

## P1032 - Papers of the Smith family, Stroma and Wick

### RECORDS' IDENTITY STATEMENT

Reference number: GB1741/P1032

Alternative reference number: -

Title: Papers of the Smith family, Stroma and Wick

Dates of creation: 1940-1997

Level of description: Fonds

Extent: 1 bundle

Format: Paper, photograph

### RECORDS' CONTEXT

Name of creators: Smith family

Administrative history: Smith family

The Smith family were resident on the island of Stroma in the Pentland Firth for many generations and were known for their boat building expertise.

Clara Robertson married Willie Smith of Newton Cottage, Stroma, in 1942. The couple later moved to Cape Wrath Lighthouse before settling in Wick.

Their sons Clair Robertson Smith and Andy Smith grew up in Wick. They have both undertaken boat building, with Andy draughting the plans held within this collection.

#### Rumster Hill Climb

Caithness Car Club was formed in 1955 to specifically run motorsport events in the North of Scotland. The club is more known in the sprinting scene, but it did once run one of the most notorious hillclimbs – Rumster.

Unfortunately the Forestry Commission used the tarmac for access when tree felling and destroyed the track. Caithness Car Club surrendered the track license and the hill dropped off the championship. However, as of 2023, the committee are working hard to try and resurrect the hill climb at Rumster and its hoped it might once again, provide more thrills in years

to come.

(Source: <http://www.caithnesscarclub.co.uk/>)

Custodial history: The items were deposited by Clair Robertson Smith

## **RECORDS' CONTENT**

Description: Papers relating to Stroma; Smith family genealogy research; boat building; Rumster Hill Climb

Appraisal: -

Accruals: Expected

## **RECORDS' CONDITION OF ACCESS AND USE**

Access: Open

Closed until: -

Access conditions: Available within the archive searchroom

Copying: Copying permitted within standard Copyright Act parameters

Finding aids: Available in the archive searchroom and [online](#)

## **ALLIED MATERIALS**

Related material: CC/9/1/3/6/61 - Plan of Stroma Schoolhouse  
SM – Sinclair MacDonald Architect plans relating to Stroma  
P954/13 - Photograph postcards relating to Stroma and its inhabitants  
P/SUTH – oral history recordings of past Stroma residents

Publication: Many of the Smith ancestors feature in the Book of Stroma by Donald Young

Notes: -

Date of catalogue: Aug 2023

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<b>P1032</b>	<b>Papers of the Smith Family, Stroma and Wick</b>	<b>1940-1997</b>
<b>P1032/1</b>	<b>Stroma</b>	<b>1940-1960</b>
P1032/1/1	Post Office book belonging to Clara Robertson (1 item)	1940-1960
P1032/1/2	Small black and white photographs of Scapa flow taken from Stroma (2 items)	c.1942
P1032/1/3	Black and white portrait of Clara and Willie Smith, originally from Stroma (1 item)	c.1960
<b>P1032/2</b>	<b>Genealogy research</b>	<b>1972</b>
P1032/2/1	Photocopy of part of the Smith family tree from 1715 onwards (4 items)	1972
<b>P1032/3</b>	<b>Boat building</b>	<b>c.1997</b>
P1032/3/1	Set of printed plans for 10.7metre double ended yacht. The plans were draughted and printed by Andy Smith. The double end refers to the ship or boat having a bow and stern of similar shape. This was a traditional Stroma boat design employed by the boat builders on the island (1 file)	c.1997
P1032/3/2	Colour photographs showing progress of a double ended yacht designed by Andy Smith and being built by brothers Andy and Clair Smith (1 bundle)	c.1997
<b>P1032/4</b>	<b>Rumster Hill Climb</b>	<b>c.1968-1995</b>
P1032/4/1	Colour photographs of Rumster Hill Climb including names of drivers and vehicle descriptions. Includes a colour landscape photograph of well-known hill climb racer the late Kenny Allen (1 bundle)	1968-c.1991
P1032/4/2	Photocopy of official programme for Rumster Hill Climb round 3 of the Grampian Television Supported Hillclimb Championship (1 item)	28 May 1995
P1032/4/3	Scottish Car Clubs Diary. Includes mention of local racers such as Barrogill Angus and Donald Lamont who were instrumental in setting up the Caithness Car Club (1 item)	1970
<b>P1032/5</b>	<b>Various</b>	<b>c.1960</b>
P1032/5/1	Small landscape black and white photograph of Wick harbour (1 item)	c.1960