

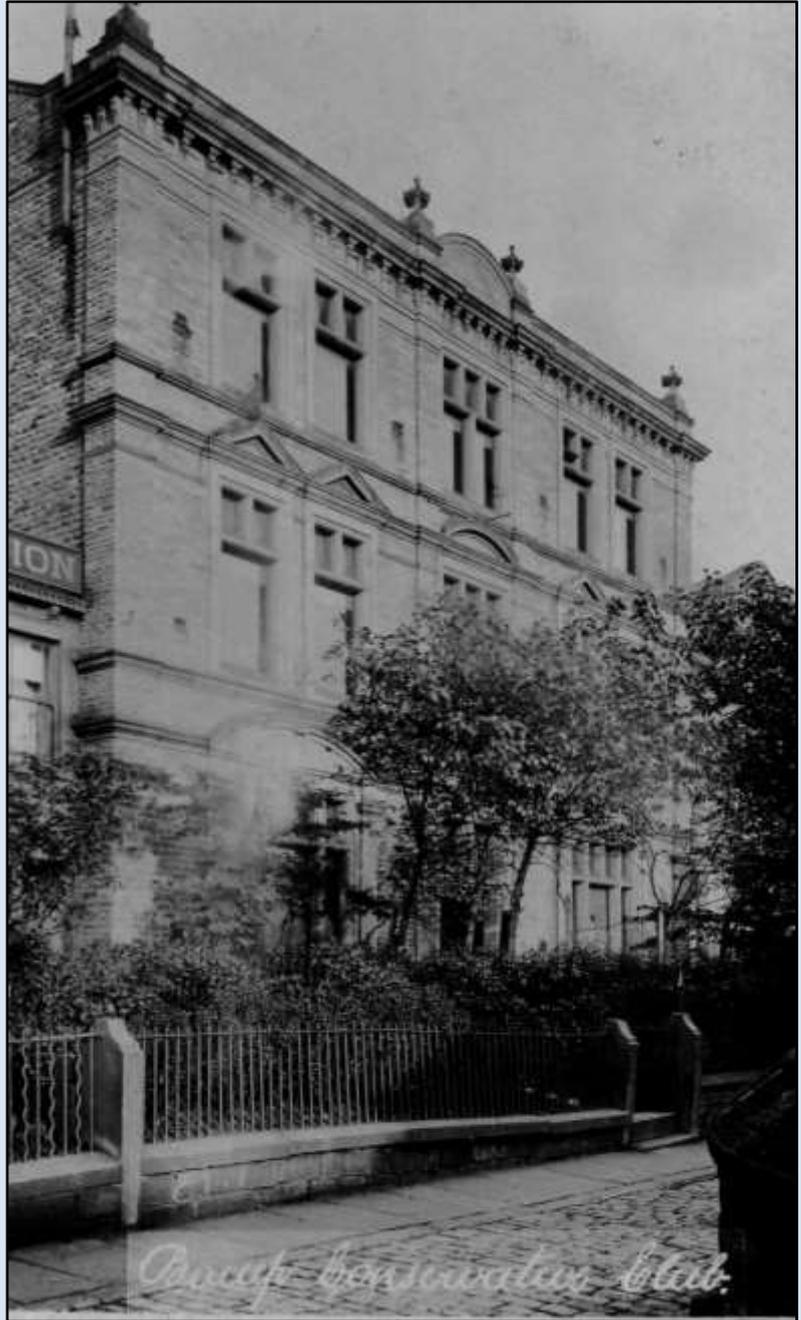
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## Irwell Terrace & St James Street

Irwell Terrace was home to accountancy firm Hunter, Gregory and Lord, and the Weavers Association offices. Tattersalls Auctioneers along with two other cottages that had been built in 1815 were demolished around 1892 to build the Conservative Club.

The memorial stone being laid in August 1893 by Joshua Hoyle J.P with the rest of the build and the opening occurring in in 1894.

Initially the club was built with three storeys the third having to be removed in 1963 due to dry rot next door to the Conservative Club stood Irwell Terrace Baptist Chapel which was demolished in 1977.



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Irwell Terrace was accessed by what was known as Bacup Bridge, in 1912 this portion of the river was covered over in order to erect a memorial.

The Maden Memorial was formally unveiled and dedicated by his Worship the Mayor Alderman J. Craven Hoyle, J.P. on Saturday 7th September 1912.

The cost of the Memorial along with the covering over of the river was over £700, which was raised by public subscription. The Monument was supplied and erected by Messrs Kirkpatrick Bros, of Trafford Park, Manchester.



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In 1923 following a decision by the Town Council to widen the roads the Maden Memorial was moved to Stubbylee Park and demolition of the buildings pictured below began by June 1924 demolition was well under way with completion and covering over of the remaining river towards the end of 1925.



The area was surrounded by railings, a telephone kiosk was installed which opened for public use on February 15th 1926 and trees and shrubs were planted.



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Number 26 St James Street was the home of the Electricity showrooms prior to the new building in St James Sq.



In 1951 the bus stop was moved to the location shown on the photograph.