

# WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY RECORD OFFICE

## USER'S GUIDE NO. 7

### PHOTOGRAPHS, PRINTS AND DRAWINGS



#### **Introduction**

The Record Office has the largest single collection of photographs relating to Warwickshire, amounting to over 200,000 images, dating from the 1840s to the present day. It also has a substantial collection of prints (engravings, lithographs, etc.) and a few original drawings and water-colours showing buildings in the County. These date mainly from the 18th and 19th centuries. Some libraries and the County Museum also have collections of Warwickshire photographs.

#### **Photographs**

The collection is particularly strong in photographs of places, especially individual buildings and street scenes. There are some photographs for every village in the County, fifty or so for the larger ones, and more than a thousand for some of the towns. Most date from the early 1900s to the 1960s, although there are a good many Victorian photographs in the collection.

There are a small number of aerial photographs, including an aerial survey of the County done by the RAF in the late 1940s.

Among the more important collections of photographs are:

Postcard views *c.* 1900-1960s (nearly 11,000) PH350 and PH352

Portraits taken by R.L. Graham of Leamington Spa, 1870s-1890s  
(*c.* 5,000), CR2855

Leamington Courier glass negatives, 1930s-1960s (7,200), PH(N)600

Francis Frith photographs, 1880s-1960s (*c.* 1,000), PH599

Carte de visite and stereo views, 1850s-*c.* 1880 (*c.* 500) – main collection at PH621

Victor Long, 1920s-1950s PH(N) 888

Reg Bull, 1950s-1980s PH(N) 882

## **How to find the photographs**

For the location of the card indexes to the photographic collection see separate Search Room plan. They cover places, people and subjects. The place index is the most comprehensive, but only a small proportion of people have so far been included. There are also lists of over 800 individual groups and collections of photographs.

## **Warwickshire Photographers**

A list of photographers resident in the County from 1843 to 1940, giving details of their lives and work, is available in the Record Office library (ref. C 779 CHA). Although the majority are professional photographers, a number are amateurs.

## **‘Warwickshire Images’**

A selection of photographs and maps, the majority of which are from the County Record Office, are being made available in electronic form. At present we have 10,000 images covering every village and town in Warwickshire on screen which are available at the County Record Office as well as in a number of libraries in the County. Some of these images are also available on the internet at [www.windowsonwarwickshire.org.uk](http://www.windowsonwarwickshire.org.uk)

Many photographs can be copied by the Record Office and details of prices are available on request. However, some may be too fragile to copy or be subject to copyright restrictions.

## **Prints and Views**

The collection of engravings, lithographs, water-colours and drawings, known collectively as *Prints and Views*, show individual buildings or groups of buildings and date mainly from 1750 to 1850. The Record Office also has copies of many Warwickshire views, the originals of which are held elsewhere. There is also a collection of engraved portraits of Warwickshire people.

For ease of reference the great majority of Prints and Views, numbering nearly 4,500, have been photocopied and are available in bound volumes in the Search Room (see plan). There is a card index to the Prints and Views in the Search Room (see plan) arranged alphabetically by place. There is also an incomplete index of artists and engravers. Most of the Prints and Views can be photocopied.