

Lancaster Civic Vision

Celebrating our Heritage – Enhancing our Environment – Shaping our Future

EARLY PHOTOGRAPHS OF LANCASTER AND LANCASHIRE

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People who are keen on local history often find that photographs taken in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries are a useful source of information about the places and topics that interest them. The most extensive, free-to-access source of such early photographs of Lancaster and Lancashire is the Red Rose Collection provided by Lancashire County Council.

The photographs are available to study and download from their website:
https://redrosecollections.lancashire.gov.uk/

Click on "Image Archive Search" (top left)

In the "Title" field, enter a topic: e.g. 'pier'.

In the "Place" field, enter a location: e.g. 'Morecambe'.

Click on "Search".

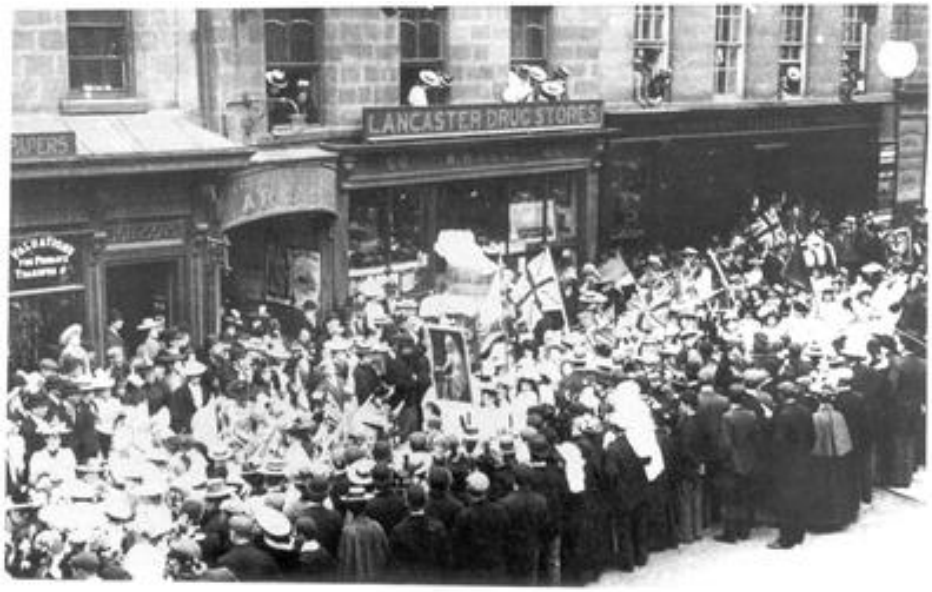
All their pictures of the piers in Morecambe are shown as thumbnails on the screen.



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Central Pier, Morecambe (c1900)

Click on any of the images of interest. You will see it enlarged and with details of the scene, date and photographer where known. If you right-click on the image you can save or copy it.



Market Street in Lancaster on Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee in 1897

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Many local libraries and museums (like Lancaster City Museum in Market Square) have their own collections of early photographs. It is always worth contacting them to see what is available.

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