

Bilston High Street Primitive Methodist Church
transcripts of church registers
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explanatory notes

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Methodism arose in the 1730s from the influence of the preachers George Whitefield and John and Charles Wesley. In 1744 circuits for Wesleyan preachers were established and the first national conference was held. The break between the Wesleyan Methodists and the Church of England came in 1784 by John Wesley's act of ordaining a minister.

The Methodists themselves began to split into several groups:

- Methodist New Connexion formed in 1797
- Quaker Methodists formed in 1806
- Primitive Methodists (based on open-air meetings) broke away in 1812
- Bible Christians, or Bryanites, broke away in 1815
- Wesleyan Methodist Reformers established in 1849
- Independent Methodists officially formed in 1898

Some of the different factions united to become the United Methodist Free Churches in 1857 and others became the Wesleyan Reform Union. The New Connexion and Bible Christians joined with the United Free Churches in 1907 to form the **United Methodist Church**. Finally, in 1932 Primitive Methodists, the Wesleyans, and the United Methodist Church merged to form the **Methodist Church**.

SPELLING

The spelling of names and places in the original entries has been retained in this transcript.

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Bilston High Street Primitive Methodist Church, baptisms 1827-1837

Surname	First Name	Date		Parents	Occupation	Abode	Baptised by
BROWNHILL	Mercy	21 Nov 1837	dau.of	William & Elizabeth	Furnace Manager	Finney Well, Bilston	William Horsell
JENNINGS	Elizabeth	27 Feb 1829	dau.of	John & Elizabeth	Carpenter	Broad Lane, Sedgley	John Walford
JENNINGS	Mary	16 Feb 1827	dau.of	John & Elizabeth	Carpenter	Broad Lane, Sedgley	John Walford
JENNINGS	Rachel	25 Dec 1835	dau.of	John & Elizabeth	Carpenter	Broad Lane, Sedgley	John Walford