

Family Photographs: Useful Sources

Further Reading

Photographic Portraits and Dating Photographs

- Audrey Linkman, *The Victorians: Photographic Portraits* (Tauris Parke, 1993)
Robert Pols, *Dating Nineteenth Century Photographs* (The Alden Press, 2005)
Robert Pols, *Dating Twentieth Century Photographs* (The Alden Press, 2005)
Jayne Shrimpton, *Family Photographs and How to Date Them* (Countryside Books, 2008)
Jayne Shrimpton, *Getting the most out of Family Pictures* (Society of Genealogists, forthcoming 2010)
Neil Storey, *Military Photographs and How to Date Them* (Countryside Books, 2009)

Dress History

19th and 20th Century Dress

- Penelope Byrd, *Nineteenth Century Fashion* (B T Batsford, 1992)
Penelope Byrd, *Jane Austen Fashion* (Excellent Press 1999, paperback edition 2008)
Penelope Byrd, *A Visual History of Costume: The Twentieth Century* (B T Batsford, 1986)
Elizabeth Ewing, *History of 20th Century Fashion* (B T Batsford, 3rd ed. 1986)
Vanda Foster, *A Visual History of Costume: The Nineteenth Century* (B T Batsford, 1984)
Elizabeth Wilson and Lou Taylor, *Through the Looking Glass: A History of Dress from 1860 to the Present Day* (BBC Books, 1989)

Specialised Dress History

- Penelope Byrd, *The Male Image: Men's Fashion in England, 1300-1970* (B T Batsford, 1979)
Avril Lansdell, *Occupational Costume and Working Clothes, 1776-1976* (Shire Publications, 1977)
Avril Lansdell, *Wedding Fashions, 1860-1940* (Shire Publications, 1983)
Shelley Tobin et al, *Marriage A la Mode: Three Centuries of Wedding Dress* (The National Trust, 2003)
Clare Rose, *Children's Clothes* (B T Batsford, 1989)
Elizabeth Ewing, *History of Children's Costume* (B T Batsford, 1977)
Lou Taylor, *Mourning Dress* (George Allan & Unwin, 1983)

Dress in photographs

- Miles Lambert, *Fashion in Photographs, 1860-1880* (B T Batsford, 1991)
Sarah Levitt, *Fashion in Photographs, 1880-1900* (B T Batsford, 1991)
Katrina Rolley, *Fashion in Photographs, 1900-1920* (B T Batsford, 1992)
Elizabeth Owen, *Fashion in Photographs, 1920-1940* (B T Batsford, 1993)
Alison Gernsheim, *Victorian and Edwardian Fashion: A Photographic Survey* (Dover Publications, 1963)
Avril Lansdell, *Everyday Fashions of the 20th Century* (Shire Publications, 1999)

Dating Photographs and Photographers' websites

(A) Specialist/professional photograph help sites (some charge a fee)

Ron Cosens

www.cartesdevisite.co.uk

The most extensive UK and Irish photographer listings you'll find on the internet, based on 30 years of research and Ron's own collection of 10,000 cartes de visite

Jayne Shrimpton

www.photosintime.co.uk

Unique professional bespoke photograph (and paintings/drawings) dating and analysis service, using dress and other visual clues, and photograph and photographer information

Christine Hibbert

<http://qvictoriapress.com>

Collector's blog: owner keeps some photograph and photographer information and will undertake research where possible

Index of UK Portrait & Studio Photographers c.1840-1950

www.earlyphotographers.org.uk

(B) Other useful sites, including regional photographers' databases

Roger Vaughan

www.cartes.freeuk.com

Extensive photograph and photographer online information based on Roger's own photograph collection (but watch out for his estimated dates – not always reliable!)

Rootschat Collection

www.victorian-photos.rootschat.net

A-Z of Victorian & Edwardian Photographers
[web link temporarily(?) broken early 2010]

Directory of London Photographers, 1841-1908 by Michael Pritchard

www.photolondon.org.uk/directory

Victorian Photography Studios in Birmingham & Warwickshire

www.hunimex.com/warwick/photos

Bristol Photographers, 1852-1972 (from annual trade directories)
www.cartes.fsnet.co.uk

History of Photography in Edinburgh – lists businesses 1839-1939
www.edinburghphoto.org.uk

Glasgow's Victorian Photographers
<http://www.thelows.madasafish.com/main.htm#mid>

Professional photographers in Wales, 1850-1925
<http://www.genuki.org.uk/big/wal/VicPhoto1.html>

Sussex Edwardian and Victorian photographers
www.photohistory-sussex.so.uk

Directory of Photographic Studios in Brighton and Hove, 1841-1910
www.spartacus.schoolnet.co.uk/DSindex.htm

Photographers & Photographic Studios in Derbyshire 19th and 20th C
<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~brett/photos/dbyphotos.html>

(C) Primary sources

Historical Directories
www.historicaldirectories.org
Searchable digital library, search by date, location etc.

(D) Miscellaneous organisations/websites

Surrey Vintage Vehicle Society
www.svvs.org
This specialist organisation can help with identifying and dating the vehicles in your 20th century 'snapshots', including cars, charabancs, buses, motorbikes and commercial vehicles.

Whats That Picture?
www.whatsthatpicture.com
James Morley's website features interesting pictures including old photographs. Membership is free: you can upload your images and join the discussion forum.