



## **THE NATIONAL TRUST – SRI LANKA**

### **“Preservation and Conservation of Documentary Heritage”**

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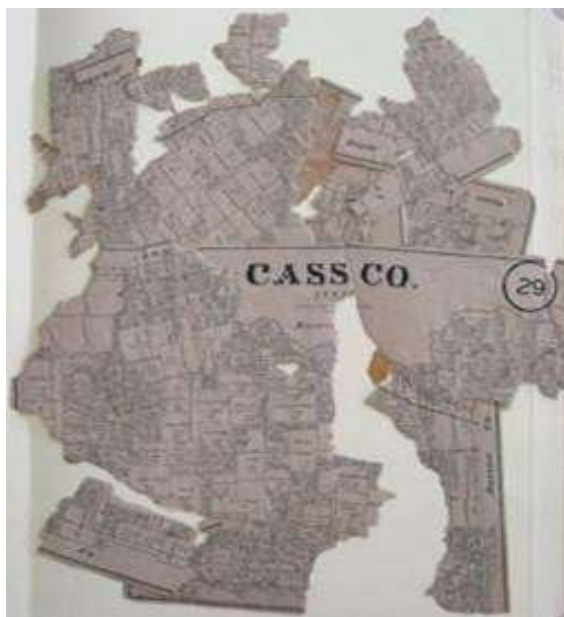
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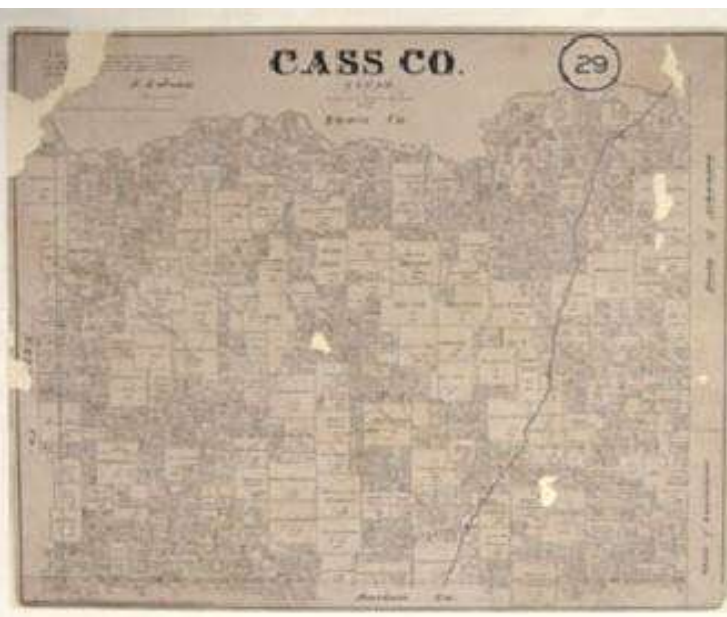
**at the Auditorium of the College of Surgeons of Sri Lanka,  
No. 6, Independence Avenue, Colombo 7.**

(For those who join online: <https://youtube.com/live/Ui7ibB5McUs?feature=share>)

The lecture is on the preservation and conservation of documentary heritage (library & archival material) of both private and public collections. In the process of preservation, the identification of the causes of deterioration such as biological, chemical, physical and accidental factors is of vital importance. Preservation of archival material involves various actions and processes. Preventive measures in safeguarding collections, such as good housekeeping and avoidance of deterioration factors, receive emphasis. The first-aid and restoration processes as well as transferring data within the same medium or into another medium, form part of the discussion.



Deteriorated Map



After restoration

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