

Call for Papers: Business and Industrial History 2026

The Business Archives Council of Scotland and the University of Glasgow's Centre for Business History have worked in partnership to relaunch this journal under the new title *Business and Industrial History: A Journal of Archival Research*. The first issue in 2025 was a special issue looking at the whisky industry and its archives.

The editors are excited to develop *Business and Industrial History: A Journal of Archival Research* as a forum for analysis at the intersection of archival practice and academic research in business and industrial history. It is the intention of the editors to publish Business and Industrial History annually, with our next issue planned for publication in Spring 2026.

Call for Papers 2026

We now invite articles from archivists and historians in the UK and internationally and submissions are particularly encouraged from PhD students and early career archivists and researchers. Two essay prizes will be available annually to encourage new writing and the sharing of knowledge on any aspect of business and industrial history that uses archival resources.

This journal accepts all pieces which pertain to or discuss the history or archives of industries, businesses or sectors in any geographic or time period, so long as such pieces are steeped in archival research. In other words, any piece of research should discuss the nature of, or heavily use, historical archival holdings.

We are keen to include pieces from archival practitioners in particular. For example reflections on the challenges of collection development for business archives, case studies exploring business archive collections in focus or any other aspect of professional practice such as appraisal, cataloguing, advocacy and engagement.

Submissions

We welcome a range of papers in different formats and word lengths from articles, reviews, case studies, collections in focus pieces and reflections. Articles will typically be between 5,000-8,000 words but other pieces will be shorter. If you would like to discuss a potential submission, please email us with the word 'journal' in the subject at businessarchivescotland@gmail.com.

- Call for Papers: May 2025
- Paper submission deadline: 30 September 2025
- Publication date: March 2026

All articles are peer reviewed in an open, transparent and supportive manner. Submissions are particularly encouraged from PhD students and early career researchers and archivists.

Full contributions should be submitted to the Editorial Committee by **30 September 2025** via [an open access platform](#) provided by the University of Glasgow.

Essay Prizes in Memory of Michael Moss and Lesley Richmond

Two prizes, each of £300, will be awarded annually in memory of Michael Moss and Lesley Richmond. Both Lesley and Michael were former Convenors of the Business Archives Council of Scotland and great supporters of this journal and business archives and history in Scotland and internationally.

Michael Moss

Professor Michael Stanley Moss (1947–2021), began his archival career in Scotland in 1970 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 during his time as University Archivist from 1974 to 2001 he was to create in Glasgow one of the UK's largest collections of business archives. As an academic Michael wrote extensively on archival science alongside business and industrial history, producing with John R. Hume in 1981 the definitive history of Scotch whisky.

Lesley Richmond

Lesley Marion Richmond (1956-2022) was a remarkable figure in the field of business archives, both in the United Kingdom and internationally. Her career as an Archivist began in business archives with roles as a research assistant in 1978 and as the second Business Archives Surveying Officer for Scotland in 1979.

Lesley's belief in the importance of business archives, their societal significance and research potential was evident throughout her career in subsequent roles with the Business Archives Council, Chubb & Son and for more than thirty years at the University of Glasgow where she ensured the continued development of the Scottish Business Archive and support for the Surveying Officer role until her retirement in 2017.

Essay Prizes

The Moss and Richmond essay prizes are aimed at archivists, postgraduate students and early career researchers.

Entries may explore any aspect of business and industrial history that uses archival resources or reflects archival practice within the context of corporate archives and those collecting repositories with business collections. We welcome essays developed from postgraduate work (e.g. master's dissertation or chapter of PhD), professional practice or a piece of original research. Submissions should consist of between 3,500 and 7,000 words. Entries should follow the format specified in our [submission requirements](#).

The winning entry will be awarded a prize of £300 and, subject to peer review, will be eligible for publication in Business and Industrial History. A call for essays will be issued in May annually and the deadline for submissions will be October of that year.

Please contact us if you'd like to discuss a potential submission with the word 'essay prize' in the subject at businessarchivesscotland@gmail.com.