

Great Eastern Railway Collection of Historical Records and Relics

CATALOGUE

SPECIAL SUPPLEMENT NO. 3

Items 6001-6999: Copies of Bridge Plans from the Railtrack Archives

This Special Supplement to the Catalogue for the GERS Historical Collection of Records and Relics gives details of some 1700 prints of original drawings held in the Network Rail Archives. These copies were donated by Railtrack plc, and **the copyright is retained by Network Rail plc.**

In general, the drawings date from the 1870s 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.

This collection comprises some 1700 drawings of bridges of all types, ranging from complete general arrangements to small details. A separate catalogue number has been allocated for each bridge. For some bridges there is only one drawing, and for others there are many more.

In the list of drawings, they are grouped under the Line Number Codes employed elsewhere in the catalogue, and then by Bridge Number, as shown on the drawing. The type of bridge is shown by abbreviations. Thus, 'O/L' and 'U/L' are overline and underline bridges respectively; 'F/B' is a footbridge; 'Viad' a Viaduct; 'F/over' a Flyover; 'Sub' a Subway; 'Tun' a Tunnel; 'Swing' a Swing Bridge, and so on.

The mileage of each bridge, and its name are generally as shown on the drawing. However it must be borne in mind that the mileage of some bridges was later re-calculated, and some bridges were re-named — particularly where they crossed over or under public roads.

Other details shown for each drawing include a description of the content of the drawing — generally as shown on the drawing itself — the originating railway or other organisation, date, drawing number and scale.

Some drawings refer to one or more specific bridges. In these instances, the drawing has been allocated a catalogue number under one of the bridges, and the drawing details are repeated under the remaining bridge numbers, with a cross-reference.

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 '6001/01' is 'D/Z 346/6001/01'

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The main drawings in the range 5001-5069 are referenced to the relevant Line and Location Numbers employed elsewhere in the catalogue. These appendices are lists of these codes for reference.