endorsing Mr Lewis.]

Papers relating to Rev. Leslie J Gomm.  
1935, 1959-1979, nd. 2cm. Typescript and printed.  
[Includes sermons given at the church, and his book “Blazing the Western Trails: the Story of William Kennedy, pioneer and pathfinder” (1935), a hymn, and tribute after his death in 1979.]

Papers relating to Rev. Neil Adcock  
1968-1994 1 cm.  
[Includes sermons, newspaper cuttings regarding his radio program on station 5DN and papers relating to his retirement from Canberra Baptist Church in 1994.]

Photographs  
c.1865-1995. 2cm.  
[ Ministers, members of congregation and buildings of the Flinders Street church.]

Secretary’s Reports for annual business meetings.  
1925-1974 (with gaps) 4cm.  
Typescript and manuscript.  

Reports on conferences and services.  
ca.1980-1989. 0.5cm. Typescript.

Musical programmes.  
ca1956-1961. 0.5cm. Typescript.  
[Organ, piano and vocal recitals held at the church.]
Insurance policy documents
1864, 1903. OUTSIZE 6  2 items
[1. Policy covering chapel and vestries at Flinders Street, insured with London & Lancashire Fire Insurance Company. (1864)
2. Policy covering church, lecture rooms, contents and dwelling at Flinders Street, insured with Southern British Fire and Marine Insurance Company of NZ. (1903).]

Portrait of George Fife Angas
ca 1936?  230mm x 170mm. Pen and ink.
[Portrait by Roger B Nicholls. Photographic copy included in Photograph series 44/53/2; original in Reserve artwork collection.]

Papers relating to Trust Deed
1861, 1933  0.5cm. PART OUTSIZE 6  2 cm 3 items
[1. Trust Deed of 14 November 1861 for a Baptist Church at Divett Pace, Adelaide (on Vellum) OUTSIZE 6; 2. Memorandum of 27 November 1861; 3. Letter of 23 January 1933 from Scammell, Skipper & Hodge, solicitors, re legal advice on amendments]

Certified copy of 1880 Incorporation document
1965  0.5 cm  1 item
[Copy made 20 July 1965 of original Certificate of Incorporation of Flinders Street Baptist Church under Associations Incorporation Act of 1858, dated 10 September 1880]

Correspondence relating to loan
1888-1890  0.5 cm  2 items
[Handwritten note of 24 December 1888, relating to use of the Corporation seal, and a printed note from the Savings Bank of South Australia dated 2 May 1890 granting a loan of 2,250 pounds.]
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Letters from Rev. Silas Mead
1866, 1868 0.5 cm 2 items
[1. Letter dated 28 March 1866 to Mr J Smith regarding Mr Mead’s views on the supervision of the erection of the new school room and manse; 2. Letter to the Flinders Street Deacons dated 1 July 1868 concerning several issues – the necessity for a new school room complex at the church, new stained glass in the church’s windows, improving the acoustic of the church interior, and financial difficulties of the Flinders Street church]

Letter to George Fife Angas
1864 0.5 cm
[Draft of letter written on 22 September 1864 by David Fowler of Wootton Lea, requesting his help in the purchase of land adjacent to the Flinders Street chapel (owned by the S.A. Company) for a Sabbath school room.]

Letter to Mr J Smith
1866 0.5 cm
[Letter written on 16 January 1866 by R. G. Bowen, Waymouth Street regarding the state of premises adjoining the Flinders Street chapel.]
Papers relating to a Memorandum of Agreement about light access
1911, 1920-1921 0.5 cm 6 items
[Documents regarding an easement of light between premises of Vivian Lewis & Company and the Flinders Street church across the boundary of City Acres 272 and 273 (the latter Church land). They comprise a Memorandum of Agreement dated 11 April 1911 between the 2 parties, about windows in the eastern wall of Lewis’s building, with a covering letter of 10 April with an opinion from James T Mellor, solicitor, on the agreement; a letter dated 4 May 1911 from the Chairman of the Church Meeting authorising use of its Seal on the Agreement; a note by Mr Stow Smith stating the name of the person who erected the windows (a Mr Florey), dated 23 September 1920; and a letter from a solicitor to Stow Smith dated 7 February 1921 giving the opinion that Lewis’s company had not acquired any easement of light, and returning all the documents listed 1-4 above, with its envelope.]

Papers relating to the amalgamation of Bentham Street Baptist Church with Flinders Street congregation
1909 0.5 cm 4 items
[1. Letter with resolution of meeting of Bentham Street congregation proposing amalgamation with Flinders Street, dated 3 August 1909; 2. List of names of members of Bentham Street congregation; 3. Notice of resignation of T. Jones from Bentham Street Deacons, dated 25 October 1909; 4. Letter from Bentham Street deacon requesting a meeting to discuss their building in west end of the city]