



# **Somerset Archive and Record Service**

## **Information Leaflet**

# **Pictures and Postcards in Somerset**

# HISTORIC POSTCARDS, ENGRAVINGS & VIEWS OF SOMERSET

Available here are some 1200 historic postcards, engravings and views preserved in the collections of the Somerset Record Office. About 200 photographs came from the archive of Francis Frith and Company of Reigate. The Frith photographs date generally from the period 1895-1920 and are high-quality large-format prints contemporary with the original negatives from which they were made.

Francis Frith set up Britain's first photographic company in 1850, and by the beginning of the 20th century had established his firm as pre-eminent in capturing vivid and technically superb photographs of Britain's towns and villages.

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