

## **P1089 Rumster Forest Transmitting Station**

### **RECORDS' IDENTITY STATEMENT**

Reference number:	GB1741/P1089
Alternative reference number:	-
Title:	Rumster Forest Transmitting Station
Dates of creation:	1964-1965
Level of description:	Fonds
Extent:	8 items
Format:	Photographs

### **RECORDS' CONTEXT**

Name of creators: George Steven MacLeod

Administrative history: In 1964, Rumster was chosen by the Independent Television Authority as the site for the first commercial television station in the north, to provide a service for Caithness and Orkney.

The contract was placed with E.M.I. Electronics Ltd., who gave an order to the British Insulated Callender's Construction Company Ltd. for the design, supply and erection of a 750-ft. mast near Rumster Forest, Latheron.

The lattice-type mast and all steelwork was fabricated and hot-dip galvanized by Painter Bros. of Hereford.

Full-time transmissions from the new Independent Television aerial began on the 25<sup>th</sup> of June 1965. Viewers across Caithness and other Northern Counties could now enjoy Grampian Television. Before the mast's construction Caithness had been on the fringe of the Grampian Service and many areas had no service at all.

At the time of writing (Aug 2025) the transmitter continues to broadcast television channels for the BBC and Digital UK.

Custodial history:

Deposited by George Steven  
Macleod's daughter

## RECORDS' CONTENT

Description:

Photographs taken during the  
construction of the television station at  
Rumster Forest

Appraisal:

None

Accruals:

Not expected

## RECORDS' CONDITION OF ACCESS AND USE

Access:

Open

Closed until:

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Access conditions:

Available within the archive  
searchroom

Language:

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Copying:

Copying permitted within standard  
Copyright Act parameters

Finding aids:

Available within the archive  
searchroom and [online](#)

## ALLIED MATERIALS

Related material:

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Publication:

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Notes:

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Date of catalogue:

August 2025

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<b>P1089</b>	<b>Rumster Forest Transmitting Station</b>	<b>1964-1965</b>
P1089/1	Photographs taken during the construction of Rumster Forest Transmitting Station. The images show views from the mast and construction workers including George Steven MacLeod (8 items)	1964-1965