The Lune Valley Vernacular Architectural Survey

The Lune Valley Architectural Survey was funded by the Manpower Services Commission in 1978. A team of field workers led by Jonathan Ratter under the aegis of Marion McClintock, measured and photographed vernacular buildings in locations along the Lune Valley, including Lancaster, Halton, Caton, Arkholme, Gressingham, Melling and Kirkby Lonsdale, as well as parts of the Fylde and the outskirts of north Yorkshire. The fieldwork was completed and a high quality archive of photographs assembled, backed by a complete set of negatives. Some drawing work was undertaken, but this was piecemeal, relating to the time and talent available, and the written analyses of the sites were not continued after the funding of the project terminated. The photographic collection, now thirty years old, records buildings of historic interest that have been radically altered or subsequently disappeared, and is therefore an archive of growing regional importance.

Cataloguing and digitising the Lune Valley Vernacular Architectural Survey (ongoing)

The archive was not catalogued during the course of the project, however, in 2006 the Lancaster University Friends Programme provided funding to catalogue the collection and to digitise the material for use on the website. The catalogue is now available via the Lancaster University Library Catalogue, and it is hoped to have the images added to the entries in the next few months.