

Kerry Characters

The four photographs on the Come-Inside page are from a series of 25 images of people living in Kerry in the early 20th century taken by J W Poundley (1873-1932). He was a solicitor, land agent and amateur photographer. He lived at Black Hall in Kerry but gave up his legal practice to further his interests, particularly photography. This series, known as 'Kerry Characters', is heavily influenced by the pictorialist movement. The pictorialists emphasised photography as means of creating images with purely artistic quality rather than for any documentary or social interest. From these photographs we can see how successful J W Poundley was in his artistic achievements, though these pictures have great social interest as well.

These photographs were given to JDK Lloyd and passed on to the Museum in 1967. After discussion with the National Library of Wales in 1967, the trustees of the Museum passed these images to the Library in Aberystwyth, but were given copies of these interesting photographs.

JDK Lloyd (1900 - 1978) was born in London but lived in the town of Montgomery. His life was devoted to antiquarian research and public service. He wrote many books about Montgomeryshire, and was closely involved with the establishment of the Newtown Textile Museum in the 1960s.