



## BC 1549 GRAHAM CLARK PAPERS

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### Collection summary

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**Abstract:**

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### Biography

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Graham Foster Clark was born in Durban on 14 September 1912. He was the son of Professor Hugh Clark and Mrs M A Clark. He matriculated at Durban High School in February 1931. He received a Bachelor of Commerce degree at the University of South Africa through the then University College of Natal. He married on 2 January 1939.

He was a vice president of the Institute of Town Clerks of Southern Africa from 1965-1967 in Cape Town and became its president from 1967-1969. He served in the City Treasurer's and Town Clerk's Departments in Durban from April 1931-1938 before he moved to Zimbabwe, then Rhodesia, where he worked as an assistant town clerk of the Municipality of Umtali from 1938-1970. He also served as treasurer of the Municipality of Umtali from 1938-1940 and from 1945 until he took his early retirement in June 1970.

He moved to Cape Town after retirement and worked for Messrs. Chetwyn and Hands, chartered accountants – audit inspector – Provincial Audit of City of Cape Town and worked as a town clerk and treasurer of Pinelands from October 1971 to 30 September 1978.

Outside of work, his interests were sport generally, cine-photography, numismatics and Rotary Club activities. He was a member of the City and Civil Service and Western Province Cricket Clubs. He was also involved in community development and in the 1959 New Year's Honours List was appointed by Queen Elizabeth II to be an Officer of Order of the British Empire.

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### Scope and contents

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### Restrictions

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### Subject headings

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Black Sash (Cape Western Region)

Clark, Graham

Coloured people

Rhodesia – history

Umtali Municipality

Zimbabwe – history

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### Inventory

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#### **A Personal Papers**

- A1 Assistant town clerk. Application submitted by: G F Clark, OBE, B Com, FITC (South Africa), M RIM. Includes Curriculum Vitae, certificates, notice of appointment, newspaper cuttings, letters when he was a Town Clerk of the Municipality of Umtali, his retirement as Town Clerk and Treasurer of the Municipality of Umtali and also some documents he collected when he was Town Clerk and Treasurer of the Municipality of Pinelands, 1961-1984
- A2 Graham Clark's retirement letters of appreciation, application as assistant town clerk in Cape Town and an application letter as the personnel officer of the University of Cape Town, 1968-1984
- A3 Dinner party cards, exhibition programmes, Christmas greetings, 1950-1988

**B Royal visits to Rhodesia**

April 1947, July 1953 and December 1957. See also photographs

**C Black Sash – Cape Western Region**

C1 Constitution of the Black Sash as amended 1963, Regional Constitution 1966 and later, Rondebosch branch stands questionnaire, minutes of the regional conference, etc. 1962-1983

**C2 Minutes**

C2.1 Minutes of General Meetings, Regional Conference, Branch Meetings, newsletter, press statement, etc, 1983-1985

C2.2 Claremont Branch of Black Sash – Western Cape Region  
Notes and minutes of meetings, 1981-1983, 1989-1994

C2.3 Newsletters, minutes of general and regional conference meetings, 1983

**C3 Reports**

C3.1 The Peninsula Eisteddfod secretarial report and some brochures, 1967-1969

C3.2 Chairman's and treasurer's reports, 1966-1983 (some missing)

C3.3 National conference reports (1980/81), deaths in detention since March 1976, list of detainees (21/01/1982), Neil Aggett memorial service (programme in Xhosa and Nkosi sikelel'iAfrika)

C4 Claremont branch list, 1981

**C5 Coloured People in Cape Town**

C5.1 Some aspects of recreational facilities available to Coloured people in Cape Town

C5.2 Newspaper cuttings and 2 letters on cultural, recreational facilities, religion and Coloured people in Cape Town, 1969

C5.3 Sport, recreational facilities, choir, etc

C5.4 Newspaper cuttings on art and art centres, 1968

**C6 Morning market**

C6.1 Morning market ideas etc. especial 1974 and 1975, letter 1981...

C6.2 Morning market bulletin, 05/11/1983

C7 Newspaper cuttings, includes Robertson Kennedy cuttings, some from Pretoria and Cape Town, 1966

**D Umtali and ephemera**

**D1 Municipality of Umtali**

D1.1 University Correspondence Courses Bulletin, 1937; Legislative Assembly: opening ceremony, 1947; Umtali Advertiser, Rhodesia Herald (Death sentence for war criminals, 1946); ceremony of the opening of parliament by His Majesty the King, 07/04/1947; address of welcome to His Majesty, Major General Sir John Noble Kennedy, 03/05/1947 and newspaper cuttings, 1940s.

- D1.2 Correspondence, reports, minutes of meetings, newspaper cuttings, notices, includes report of the Institute of Town Clerks of Southern Africa, Umtali and the eastern district of Southern Rhodesia, 1953, Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland: ceremony of the swearing in of the Chief Justice of Federation and Judges of the Federal Supreme Court, 1955, Councillor's handbook, newsletter of University College of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, 1957, etc. 1951-1958
- D1.3 Correspondence, reports, minutes of meetings, newspaper cuttings, includes notes, conference papers, speech made by Sir Roy Welensky at the opening of the Conference of Town Clerks of Southern Africa at Umtali, 04/06/1963, What South Africa's critics wanted deleted from the records. Full text of the address of the Hon. E. H. Louw, South African Minister of Foreign Affairs to the United Nations General Assembly, 11/10/1961, programme for the farewell visit of their excellence the Governor General and the Countess of Dalhousie: Umtali, 1963, reports of the Institute of Town Clerks of Southern Africa, a booklet on history of Umtali 1914-1964, report on visit of Johannesburg and other cities and towns in connection with the Transvaal Management Committee System, 1964, etc. 1960-1964
- D1.4 Correspondence, reports, minutes of meetings, newspaper cuttings, notes, includes a speech to Umtali Rotary Club, "Forty years of motor making", 1963, The Manicaland All Breeds Training School and Alsatian Club – champion show, 1966, Rhodesia: proposal for a settlement, 1966, proposals for separate ethnic development in Rhodesia by R Gayre of Gayre, 1967, reports of the Institute of Town Clerks of Southern Africa, Chaos or order (?) in international monetary arrangements by Dr W J Busschau – opening address to Congress of Associated Chambers of Commerce of Rhodesia, 1969, minute of the mayor for mayoral year ended 30 June 1969 and the departmental reports, revenue and expenditure account and balance sheets of the council for the municipal year ended 30 June 1969, Shell Rhodesia: official souvenir programme: first Shell Rhodesia national vintage motor rally incorporating the twelve South African national veteran and vintage car rally 1965 (booklet), etc. 1965-1969
- D1.5 Institute of Town Clerks of Southern Africa, report of the proceedings of the Two-Day meeting held at Bloemfontein on 21 and 22 May 1970 and of the Twenty-Third Annual General Meeting held on 21 May 1970.
- D1.6 Correspondence, reports, minutes of meetings, newspaper cuttings, notes, includes Institute of Town Clerks of Southern Africa reports, Anglo-Rhodesian relations – proposal for settlement, 1971, Umtali Museum Society newsletter, 1974, Massacre of the innocents, the murder of missionaries in Rhodesia, removal of racial discrimination in Rhodesia, La Rochelle - a gift to a nation by Rosemary and Trevor Barrett (Sir Stephen and Lady Courtauld left their magnificent estate near Umtali to Rhodesia so that others might and appreciate it, *Garden and home*, page 34, 1970-1979
- D1.7 Correspondence, reports, minutes of meetings, newspaper cuttings, notes, includes Institute of Town Clerks of Southern Africa notice, newsletter of the Conservative

Alliance Zimbabwe, Courtauld Players newsletter, 1994, Botanizing in Zimbabwe by Anne Bean, etc. 1980-2009

D1.8 The Local Government of Association of Rhodesia: report of proceedings of the Twenty-Ninth Annual Conference, 1970.

D1.9 Shell in industry. Fifth Kariba continuation issue, June 1960

D2 Breeding silkworms in Rhodesia

“Keeping silkworms for profit” – minutes of a meeting in Umtali, 1967, Rhodesian Silkworm Breeders Association: breeding silkworms in Rhodesia, research carried out by Annamaria Lunghi on information by Diego Giorgi, 1968, includes photographs and notes

D3 **Theatre and Opera**

D3.1 Plays and a music score

The Mikado, or the town of Titipu, Dick Whittington, Jack and the beans talk

D3.2 **Concert programmes**

D3.2.1 1930s-1940s

D3.2.2 1950s

D3.2.3 1960s

D3.2.4 1970s

D3.2.5 1980s-1990s

D4 **Tourist guides, brochures, maps, etc.**

D4.1 Undated

D4.2 1940s-1950s

D4.3 1960s

D4.4 1970s-1980s

D5 **Photographs**

D5.1 Mayors 1940-1941, Courtland Theatre, Kingsley Fairbridge Memorial, The Civic Centre, Zimbabwe birds (secretary bird, bateleur, fish eagle and ground hornbill), Birchenough Bridge, Hunyani River Range, Dalhousie family, Governor Kennedy, Lady Kennedy, Mrs Catsicas, Alec Hampshire, Dennis McCormac, Cynthia McCormac, etc.

D5.2 Railway lines, the Vumba, HonDI Valley view, Chimanimani Mountains, Kariba and the Zambezi River, Umtali Civic Centre Leopard Rock Hotel, Mutare, Salisbury's Luxury Southern Sun Hotel, Msasa trees, Victoria Falls, Wankie {Hwange} National Park, includes information on Chiredzi Branch Line, rock painting at Diana's Vow, etc.

D5.3 Town clerks, mayors, Royal Visit (Jan Smuts with the King and queen in Cape Town), judges, the Vumba Mountains and Umtali, Sir John Maud, Graham Clark, Barbara Mary Terry Clark, Kariba Dam, Jeannette Mussett, James McGregor, Federal Council Members, Chairmen and Liaison Councils (1975, 1983), Rotary Club of Umtali (1954), Institute of Town Clerks of Southern Africa, 21<sup>st</sup> Conference in Pietermaritzburg (1971),

First Council of the University College of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, Edgar Whithead, Jack Mussett, etc.

- D6 Weekly Illustrated Annual: linking two reigns. An eventful year in pictures, November 1935-November 1936
- D7 Newspaper cuttings on Municipality of Umtali, includes articles on Royal Visit, 1953-1970, the armorial bearings of the Municipal Council of Umtali, a blazon of the armorial bearings for the Republic of Zimbabwe, income tax 1984/85
- D8 Maps  
Bulawayo Area, Gona-Re-Zhou Game Reserve, South-Eastern Lowveld, Harare area, Robert Mcllwaine Recreational Park, Kariba Area East, Matusadona, Lake Kariba West, Kyle and Zimbabwe National Park, Kyle Game Park, Mushandike Sanctuary, Mushandike National Park, Melsetter Area, Midlands Area, National Monuments of Rhodesia, Ngezi Recreational Park, Sebakwe Recreational Park, Ngezi {Ngwezi} National Park, plan of Umtali Township and plots on the reserve, Rhodes Inyanga National Park, Vumba Area, Melsetter Area, Rhodes Matopos National Park, Rhodesia, Victoria Falls National Park, Victoria Falls and Wankie {Hwange} National Park
- D9 Miscellaneous  
*Afrika se juweel: Suidwes-Afrika/Namibie*, Beira (tourist guide, 2 pages), *Congo July 1960 evidence: statement by Mr Merchiers (Belgian Minister of Justice, at the press conference, 28/07/1960)*, *Dornford Yates*, short biography of British novelist downloaded from Wikipedia, *Gorongosa in the kingdom of the wild*, Institute of Town Clerks of Southern Africa: invitation to attend the two-day meeting of the Institute which is to be held on 6th and 7th June 1984 in Namibia, Joint Matriculation Board of the South African Universities (matriculation examination, December 1936, English, Higher Grade, First Paper), *proceeding of the Royal Geographical Society and monthly record of geography* (Vol. X, no. 8, August 1888), *Stella Aurorae: newsletter of convocation of the University of Natal* (April 1952), *Structure of the galaxy: the history and development of the structure of our galaxy described by Dr P.A.T. Wild*, "West Yorkshire" group test of intelligence, Form W, compiled and standardised by T.P. Tomlinson