

# HOLLYWOOD MOVIE SURVEYORS: THE “R” RATED VERSION (IV)!!!

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## *ABSTRACT*

Amongst my first collection of movies in which surveying scenes were contained, there were only two which contained content which in any way could be construed as sexy or violent. However, of subsequent findings which have come to my attention the same wholesome predominance certainly cannot be declared, as lewd scenes of voyeurism, sex and nudity, along with abundant violence, are featuring in much greater proportion.

Even though one scene is graphically savage resulting in the grisly demise of the geological surveyor, others tend towards the melodramatic and quite unbelievable when surveyors or their assistants are seen using the theodolite as a defensive weapon or employing survey marker stakes to crack over the heads of rival surveying teams. In two of the movies, the surveying instrument is utilised to spy upon unknowing victims who have very few, if any, clothes upon their person, thus portraying the users in quite an unsavoury manner.

On the lighter side of this brand new collection of Hollywood surveying footage we even see Secret Agent 007 encouraged to inspect the survey marks on an oil pipeline set out, by his voluptuous femme fatale, Electra, in “The World Is Not Enough”, more surveyors having their hats shot off in another “Duke” classic, and surveys of plant roots in a community garden in an episode of “Dharma and Greg”. All in all, this is yet another fantastic collage of surveying in the immortal traditions of Hollywood entertainment, but may I suggest that children be suitably screened from access to this naughty but nice sequel of saucy silver screen surveying !! **Now sit back, and occasionally on the edge of your seats, for a very adult viewing of surveying in Hollywood movies ... and enjoy – very much !!**

## INTRODUCTION

It seems to have been such a short time since I edited my last video compilation “Superstar Surveying: Hollywood Style (V)” down to a 35 minute production for the Melbourne University Graduate Society towards the end of last year, that it is scarcely believable that I have been able find the time to track down so many more movies, and even more surprising that I have also been able to create this all new production of “Hollywood Movie Surveyors: The ‘R’ Rated Version” containing 25 movie clips, two TV shows and one more TV advertisement for your unlimited enjoyment. This latest effort comes with a bit of a difference to my first eminently wholesome family show because it contains many adult themes, very coarse language, nudity, sex scenes and strong violence spelling a gruesome end to two of our cinematic compatriots !!! You will be quite stunned and shocked at some of the segments which feature surveyors in much more of an infamous light than those with which our rather conservative profession would prefer display us, but nonetheless there may even be some level of real life behaviour exposed for all to witness !?! Who indeed would know, except we surveyors, of course !?!

Once again I include my unique referencing system for the content of surveying in movies for ready reckoning of the amount likely to be encountered within each of the productions.

## REFERENCING SYSTEM FOR SURVEY CONTENT

- VS - Verbal reference to surveyors/surveying only
- BS - Background/minor scene of surveying
- SS - Star or one of the main characters are surveyors or do survey work
- MS - Main theme of movie is surveying related or built around the main star/s as surveyors

### Table - Reference System for Survey Content in Movies

## HOW MANY FILMS HAVE RAILWAY SURVEYORS IN THEM ?

One of the most common remarks made to me by my fellow surveyors is that the movies which contain surveying **must be railway films !!** This is most certainly not substantiated statistically as I will demonstrate in the following paragraph.

Of the 101 movies which I suspect contain surveying in them **only 16 of them** are films set around railways as the main area of attention for the surveyors. This represents a percentage of a touch less than 16 % while the remainder of the movies were based upon a most diverse range of subjects such as a true story of a hill being built by the locals to reach the category height of a mountain in Wales during the First World War in “The Englishman Who Went Up A Hill And Came Down A Mountain” with Hugh Grant starring to a town staked out by Edmund O’Brien with Alan Ladd and Virginia Mayo as his “chainmen” in “Big Land” right through to school children waging guerrilla warfare on English surveyors measuring a tiny Scottish island for a rocket range in “Rockets Galore” from 1950. So varied are the settings chosen by the scriptwriters and directors for their many scenarios that it is quite clear that our profession bears an image of versatility in the minds of those creating screenplays even to the extent that there are also greater variety of television series and advertisements utilising surveying in some way to add to the production or promotion of films and products.

In two different situations surveying is adopted as a front for other clandestine operations being conducted by the characters in the shows. The 2001 film “Heist” has Gene Hackman and his various cohorts using road surveying to mask a bomb planting manoeuvre in an airport while in the TV show “Alias” the femme fatale Sidney (played by Jennifer Garner) is shown surveying on an overpass before she abseils down from the bridge to cut through the roof of the truck driven by the felons. Every year more and more examples of surveyors popping up on celluloid are multiplying and it certainly makes for interesting and entertaining viewing even if accuracy or authenticity may suffer in most of the circumstances.

## CONCLUSION

As always I would like to finish this paper off with an appeal to all surveyors, their wives and friends to keep on the look out for any movies at all which may contain the smallest piece of relevance to surveyors or surveying. Should you come across any such segments please contact me as soon as you can so that I may be able to follow a fresh scent for this most pleasurable of game to add to my mantle piece of film trophies. Keep hunting my faithful compatriots, and be proud, vigilant and keen in your quest for more and more silver screen surveying heroes !!!

## **DEDICATION**

**I dedicate this paper and video compilation to all of those producers, directors, writers, editors and stars who have so often incorporated some aspect of surveying into their screenplays and performances in whatever context they have chosen to do so which has yielded so many colourful examples during my continuous hunt for such movies and television programs bearing such content !!**

**I URGE EVERYONE WHO READS THIS PAPER OR VIEWS MY VIDEO TO GO OUT AND ACQUIRE AS MANY OF THESE MOVIES AS POSSIBLE TO WATCH COMPLETELY, AS EACH AND EVERYONE IS EXCELLENT VALUE IN ENTERTAINMENT FOR ANYONE, BUT MOST ESPECIALLY TO ANY SURVEYOR !!**

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## **APPENDIX B MOVIES WITH SURVEYING CONTENT**

(in my collection as at 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2006)

Brief snippets of the following 25 movies will be played during this presentation.  
(NOTE: For movies 1/ to 36/ please refer to my paper “Superstar Surveying: Hollywood Style (V)”.)

**37/ Three To Tango**

**BS**, Comedy/Romance, Rated PG (1999)

Director : Damon Santostefano

Starring : Matthew Perry, Neve Campbell, Dylan McDermott, Oliver Platt

Two architects vie for a contract on a big project, as well as the leading lady, with some mildly humorous situations arising from Perry’s mistaken identity as a homosexual. A brief early scene near the start of the movie shows a survey party collecting detail data at the proposed site.

**38/ Chisum**

**BS**, Western, PG (1970)

Director : Andrew V. McLaglen

Starring : John Wayne, Forrest Tucker, Christopher George

When Chisum (Wayne) rides into town with his friend all of the businesses from livery stables to the general store there are run by the one crooked operator, Murphy (Tucker), and in the background there is even a sign displaying his activity in “Land Surveying and Development” !?!

**39/ How The West Was Won**

**VS**, War/Western, Rated G (1962)

Director : John Ford and Henry Hathaway

Starring : James Stewart, Carroll Baker, Lee J. Cobb, Henry Fonda, Carolyn Jones, Karl Malden, Gregory Peck, George Peppard

An all-star studded journey through the history of settlement in the US west. A mention is made of the “surveyors” finding a route across the mountains for the railway line.

**40/ Mr. Blandings Builds His Dream House**

**VS**, Drama, Rated G, (1948)

Director : H. C. Potter

Starring : Cary Grant, Myrna Loy, Melvyn Douglas, Reginald Denny

Living in a tiny New York apartment, the Blandings resolve to buy acreage in the country and custom build their own dream home, only to be confronted with more complications than they could ever anticipate. During a consultation with their solicitor, who is a family friend, they are informed that not only is the purchase price very excessive, the land will “survey” at only about 35 acres instead of the 50 that was originally offered !

**41/ Pitch Black**

**BS**, Horror/Science Fiction/Thriller, Rated R, (2000)

Director : David N. Twohy  
Starring : Vin Diesel, Radha Mitchell, Cole Hauser, Keith David

Marooned on a distant isolated planet with two suns and a seemingly dry lifeless environment, a disparate group of cosmic wanderers are confronted with much more danger and action than they had expected. When Riddick (Vin Diesel) is sent on a reconnaissance mission to find out what remains of the planet's research station he finds a surveying reflective prism buried in the surrounding dry sand.

**42/ The Land of the Pharaohs**

**BS**, Drama, Rated PG, (1955)

Director : Howard Hawks  
Starring : Jack Hawkins, Joan Collins, Dewey Martin, Alex Minotis

Covers the apparent motivation of the Old System Pharaoh, Khufu, for erecting the Great Pyramid, in which he planned to take all his riches with him in his spiritual journey into the afterlife. A cast of thousands gives a realistic impression of what the scenes would have been like during the construction of the only surviving Wonder of the Ancient World, and includes a brief, but historically authentic, view of one of the Scribes of the Field using a *sb<sub>3</sub>* which is a simple instrument used for levelling purposes. The hieroglyphic representation of this word shows an image of the instrument itself as the determinative to the letters.

**43/ The Last of the Mohicans**

**BS**, Western/War/Romance, Rated M, (1992)

Director : Michael Mann  
Starring : Daniel Day-Lewis, Madeleine Stowe, Russell Means, Eric Schweig, Jodhi May, Steve Waddington, Wes Studi

Three Indian trappers intervene to save the two daughters of a British Colonel during the Anglo-French Wars in Northern America. While the French commander discusses tactics with his Indian ally, Magua looks through the circumferentor standing near the entrance to the tent, and seems to be quite captivated by the device.

**44/ The Claim**

**SS**, Western/Romance, Rated PG, (2000)

Director : Michael Winterbottom  
Starring : Peter Mullan, Milla Jovovich, Wes Bentley, Sarah Polley

Twenty years before, the wealthy owner of the old west mining town Kingdom Come had sold his wife and baby child to another gold miner for the rights to his mine. Now a surveyor called Dalglish (Bentley) and his crew come to town to inspect for a new railway line through the town, bringing with him Hope Burn (Polley) who appears to be the rich man's daughter. A brief scene of the surveyor showing his young female acquaintance some aspects of surveying in the snow covered terrain is interrupted by an avalanche.

**45/ Heroes' Mountain**

**BS**, Drama, Rated G, (2002)

Director : Peter Andrikidis  
Starring : Craig McLachlan, Tom Long, Anthony Hayes, Jodie Dry

The true story of the rescue of Stuart Diver (McLachlan) from beneath tonnes of concrete and metal after a 1997 landslide in the Australian Snowy Mountains resort town of Thredbo killed 36 people, including Stuart's wife, Sally. Surveying scenes are brief, but the real life surveyor hero for the work was Peter Burns from Cooma, one of my old University buddies. Good on you, Peter !!!

**46/ Propaganda (Turkish)**

**BS**, Drama, Rated PG, (1992)

Director : Sincin Cetin  
Starring : Metin Akpinar, Kemal Sunal, Melten Cumbul, Rafet el Roman, Meral Orhonsay

Set in Eastern Turkey in 1948, the story shows how far removed the administration in the capital Ankara is when it comes to establishing a town management system in a distant old township. Surveyors mark out the dividing line for the administrative area exactly in accordance with the orders from head office without any consideration as to how the settlers had occupied the countryside since the original boundaries were created, with obvious calamitous and divisive ramifications

**47/ Goethe: Wahverwandtschaften (Swiss)**

**SS**, Drama/Romance, Rated M, (1996)

Director : Paolo e Vittorio Taviani  
Starring : Isabelle Huppert, Fabrizio Bentivoglio, Jean Hugues Anglade, Marie Gillain

Swiss movie in two languages, but with a clear storyline. A female owner of a grand estate employs the services of two surveyors to contour and detail her holding, having had intimate relations with one of them before the survey. When a very attractive young maid enters into the employ of the household there is a changing of sexual liaisons after the surveying segment during which very unusual field techniques are utilised.

**48/ Stifter: Kalkstein (Swiss)**

**MS**, Drama, Rated PG, (1997)

Director : Imo Moskowicz  
Starring : Josef Meinrad, Karl-Heinz Martell

Quite bizarre tale of a land surveyor mapping out a snow covered Alpine village in which a very strange priest tends the religious needs of the small population. At the start of the story the surveyor is seen measuring the village area with a plane table mounted with theodolite, then later on he is also shown taking observations with a polished brass theodolite. At this time he uses his brass pocket telescope to spy in a voyeuristic fashion on the school children lifting up their trousers and skirts to cross the river where the bridge has collapsed.

**49/ Heist**

**SS**, Drama, Rated R, (2001)

Director : David Mamet  
Starring : Gene Hackman, Danny Devito, Sam Rockwell

Veteran jewel thief played by Hackman is coerced into pulling off just one more major heist of gold bullion from an aeroplane. Road surveying is used as a cover for Hackman while he is setting up a charge for an explosive diversion nearby to the airport runway, but a police patrol causes some consternation when it stops to investigate the road gang, resulting in some very coarse expletives being uttered by some of the gang members.

**50/ The World is Not Enough**

**VS & BS**, Action/Drama, Rated PG, (1999)

Director : Michael Apted  
Starring : Pierce Brosnan, Sophie Marceau, Robert Carlyle, Denise Richards, Robbie Coltrane

James Bond (Brosnan) is sent to the Middle East on an assignment to protect the daughter of a recently assassinated oil tycoon. At the site of the cross country oil project surveyors are seen in the background carrying out work while Elektra (Marceau) remarks to 007 that she is about to ski to the site of the join in the proposed oil pipeline to inspect the survey marks. Mr. Bond immediately responds that he had always wanted to see the survey marks himself, and invites himself to accompany the bewitching Elektra on her ski trip.

**51/ Last of the Dogmen**

**BS**, Action/Drama, Rated PG (1995)

Director : Tab Murphy  
Starring : Tom Berenger, Barbara Hershey

The tracker (Berenger) helps the anthropologist (Hershey) locate a lost Cheyenne tribe. An early scene of a survey instrument in the foreground on an archaeological dig is followed later on with Hershey and Berenger inspecting a cache of souvenirs collected by the tribe from intruders who came too close to their secret village and were killed. An old dusty dumpy level is touched and studied in the ramshackle storage hut.

**52/ North by Northwest**

**BS**, Thriller, Rated PG, (1959)

Director : Alfred Hitchcock  
Starring : Cary Grant, Eva Marie Saint, James Mason, Martin Landau

A typical Hitchcock thriller with more twists than a corkscrew as advertising executive George Kaplan is mistaken by Russian spies to be the UN representative/spy Roger Thornhill (both parts played by Grant). Double agent Eve Kendall (Saint) falls for Grant, putting her life in severe jeopardy, and culminating in a thrilling chase scene where Grant and Saint are pursued all over the Mount Rushmore monument. This is included because three of the US Presidents' heads were surveyors – George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and Abraham Lincoln, but not Roosevelt.

**53/ Frontier Horizon – also called New Frontier**

**BS**, Western, Rated G, (1939)

Director : George Sherman  
Starring : John Wayne, Ray Corrigan, Raymond Hatton

The Three Mesquiteers make a mistake when helping their friends from New Hope Valley move to new land when a dam is proposed to flood their existing land, but this a ruse by shifty developers who want the property for other more valuable purposes. Aggrieved landholders shoot at the surveyors knocking a staff out of the hands of one assistant and the hat off the head of one of the survey teams, as well as burning the survey data as is proclaimed in a burning newspaper headline !!

**3/ The Fighting Kentuckian (see my previous papers for this original numbering)**  
MS, Drama, Rated PG, (1949)

Director : George Waggner  
Starring : John Wayne, Oliver Hardy, Vera Ralston, Philip Dorn, Marie Windsor

A light-hearted western about two Kentuckians played by Wayne and Hardy, who are looking to settle down after their years in the fighting Kentucky forces, but are made to feel unwelcome by a shifty group of businessmen and gamblers who have planned to dispossess French settlers who have built up grand homesteads and farms on land upon which the boundary markers had been deliberately moved. Wayne finds himself in the position of pretending to be a surveyor sent to check the boundary stakes after he is persuaded to do so by the glamorous Windsor who appeals to his male ego for help. Good fun and the dialogue and action related to surveying will tickle any surveyor. In the segment on this video Breen (Wayne) picks up a survey stake only to have it shot from his hand by an unseen sniper !

**54/ Denver and Rio Grande**

MS, Western, Rated G, (1952)

Director : Byron Haskin  
Starring : Edmond O'Brien, Sterling Hayden, Dean Jagger, Kasey Rogers

The heads of two rival railway surveying teams argue about the routes being surveyed by each other, coming to blows with survey stakes and guns used in the fight, with one man shot dead. A good surveying piece at the start of the story precedes the fracas.

**55/ Western Union**

MS, Western, Rated G, (1941)

Director : Fritz Lang  
Starring : Robert Young, Randolph Scott, Dean Jagger, Virginia Gilmore

Trials and tribulations of the crew that surveyed the line for the telegraph company through Indian and outlaw infested lands. Surveyor Blake (Young), while surveying, uses his transit to spot marauding Indians, and they quickly cease their work to warn the others. Back at the encampment Shaw (Scott) has an altercation with a drunken Indian who wants to keep the transit because it is "good medicine", but Shaw wrestles the polished brass survey instrument from him and then uses it to try to ward off the knife attack by the Indian.

**56/ The Boys From Brazil**

BS, Thriller, Rated M, (1978)

Director : Franklin J. Schaffner  
Starring : Gregory Peck, Laurence Olivier, James Mason, Lilli Palmer

Josef Mengele (played by Peck), the insane Nazi biochemist known as the “Angel of Death”, sets out to finalise a bizarre experiment set in motion during the end of World War Two. Adolph Hitler’s genes had been injected into some embryos over a decade before and nearly 100 women had been impregnated with Hitler clones. On one of the missions to murder the father of one of the cloned boys, the man to be killed is engaged in surveying a dam in Sweden by himself ?? Mengele’s assassin recognises his victim, but this does not save the surveyor from being hurled over the dam safety fence and plunging 300 metres to his doom in horrifying style !

**57/ Mararia**

**SS**, Drama/Romance, Rated M, (1998)

Director : Andres Santana  
Starring : Carmelo Gomez, Iain Glen, Goya Toledo

A surveyor/geologist played by Iain Glen (Bertrand) comes to an isolated lava encrusted island somewhere in the Canary Islands to survey the volcano, but while there he generates more heat through his whirlwind passionate affair with Maria, the young beauty of the island. After carrying out some volcano monitoring and sampling he is confronted by the local doctor (Gomez), who has an obsession with Maria. Taking exception to Bertrand’s intention to jilt the pregnant Maria and leave the island, the enraged doctor seizes the geologists rock pick he spots on the ground and hits the surveyor in the back of the neck with it, killing him in graphic style. He then sets about hurling all of the surveyors equipment as well his body into a steaming fissure as his final act of vengeance. The brief survey incident seems to show Bertrand doing topographical measurement using a brass level with no crosshairs and his assistant showing him a non-calibrated round staff pole bearing no distance graduations with numbers on them !?!

**31/ The Castle (see my previous papers for this original numbering)**

**MS**, Drama, Rated AO, (1968)

Director : Rudolf Noelte  
Starring : Maximilian Schell, Cordula Trantow , Trudik Daniel, Helmut Qualtinger

Dark Franz Kafka satire on the public service. The land surveyor is the main character who roams from one sordid incident to the next, while all the time only ever being referred to as “The Land Surveyor” in a very demeaning fashion. Some nudity, sex scenes and hints of homosexuality add a mild hint of spice to the overly monotonous pace of the theme.

**58/ Goin’ South**

**SS**, Comedy/Western, Rated PG, (1978)

Director : Jack Nicholson  
Starring : Jack Nicholson, Mary Steenburgen, Christopher Lloyd, John Belushi

Henry Moon (Nicholson) is saved from the noose by Julia Tate (Steenburgen) who marries him as an act of convenience to help her in her mine. A great scene of voyeurism sees the surveyor use his transit to spy on Julia while she bathes in the river dressed only her neck-to-knee underwear garment, but Henry catches him. Despite his feeble defence that he was only surveying, Henry and Julia hunt him away with Nicholson’s surprisingly knowledgeable

dismissal of “Now, you **eminent domain** your ass out of here !” The couple then set about consummation of their allegedly Platonic union.

**59/ Rollerball**

**BS**, Action/Sci-fi, (2002)

Director: John McTiernan  
Starring: Chris Klein, Jean Reno, LL Cool J, Rebecca Romijn-Stamos

In 2005 violent sports are the order of the day and the most common outcome is death ! A very brief scene of surveying in some open cut mine somewhere like Kazakhstan ?!?

**NOTE:**

**The following movies are known or suspected to have surveying in them, but not all of them have been obtained and viewed so thus they have not yet been added to this video:-**

**60/ The Draughtsman’s Contract**

**SS**, Comedy/Drama, Rated M, (1982)

Director : Peter Greenaway  
Starring : Anthony Higgins, Janet Suzman, Anne-Louise Lambert

A “ladies’ man” draughtsman, very conceited and scheming, surveys and paints portraits of the estate of the husband of an English noblewoman. When it comes time to collect payment, the lady negotiates a fee which involves sexual favours.

**61/ Masada**

**SS**, Drama,(1981)

Director : Boris Sagal  
Starring : Peter O’Toole, Peter Strauss, Barbara Carrera, Anthony Quayle, David Warner and Giulia Pagano.

True story about a group of Jews who occupy Herod’s former castle atop an impregnable precipice, and are besieged by the Romans who are fanatical about getting them out of there as a demonstration of their absolute rule. Quayle, as the surveyor/engineer Rubrius Gallus, surveys the topography and devises the construction of a massive ramp to provide access to the castle. However, when he is out of the tent alongside his Roman groma surveying instrument about to explain his formulation to his assistant he is shot in the neck by an arrow and ultimately dies.

**62/ Hellfighters**

**SS**, Action/Adventure, (1968)

Director: Andrew V. McLaglen  
Starring: John Wayne, Katherine Ross, Jim Hutton and Vera Miles

The story of macho oil well blaze fire fighters and their wives, in which John Wayne plays “Chance” Buckman, the CEO of a company that extinguishes oil well fires. A touch of surveying is seen in this action movie.

**63/ Lightning: Fire From The Sky**

**BS**, Action/Adventure,(2001)

Director: David Giancola  
Starring: John Schneider, Jessie Eisenberg, Stacy Keach

A severe lightning storm overwhelms the lead character, especially when he had not believed his son’s prediction of the disaster. Now he needs to learn to trust his son so that their family and the entire community is saved. Brief surveying once again.

**64/ Young Mr. Lincoln**

**SS**, Drama, (1939)

Director: John Ford  
Starring: Henry Fonda, Alice Brady, Marjorie Weaver, Arleen Whelan

A dramatised account of the early life of the American president, Abraham Lincoln, based on reality. Apart from a lawyer, he was also a self-taught surveyor who did quite a number of land surveys, including the marking of the whole town of Petersburg. No actual surveying is included but Abe does show some of his peg bashing skills when driving wedges into some timber logs at some rural exhibition show.

**65/ Once Upon a Time in the West (also known as “C’era Una Volta il West”)**

**BS**, Western, (1968)

Director: Sergio Leone  
Starring: Henry Fonda, Claudia Cardinale, Jason Robards, Charles Bronson, Gabriele Ferzetti, Jack Elam and Keenan Wynn

A spaghetti western made before they became fashionable, starring Henry Fonda as the archetypal bad guy dressed all in black. The usual love triangle western contest for the woman, with some brief survey scenes as a backdrop when an open wagon speeds dangerously close to the surveyor and his site.

**66/ Winston Churchill: The Wilderness Years**

SS, Drama, (1981)

Director: Ferdinand Fairfax

Starring: Robert Hardy, Sian Phillips, Nigel Havers, Chloe Salaman

A chronicle of Winston Churchill's life between 1929, when he lost his place in cabinet, up to 1939, the year he became the Prime Minister of Great Britain, a period described by him as the most difficult in his life. Winston carries out some survey tasks, which he was recognised as having done.

**Movies believed to have surveying references in them:**

- 67/ The Iron Horse** (1924) – **MS**, Starring George O'Brien as a railroad surveyor.
- 68/ Canadian Pacific** (1949) – **MS**, Starring Randolph Scott as a railroad surveyor.
- 69/ Les Arpenteurs** (1971, Switzerland) – **MS**, Title means "The Surveyors".
- 70/ Zan Boko** (1988, Africa) – **MS**, Story of surveyors in Africa.
- 71/ Clive of India** (1935) – **BS**, Starring Ronald Colman.
- 72/ The Baron of Arizona** (1950) – **BS**, Starring Vincent Price.
- 73/ Killers of Kilimanjaro** (1959) – **SS**, Starring Robert Taylor, Anthony Newley, Anne Aubrey.
- 74/ The Knack and How To Get It** (1965) – **BS**, Starring Rita Tushingham, Michael Crawford.
- 75/ Stark** (1993) – **BS**, Starring Ben Elton.
- 76/ The Post Mistress – also known as La Postiere** (1992, Canada) **SS**.
- 77/ Blackfly** (1991) – **BS**, Animation directed by Christopher Hinton.
- 78/ Lantliv** (1975) – **BS**, Starring Jacqueline Laurent, Chris Chittell and Eric Edwards II.
- 79/ Daniel Boone** (1936)– **MS**, Rated PG, Starring George O'Brien, Heather Angel  
Boone Surveys and explores territories around Boonesborough.
- 80/ Congo Crossing** (1956) – **MS**, Starring Rex Ingram, Peter Lorre, Virginia Mayo, Michael Pate. Louise O'Connell and heroic surveyor David Carr end up alone in the jungle.
- 81/ Curse of the Swamp Creature** (1966) – **MS** Oil Surveyors come across an isolated laboratory.
- 82/ The Phantom of Hollywood** (1974) – **MS**, Someone kills off the site surveyors.
- 83/ Fighting Gringo** (1939) – **BS**, Starring George O'Brien, Bill Cody Jr. A man has his land survey falsified and then he is framed for murder.
- 84/ Stage Coach to Denver** (1946) **MS**, Starring Allan Lane, Martha Wentworth, Peggy Stewart, Ray Barcroft. Red Ryder exposes Coonskin's land survey hoax.
- 85/ Ride Clear of Diablo** (1954) **SS**, Starring Audie Murphy, Susan Cabot, Dan Duryea, Russell Johnson. Railway surveyor Murphy goes after rustlers.
- 86/ Lugar en el Mundo** (1992) **MS**, A hasbeen geological engineer surveys land for his patron..
- 87/ Detenuto in attesa di giudizio** (1971) **MS**, Story of an Italian land surveyor who has

lived in Sweden.

- 88/ Zaskasnjalo palno lunic** (1997) **MS**, Wanderer across Bulgaria surveys strange, new world forming.
- 89/ Young Pioneers' Christmas** **BS**, Starring Michael O'Herlihy, Linda Purl and Roger Kern. Surveyors appear in the background of the developing life on the prairie in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, which features a young pioneer family to depict their hardships and joys.
- 90/ The Wall**, **BS**
- 91/ Dr. No**, **BS**, Starring Sean Connery. An old survey/navigation instrument is seen in the background décor.
- 92/ The Body** (2001), **BS**, Starring Antonio Banderas. Background scenes of surveying are shown on the archaeological dig site.
- 93/ The Cartographer's Girlfriend** (1987), **SS**, Starring Marissa Chibas, George Feaster
- 94/ Inspector Morse: The Sins of the Fathers** (1990), **SS**, Starring John Thaw  
Two sons from a family who run a failing brewery in the country area of London are murdered, along with their solicitor, who is implicated in a fraudulent money lending incident. The chartered surveyor – a Fellow of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors nonetheless, who is also a director of the brewing company, is caught out in making an inflated valuation of the company's land holdings to secure the loan.
- 95/ Timeline** (2003), **BS**, Starring Paul Walker, Frances O'Connor, Gerard Buller and Billy Connolly. Once again surveying is seen in the background on an archaeological dig.
- 96/ Thir13en Ghosts** (2001), **BS**, Starring Tony Shalhoub, Embeth Davidtz and Matthew Lillard
- 97/ Poirot: Death on the Nile**(2004), **BS**, Starring David Suchet, James Fox and Emily Blunt
- 98/ Fitzcarraldo** (1982), **SS**, Starring Klaus Kinski as Fitzcarraldo (aka Brian Sweeney Fitzgerald) attempts the unlikely project of building an opera house in the middle of the Peruvian jungle. He does his own surveying in the process of devising a route for a railway line to transport building material and later on clientele for the opera house through virtually impenetrable country which is heavily overgrown, excessively steep along with gushing wide rivers.
- 99/ Down, Out and Dangerous** (1995) **BS**, Starring Richard Thomas, Bruce Davison and Cynthia Ettinger
- 100/ The Invaders** (1912) **BS**, Starring Art Acord, William Eagle Shirt, Francis Ford and Ethel Grandin. The U.S. Army and the Indians sign a peace treaty. However, a group of surveyors trespass on the Indians' land and violate the treaty. The army refuses to listen to the Indians' complaints, and the surveyors are killed by the Indians. A vicious Indian war ensues, culminating in an Indian attack on an army fort
- 101/ The Texas Streak** (1926) **BS**, Starring Hoot Gibson, Blanche Mehaffey, Alan Roscoe and James A. Marcus. Gibson plays Chad Pennington, an extra for an on-location motion picture company. When he and his friends become stranded through loss of their stage tickets, Chad bluffs his way into a job as a guard for some surveyors who are caught in the middle of a water power feud.

## IMPORTANT NOTE

Some of the movies 67/ through 101/ have not been observed as at 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2006 and survey content ratings are preliminary only. These ratings may change upon viewing of the movies, and in some instances surveying may not be present at all.

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