

William R. Serjeant, 1921-2020

We record, with great sadness, the death, on 19 January 2020, at the age of 98, of William R. (Bill) Serjeant, former Joint Archivist of the Ipswich and East Suffolk Record Office, 1970-1974 and first County Archivist of Suffolk, 1974-1987.

Bill Serjeant was Hon. Secretary of the Suffolk Records Society for seventeen years from 1970 to 1987, having previously held a similar position with the Thoroton Society in Nottinghamshire, of which he had been County Archivist from 1962. At the SRS, working alongside some of the great names of Suffolk history - Norman Scarfe, Geoffrey Martin, Leslie Dow, David Dymond - he made an invaluable contribution to its development.

After retirement, he continued to work for archives and local history in Suffolk, remaining as a Council member of SRS until 2009 and acting, for many years, as Honorary Archivist to the Tollemache and de Saumarez families.