

Why Joyce of Whitchurch?

This family firm made many types of clock; initially longcase (grandfather) clocks, but it was their turret clocks, mostly produced during the nineteenth and twentieth centuries that made the company's name famous throughout the world. Their history spans almost three hundred years through seven generations.

In our book we have attempted to unravel the story of the company's origins and to follow the Joyce clockmakers down through the generations to the time when, in 1965, there was no Joyce heir to enable the company to continue. All was not lost however, as the company continued until 2013, with its own name, as part of the Smith of Derby Group.

It was important to locate and photograph as many clocks as we could across the full company product range. This enabled us to formulate our turret clock chronology which follows the development of the large clocks made for locations in this country and throughout the world. We have been privileged to be allowed access to private collections and to the very few remaining records of the company's output prior to 1965.

Our book is illustrated with over 1,500 photographs mostly in full colour, and comprises 670 pages. It collates historical and horological information which has only existed previously in hundreds of different locations, both private and public, throughout this country and overseas.

