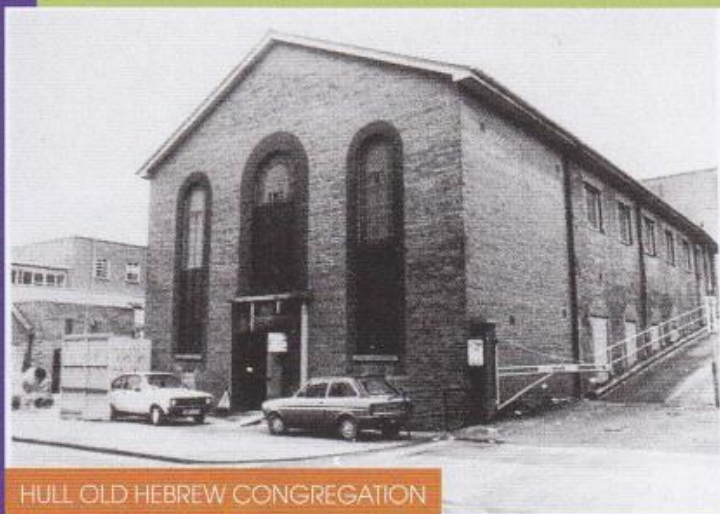




HULL OLD HEBREW CONGREGATION

HISTORY PROJECT

We Were There Too has launched a new collection with help from Hull History Centre.

The Manchester-based We Were There Too (WWTT) project has launched a new collection to expand its

database on the lives of the Jewish community during the First World War.

Project researchers collaborated with Hull History Centre to put together the collection, which contains the minutes from the monthly meetings of the Hull Old Hebrew Congregation Council from 1915 to 1917.

The latest findings estimate that the congregation, founded in 1826, would have had up to 200 members during the First World War.

"The minute book gives us an insight into what sort of issues arose during wartime, and what decisions the committee made to find solutions," stated the WWTT.

"We know that a sub-committee was formed to deal with a Roll of Honour for members of the Jewish community serving in the army. The Hull Hebrew Communal Council was also formed after the committee approached fellow congregations to help provide for Jewish soldiers in need during Passover.

"It is clear that times were hard financially, as across 1917 a member wrote to say he could not pay off any arrears until after the war, while the serving Rabbi was granted an increased salary due to the high cost of living."

The new collection has expanded the current WWTT online database of the lives of Jewish servicemen, alongside the group's latest project to curate memorial boards across local communities. WWTT managers have praised the volunteer response since calling out for assistance, with recent additions from Manchester including Cheetham Hill's Talmud Torah School and the Shechita Board.

To find out more and contribute to the WWTT project, visit Jewsfww.uk or email Contactus@jewsfww.uk