

P1035 John Cormack memories

RECORDS' IDENTITY STATEMENT

Reference number: GB1741/P1035

Alternative reference number:

Title: John Cormack's Memories

Dates of creation: c.2020-2024

Level of description: Fonds

Extent: 2 bundles

Format: Paper

RECORDS' CONTEXT

Name of creators: John Cormack

Administrative history: John Cormack was born in 1933 in Lerwick, Shetland, to William and Winifred Cormack. His father was a veterinary surgeon. The family moved to Wick in Caithness in 1938 and lived at Fairlea in Francis Street. John and his elder brother Billy attended the old South School for a year before the family moved to Fernhill in George Street and the boys started at the North School in 1939. In 1940 another brother, Robin, was born.

During the Second World War airmen from RAF Wick were billeted with the Cormack family at Fernhill.

John went on to have a long career in Dounreay where he met his wife, Joan. He is an active member of Wick's St Fergus Church and looks after the Church's archives.

Custodial history: Deposited by John Cormack

RECORDS' CONTENT

Description: Handwritten and typed accounts of John Cormack's childhood memories of 1940s Wick. Includes many details of life in Wick during the Second World War. Typed accounts of "My Life at Dounreay 1956 onwards" written by John Cormack. Includes descriptions of machines and processes John was involved with.

Appraisal:

Accruals:

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:

Publication:

Notes:

Date of catalogue: 2023

Ref.	Description	Dates
P1035/1	Childhood Memories of John Cormack in 1940s Wick	c.2020
P1035/1/1	Handwritten account of John Cormack's childhood memories in 1940s Wick. Includes cover note addressed to his grandnephew Angus (1 bundle)	c.2020
P1035/2/2	Typed account of John Cormack's childhood memories entitled 'Stories of Old (1940s)'. Subjects include rationing, billeting, Wick Aerodrome, Grampa's Farm, and snow (1 bundle)	c.2020
P1035/2	Dounreay Memories by John Cormack	1956-2024
P1035/2/1	Typed account of John Cormack's working life at Dounreay from 1956 onwards. Subjects covered include expansion tests on various metals that could be used in Nuclear reactors in the future. (12 items)	1956-2024