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Dear Friend,

Greetings to you in Jesus name.

It has been some time since we received your letter of inquiry as to the fact that Herbert W. Armstrong ever belonged to the Church of God, 7th day at Salem, W. Va. I could have readily said yes to your letter but that would not have been proof to you. Therefore it took time to go through our records to give you the dates and what transpired on these dates.

First it is mentioned in, "The History of the True Church" that he was chosen one of the seventy. This book was copyrighted in 1936 by the authors C.O. Dodd and A. N. Dugger. I have heard it said he was chosen but never accepted and for this reason, we felt it good to go back into records and see just what did transpire. They are as follows:

Meeting of the Twelve and the Seven and Seventy at St. Joseph, Mo., September 26 to 28, 1934.

"September 27th, After prayer the following business was conducted."
"Moved and carried that we grant credentials to H. W. Armstrong."

Now our constitution states, "He must have had at least six month's experience before license can be issued by the Twelve." So Armstrong must have had license prior to this time because one must have been licensed before credentials can be granted to a minister.

Minutes of the Business meeting held at Detroit, Michigan May 5-10 1937

May 7, at 1:00 p.m. "Reading of Elder Armstrong's letter to the Twelve Reading in periods of 20 minutes each of Elder Armstrong's article on Feast of Unleavened Bread, the Passover, Pentecost, Feast of Tabernacle etc., followed each time by discussion pro and con by the Elders.

May 10, 1937 at 10:00 a.m.

Proceeding with the investigation of Brother Armstrong's article of previous sessions which was left unfinished. Reading of the article was completed followed by discussion.

A decision was made as given in the following resolution:

"Inasmuch as some have troubled the Churches, teaching them they should observe the feast of unleavened bread and yearly sabbaths connected with the atonement of the Law of Moses, Be it moved, that we reaffirm the teachings of the Church of God on this point, and also the decision of the Apostles and leaders on this question as recorded in Acts 15th chapter, that we observe no such custom. By Elders W. W. McMicken and William Alexander. Passed"

At the time of the above mentioned meeting his address was listed as 1608 W. 6th Ave., Eugene, Oregon

It was in 1938 that he was asked to turn in his credentials for continuing to preach contrary to church doctrine.

We trust we have been of some help to you and may the Lord bless you in your search to know the truth.

Sincerely in His service,

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