



Cover illustration: Photograph circa 1890, discovered as part of a photographic collection at Pool Quay near Welshpool.

The Clun 19th century chair illustrated on the cover is an example of the simple type of wooden seated spindle back chair made by the Owens at their Church Bank workshop close to their timber source at Clunton Coppice. Owen often carted his chairs from the village of Clun over twelve miles for sale at the Saturday market at Newton (Powys). It is therefore not surprising to find such chairs distributed throughout the communities of the Welsh border counties.

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For the History of the Clun chairmakers of Shropshire, refer to 'The English Regional Chair' by B.D. Cotton, p.p. 302 to 309