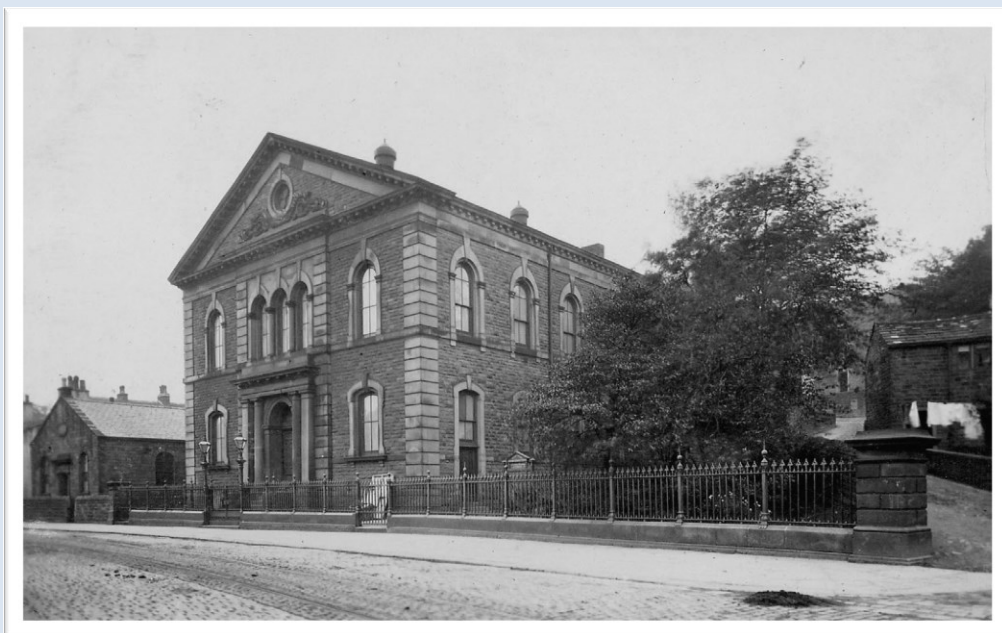


## Wesley Place Chapel



The trustees of Mount Pleasant Bacup were asked to consider the possibility of building a new chapel "below Bacup" . The neighbourhood of Pippin Bank was thought to be desirable and Mr J.M.Holt was asked to sell land for the purpose. He declined. Mr John Maden of Rockcliffe House grandson of the first Methodist in Bacup offered a site. Wesley Place school opened on 22<sup>nd</sup> 1862 and the chapel on July 22<sup>nd</sup> 1866. The foundation stone was laid by Mr John Dawson a lay preacher who conducted the very first wedding at Wesley Place, between Mr Elias Barker of Rockcliffe, to Miss Ellen Patchett of Facit.

The couple were presented with a bible and Wesleyan Hymn book by John Maden of Rockcliffe House. The chapel was demolished in 1966.