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## Lecture and Social Evening

### ‘The Legacy of James Watt’

by

**Professor John Hume**

#### **Synopsis**

Professor Hume will discuss the background to Watt’s innovation and the impact that his transformative idea had on society from the eighteenth century through to the present day.

#### **Author**

John R Hume was educated at Hutcheson’s Boys’ Grammar School and at both Glasgow University and the Royal College of Science and Technology. He graduated BSc (Applied Chemistry) and ARCST in 1961. After three years of research in organic chemistry, he was appointed an Assistant Lecturer in the Department of Economic History in the newly-created University of Strathclyde, to teach the history of Science and Technology. In 1978, he founded the Scottish Industrial Archaeological Survey, which was transferred to the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland in 1985.

In 1984 he transferred on assignment to the Ancient Monuments Division of the Scottish Office, as a Properties-in-care Inspector of Ancient Monuments, specialising in industrial monuments. In 1990 he moved to the Historic Buildings section of what had become Historic Scotland, and in 1993 became Chief Inspector of Historic Buildings, a post he retained until retirement in 1999. He was awarded the OBE in 1998.

He has had extensive experience in societies and committees dealing with various aspects of industrial, maritime and canal heritage, and with church buildings, and has lectured widely on relevant themes. On his retirement he was awarded two honorary professorships, in the universities of Glasgow and St Andrews. From 2005 until 30 September 2015 he was Chair of the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland.

**After the lecture there will be a social meeting in the Griffin Bar 266 Bath St, Glasgow G2 4JP**

*Tues, 3rd Nov 2015,  
5.45 for 6.30pm  
Rankine Hall,  
Scottish Opera Building,  
39 Elmbank Crescent,  
Glasgow, G2 4PT*

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