

Great Eastern Railway Collection of Historical Records and Relics

CATALOGUE

SPECIAL SUPPLEMENT NO. 1

Items 3001-3999: Copies of plans from the Railtrack/Network Rail Archives

This Special Supplement to the Catalogue for the GERS Historical Collection of Records and Relics gives details of some 11,200 prints of original drawings held in the Railtrack plc Archives. These copies have been donated by Railtrack plc/Network Rail, **and the copyright is retained by them.**

In general, the drawings date from the 1830s onwards. They were originally produced by the Great Eastern Railway and its progenitors and successors, as well as the other railway companies in the East Anglian area, plus various other concerns, such as local authorities and utility companies. They vary in size from simple A4-size sheets (or smaller) to long plans several metres long. All entries show the originating company or organisation, date, drawing number and scale (where known). The drawings are divided into five main categories, and further sub-divided, as set out below.

Items 3001-3969: Stations and Locations

The bulk of the collection comprises some 9200 drawings of specific stations and locations, ranging from complete station site plans, to details of individual buildings. A separate catalogue number has been allocated for each location, derived by adding 3000 to the standard location codes used elsewhere in the main catalogue and its indices. Thus, Liverpool Street station is location code 001, and the drawings for this location are therefore catalogue numbers 3001/001, /002, and so on. This collection comprises drawings for a large proportion of the locations in the area: for some locations there is only one drawing, and for others there are several hundred.

In the list of drawings, the locations are listed in alphabetical order. In cases where stations or locations have undergone a change of name, all drawings are listed under one name, generally that by which the location was known in 1923. The alternative names are shown in the relevant places in the list, with a cross-reference to the heading that they are

catalogued under. Locations shown in bold type are those on the GER or LT&SR systems — or their joint lines — and locations on other railways are shown in medium type, together with the company initials. Some drawings refer to one or more specific locations. In these instances, the drawing has been allocated a catalogue number under one of the locations, and the drawing details are repeated under the remaining locations, with a cross-reference. The list also gives details of the content of each drawing, plus the originating railway company or other organisation, its date, original drawing number and scale.

Items 3970-3985: General Items

Consisting of 324 drawings, these cover general and standard details of buildings, permanent way, signalling etc., as well as special items of rolling stock, cranes and road vehicles, etc. Each category has been allocated a catalogue number in the range 3970-3985, and sub-divided in the usual manner.

Item 3997: Bridges

Comprising 560 drawings of Bridges in the GE area, generally ordered by the Bridge number shown on the drawing Those where the bridge number is not known are grouped at the end of the list. GER/LTS line bridge numbers are shown in bold type, and those of other railway companies in medium type. As with the main locations list, some drawings refer to two or more bridges, and these are cross-referenced in the same way.

Item 3998: Areas

Consists of 496 plans relating to two or more locations: diagrammatic maps, gradient diagrams, line surveys, signalling diagrams etc.

Item 3999: Maps

A total of 28 maps of large areas, showing details such as administrative areas, speed limits etc.

Note: All Item References must be prefixed 'D/Z 346....' To derive the Essex Record Office catalogue number. Thus, the full catalogue number of the item listed as '3999/01' is 'D/Z 346/3999/01'