



ASSOCIATION OF CONSULTING ACTUARIES



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PRESS RELEASE

Association of Consulting Actuaries' records go 'on-line' at Pensions Archive Trust

26 April 2017: The Association of Consulting Actuaries (ACA) and The Pensions Archive Trust (PAT) are very pleased to announce that on-line access to the ACA archive collection held in the Pensions Archive at the London Metropolitan Archives has gone live. Access to the collection can be gained through the PAT website: www.pensionsarchive.org.uk under the ACA section of "Our collections".

Bob Scott, Chairman of the ACA, said:

"It is important that we look back from time to time at how occupational pensions developed in the UK so we can learn from the good points and endeavour not to make the mistakes of the past. The ACA records, through items like meeting minutes and reports, trace the growth of occupational schemes from the 1950s – many of them the defined benefit schemes that are enabling millions of today's pensioners to live in some comfort. The records also track the rationale for the mounting regulatory and legislative activity in the area and the representations made over the years by the ACA in support of 'good' occupational pension provision."

Alan Herbert, Chairman of The Pensions Archive Trust, added:

"We are delighted at this development which will give researchers and students of pensions history easy access to the ACA collection. The collection provides an insight into the development of pension provision in the UK going back to 1951 when the ACA was formed. We are very grateful to the ACA for their sponsorship of the cost of digitising their collection."

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Notes to Editors

1. The **Association of Consulting Actuaries Limited (ACA)** is the representative body for consulting actuaries. The Association was first formed as the Society of Consulting Actuaries in November 1951 and re-named as the Association in March 1952. The members of the ACA are actuaries working in the consulting sector, mainly qualified through membership of the professional body for actuaries, the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries.

The ACA continues to promote the services provided by consulting actuaries and provides independent advice to decision makers on the need for and implications of legislative change in relevant areas. The ACA also publishes regular surveys of the pensions industry.

2. The **Pensions Archive Trust** was incorporated as a charitable company limited by guarantee in 2005 and became a registered charity in 2008.

The Objects of the Trust are:

- to establish and maintain a library and archive relating to all matters affecting the management and development of occupational pensions and personal pensions in the United Kingdom and other countries which might have a relevance to pension provision in the United Kingdom.
- to further education in pensions knowledge.

3. The late Alastair Ross Goobey became its first President and gave the inaugural Ross Goobey lecture at Cass Business School at the end of October 2005. An appeal was launched for funds on that occasion to finance the running of the Archive. It is now sponsored by companies and organizations from within the pensions industry.

4. In 2006 agreement was reached with the London Metropolitan Archives (LMA) run by the City of London Corporation to establish the Pensions Archive within their existing facilities at 40 Northampton Road, London EC1R 0HB. The LMA is the second largest archive service in the UK (after the National Archives); all its collections are designated as being of national importance by the Museums, Libraries and Archives Council. These collections hold a large source of information relating to pensions which have been catalogued and added to the new material on pensions coming to the LMA through the Trust.

The LMA provides the infrastructure and management expertise to support the Pensions Archive, both in terms of professional archive and conservation knowledge and management and also in terms of an organisation which has collected, cared for and promoted archive collections since the nineteenth century.