

Meet the Archivists Workshop

How many new research students are aware of the vast array of opportunities within business archives? Or indeed how to make the most of these opportunities? Meet the Archivists is a one-day workshop sponsored by the Business Archives Council, the London School of Economics and the Rothschild Archive that seeks to address these issues.

During the workshop, students and archivists will talk about techniques of archival research and enjoy lunch around an exposition of business archives. The event is designed for advanced undergraduate students, research masters' students, and beginning doctoral or post-doctoral students embarking on new research projects. The event will take place on Thursday 15 January 2009 at N M Rothschild & Sons in the City of London.

The workshop's aims are:

- To promote business archives to new researchers
- To acquaint new researchers with available business archive resources in the UK
- To provide skills for maximizing time spent on archival research
- To identify specific research opportunities within business archives
- To enable researchers to understand how business archives can be used in general history research as well as in economic and business history

There is no charge for the event but places will be restricted and allocated on a first come first served basis. Contact Chris Colvin <c.l.colvin@lse.ac.uk> to register.

Last year's workshop – which was hosted by the Baring Archives at ING Bank – was judged by participants to be a great success and led to many new and interesting research projects. We expect this second workshop to be just as successful.

Provisional programme for Thursday 15 January 2009:

10:00 – 10:30	Registration and reception at N M Rothschild & Sons
10:30 – 11:30	Valerie Johnson, National Archives: 'What's the use? Your research and business archives'
11:30 – 12:30	Peter Scott, University of Reading: 'Where to begin? Searching for primary sources in business history'
12:30 – 15:00	Sandwich lunch around the archive expositions. An opportunity for researchers and archivists to meet
15:00	Close

As details are finalised updates will be published on <<http://www.businessarchivescouncil.co.uk>>

