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& ABERDEEN LOCAL STUDIES GROUP
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NEWSLETTER - August 2017

Post Cards: Did you know the first commercially printed post cards were produced in the 1860's and by the 1870's picture post cards were being purchased as holiday souvenirs?

The Aberdeen Local Studies Group presently have copies of old post cards from Aberdeen, Scone and Muswellbrook on display in the front room of the library.

Within the ALSG collection of Aberdeen post cards we have a few that date to about 1905 and include several that are even hand tinted. It can be very interesting to read some of the messages written on the back of the cards.

Post cards are fascinating and often reveal images of what has now been completely lost – they are not just old post cards but an important resource and a window to the past.

In the 1930's Muswellbrook photographer, Frank Westbury, took a series of post card images around Aberdeen and we have copies of several of these on display but unfortunately the series is incomplete.

Mr. Westbury's post cards are of a high quality and the Aberdeen group would like to hear from anyone who may have some of the missing images from the set.

Within the collection we have a photograph of the Aberdeen Railway Station. Although this image was taken about the same time as his post cards this photo is not numbered.

We do not even know how many images make up a full set.

See the WESTBURY PHOTO Post Cards on page 2.



Aberdeen Golden Oldies
Tuesday 12th September 2017

“ THE SHIRALEE ”



Starring Peter Finch & Dana Wilson

Bookings: *Daphne 65438356 or Jan 65437150*

Next Meeting UHMRL

Wednesday, 23rd August, 2017
4.30pm at Aberdeen Library.

New members and volunteers
are always welcome.

Next scanning afternoon for the
Aberdeen Local Study Group

Friday, 25th August, 2017
2pm - 4pm at Aberdeen Library.

We will be there to scan your photos or you can
have a look through the collection of Aberdeen
memories we have collected so far.

Upper Hunter Museum of Rural Life Inc. raising funds to establish a Museum and Cultural Centre in Aberdeen.

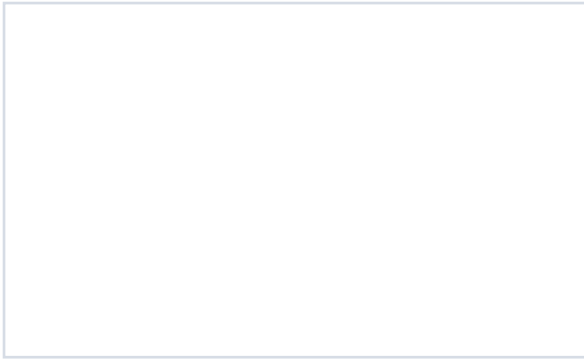
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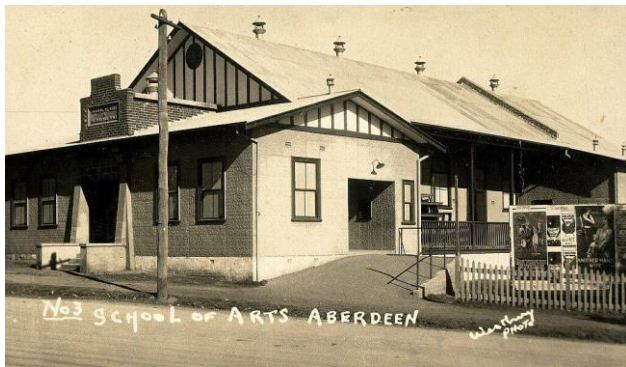
FRANK WESTBURY'S ABERDEEN POST CARDS



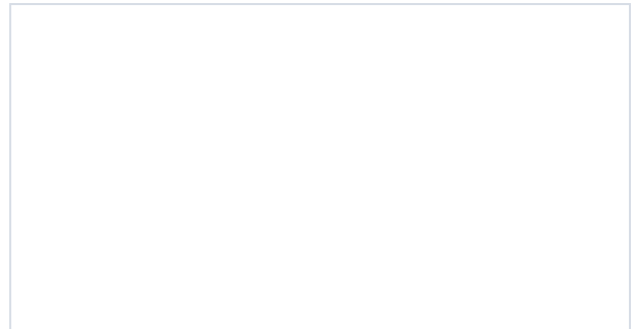
No. 1. - ?



No. 2 - VIEW OF ABERDEEN
(From the hill, overlooking the meatworks).



No. 3 - SCHOOL OF ARTS ABERDEEN.



No. 4 - ?



No. 5 - BUTTER FACTORY ABERDEEN



No. 6 - A.C. & F. Co ABERDEEN



No. 7 - VIEW OF ABERDEEN
(Main Road looking north towards AC&F)



No. 8 - VIEW OF ABERDEEN
(Main Road looking south near Commercial Hotel)

The Aberdeen Local Studies Group is always interested in old local images, maps, documents or histories that can be copied and added to the collection. Can you help?

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