

## **The Canal Wharf, Cromford, Derbyshire**

The Cromford and Erewash Canal was built in the early 1790s as part of a route to connect Cromford with Manchester. Constructed by William Jessop and Benjamin Outram, it was designed to move limestone and other mineral resources from this remote and hilly part of Derbyshire to markets. The canal also had potential for Sir Richard Arkwright enabling him to bring raw materials to Cromford and export finished goods. Arkwright agreed to sell most of his garden to the Canal Company to construct the wharf. The picture shows the wharf and warehouse with a wooden barge in the foreground.