

St. Andrew's Church, Spratton

The screens in the Church and railings behind the effigies

There are a number of different versions of the 1926 Partridge photograph of the Church (the hymn numbers on display are the same), of which the best is ref. 1908



What is the date of this image, and does it actually show no stained glass in the window? The stained glass was installed in memory of Canon Roberts in 1899. A 1931 image, ref. 0201, shows the existing stained glass very clearly



1931

But might the older photograph just be technically deficient and the stained glass be present?

The detail of the top of the windows suggests that the stonework above the now stained glass window has been altered:



Partridge image



1931

In which case the Partridge photograph pre-dates 1899, and thus shows the screen in place at that time.

The screen to the vestry was in place in 1953, our only image of it, ref. 0564



The screen in front of the chancel was moved sometime just before 1992 when it was photographed in its new position, ref 0592



1992

The railings behind the effigy appear in photographs from 1953 and 1984, refs. 0638 and 0637



1953



1984

The railings behind the tomb appears only in 1984, ref. 0674



1984

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