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BRIAN AND FAITH BOWERS

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#### HENRY DENNE AND THE FENSTANTON BAPTISTS

An article on 'Henry Denne and the Fenstanton Baptists in England' by C. M. Roper appeared in *Baptist History and Heritage*, Vol.16 (1981), No.4, pp.26-38, and will be of interest to readers concerned with the history of East Anglian Baptists.

soil', being 'primarily a Puritan' (Thomas Bufford Maston, "The Ethical and Social Attitudes of Isaac Backus", unpublished dissertation, Yale University, 1939, pp.140-141). Maston's statement is too strong, as is apparent from this article, reflecting both an underestimation of Backus' own acknowledged indebtedness to, and respect for, the English Baptist tradition and a misunderstanding of the relationship of the Baptists in both countries to the Puritan movement.

STANLEY J. GRENZ

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#### ASTERBY AND DONNINGTON-ON-BAIN BAPTIST CHURCH

The original Minute Book of this church has been lodged with the Archivist of the East Midland Baptist Association: The Rev. T. J. Budge, Flat 2, Halford House, 25 De Montfort Street, Leicester. There is also a microfilm of the book in Lincoln Records Office.

### EAST MIDLAND BAPTIST ASSOCIATION CHURCH RECORDS

We have also been informed that the Association Archivist has facilitated the deposition of local church records at Record Offices, as follows:

## DERBYSHIRE At the Local Studies Library, Derby

Derby & District Baptist Union from 1900 Chesterfield from 1873 Swadlingote from 1867

## LEICESTERSHIRE at County Record Office, New Walk, Leicester

Leicester Baptist Association from 1895 Leicestershire Baptist Association from 1834 Baptist Lay Preachers Association from 1909 Arnesby from 1699 Ashby de la Zouch from 1841 Barrowden and Morcott from 1710 Blaby from 1798 Coalville, London Road (now Charnborough Rd) from 1854 Earl Shilton from 1819 Hinckley from 1816 Hose from 1852 Hugglescote (and Coleorton) from 1798 Husbands Bosworth from 1797-1971 Ibstock from 1877 Kirby Muxloe from 1883 Abbey Gate Mission from 1929 Archdeacon Lane (now A.L.Memorial) from 1806 Belvoir Street (now united with Charles St as United Church) from 1865 Carey Hall from 1898 Charles St (now United Church) from 1831 Clarendon Park from 1894 Emanuel from 1884-1972 Harvey Lane (now United Church) from 1760-1867, 1894-1940

Friar Lane from 1749-1961 (now Friar Lane and Braunston)
Providence Chapel from 1868-1958
Uppingham Road from 1907
Victoria Road from 1865
Loughborough - King Street from 1905-1962
- Woodgate from 1846
Market Harborough from 1830
Queniborough from 1901-1949
Shepshed, Charnwood Road from 1765
Thurlaston from 1859-1897

#### LINCOLNSHIRE at Record Office, The Castle, Lincoln

Boston, Liquor Pond St later Salem from 1818-1838
New Clee (Stanley St Grimsby) from 1893-1953, 1953-1970 (closed)
Lincoln, Mint St from 1767 a book, minutes from 1800
Grimsby, Zion from 1869-1923
Gosberton from 1786
Pinchbeck from 1844
Maltby le Marsh from 1925-1977
Great Whyte, Ramsey Members from 1853, minutes from 1923
Whittlesea from 1874-1974 (closed)

## NOTTINGHAMSHIRE at Record Office, High Pavement, Nottingham

Notts, Derby & Lincs Association from 1886-1892 Nottingham Baptist Union from 1930-1941 Arnold, Cross Street from 1883 Basford, Palm Street from 1849 Collingham from 1762 Derby Road from 1847-1926, to 1967 joined with Lenton to form Thomas Helwys Church 1967 Eastwood from 1893 Edwin Street from 1885-1900 Friar Lane and George Street (after 1815) from 1815-1948 (closed) Broughton and Hose from 1804 Lenton from 1851-Newthorpe from 1890 Newark from 1810 Redhill from 1909-1974 Kirkby in Ashfield from 1916 Ollerton from 1926-1970 Sutton on Trent from 1822-1877 Nottinghamshire County Committee from 1892 Nottingham Baptist Union from 1889

The Mansfield Road Records (1775-1963) have been deposited by the Church at Nottingham University.

Views about Alline in his own life time were many. Johnathan Scott, the Congregational minister in Yarmouth, NS, warned the land of this 'Ravager of the Churches'. To others, he was the first 'Nova Scotian', synthesizing American and British theology in the interest of the populace. An exponent of a complex and mystical theology, he was nonetheless an 'ordinary figure who had remarkable gifts in communication... a zealous Arminian concerned for the world's salvation'.

The journal is Alline's memorial, but as the years progressed he wrote it more and more with publication in mind. The material is filtered through this sieve, so that 'only things which enhanced the revival, and the revivalist, were committed to paper. In the journal at least, Alline won every debate, ultimately vanquished every foe, overcame every doubt. One suspects that reality must have fallen somewhat short of this' (p.23). The journal was published in 1806 in Nova Scotia, but the original has been missing since 1910.

ROGER HAYDEN

## SPURGEON TERJUBILEE

# Saturday, September 8th, 1984

# 10.30 a.m.

A Day Conference organised by the Baptist Historical Society to \* mark the 150th anniversary of C. H. Spurgeon's birth will be held at HISTON BAPTIST CHURCH, CAMBRIDGE.

#### Lecturers include:

Mr J. H. Y. BRIGGS, M.A., F.S.A., F.R.Hist.S... Department of History, Keele University

Revd M. K. NICHOLLS, B.D. Tutor, Spurgeon's College

Revd J. J. BROWN, B.D.
Past President Baptist Union

It is hoped to arrange a visit to Isleham Ferry, where Spurgeon was baptized, in the afternoon.

WRITE FOR FULL DETAILS TO B. H. S. SECRETARY.

The conference should finish about 8 p.m. Overnight \* accommodation available with Histon Church members if required.