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Cambridgeshire History on Your Computer / My Library on Your Laptop B Mike Petty

For over 50 years people have helped me record the story of Cambridgeshire. They have shared their knowledge, their memories, pictures and publications.

For nearly 35 years I was privileged to add these to the Cambridgeshire Collection at Cambridge Central Library, that wonderful resource established in 1855 with its books, pictures, maps, ephemera and newspaper files which is open to all. Since then I have continued to seek out Cambridgeshire information and have endeavoured to share my scant knowledge through books, talks and some 30 years of weekly and daily newspaper articles.

Now I have published much of that information online for all to download and use.

It is hosted on the Internet Archive website, a non-profit library of millions of free books, movies, software, music, websites, and more - www.Archive.org
My own page is <https://archive.org/search.php>

This is a lot to remember but the BBC Who Do You Think You Are Magazine created a shortcut which I am happy to use. Just Google bit.ly/CambsCollection There are a lot of items on the site. They include:

The Albatross Inheritance: local studies libraries, by Mike Petty This detailed study of the history and arrangement of the Cambridgeshire Collection with thoughts on its future was published in Library Management, vol.6, 1985.

Books and Articles

A Cambridgeshire Bibliography, vol.1: books and pamphlets, by Mike Petty My detailed annotated card index to the books and pamphlets acquired by the Cambridgeshire Collection between 1855 and 1997 is now no longer available to researchers. It has been replaced by an online version which is incomplete and difficult to use - <https://cambridgeshire.spydus.co.uk/Y/s.../MSGTRN/OPAC/BSEARCH>

I have reformatted this into a word document that can be downloaded and searched more easily.

Cambridge Antiquarian Society Proceedings Index by Mike Petty This is a guide to the many important papers published in volumes of the CAS Proceedings which are themselves available online - <http://archaeologydataservice.ac.uk/Y/cambry/proceedings.cfm>

A Century of Cambridge News from 1888 by Mike Petty A Chronicle of Cambridge events since 1888 arranged in some 70 categories including Health, Cambridge University, War, Transport, Planning, Cinema, Music, Theatre and Religion etc. etc. This is a most detailed record of 20th-century Cambridge.

Cambridgeshire Memories and Reflections by Mike Petty Articles, many shared by readers, on Cambridge, Cambridgeshire and the Fens published in the Cambridge News 1984 to 2014. A file of over 2,150 pages covering many aspects of Cambridgeshire life not previously recorded.

Fenland Notes and Queries, an index, by Mike Petty An index and partial abstract of material appearing in Fenland Notes and Queries, a quarterly antiquarian journal for the fenland in the counties of Huntingdon, Cambridge, Northampton, Lincoln, Norfolk & Suffolk. It appeared in 69 parts from 1889 to April 1906. It was a forum in which people sent in questions about the history, ecology etc of the fens and the region to which others replied with an answer. It featured articles on often minor aspects which have not been covered elsewhere. Some of the volumes themselves are on the Forgotten Books website – https://www.forgottenbooks.com/Y/FenlandNotesQueries_102771...

Pickwick's Cambridge Scrapbook 1838, by Mike Petty Life and times in Dickensian Cambridgeshire as recorded in the pages of "Mr Pickwick's Cambridge Scrapbook 1838". A series of articles in the Cambridge Weekly News, 1996 to 2010.

Stretham Millennium History by Mike Petty A detailed history of the village of Stretham, Isle of Ely, to the year 2000 compiled by Cambridge Heritage Associates.

Pictures

Cambridgeshire Illustrations Part 1: Index, Part 2: Catalogue by Mike Petty The Cambridgeshire Collection has many thousand engravings, postcards, negatives and photographs which are listed in their card catalogue of Illustrations. It is far more detailed and much easier to use than their online version which lacks essential information. This guide includes a copy of the classification scheme by which the pictures are arranged together with a catalogue of more than 17,000 of my own scanned images, many of which are also housed in the Collection

Cambridgeshire Engravers and Illustrators, by Mike Petty A guide to the people who have depicted Cambridgeshire, published as a series of articles in the Cambridge Weekly News

Cambridge Photographers by Mike Petty A guide to the people who have photographed Cambridgeshire, published as a series of articles in the Cambridge Weekly News. This has now been rendered obsolete by a much more comprehensive and illustrated website by Les Waters - Fading Images - <http://www.fadingimages.uk/>

Newspapers

Cambridgeshire Newspapers and the Researcher: a guide for users by Mike Petty A research guide to discovering stories published in Cambridgeshire newspapers from 1770 to date; lists titles in the Cambridgeshire Collection with notes on many of the indexes and transcriptions of stories that are held there.

Ely Chronicle 1820-1850 by Muriel Wallace and Barbara Slade A transcript of hundreds of articles relating to the area around Ely that were published in the Cambridge Chronicle between 1820 and 1850.

Swavesey Newspaper article by C R Vincent 1900-1943 C R Vincent compiled scrapbooks of the village news stories for much of the area around Swavesey; these were transcribed and published by John Shepperson A Cambridgeshire Scrapbook: Facts, Features and (occasional) Fallacies reported in Cambridge Newspapers between 1897 and 1990, compiled by Mike Petty This is a summary of over 3,000 pages and 20,000 stories published in the Cambridge News, Cambridge Independent Press or Cambridge Chronicle day by day throughout most of the 20th century. It is by no means a complete record but does contain numerous items that have not previous been recorded. It can be searched by any place or name. I have digital copies of many of the actual articles that will one-day appear online. The actual newspapers together with detailed newspaper cuttings files dating back to the 1960s on over 700 topics are housed in the Cambridgeshire Collection at Cambridge Central Library, Lion Yard, Cambridge - www.cambridgeshire.collection@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Cambridgeshire Scrapbooks for scores of topics and places, by Mike Petty I have extracted stories for a variety of topics and places to form individual Scrapbooks, each covering the period from 1897 to 1990. More are being compiled.

All these Scrapbooks can be read, downloaded and used for free from the bit.ly/CambsCollection.

Scrapbooks for places and topics as of 11th July 2017

Compilation Note: These have been put in tabular form which should lead to an easier search

Location	Contents
Cambridge	Burleigh Street Buses Castle End Cherry Hinton village Cherry Hinton Road Area Corn Exchange Cycling East Road Fires and Firefighting Fitzroy Street Hills Road Housing King Street Libraries Local Government Market Area Midsummer & Stourbridge Fairs Military 1920-1939 Mill Road Motoring Newmarket Road Newspaper Police Pubs & Breweries Punts & Punting Cambridge University Colleges
Cambridgeshire	Aviation Christmas Feasts Fens Fens Skating Radio and Television Railways Rats River Cam

Villages	Balsham Barway Bottisham Bourn Burwell Chatteris Coton Cottenham Coveney & Wardy Hill Downham (which one think it is little Downham) Dry Drayton Duxford Earith & Bluntisham Elsworth Ely Chronicle 1820-1850: transcript of articles appearing in the Cambridge Chronicle Ely Scrapbook Fordham Gransden Guilden Morden Haddenham Harston Haslingfield Hemingfords Horningsea Huntingdon Isleham Landbeach Linton Littleport Longstanton Madingley Manea March Melbourn Meldreth Mepal Milton Newmarket Oakington Over Papworth Everard Papworth St Agnes Prickwillow Rampton Ramsey Reach Royston St Ives Sawston Shelfords Shudy Camps Soham Stapleford Stuntney Sutton Swaffham Bulbeck Swaffham Prior Swavesey Newspaper Articles by C R Vincent 1900-1943 - detailed notes Swavesey Thetford Lt. Upware Waterbeach Welney Wentworth West Wickham Whaddon Whittlesford Wicken Wilburton & Grunty Fen Willingham Witcham Witchford

You will find mistakes and spelling errors in all these compilations. Tell me and I will correct them.

Please make what use of this information you may. Kindly remember where it came from.

It's my way of saying thank you for all the information you've shared with me for more than 50 years.

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