

Friends of Worcestershire Archives

TUESDAY 16 JUNE @ 2.30

Meeting at The Hive, Worcester, in the Studio

Annette Leech

George Young of Worcester

Ingenious Surveyor

The son of Quaker parents, George served his apprenticeship as a land surveyor in Sheffield. He moved to Worcester in 1771, becoming a member of the local Quaker meeting, but was later disowned by the Society.

Young's innovative style was early evident in his plan of the Buildwas 'Earthquake', possibly his first excursion into marketing his work.

His surveys include a number for the property of the Dean and Chapter of Worcester. He surveyed the Severn and also for the Shrewsbury Canal.

George Young's plan of the City of Worcester, published in 1780 is an invaluable record of the city in the late eighteenth century, and its significance forms a central part of the talk.