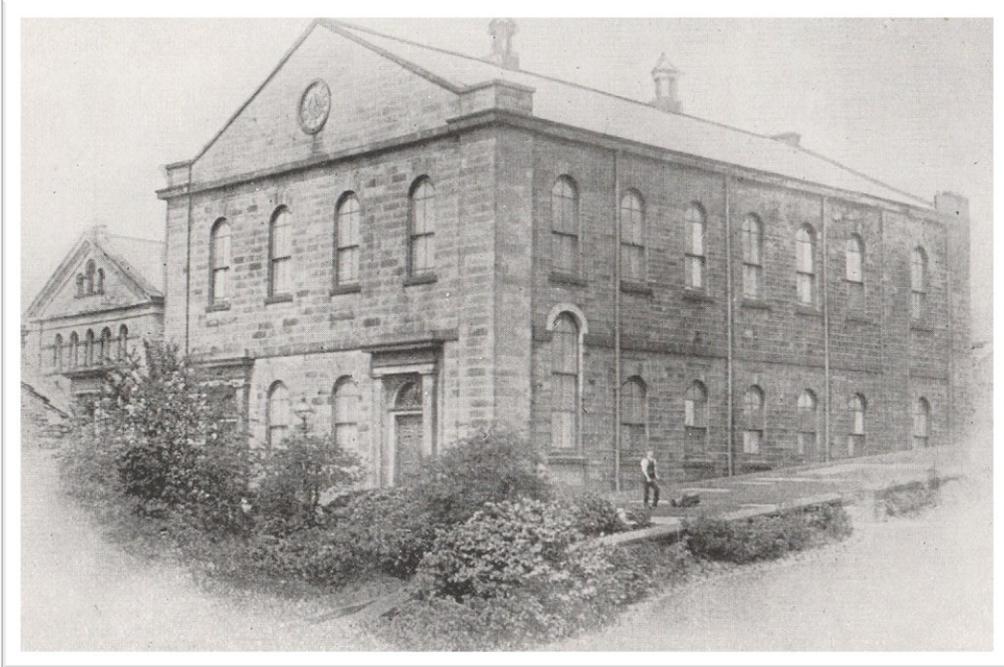


Mount Pleasant Wesleyan Chapel



In 1751 the Methodists in Bacup were holding meetings in a cottage on the right-hand side of Lane Head Lane and had 14 members. Mary Hargreaves a widow first resided in a cottage that once stood in the same place that Ebenezer Baptist once stood and it is thought that the first class meeting was held at her house pictured right. Later on she moved to a little cottage below Mr Dawson's house at Mount Pleasant and provide accommodation for many of the preachers amongst whom was Mr Wesley himself.

In 1788 a new chapel was built in Lane Head lane fronting Earnshaw road and with a yearly rent of 8/- but there are no more details of this chapel or of its opening. But we do know a burial ground was opened here and the first interment was a George Hargreaves of Mow Grain. In 1804 the burial ground was extended for a yearly rent of 17/- and 3,074 people were buried there by the time the graveyard was closed in 1860 save for those people being interred in the vaults there.

Families who had vaults there were: Ashworth - Bannister Cardus- Clegg – Dawson Earnshaw - Howorth - Howorth - Hauhurst – Hodson Haworth - Hoyle - Hudson - Lord - Parkinson Maden - Seiber - Sutcliffe - Taylor- Whitfield Worra