

A Re-Appraisal of Surveying: A Vital Archival Tool for Contemporary Collecting

This conference has been organised in memory of Professor Michael S Moss by the Business Archives Council of Scotland, the National Archives and the Business Archives Council with the support of the British Records Association.

Professor Michael Stanley Moss (1947–2021), who died on 9 February 2021, began his archival career in 1969 as Registrar of the Western Survey of the National Register of Archives (Scotland) at the University of Glasgow. His job was to locate, list and rescue historical records held by country houses, businesses, institutions, charities and individuals across the West of Scotland and ensure that important collections of archives were preserved. During the next 30 years he was to create in Glasgow one of the UK's largest collections of business archives.

This online conference in Michael's memory will consider the UK's extraordinary track record of successful archival surveying and look at the many ways in which surveys can not only contribute to the collecting function of an archive but also ensure that the heritage of an organisation, region or nation is appropriately reflected in its archival collections.



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Conference Programme

Wednesday 27th April

14:00 *Welcome* - Kiara King, The Ballast Trust

14:10 *Remembering Professor Michael S. Moss*

14:15 *Business archive surveying in the UK - an exploration of past achievement* - Lesley Richmond former University Archivist, University of Glasgow

14:45 *Covid in the archives? Rapid-response collecting of the pandemic's effects on Swedish businesses* - Anders Sjoman, Centre for Business History in Stockholm

Q&A and comfort break

15:25 *The Scottish Business Archive: the opportunities and challenges of collection development through survey* - Clare Paterson, University of Glasgow Archives & Special Collections

15:55 *Surveying as a Tool for Dealing with the Past* - Trudy Huskamp Peterson, Archival Consultant

16:25 *Surveying sound collections: A practical guide to making sense of unfamiliar materials* - Will Prentice, British Library

Thursday 28th April

10:00 *Welcome* - Philip Gale, The National Archives

10:15 *A case study of remote records surveying: The ARCW Survey of Businesses and Charities in Wales* - Gemma Evans, ARCW

10:45 *Surveying at Speed: Thinking About Best Practice* - Tim Powell and Philippa Turner, The National Archives

Q&A and comfort break

11:25 *Surveying in the Republic of Ireland – An Historical Overview* - Brian Donnelly, National Archives of Ireland

11:55 *Reflections on Surveying in Scotland: Challenges, Partnerships and Opportunities* - Alison Rosie, The National Register of Archives for Scotland and Rachael Muir, Business Archives Surveying Officer for Scotland

12:35 Discussion of practical workshops planned for Summer