

KILKENNY COUNTY COUNCIL LIBRARY SERVICE



Kilkenny County Council Library Service

Seirbhís Leabharlaine Chomhairle Contae Chill Chainnigh



Kilkenny County Library's Photographic Collection.....

Bringing the past to life



Even this far back, Kilkenny was a noted tourist spot!



Miscellaneous Collection of Photographs-we share a snapshot of the other collections we hold, from the 1920s to the present.

Miscellaneous Collection of Photographs-we share a snapshot of the other collections we hold, from the 1920's to the present.....

Aerofilms -aerial Photographs mainly of the City (mid 1960s)

Amenity Study Photographs-these were taken of streetscapes (circa 1970). They are available on the Kilkenny Digital Archive

Bord Failte Photographs-Kilkenny City and County (mid 1970s)

Industrial Archaeological Survey Photographs-the Survey itself was carried out by Fred Hammond. This important collection covers Kilkenny's rich catalogue of industrial sites including bridges, mills etc. It dates from 1989.

St. John's Parish Centenary Collection - was donated to the library by the Community of the Parish of St. John's

Carrigan Collection- collection of images commissioned from this seminal work to mark the Carrigan Centenary

Victorian Photograph Album of Kilkenny-Scenes and People



Kilkenny Photographic Society: From Source to Sea-the River Nore 2010 captured in images by the Kilkenny Photographic Society

(Copyright-Kilkenny Photographic Society)



River Nore

Postcard Collection- our Local Studies department also holds a collection of old postcards of Kilkenny interest. These include old photographic images, hand-tinted images and promotional cards. Back in the old days of staycations, a postcard sent from every corner of Ireland, was a must!

Introduction

Old photographs and postcards provide a graphic representation of life and experiences in Kilkenny of times past. Kilkenny Local Studies has a long-standing policy of preserving these visual representations.

Traditionally images were presented as hard copy photographs to be viewed by members of the public. For many years now, Kilkenny County Council Library Service has an ongoing programme of digitising Kilkenny based images and making them available to the widest available audience. These can be accessed at the Kilkenny Digital Archive at <https://digital-archive.kilkenny.ie/index.php>

All non-digital photographs and postcards are held at the Local Studies Department, situated in Library HQ, John's Green House, John's Green, Kilkenny. Reproduction is subject to copyright restrictions and the condition of the originals. A reproduction cost is charged.



Below is a guide to some of the main collections. Catalogue descriptions of all these images are available on line through the Library catalogue www.kilkennylibrary.ie

Lawrence Collection-originally consisted of 40,000 glass plate negatives from 1870-1914. The photographs were produced commercially and capture scenes of that period throughout Ireland. Many afterwards were reproduced as pic-



ture postcards. The bulk of the outdoor images were taken by Robert French, the Lawrences' chief photographer. Kilkenny Local Studies holds a selection of City and County images.



Lawrence Reproduction-this initiative, in 1990, involved getting some original Lawrence sites photographed professionally around the City and County of Kilkenny

Crawford Collection-were taken by



the archaeologist Osbert Guy Stanhope Crawford in 1946. The Local Studies department has a selection of both City and County images. The image shows what High St looked during this period.

Valentine Collection- this national collection dates between 1900-1960 and was generated mainly for Tourism promotion. Local Studies has a selection of Kilkenny City and County images.