

A3422 Neame family papers, 1800s-2006

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5 archival boxes; 4 oversize folders and 1 oversize box with scrapbooks; photographs and photo albums

The collection contains the family papers of the Neame family, namely Graham, Peter, Jennifer and Sylvia Neame, and their parents Elliott Elwin (also called 'Bobby') and Primrose Neame, as well as Maude Barlow, their maternal grandmother and mother of Primrose Neame (nee Barlow). The family historical documents and photographs also extend to the wider Barlow and Smit families.

The items in these family papers were to a large extent compiled and collected by Maude Barlow (nee Smit), and the collection was therefor arranged accordingly, even though it was subsequently deposited at Historical Paper by Graham and Sylvia Neame in 2016.

Please note: Reference is made to collection A2729 Sylvia Neame Papers.

#### COLLECTION

- A Maude BARLOW (NEE SMIT), 1800s-1977, 1 box  
A professional singer in her youth in London (she studied under Sir Henry Wood), she returned to South Africa after the outbreak of World War I, where she opened a singing studio in Bloemfontein. Later in 1939, then living in Port Elizabeth, she started studying art, painted and modelled in clay and carved in gypsum, and exhibited widely.
- A1 Personal items, 1906-1970s, 3f  
A1.1 Various items, 1906-1970s, 1f  
Including notes; one original etching by herself depicting soldiers in trenches at Delville Wood, during the battle of the Somme in 1916; poster advertising her singing studio; collections of 'oddments', as she named them; religious texts; autographed page of Rocher Du Toit, a South African born pianist; Maude Barlow's portrait published in the print press; newspaper clips covering her singing career, as well as her artistic work as painter and sculptor, with exhibitions at events such as "Art in the Park" in Pietermaritzburg; newspaper clip relating to Primrose Addison Macpherson; typescripts with notes about people she met during her singing career.
- A1.2 WW1 memorabilia  
War medal issued by British King George V, belonging to Maude Barlow's husband Roland Bereton Barlow, who died from the effects of WWI, as well as a printed poem belonging to Roland Barlow. Also included a scrapbook relating to the unveiling of the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial Register with names of soldiers of the empire who fell in Flanders during WW1, one of them being her brother Graham Smit, including photographs, letters and news clips.
- A2 Family history, 1800s-1900s, 2f  
Family tree, loose notes and typescripts with family history relating to the Barlow, Smit and Neame families.
- A3 Correspondence, 1914-1977, 1f  
A3.1 Correspondence re Red Cross Society, 1945-1948

Relating to donations she made to the Red Cross Society during World War II; letters of thanks for parcels received from the Red Cross during World War II, with proceeds from concerts given by Maude Barlow.

A3.2. General correspondence, 1914-1977

Relating to her artistic career, also including her inclusion in The South African Music Encyclopaedia.

A4 Smit family, early 1900s-1950s

Relating to Maude Barlow's family Smit and her brothers Graham Smit, musician and composer, and Gordon Smit, Mayor of Bloemfontein.

A4.1 Graham Smit, early 1900s

The brother of Maude Barlow (nee Smit) was a composer and musician. Graham Smit was killed in Flanders/Belgium in September 1917. Including: correspondence; Cover for note sheets for "In sweet July" Waltz Serenade by Graham Smit, dedicated to Deaconess MS Burton, undated; note sheets for "A Farewell" for violin, by Graham Smit, undated. See also oversize folder for some of these items.

A4.2 Gordon Smit, 1948-1952

Brother of Maude Barlow, a former Mayor of Bloemfontein. Included correspondence with his mother Mrs Henry F.T. Smit.

B NEAME FAMILY

The items in this section relate to Graham, Peter, Sylvia and Jennifer Neame and their parents Elliot Elwin Neame (also called Bobby, son of Lawrence Elwin Neame and half brother of JR Neame (Bunny), and Primrose Brereton Neame (nee Barlow, daughter of Roland and Maude Barlow).

B1 Primrose Neame, Correspondence, 1944-1952

Mainly to her mother Maude Barlow.

B2 Neame children, Correspondence with Maude Barlow, 1930s-1975, 1f

Correspondence to Maude Barlow, also called 'Anna' from Graham, Peter, Sylvia and Jennifer Neame.

B3 Graham Neame, 1940s, 1f

Relating to his achievements at St. Andrew's College, Grahamstown; also included Album of St. Andrew's College.

B4 Peter Neame, 1960-2001, 3f

B4.1 Person items

Including: achievements at St. Andrew's College, Grahamstown; programme of the 5th Congress of the South African Paediatric Association, Durban 1962; copies of birth certificate, academic achievements, University of Cape Town, registrations with professional bodies in the US and Canada; Curricula Vitae.

B4.2 Publications, 1960-2001, 2f

Publications in various international medical journals; also included CD with diagnostic images in haematology, published in An Atlas of Morphology, PDF format.

B5 Jennifer Neame, 1940s-2006, 1f

Including: BA and Honours degrees (see oversize folder); correspondence, mainly with her sister Sylvia; newspaper clips re her achievements in Tennis.

B6 Sylvia Neame, 1947-1976, 2f

B6.1 General correspondence, 1940s-1950s

- Including letter of award for a Alec Brook Scholarship to study at Rhodes University.
- B6.2 Letters from prison, 29 August 1964-11 February 1967  
Sylvia Neame was held on two occasions under the 90-day law, in Pretoria Central for the whole of her first detention and 2 weeks of her second detention, as well as in Fordsburg police station, and was charged for membership of the CP, awaiting trial for 9 months in the Old Fort Prison in Johannesburg, immediately thereafter taken down to Port Elizabeth and housed in the North End Gaol for some months during her Humansdorp trial, thereafter taken to Barberton Prison. After her release from Barberton Prison in April 1967, she left South Africa in May 1967.
- Sylvia Neame was one of 14 accused in the trial The State vs Abram Fischer and 13 Others. They were charged in August 1964 for contravening the Suppression of Communism Act, and included Abram Fischer (accused no. 1), Ivan Frederick Schermbrucher, Eli Weinberg, Esther Barsel, Norman Levy, Lewis Baker, Jean Strachan (Middleton), Ann Nicholson, Constantinos Gazidis, Paul Henry Trehwela, Sylvia Brereton Neame, Florence Duncan, Mollie Irene Doyle and Hymie Barsel. They were found guilty and sentenced in April 1965. After his re-arrest Abram Fischer was charged in November 1965 and sentenced to life imprisonment on the 4 May 1966.
- B6.3 Correspondence with Government offices re Sylvia Neame, November 1963-February 1967  
Mainly written by Maude Barlow to the Prime Ministers Office, the Department of the Interior, the Prison Department, the Ministry of Justice.
- B6.4 Letters from exile, 5 June 1967-March 1976 and undated  
Mainly written by Sylvia Neame to Maude Barlow and Jennifer Neame, after having left South Africa.
- B7 Other, 1959 & 1975
- B7.1 Biographies of Neame family members  
Accessed and printed from Wikipedia by Sylvia Neame.
- B7.2 Copies of articles  
Copies of articles: Origin and activities of the A.N.C., by Lawrence Elwin Neame, The Forum, January 1959; Obituary on the death of J.R. (Bunny) Neame, Rand Daily Mail, 30 April 1975.
- C SCRAPBOOKS BY MAUDE BARLOW  
Various scrapbooks containing photographs, newspaper clips, letters and ornaments, compiled and described by Maude Barlow. They are listed here in no particular order.  
A number of photographs were either removed or got detached from the scrapbook, some of which are listed and stored with section D - PHOTOGRAPHS. The condition of some of the material in the scrapbooks is fairly poor and deteriorated, interleaving has been applied. Some of the photographs in the scrapbooks are copies of the original photos in section D. The scrapbooks are stored in oversize boxes and folders in the Media Room.
- C1 Scrapbook, family photos and history  
Including few copies of the families Neame, Barlow, Smit. Stored in oversize box.
- C2 Scrapbook, various  
Including: Photographs of the Smit family; portrait of Gordon, Henry Smit, Mayor of Bloemfontein; early photos of Maude Barlow (nee Smit); letters from South African Legion, Seymour Branch; photos of sculptures by Maude Barlow, and 'Art in the Park'. Stored in oversize box.
- C3 Scrapbook, Neame family

Leather artwork bound, including: news clips of Sylvia and Jennifer Neame winning tennis tournaments; early childhood photos of Graham and Peter Neame with their mother Primrose Neame (nee Barlow); portrait photographs of Bobby Neame. Stored in oversize box.

- C4 Scrapbook, news clips, 1940s-1950s  
Leather artwork bound, including newspaper and magazine clips, mainly from the publication "The Friend" and its supplement covering the history of Bloemfontein, March 1946; a special Centenary supplement to "The Friend", covering "1850-1950 A Century of achievements: an official record of the first 100 years of The Friend newspaper"; pages with photos of Maude Barlow at leisure time; various items and news cuttings, including a clip re the restoration of sculptures by Anton van Wouw, Graduation programme including Graham Neame's BA graduation, University of South Africa, April 1950; pages with various news clips: covering the death of Gordon Smit, brother of Maude Barlow and former Mayor of Bloemfontein, news clips relating to the artistic work of Maude Barlow, letter from Rev Wilson to H.F.T. Smit, dated November 1917, describing the death of Graham Smit, who was killed in a "pill-box" (concrete dug-in guard posts for artillery) in Ypres, Belgium in September 1917, leisure time photographs; Supplement to the Eastern Province Herald, with the St Andrew's College Centenary, 1855-1955. Stored in oversize box.
- C5 Scrapbook, various, 1800's-1900s  
Various news cuttings of Indian philosophers; the role and history of the Anglican Church in South Africa; Maude Barlow's artistic work and sculptures; family history relating to the family of Earl of Minto Viceroy of India, the Elliot and the Neame families; drawings by Maude Barlow; photos and clips relating to Graham Neame attending St Andrew's College; WWI War Memorial and photographs; publications in medical journals by Peter Neame; news clips relating to the death of W.A. Campbell and his wife Killie Campbell's collection of Africana at Muckleneuk in Durban; news clips covering the implementation of separate development (Apartheid) by the National Party, October 1961; the death of Winston Churchill; death of Killie Campbell, September 1963; new book publication by Arthur Barlow; photos and letter of admission of Peter Neame to the New York Academy of Sciences; life and work of Sophy Gray, wife of Robert Gray, the first Anglican Bishop in South Africa; photos and news clips covering the life and death of the Duke of Windsor (King Edward VIII). Stored in oversize folder. Stored in oversize folder.
- C6 Scrapbook, Maude Barlow personal, 1800s-1900s  
Containing letters, clips, business cards, photos, concert programmes and flyers relating to Maude Barlow's singing career in the UK (Brighton) and South Africa with various orchestras; concerts for the WWI war fund; autograph by violinist Mischa Elman; family tree of the Solomon family in South Africa; letter of condolence on the death of Primrose Neame, by Arthur Barlow, dated 10 May 1956; events for the National War Fund; concert programme and clips re Mimi Coertse; photos and news clips about Mrs Henry Smit, mother of Maude Barlow, and Smit family; family photographs of Bobby Neame and his family; portrait photographs of Maude Barlow during her life; artist Dorothee Kay; Bobby and Primrose, their children and academic achievements; news magazine pages of Charles Dickens' 'A Christmas Carol' for theatre, directed by Ronald Neame, (British) film maker; photograph of the Stead family, and related news clips about the Titanic; news clips of Winston Churchill's funeral, January 1965; letters of reply to Maude Barlow from the offices of Winston Churchill and General Smuts; news clips relating to Ian Smith, meetings in South Africa 1967, and the independence of Rhodesia/Zimbabwe. Stored in oversize folder.
- C7 Scrapbook, Fischer and Neame trials, 1960s-1970s

The newspaper clips cover the 90-day detention of Sylvia Neame, her trial as one of the accused in *The State vs Abram Fischer and 13 Others*, and leaving South Africa in May 1967, after her release from Barberton prison; news clips relating to one of the state witnesses Petrus Beyleveld; news clips relating to Sylvia Neame's Appeal and her trial in Humansdorp, 1965/1966; photographs of Sylvia Neame and Maude Barlow after her release on the veranda of Cullinans house; Neame family photographs; news clips covering the re-arrest and trial of Abram (Bram) Fischer, his statement from the dock and sentencing, May 1966; news clips relating to Secret Police agent Gerard Ludi Q018 and his book about Bram Fischer; also included news clips relating to the built up to the trial of the Dean of Johannesburg Rev ffrench-Beytagh, 1971; royal wedding of Princess Anne, November 1973; the death of Abram Fischer. Stored in oversize folder.

- C8 Scrapbook, newspaper clips, 1960s-1970s  
Covering: Queen Elizabeth at 50; death of artist Dorothee Kay; death of Charles de Gaulle; news clips covering the trial of Rev Gonville ffrench-Beytagh, Anglican Dean of Johannesburg, 1971, news clips relating to Chief Gatsha Buthelezi, 1971. Stored in oversize folder.
- C9 Scrapbook, various, 1950s-1960s  
News clips, letters and photographs relating to South African politics and to the families Barlow and Smit, including: Rev Martin Smit, and Gordon Smit, Mayor of Bloemfontein; Reitz family; Saul Solomon; Sophie Levisieur; sculptors by Maude Barlow; Mackintosh family; Arthur Barlow's Weekly, 1945; photographs relating to Graham Smit and Baptism certificate; Sir Allen Welsh; news clips relating to Joyce Waring, daughter of Arthur Barlow and wife of F.W. Warin, Minister of Information; photograph of 1908 South African Cricket team; Chief Leabua Jonathan of Lesotho, offer to United Nations; news clip "Vorster explains Apartheid policy". Stored in oversize folder.
- D BOOKS PUBLISHED BY FAMILY MEMBERS
- D1 *The South African Woman's Who's Who*, leather bound, 1938  
With a half page entry for Maude Barlow, page 19.
- D2 *Seventh child: The autobiography of a schoolmistress*, by Amy Barlow, 1969  
Including two letters, written by Amy Barlow to Primrose Neame, 1950s.
- D3 *Almost in confidence*, by Arthur Barlow, 1952
- D4 *Kivet of the bush*, by Arthur Barlow, 1950
- D5 *Sticks and stones*, by Joyce Waring, 1969
- D6 *I'm no lady*, by Joyce Waring, 1956
- D7 *White man's Africa: The problem of a white nation in a black continent*, by Lawrence E. Neame, 1952
- D8 *The history of Apartheid: The story of the colour war in South Africa*, by Lawrence E. Neame, 1962
- D9 *City built on gold*, by Lawrence E. Neame, 1960(?)
- D10 *Some South African politicians*, by Lawrence E. Neame, 1929
- D11 *General Hertzog: Prime Minister of the Union of South Africa since 1924*, by Lawrence E. Neame, 1930  
  
Profusely illustrated
- D12 *The Rand Club: 1887-1957*, by Lawrence E. Neame, 1957
- D13 *The birds of South Africa*, by Dr Austin Roberts, 1948
- E PHOTOGRAPHS, 1800s-1900s

A number of these photographs originate from the scrapbooks, see section C, and were either removed or got detached from the scrapbook.

- E1 Photo descriptions  
Handwritten descriptions on note paper or pasted onto the back of larger photograph, containing family history. Stored in a file with the collection.
  
- E2 Photographs of Maude Barlow, many undated
- E2.1-15 Individual photographs of Maude Barlow, undated  
Including portrait photographs. Oversize photographs are stored in oversize box in the Media Room.
  
- E2.15a Portrait of Maude Barlow at an advanced age
- E2.15b Maude Barlow at the Stewart Titcombs exhibition  
Also depicting Stewart Titcombs and Mr and Mrs Fred Stead
- E2.16-17 Maude Barlow with some of her sculptures, undated
- E2.18 Maudee Barlow and brother Graham Smit (at pier in Brighton?), undated
- E2.19 Maudee Barlow with her father Henry Freeman Tidman Smit and her brothers Graham, Gordon and Douglas, undated
- E2.20 Maudee Barlow, her mother, grandmother and daughter, undated
- E2.21 Seymore, when the cows come home, photo by Maude Barlow, undated
- E2.22 Maude Barlow and others, undated
- E2.23 The dome in Brighton/UK, where Maude Barlow made her concert debut, undated, undated
  
- E3.1-3 Roland Barlow, husband of Maude Barlow  
In uniform in Flanders, Belgium, during WW1
  
- E4 Smit family
- E4.1 Mrs Henry Freeman Tidman Smit, Maude Barlow's mother
- E4.2 Smit family photograph  
Including amongst others Maude Barlow (sitting next to flower pot) and Austin Roberts, renowned South African ornithologist (leaning against left pillar), see also his book "The birds of South Africa" under D13
- E4.3.1- 9 Graham, Douglas and Gordon Smit, Maude Barlow's brothers  
Item E4.3.9 with oversize photographs, Media Room.
- E4.4 Primrose Macpherson, maternal grandmother of Maude Barlow
- E4.5 Nicholas Smit, son of Rev Nicholas Smit
- E4.6 Rev Martin Smit, son of Rev Nicholas Smit
- E4.7 Rev Nicholas Smit
  
- E5 Bobby and Primrose Neame
- E5.1-6 Primrose Brereton Neame (nee Barlow)
- E5.7 Bobby and Primrose Neame
- E5.8-10 Bobby Elliot Neame
- E5.11 Bobby Neame's car
- E5.12 The Neame's house in Port Elizabeth
  
- E6 Lawrence Elwin Neame  
Father of Elliot Elwin Neame, and author of various books, as well as editor for the Rand Daily Mail and Argus, see section D. His first wife (nee Grant) and mother of Elliot Elwin Neame was the niece of the Earl of Minto, Viceroy of India (?).
- E6a First wife (nee Grant) of Lawrence Elwin Neame
  
- E7.1-4 Graham Neame

Including photograph of the Jesus College Hockey team, 1952 (E7.2), stored with oversized photographs, large box, Media Room.

- E8.1-6 Sylvia Neame  
Including photographs with the family of her brother Peter Neame in Oxford, 1986 (E8.1); Sylvia Neame looking at a ring which she was given by Ahmed Kathrada, before his sentencing in the Rivonia trial in 1964 (E8.4); with her brother Peter Neame and his wife in Oxford, 1986 (E8.5)
- E8.7-8 Jenniffer Neame
- E9 Photo albums  
The albums are stored in an archival box in the Media Room
- E9.1 Neame family photographs  
The album was originally started by Bobby Neame and later became a family album.
- E9.2 Neame family album  
With photographs of Bobby and Primrose Neame, and their children Graham, Peter, Jenniffer and Sylvia.
- E9.3 Maude Barlow's photo album  
Containing photos of members from the Barlow and Smit families and Maude's artistic work
- E9.4 Neame family photographs, 1940s  
With early family photos of the Neame children, the family house in Port Elizabeth, Bobby Neame's car in 1943.
- E10 Other photographs, 3 files  
Loose photographs of other family members (Smit, Barlow, Neame, Welsh), friends as well as duplicates. Stored in hanging files with photographs in Media Room.
- E11 Negatives, 1 box  
Stored with negatives in Media Room.
- F REX WELSH, 1f  
Photocopies relating to Rex Simpson Welsh, QC, requested by Graham Neame and provided with permission by the Archive of the Johannesburg Society of Advocates. Rex Welsh's mother was related to the Smit family.
- F1 Obituary, October 1994  
Written by Sydney Kentridge. Also included the Introduction to the history of the Johannesburg Society of Advocates.
- F2 Correspondence, 29 April 1994  
Regarding preserving the Opinions of the late Rex Welsh QC, correspondence to Bar Council members (A2.2.6)
- F3 Memo, 1994  
Regarding the Photograph of RS Welsh SC for the Common Room (A6.2)
- F4 Correspondence, February-June 1948  
Letter from Rex Welsh indicating that his father, AS Welsh KC, wished to donate to the Bar Library a set of volumes of the 'Famous British Trials' series (A7.1(a))
- F5 Correspondence, 27 June 1966  
Letter by Rex Welsh QC to the Rector of the University of Pretoria regarding the report in 'Perdeby' and the conduct of Jan Hiemstra and Jaco Marais who had been smuggled into the reception, reflecting on the address by Senator Kennedy, and response from the Rector (A4.3 1(a))

F6 Draft letter, February 1966

Draft letter from RS Welsh to members of the Bar Council to Sir Dingle Foot QC, MP, written in response to a column in the London Daily Mail by Mr Bernard Levin, attacking the South African judiciary at the time. The letter was subsequently not sent (A11.1.3)

F7 Dr. Percy Yutar matter, 1968

Regards the payment by the State of large sums of money in respect of damages and costs which were awarded against Dr. Percy Yutar, the Deputy Attorney General of the Transvaal, against which Rex Welsh complaint.