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2 March 1984

Dear Mr Shackleton,

Thank you so very much for the clippings you've found about my Grandfather. It's a real treasure trove and the family will be most excited.

May I enclose a small contribution to church activities in memory of my Gradnfather and in thanks for all your great help.

Yours sincerely,

*Roger Owen*

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*Acknowledged with thanks*

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1st March, 1984

Dr. Roger Owen,  
St. Anthony's College,  
Oxford.

Dear Dr. Owen,

Since writing my letter to you of 14th February I have unearthed some cuttings extracted from the local paper, The Hebden Bridge Times, which give a good deal of information about the start of Rev. Edward Owen's ministry. The cuttings were old and faded but I have managed to make readable copies which I am sure will be of great interest to you.

Best wishes,  
Yours sincerely,

Secretary

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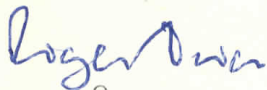
21 February 1984

Dear Mr Shackleton,

Thank you so much for your kind letter about my Grandfather, the Rev. Edward Owen. I have made a copy and sent it to my uncle, Dr Trevor Owen, who lives in Harrogate and who will certainly remember Miss Gladys Redmond. I'm very sorry I never met my Grandfather myself. But, sadly, he died in Leeds just a few years before I was born.

Again, thank you so much for your help.

Yours sincerely,



Roger Owen

14th February, 1984

Dr. Roger Owen,  
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Dear Dr. Owen,

Thank you for your letter regarding your Grandfather, Rev. Edward Owen. The only records available are contained in the Church Minute Book and perhaps you will be interested to have an extract.

"Church Meeting July 22nd, 1908. John Clay presided.

Moved by James Maude, seconded by R. Greenwood. That we as a Church take steps to ascertain if the Rev. Edward Owen, B.A. of Pontypool, South Wales is moveable from his present charge and if so that we give him a hearty invitation to the pastorate of Hope Baptist Church, and that this resolution be also put before the Members at the close of the Communion Service on Sunday next, and a vote be taken by Ballot. The resolution was deferred to make further enquiries respecting Mr. Owen.

Special Church Meeting August 19th 1908.

Moved by James Maude, seconded by Robinson Greenwood. That we invite Rev. Edward Owen, B.A. Pontypool to become our Pastor. Salary £220 per annum and the house free. Voting was unanimous

On Sunday morning September, 6th notice was given after service that a Special Church Meeting would be held on Sunday morning September, 13th to elect a minister for this Church. (as per trust deeds).

Special Church Meeting Sunday morning, September 13th, 1908.

Moved by James Maude, seconded by Eli Mitchell that Rev. Edward Owen, B.A. Pontypool be elected the Pastor of this Church, voting was unanimous.

The Rev. Edward Owen, B.A. commenced his ministry on Sunday, October, 18th, 1908. (Services were held in the School on account of the Chapel being closed for painting and putting in the electric light.)"

I have discussed your letter with Miss Gladys Redman, our oldest member, who incidentally has just completed 75 years in membership of the Church. I think you probably know her. According to information given by her your grandfather's name was given to Hope by Rev. Edward Thomas who was at that time Minister of the neighbouring Heptonstall Slack Baptist Church. Mr. Thomas was a Welshman and a friend of Mr. Owen. He knew that Hope had been looking for a Minister for about two years and suggested that Mr. Owen may be available. As a result of this Mr. Owen preached at Hope, I understand before the first minute recorded above. This is all I have been able to find out but I hope it will be helpful to you.

Mr. Owen is still remembered with love and affection by the dwindling number of members who still remember him.

Kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

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9 February 1984

Dear Mr Shackleton,

I wonder if I might ask your advice? I have been given your name by Baptist Information as someone who might be able to let me know if there are any records in Hebden Bridge relating to my Grandfather, the Revd. Edward Owen who was the minister at Hope Chapel from 1908-1919. I visited the chapel about 20 years ago and was allowed to take away a large portrait photograph of my Grandfather which had just been taken off the walls when it was decided simply to have a single group photo-collage of all the previous ministers. Now I'm trying to do a bit more extensive family history and wondered if the church would keep anything like a cv of past ministers and, perhaps, some information about the reasons why they received a call from the Hebden Bridge Congregation. My Grandfather started his ministry in Pontypool, near his home town, from 1904 to 1908.

If you do have any records relating to his early life I would be most grateful if you could let me know.

Yours sincerely,

  
Roger Owen