

HIDDEN GEMS AND FORGOTTEN PEOPLE



HERBERT FREDERICK THOMAS COOPER (1874 - 1960)

Photographer

Herbert Cooper was born in Hammersmith, London, and came to Strabane, County Tyrone, where he bought the photographic business of J. A. Burrows in 1913. From then until his death in 1960, Cooper amassed a huge collection of photographs. He also recorded films, for instance of race meetings at Carricklee, managed the Pallindrome cinema in Railway Street, Strabane, and had a commercial photographic studio in Blackpool.

The Cooper Collection, which was given to the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland by his son, Mr H. D. H. Cooper, is the largest single collection of photographs in Ireland. Among the 200,000 plate glass negatives, some of J. A. Burrows's work is included.

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