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*The History of*  
*Earsdon*  
*Village*  
*Primitive*  
*Methodist*  
*Chapel.*

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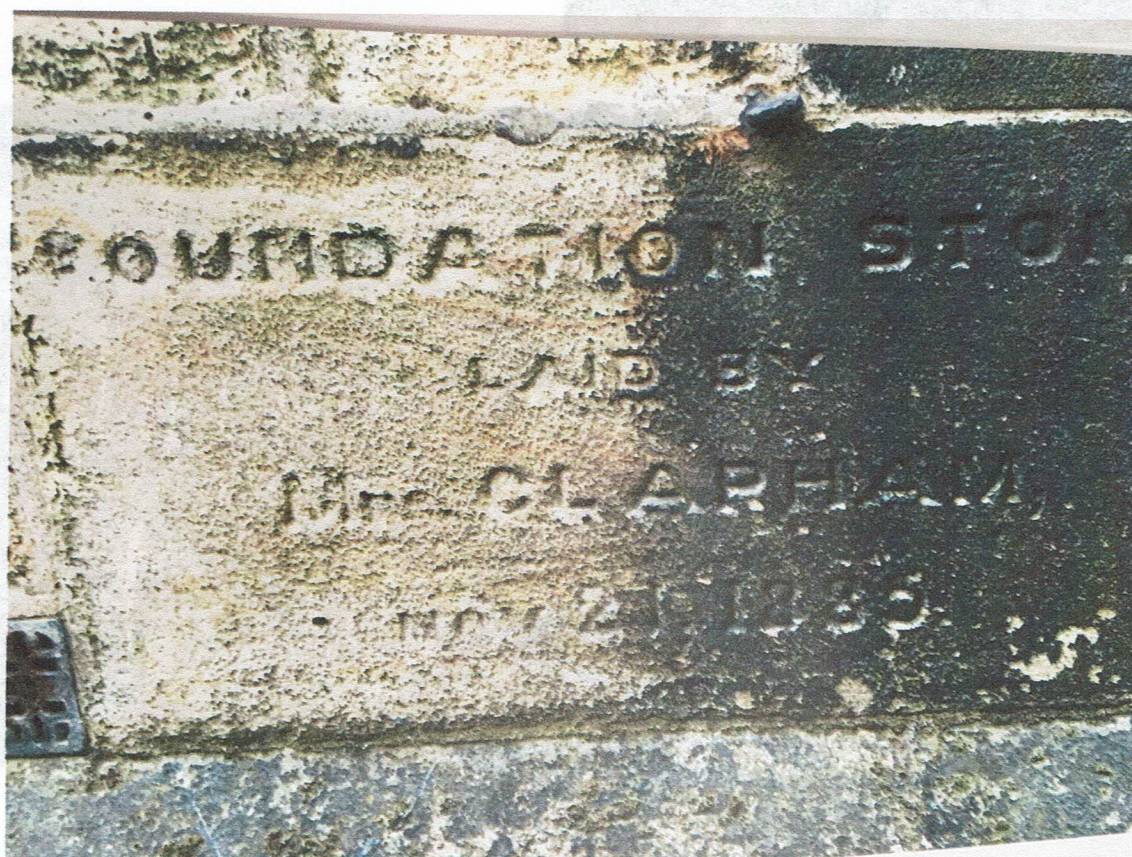


Earsdon Village,  
Primitive Methodist Church,  
Front Street,  
Earsdon.

The primitive church was built by public subscriptions, on the edge of Earsdon, on land owned by the Duke of Northumberland. Earsdon is one of the oldest villages in Northumberland and there is evidence of human occupation as early as the iron age.

Erdesdon - "Cultivated Hill".

The foundation stone for the church is dated 1885 and the church was completed in 1886. The church was built on land which had been a quarry. The stone was shipped out from the ports of Blyth and Hartley. The interior is little changed from the original, comprising of plain seats and walls with a simple cross.



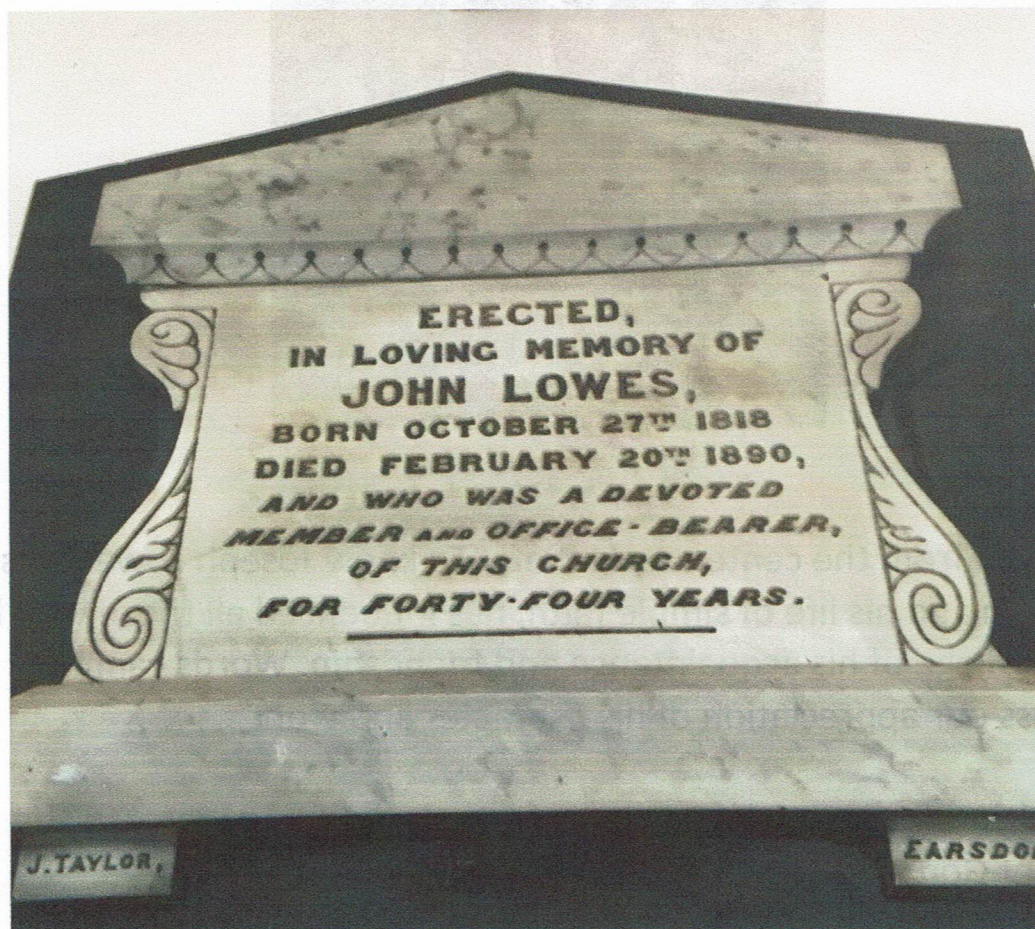




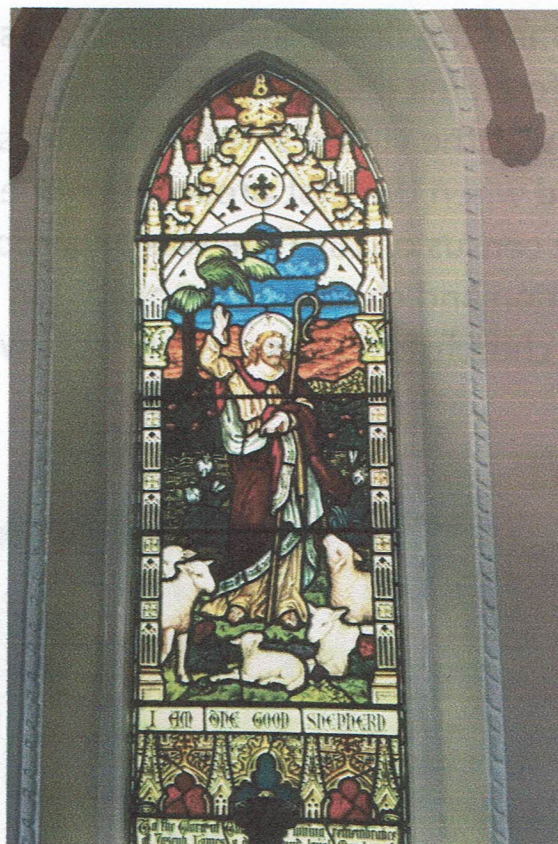
I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD

In the Glory of God  
of Joseph James, a  
his Church, who  
and loyal Member of  
to rest Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> 1894

1825 was the year when the first primitive Methodist preachers came to Earsdon. A founding member of the church was Mr John Lowes whose home was the village smithy. John was born in 1819, therefore only a child when the first preachers came to Earsdon, but at the age of 42 (see census of 1861) he was an important figure within the congregation and church. He contributed to the development of the church as did his descendants who followed him.



John Lowes son Joseph, born in 1845, who was also a blacksmith (apprentice) became an integral part of the church. During celebrations of 1925, a memorial window was unveiled in his honour. Stained glass windows were not a part of the embellishment of Methodist chapels. There was a great wave of gratitude and emotion for Joseph Lowes for this to take place.



To quote from the centenary leaflet, "To know Joseph Lowes was to love him and his life of simple faith, has influenced all those who had the privilege of his acquaintance and friendship. Words cannot express our appreciation of his character and work".

Inside the church are brass plates from the 1914-18 war. "To the glory of God and the imperishable", and the 1939-45 war, commemorating the fallen from the parish.

Enclosed: Photographs showing interior of chapel.

5 early maps.

1861 census (Lowes family) 2.

"Centenary Celebrations" 2.

Ordinance survey map Earsdon 1895.

Earsdon Village Tales.

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