

**Inventory and collection information for the: *The Graeme Clifford and Rosemary Sinnott Smith Collection***  
**A collection focused on Laguna Beach, Newport Beach,**  
**Southern California and environs and Baja California,**  
**ca 1918 – 1960**

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**Box 1: Folders 1-34**

**Graeme Clifford Smith (29 March 1909 – 27 July 1989)**

**Scope:** Subjects; Material related to Graeme C. Smith and his family in Laguna Beach, California (1918 – approx..1939); fishing, swimming off Laguna and in Baja California, Southern California. Educational history. Scenes of Laguna Beach. Photos of Dartmouth College.

Although born in Canada, his family moved from Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan to the U.S. in 1916; ultimately settling in Laguna Beach, California. This collection focuses on the dates between approximately 1917 to 1940. These dates are selected for this part of the collection because it is before he marries Rosemary Sinnott and begins to move around the state as part of his job.

Home Addresses:

01/03/1920: Riverside Avenue, Laguna Beach, Orange Co., California (1920 Federal Census)

ca. 1920 - 1940: 240 Jasmine Street, Laguna Beach, Orange Co., California

Geographically, it contains photographs of the areas around Laguna Beach, Baja California, travels in California and further afield on various family vacations. I have identified the people and places to the best of my ability. When it comes to the Smiths and the Macphersons, please note that photographs of their years in Moose Jaw are in the Moose Jaw Public Library, a branch of the Canadian Archives. I chose to include early pictures of the Smiths after they left Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, Canada.

The folders are numbered as are the photographs in sleeves with any identification I can provide. Example:

Folder 1: 1:a, 1:b

Some folders are described at the folder level; some at the sheet level; some individually identified.

**Photographs (some documents, manuscript material)**

Folder 1: Scope. Represents photos of the Smith and Macpherson family after leaving Moose Jaw, in Buffalo and Denver, Colorado.

1:a South Park Buffalo, August 1917. Driver: Henry Smith, wife Gertrude in back seat left. Her mother, Charlotte “Lottie” Macpherson is in the middle seat with unknown baby. The other woman is probably one of Gertrude’s sisters, maybe Muriel, maybe Jessie.

1:b Buffalo, August 1917. 30 Virgil [St.]. HY Smith on brick balustrade, GC Smith next to him. Gertrude sitting with unknown children, ?Jessie standing, Charlotte with baby. Unknown man, Muriel’s husband?

1:c Delaware Park, Buffalo, August 1917. One of Macpherson sisters with baby, unknown children.

1:d Delaware Park, Buffalo, August 1917, visit of Mr. and Mrs. Macpherson (presume this to be Gertrude's parents; mother present with baby, father Joseph not shown; also on visit (I think) Gertrude's sister Muriel with baby; the rest of the children unknown, except GCS on far left, his parents behind him.

1:e Buffalo, Conservatory, 1917. Muriel identified on back of photo

1:f,g Buffalo, South Park. Zoo. Elephant with huge tusks. GCS on left in g.

1:h,i Denver, 1918. 2825 York

Folder 2: Scope. After what must have been a brief stay in Denver, the Smiths moved to Los Angeles. After leaving Canada, they were visited by Gertrude's family from Canada. These photos seem to represent a visit by Gertrude's mother, Charlotte, father Joseph, and sisters Eudora and Muriel.

Sheet 2a 3508 University Ave., Los Angeles: Smith family: Graeme, Gertrude, & Henry Y Smith.

Sheet 2b (l to r) Gertrude Smith, Henry Smith, and Frank H. (I don't know who he is, don't think he is a family member.

Sheet 2c (l to r clockwise) Joseph Macpherson, Gertrude and her mother Charlotte, Eudora Macpherson.

Sheet 2d – 3 photos (l to r clockwise) Henry, standing Gertrude, girl child? Joseph Macpherson, Eudora; Henry and girl child on shoulders? Gertrude, Graeme, Frank H. holding yucca flower stalks.

Sheet 2e to 2d: visit to Westlake Park, Los Angeles.

Sheet 2 h top: (l to r) Gertrude, Graeme, Muriel's husband, David McCutcheon,? Joseph Macpherson (Gertrude's father, Graeme's grandfather), Muriel?

Sheet 2h bottom: (l to r) Muriel, David, Gertrude, Graeme, Charlotte (mother; Graeme's grandmother).

Sheet 2i top: Muriel, Graeme, Charlotte, Gertrude, Joseph.

Sheet 2i bottom: David McCutcheon, Muriel Macpherson McCutcheon, Henry Y, Gertrude, Charlotte and Joseph Macpherson.

Sheets 2j-l: photos of children, some of Graeme, so of others, unsure of locations, but assume they are in California.

Folder 3: Scope. These photographs are mostly of the Smith family (Henry Y., Gertrude Macpherson, and Graeme Clifford (later known as Jimmie, Jimmy, or Jim). They were taken on the beach in Laguna or on the bluffs above the beach. One may be in another beach city, perhaps Newport or Huntington with a pier. The Smiths moved to Laguna in 1918. Most of these pictures are probably late teens or in the 20s unless specified on the photo itself. Sometimes they are accompanied by her relatives.

Sheet 3a. Gertrude Macpherson Smith. Mother of Graeme. Died in Monrovia, Los Angeles Co., California, December 1, 1926.

Sheet 3b. Christmas Day 1919. Top: The main beach in Laguna; Middle; HY, Graeme, Muriel Macpherson (Gertrude's sister); Bottom: same.

Sheet c. Top: (l to r) HY Smith, unknown child, Charlotte (Lottie) Macpherson, (Gertrude's mother), Gertrude on the bluff above main beach in Laguna Beach. Bottom. (l to r) Gertrude Smith, unknown child, Charlotte Macpherson on the beach in Laguna.

Sheet 3d. unknown child, Joseph Macpherson, Gertrude Smith on the beach.

Sheet 3e. Gertrude, HY, Charlotte on the bluff and by the shore on rocky outcropping.

Sheet 3f. March 1924. Top: Gertrude, Graeme, and HY on bluff above main beach, Laguna Beach. Other shots similar. Bottom: Graeme and unknown cousin.

Sheet 3g. March 1924. Top: on the bluff above the beach, same view as 3f. Next two: kids with small boats on shore in placed surf.

Sheet 3h. Sweeping view of the main beach in Laguna from the southerly bluff.

Sheet 3i. HY, Graeme, Gertrude on a beach with a pier.

Sheet 3j. 1922: 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grades at Laguna Beach School. Graeme 2<sup>nd</sup> from right, top row.

Folder 4: Scope: March 29, 1924. Laguna Canyon.

Sheet 4a: Laguna Canyon. Smith family on a drive.

Folders 5 - 8: Scope. Gertrude Macpherson Smith died on 1 December 1926; widower, Henry Y. Smith, married Pauline Christine Jahraus on 29 November 1927 in Riverside, California. Graeme C. Smith (my father) was variously 17 and 18. This folder contains images of the Jahraus family. The wedding pictures are on the enclosed CD; the original photographs were in this collection but were given to the Jahraus family some years ago. They were, however, part of the Smith family collection. Other pictures include my father. In the main this folder includes photographs that span the years 1927 to 1964. There are miscellaneous pictures of the Jahraus family, including copies of pictures of Pauline's father Elmer, her brother, Joe Jahraus, and some of his children.

Folder 5:

Sheet 5a: 1928-29; 2 photos of Graeme (Jimmie), Pauline, and H.Y. in the garden of the house at 240 Jasmine St., Laguna Beach.

Sheet 5b: 2 photos of Graeme (Jimmie), Pauline, and H.Y. in the garden of the house at 240 Jasmine St., Laguna Beach. Late 20s, early 1930s.

Folder 6: Scope. Spans the dates 1927 – 1964. The CD contains photos of the 1927 wedding of Henry Y. Smith and Pauline Jahraus Smith. It also contains images of the two of them over the years traveling, etc., as well as pictures of them in the garden of their home in Laguna Beach, 240 Jasmine. HY died on 24 January 1964 in Laguna Beach; Pauline died on 23 August 1975 in Santa Ana, California.

Sheet 6a: HY & Pauline with various Jahraus relatives and friends. (see back of photo for Ids.)

Sheet 6b: first photo:1945. HY and his granddaughter, Katharine Elizabeth Smith (then age 2). Second photo: the same except with Pauline.

Folder 7. 4 Postcards (3 in 1932) from HY to Jimmie (Graeme) while at Dartmouth and 1 from Jimmie to parents from the Isthmus on Catalina (1949).

Folder 8: Material related to the Jahraus family. Photos, newspaper clippings, and one Ms. Letter from Elmer Jahraus written April 29, 1906 that describes his activities in Laguna Beach as well as what Laguna is like in 1906. [it is a marvelous letter].

Folder 9: Scope. 3 photos of road work in Laguna. Might be Pacific Coast Highway or one of the streets running perpendicular to the ocean and PCH.

Folder 10: 1 publication: Laguna Life, v.1, .11 Laguna Beach, 1-14-1916. 1 broadside of "Dead Man's Chest." 1 postcard of Pomona College Marine Biology Lab. PCH and Broadway in Laguna, 1915. The Idyl of the Pomona College Marine Laboratory by Margaret (Cate) Elliott; nd. A photocopy of a mimeographed copy of a set of letters discussing the Pomona College Marine Laboratory in Laguna Beach, Ca. and summer sessions held there in the summers of 1910-1916. [I don't know the connection to the Jahraus family or the Smith family. Both Pauline Jahraus Smith and Graeme C. Smith attended Pomona College.]

Folder 11: Scope: Coast Garage

Sheet 11a: The Coast Garage owned by Henry Y. Smith; I think their home at 240 Jasmine is seen just behind and above the garage.

Sheet 11b: c. 1927-28. 3 photos of Graeme (Jimmy) and 2 others working on a car

Folder 12: Coronado (San Diego) Life Saving classes for Life Guards, fireworks, and boats. C. 1928

Sheet 12a: 3 Photos of a lifesaving class. (negatives)

Sheet 12 b-d: Apparently photos of 4<sup>th</sup> of July in Coronado; and boats in bay at San Diego.

Folder 13: Scope. 1928-19. This folder contains photos of lifeguarding the beach in Laguna, free-boarding, skim boarding, body surfing, and playing around on the beach with friends. Note there is an article from "Old Laguna Lifeguard" Blog that talks about the origins of free boarding and skim boarding. Both Graeme (Jimmy) Smith and George Griffith apparently took lifesaving classes together and started free boarding and skim boarding on the main beach at Laguna.

**"Who was the city's first lifeguard? How did he get the job?"** The first city lifeguards were George Griffith and "Jimmy" Graeme Smith, and they were appointed by City Council action in 1929. From the information I have seen it appears that the Laguna Beach chapter of the American Red Cross (ARC) organized the selection process and later followed up with the training program of the lifeguards and junior lifeguards, or lifesaving corps as they were called then." <https://www.ocregister.com/2015/10/27/history-of-laguna-beach-lifeguards-in-photos-stories-presented-tonight/>

Sheet 13a: Article from "Old Laguna Lifeguard" Blog titled "Roots Skimboard History." Both Smith and Griffith are mentioned as introducing this to Laguna.

Sheet 13b: Graeme Jimmy Smith in lifeguard swimsuit. Maybe summer of 1928 or 1929.

Sheet 13c: 3 photos of lifeguard stand. (Original photos +2 negs)

Sheets 13d-g: are scans from photos owned by George Griffith. These are print-outs from the photos. Jimmy Smith and George Griffith and friends.

13d. Smith 2<sup>nd</sup> from left; 13e. Smith standing petting dog; George may be sitting right behind;

13f. Smith on left, then George; 13g: Laguna Beach Life Guard Tower: George Griffith identified this as being "Graeme C. Smith and George S. Griffith."

Sheet 13h-i: body surfing. The photo with the pier may be Newport.

13j: Skim Boarding at Laguna. See article. Jimmy and George.

13k -l: Freeboarding off shore. Riding a board while being pulled by a boat or maybe a car.

13m-s: Sunbathing, playing on the beach. Some of these photos may be a beach other than Laguna.

13t: 2 photos of the surf.

Folder 14: Scope: January 1, 1928 to January 24, 1929; one newspaper 9/13/29.

Journal: (14a). Manuscript diary or journal by Graeme C. Smith (Jimmy) of activities for the period 1/1/28 to 1/24/29. The journal includes going through the Panama Canal on a "tramp steamer," the Agwistone. It left from San Pedro Beach and docked in Boston. Graeme and George Griffith signed on; GC as a wiper; George as an ordinary seaman. They then drove home by way of Kansas, having bought a Ford Touring car in Philadelphia. The journal has 96 leaves with script. There are some poems copied out in the back.

Sheet 14b: Certificate of discharge from the Agwistone.

Sheet 14c: 2 photos of Graeme and George on the Agwistone.

Sheet 14d: Photos aboard the Agwistone

Sheet 14e: Newspaper: South Coast News, Laguna Beach. 9/13/29 – last page, reports Graeme "Jimmy" Smith flew to Phoenix..."

Folders 15- Fishing from shore and boat. Lots of pictures of fish: sharks, tuna (probably Yellowtail, Bonita)- dates uncertain (looking at the age of the participants, 1930s) and locations uncertain. Assigned locations are guesses based on my knowledge of Southern California beaches and approaches to Mexico (area between Tijuana and Ensenada).

Folder 15: Scope.

Sheet 15a: Fishing from a sandy beach. Speculation: Crystal Cove

Sheet 15b: Fish in the house; 240 Jasmine. Yellowtail?

Folder 16: Scope. Fishing with friends from a rocky shore and a boat. Location?

Folder 17: Scope. Fishing from a skiff/boat. Shark being gaffed. Location of boat launch? Beach? Probably 1930

Folder 18: Scope. Landscapes. Some of the images are, I think, in Baja California, Mexico (the road between Tijuana and Ensenada). Images of desert, shore, petroglyphs.

Folder 19: Fishing someplace. Looks like they are staying in some sort of fishing camp or motel.

Folder 20: Camping and sightseeing with friends. They are obviously in the desert.

Sheet 20a. clockwise left to right. Skinning a rabbit. Woman shooting. Salt flat (maybe Death Valley), Joshua Tree, Cooking?

Sheet 20b. clockwise. Left to right. Petrified Forest? Rest unknown but certainly in the desert.

Sheet 20c. Camping

Sheet 20d. Blowhole? In Baja California?

Folder 21: Driving, fishing etc. from a broad sandy beach.

Sheet 21a. Clockwise. left to right. Car on beach with people (3 women, 2 men; the man on the left is GC Smith) and I think the car is his. Coronado Hotel, San Diego?

Sheets 21b -c. Fishing from the beach. Some of these pictures show a pier in the background; could be Huntington Beach.

Sheet 21d. Fishing from the beach. Interesting because the bathing suit is modern, not bib as in life guard photos of the late 1920s. So this could be in the late 30s.

Folder 22: 3 sheets of photos of GC Smith and friends, eating drinking, shooting – looks to be in the 1930s. Two pictures of a boat.

Folder 23. Photos and reproductions of Graeme C. Smith (Jimmy) and George Griffith shooting in the Calico Mts.

Folder 24. Scope. Fishing from boats.

Sheet 24a. all photos. Dory built by Tom Broadway c. 1940, powered by 2-cylinder Kermath engine. In the Back Bay, with Pacific Coast Highway, bridge to Newport Bay in background.

Sheet 24b-c. Fishing from a boat with a cabin and a head. 24c top left: Chappie Chapman, right: Jimmy Smith.

Folder 25: 1932. photos of Jimmy Smith driving a tractor in the opuntia and chaparral.

Folder 26: Various dates. Negatives. Only roughly sorted.

Folder 27: Lemon Heights, Tustin. May be Jean from the Diary.

Folder 28: Very miscellaneous group of photos: boats, bay, ocean.

Folder 29. Photos of George Smith Griffith, and many photos of the ship models he and Graeme C. Smith built. They built ship models that they sold during the year 1928. See the 1928 journal for various references to the models. George is shown in a variety of photos in this collection beginning in high school at least. They went through the Panama Canal together.

Also included are plans for a ship from Popular Science Monthly.

Folder 30: Photos of Hoover Dam taken by G.C. Smith I presume. 1936-37?

Folder 31: GC Smith spent 1930-1932 getting a MA from Dartmouth College. This folder contains photos of those years at Dartmouth.

Folder 32: MA Thesis: "A comparative Study of Photoelectric Cells," grades, commencement program, and a copy of The Dartmouth for June 1932.

Folder 33: School records/grades from Pomona College and University of Southern California.

Folder 34: Graduation photo of GC Smith. Same as one in High School Year Book. 1926.

### **Box 1: Folders 35- 41**

#### **Rosemary (Rose Marie) Sinnott Smith (4 July 1918 – 30 June 1997)**

**Scope:** These materials relate to Rosemary Sinnott before she married Graeme C. Smith, as well as material after their marriage in 1940 and after the birth of their daughter, Katharine Elizabeth Smith Donahue.

**Biography:** Rosemary Sinnott Smith was born in Indianapolis, lived in a variety of places with her mother, sister and brother (See Biography). In 1929 after her mother Belle Roberts Sinnott was deserted by her husband, Myles Hilt Sinnott, she moved with her children, Florence Anne (born 6 July 1916), Rosemary (born 1918) and Myles Hilt (Bud) (born 7 November 1920), to Newport Beach. This photographic archive starts on the Rosemary Sinnott side in Newport Beach in ca. 1929. I assume she went to Newport Elementary School and on to Newport Harbor Union High School where she graduated in 1935.

4 July 1918: Indianapolis, Marion Co., Indiana. Born at St. Vincent's Hospital, 3:14 p.m.

1920: San Diego, San Diego, California, USA

1923: 1917 East 5th St., Long Beach, California, USA

1929: Father, Myles deserted/abandoned his family in 1929; wife Belle and all three children moved from Twin Falls, Idaho, to Newport Beach, California.

3 April 1929/1930 -39: 220 36th Street, Newport Beach, Orange Co., California

25 Feb 1940: Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co., California: Marriage ceremony performed by Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Goodwin J. Knight, who was later elected 31<sup>st</sup> Governor of California (1953-1959). Knight is Rosemary's 1C1R (common ancestors: Judge John Milner & Elizabeth Yardley). Spouse Graeme Clifford "Jim" Smith.

Folder 35. Scope. In 1929 Belle Roberts Sinnott moved to Newport Beach after being abandoned by her husband, Myles Hilt Sinnott. I presume she lived at 220 36<sup>th</sup> St., which is very close to the beach and ocean.

Sheet 35a: Starting top left, clockwise: Rosemary probably near 220 36<sup>th</sup> St.; next 3 photos: Top: 3 kids in the middle are: Rosemary (about 11), Bud (about 9) and Florence Anne (about 13); middle photo: Belle 2<sup>nd</sup> from left back row, bud looking away in front, Florence Anne (cap with stripe across crown), Rosemary in front. Bottom same kids (seem to be changing caps). Bottom left. Rosemary and Florence Ann in sailor suits.

Note the name of the Bakery on the building behind the kids, Pennant Bakery.

(Pic: <https://www.ocregister.com/2014/11/12/throwback-thursday-markers-and-memories-of-newport-boulevard/> Pennant Bakery 1925)

Sheet 35b: Clockwise from left: Belle and Rosemary, Newport Beach Elementary School Class, kids on rocks (Little Corona? Laguna?), Mary Freeman's Birthday Party (Rosemary 2<sup>nd</sup> row, 2<sup>nd</sup> from right), Rosemary in sailor suit.

Sheet 35c: Left to right: Postcard photo of Myles Hilt Sinnott (center) sent to his father in Long Beach, CA.; Rosemary Sinnott as a baby; Postcard photo of (l to r) Florence Anne and Rosemary in San Diego, 1922.

Sheet 35d: right to left: Belle Roberts Sinnott on rocks in San Diego?, Rosemary Sinnott in Newport, Myles Sinnott in San Diego?

Sheet 35e: Formal photographic portrait of Belle Roberts Sinnott and children: (standing l to r) Rosemary, Florence Anne. Myles "Bud" Sinnott. ca. 1922.

Folder 36. Scrapbook: 1920 – 1929 San Diego to Idaho. The Sinnott's: Belle, Florence Anne, Rosemary, and Myles (Bud) Sinnott. Also Father Myles Hilt Sinnott. Hunting photos, probably Idaho for game birds.

Folder 37. Newport Harbor Union High School (Rosemary Class of 1936)

Sheet 37a: Newport Harbor Union High School. Baseball team. 1935. Rosemary 2<sup>nd</sup> right, 1<sup>st</sup> row.

Folder 38. Galleon. Yearbook of Newport Harbor High School. Rosemary's, Senior Year book 1936.

Folder 39. Diploma of Graduation. Newport Harbor Union High School. 1936.

Folder 40. 50<sup>th</sup> High School Reunion, 1994.

Folder 41. 1939-40

Sheet 41a. Rosemary Sinnott on one of the piers in Newport. Ca. 1939. Bottom right, with Florence Anne standing.

Sheet 41b. Rosemary and Graeme. Rosemary.

Sheet 41c. Record Marlin caught by Graeme C. Smith off Newport. Weighing in at 272 lbs. at the Balboa Angling Club, Balboa. Date: 8-25-40

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### **Box 1: Folders 42- 55**

#### **Rosemary Sinnott Smith & Graeme Clifford Smith**

She married Graeme Clifford Smith on 25 February 1940 in Los Angeles, California. They had one child, Katharine Elizabeth Smith Donahue, born 15 April 1943.

After marrying, they lived in a variety of places, depending on where GC (Jimmy) was assigned as a bridge engineer. 9/39-1/41: hydrographer, mapping and drafting, Orange Co. Flood Control, Santa Ana, CA.

#### Addresses:

February 25, 1940 Rosemary Sinnott and Graeme Clifford Smith (Jim, Jimmy) marry.

1/23/41: 408 East Myrtle St., Santa Ana

7/23/41: 140 East Whittier Blvd., Pico, CA

ca. 1943: El Centro, Imperial Co., CA

7/11/46: 1405 Maple St., Santa Ana

ca. 1947: 118 East Balboa Blvd., Balboa

8/1/48-11/4/49: Russian River at Jimtown, Sonoma Co., California

11/49-1955: 501 35th St., Newport Beach, CA

(12/1/58: 300 Holmwood Drive, Newport Beach, CA)

to 1968: Newport Beach

Folder 42. This folder and its sheets are coordinated, where appropriate, with the photo album with the wooden covers. From 1940 to 1948, Rosemary, Jim, and after April of 1943, baby Kathy, moved around the state of California for Jim's job as a bridge engineer for the State of California. California was building its highway and freeway system and those include bridges and overpasses. The addresses represent where they were over the years.

The scrapbook contains photos that aren't represented in the sheets of this folder.

Sheet 42a. Postcard from Badger Pass, Yosemite where Rosemary and Jimmy Smith honeymooned. See Album Pages 1-2 for photos of this trip.

Sheet 42b. Negatives of Rosemary and Jim with baby Kathy (1943) at 220 36th Street, Newport Beach, Orange Co., California, USA

Sheet 42c. Baby pictures with Rosemary Sinnott Smith and Belle Roberts Sinnott, Rosemary's mother; described as Sept. 25, 1943 Oceanside. Both pictures are postcards. Postcard of downtown El Centro. Sometime in 1943 or early 1944, they all lived in a trailer in El Centro, Ca.

Sheet 42d. House at 118 Balboa Blvd, Balboa, Newport Beach. Kathy and her aunt, Florence Anne Sinnott, Rosemary's sister.

Sheet 42e. Negatives of trailer, where they lived in Oceanside, CA. Approx. 3 months after 4-15-43. See open 18 in photo Album.

Sheet 42f. clockwise left to right. Belle Sinnott and Rosemary Smith in Balboa or Newport. Rosemary and Jim Sept. 23, 1944. Rosemary, 2 toddlers (Kendy ? and Kathy – both about 21 months. January 14, 1945.

Sheet 42g. Thanksgiving somewhere in Southern California. 9/22/45

See also Photo Album pages/openings 21-24.

Folder 43. Photos covering a variety of places the Smiths lived, as well as some travel to Baja California, and the Grand Canyon.

Sheet 43a. House in Santa Ana, 1405 Maple St. 7/11/46

Sheet 43b. Camping trip to Boca de la Playa (Ensenada, Baja California). August 1946. Clockwise left to right: Bud Sinnott, Rosemary Smith with 2 large lobster, Jimmy Smith. Bud Sinnott, Don Wilde, Johnny Keefer (Florence Anne's Husband), Florence Anne Sinnott Keefer, Jimmy, Rosemary.

Sheet 43c. Wedding day of Bud Sinnott and Beverly Anne Rogers, 24 January 1947 (they were married in the Aviator's Chapel, Mission Inn, Riverside, California). Clockwise left to right. Rosemary on the front porch of 118 Balboa Blvd, Balboa (Belle's home?), wedding dinner probably same place?

Sheets 43d and 43e. Family pictures at 118 Balboa Blvd., Balboa.

Sheet 43f. February 1947. 29 Palms, Laguna, San Diego.

Sheet 43g. Tijuana, Café Serena, 4<sup>th</sup> St. Tijuana. April 21, 1947. Left to right. Maude Roberts, Lucille Bloomenthal, Belle Roberts Sinnott; Rosemary Smith on the donkey.

Sheet 43h. Mule ride to the bottom of the Grand Canyon. Photo by Kolb Bros. Sept. 17, 1947. Rosemary 3<sup>rd</sup>. mule from bottom of photo; Jim 8<sup>th</sup> mule, 2<sup>nd</sup> from the last.

Sheet 43i. Hotel Miramar in Guaymas, Mexico. Postcard from Jimmie to [Rosemary Smith]. Nd. Probably a fishing trip.

Folder 44. 8/1/48 to 11/4/49 Lived in a trailer on the Russian River (Healdsburg, Sonoma Co., California). Rosemary spent a great deal of time fishing, trying to catch a steelhead trout.

Sheet 44a – 44d. Scenes on the Russian River. Kathy learned to swim here. Most photos of Rosemary, Jim, Kathy. 44a and 44b, other person "Chappie" Chapman, childhood school friend of Jim's.

Sheet 44e. Alexander Valley. Hop Yards.

Folder 45. 11/49 to 1955. 501 35<sup>th</sup> St. Newport Beach, CA. Katharine (Kathy) Elizabeth Smith in first grade at Newport Beach Elementary School.

Sheet 45a. Christmas card made in class with picture of class. Kathy 4<sup>th</sup> from left in front row.

Sheet 45b. Brownies. Photo and announcement in paper. 1950. 7 yrs. old. Far left back row. Rosemary was leader.

Folder 46. December 1954. Smith family in front of their house at 501 35<sup>th</sup> St.

Sheet 46a. Jim and Kathy; Rosemary with car.

Folder 47. Sport Fishing out of Newport Harbor. Rosemary did a lot of fishing from charter boats. (Note: Other and more images of fishing are in the slide collection.)

Sheet 47a. Albacore caught off Newport in the Catalina Channel. Rosemary 3<sup>rd</sup> from the right front row. She has our cat, Termite (Cactus Feet) under her jacket.

Sheet 47b. Newspaper article about albacore catch from charter boat "Clarwalt." Apparently it was a tournament between the Newport Harbor Lady Anglers and the Oceanside Anglers.

Sheet 47c. Charter Boat, the Red Rooster, with tail fins on the stern.

Folder 48. Rosemary Smith was a bowler and bowled in a league. I am supposing that she bowled at the Kona Lanes in Costa Mesa since it was (I think) the only bowling alley around.

Sheet 48a. Winners of a bowling league. Rosemary bottom left. In order as identified on the back Eudora Leathers. Ruby Miszko, Mike? Margaret Mathews, Me, Ann ? Photo by Ollerman.

Folder 49. 1949 & 1950 Fishing in Guaymas, Mexico. Probably stayed at the Miramar Hotel. Note: More photos of these trips in the slide collection: Fish & Ships.

Sheet 49a. 1949 fishing in Guaymas. Bass & grouper. Rose (Rosemary & Jim) 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> from left; Jennie Loving and her? husband.

Sheet 49b. 1950. Rosemary (now as a blonde) with her 100 lb. marlin, and Kathy.

Folder 50. International Sport Fishing Tournament. Mazatlán, Mexico.

Sheet 50a. 4 photos of Jim Smith with his sailfin

Sheet 50b. Tournament receipt.

Folder 51. The *Wildrose*. The boat Jim & Rose bought in July 1951. Sold the boat a year later in 1952. There are more pictures/photos in the slides. The *Wildrose* was docked near our house at 501 35<sup>th</sup> St. in one of the arms of the bay beyond the Newport bridge.

Sheet 51a. Photos of the *Wildrose*.

Log book of the *Wildrose*. This log book also includes narrative of their trips in the Ramblin Rose, a trailer they bought.

Folder 52. Log of the *Searose*. After selling the *Wildrose*, Rose & Jim bought a Monterey fishing boat, with a fantail, wheelhouse with a deck all around. It had bunks forward, and the fish hold was converted to a sleeping area in the stern. It was slow but comfortable. They bought it in August of 1952 and still owned it in 1956. Unsure when they sold it. Note there are more photos in the slides; of the boat at Catalina etc.

Sheets 52a-c. Photos of the *Searose* in Newport Harbor. 16a note the Newport Canning Co. in the background.

Log book of the *Searose*

Folder 53: Book: McMillan, Hugh R. Beach Rat Days. Newport Beach; Newport Harbor Ensign, 1973.

Folder 54: Photo of house at 300 Holmwood Dr., Newport Heights. Bought in 1958 and sold in 1968 to the State of California. Supposedly, the State was planning to extend the 405 Freeway to Pacific Coast Highway and the Holmwood house would be in the path of an offramp. This never transpired and eventually the State sold the house.

Folder 55. Photographs of daughter, Katharine Elizabeth Smith, from 1943 to 1954.

Sheet 55a: negatives of Kathy Smith in bassinet.

Sheet 55b: photo postcards of K. Smith as infant. 1943

Sheets 55c-e: K. Smith, 1.5 years or so, San Diego, living in a trailer. 1944-45 or so.

Sheet 55f: K. Smith 1945-46. Santa Ana, CA.

Sheet 55g: K. Smith – 1948, supposition: Imperial County, El Centro.

Sheet 55h: photo postcard: 1947 Tijuana, Baja California.

Sheet 55i: K. Smith & father, GC Smith, 1954, Newport Beach: 501 36<sup>th</sup> St.

Photo portfolio, 1948. Healdsburg, Russian River. Kindergarten pictures: 2 photo portraits done by School Photo Service Inc. – one smaller than the other.

Photo portfolio, circa 1950-51. Kathy Smith. Done by Wynn's Studio, Hollywood.

Folder 56: Yearbooks of Katharine Elizabeth Smith Donahue (Kathy Smith)

1949 Blue'n'Gold, 1949: Healdsburg Union Elementary School, Healdsburg, California. Kathy Smith in kindergarten in 1949. She is not however included in kindergarten picture. No idea why.

Folder 57: 1 folder with 7 photographs of Myles Hilt Sinnott (5 December 1889 – 4 October 1963), father of Rosemary Sinnott Smith; married to Belle Roberts (6 January 1889 – 25 September 1960); when he abandoned the family in 1929 Belle and all three children (Florence Anne, Rosemary, Myles) moved from Twin Falls, Idaho, to Newport Beach, California. [This folder should be slotted into the inventory under Rosemary Smith, Box 2.]

## **Box 2: Yearbooks and scrapbooks**

Folder 1: The Audion. 1923. [Yearbook. Tustin High School]. Graeme Smith was a freshman. See the advertisement at the end for Coast Garages, Inc, Laguna Beach and the Laguna Beach Lumber Company, J.R. Jahraus. The former may have been my grandfather's garage and my father's father, Henry Y. Smith was married to Pauline Jahraus, daughter of J. R. Jahraus. Pauline was my step-grandmother.

The Audion. 1924. G.C. Smith, Sophomore

The Audion. 1925. Tustin Union High School. G. C. Smith, Junior.

The Audion. 1926. Tustin Union High School. G. C. Smith, Senior.

Folder 2: The Audion. 1927. Tustin Union High School. Robert "Chappie" Chapman, George Griffith (son of William A. Griffith, plein air painter). The Agol, Santa Ana Junior College. Yearbook. Vol. VII, 1926-27. [G.C. Smith, not mentioned, should have been a Freshman.] The Agol, Santa Ana Junior College. Yearbook. Vol. VIII, 1927-28. Graeme C. Smith, Sophomore.

Folder 3: The Metate. 1929. Yearbook. Pomona College, Claremont, CA.

Folder 4: The Metate. 1930. Yearbook. Pomona College, Claremont, CA

G.C Smith attended for his last two years; Junior and Senior and graduated with a B.S.

Folder 5: 1 Scrapbook containing information about G.C. Smith, put together after his death. Includes obituaries, various documents, and photos of the scattering of his ashes out of Newport Beach on the Jama Jann. Shows pictures of the plank. The Jama Jann was a fishing boat out of Newport Harbor. It was fitted with a plank for harpooning Broadbill or swordfish. "The swordfish is named after its pointed, flat bill, which resembles a [sword](#). The species name, *Xiphias gladius*, derives from [Greek ξιφίας](#) (*xiphias*, "swordfish"), itself from [ξίφος](#) (*xiphos*, "sword") and from [Latin gladius](#) ("sword"). This makes it superficially similar to other [billfish](#) such as [marlin](#), but upon examination, their physiology is quite different and they are members of different families. (Source: Wikipedia)

Folder 6: Photo Album: Album of family photos dating from 1940 to 1944. It begins with Rosemary & GC on their honeymoon in Yosemite, skiing at Badger Pass.

It also covers:

The Tunante (boat) and images of Catalina, White's Cove and Isthmus

The Album has some identifications as to date and place. The photo sheets are coordinated with album. See the numbered slips identifying the opening/page.

Folder 7: 1 Scrapbook. Ca. 1946-47. This scrapbook focuses on Pauline and Henry Y. Smith (probably created by Pauline Jahraus Smith) and their travels.

Page 1 and 2 are photos of HY and Pauline in various locations with friends. They seem to have a travel trailer located in Laguna Beach? Note that some of the photos are identified on the back, but I don't recognize the other people in the photos, and many do not have last names.

Scrapbook sheet: 1a: top: Joshua Tree? Bottom: H.Y. and Pauline in Joshua Tree with their touring car  
Scrapbook sheet 1b: left to right, top and bottom; travel trailer, labeled "Laguna 1/12/47;" Visitors to the trailer (labeled on the back); bottom: left and right: picnic in Joshua Tree? Left to right: HY Smith, ? Kathy Smith, ?, standing and leaning against the rock: Belle Roberts Sinnott. Bottom right: HY Smith, Rosemary Smith, Kathy Smith, ?, Belle Sinnott.

The other pages of the scrapbook contain postcards from all the places H.Y. and Pauline traveled. Many pages have mounted postcards, the last pages have loose cards.

Folder 8: Galleon, 1958. Newport Harbor Union High School Yearbook: belonging to Katharine E. Smith Donahue, freshman.

Folder 9: Galleon, 1960.

Folder 10: Galleon, 1961.

Folder 11: 1962 Orange Coast College Log. Kathy Smith a freshman at OCC.

Crest, Orange Coast College Creative Arts Magazine. Spring 1963. (\*\*JMB CAN'T FIND\*\*)

### **Box 3**

#### **Slide Collection**

Folder 1-3: Fish & Ships. Selected slides were removed from Slide Box 1 and Slide Box 2 to make up a slide show carousel. Along with slide boxes #4, #5, the set were called *Fish & Ships*.

Folder 4-6: Slides from 1947 to 1950.

Folder 7-8: Slides from 1951 to 1963. Plus some dates from late 1960s.

### **Box 4**

Scrapbook (cover removed because red rot was staining pages within). Previously covered in limp leather and frayed at the edges; tied with string or thin cord. It was created by G.C. Smith documenting the travels of the Smith Family in California and beyond. It covers:

Undated Photograph of a band. GC Smith, last row, left. I surmise this is a marching band for Laguna Beach Elementary School, which went through the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Given the ages of the students, I think it is around 1921/22.

Big Bear, 1922.

Imperial Valley, 1922

Painted Canon

Scout Camp, Ro-ki-li, 1922

Yosemite, 1922

Scout Camp, Ro-ki-li, 1923

Vancouver Trip, 1923.

“Wrecks at Hondo Point. Honda Point Disaster, Pacific Coast, Santa Barbara County, California. It was on the eve of September 8, 1923, when a group of Navy destroyers — none of them more than five years old — were conducting an exercise in the Pacific. The ships were all Clemson-class destroyers, which were at the time considered cutting edge technology.” <https://www.thevintagenews.com/2018/08/16/honda-point/>

Silver Lake Trip 1924

Yosemite Trip, 1924

Saddleback, 1924

Mexico and Quimaca, 1925

Grand Cañon Trip, 1925

Football, 1925

Senior Class Hike to Mt. Wilson, 1926

130 Pound Football Team, 1925

Scenes from Laguna Cañon

Various loose photos.

**Box 5 Portraits: Oversized:**

Ovs. Folder 1 Contrived portrait of 6 young men (interestingly without shirts) in front of a blown-up ship model – probably one made by GC Smith and George Griffith. The portrait is by Wm. Mortensen, a well-known photographer in Laguna. “Summer 1931” is hand written in the upper left corner by GC Smith. I can only identify 3 people for sure. Left to right: 2<sup>nd</sup> from the left, Robert “Chappie” Chapman, 3<sup>rd</sup>. George S. Griffith, GC Smith (Jimmie). See the LA Times clipping about Mortensen.

Ovs. Folder 2. Two Photographic portraits of Graeme C. Smith by Robert Turner, 1933.

Ovs. Folder 3. Three formal photographs in gray folders, by Austin. One a graduation photo, probably from Pomona College, 1932; two of Graeme C. in a suit, 1932-33 (one folder 8.5” x 11.5”; other 6” x 8.5”).

Ovs. Folder 4. Diplomas: Graduation of Graeme C. Smith: Elementary School of Laguna Beach, 1922; Pomona College, 1930; Dartmouth College MS 1932.

Ovs. Folder 5. Pencil sketch of Graeme C. Smith by Stoecker, a friend of GC Smith, 1945

Ovs. Folder 6. Pencil sketch of Rosemary Smith by Stoecker, a friend of GC Smith, 1945

Ovs. Folder 7. Photographic portrait of George Smith Griffith, son of William A. Griffith, well-known plein air painter of Laguna Beach. Portrait is by Topse Anderson, Venice.

Two etchings: one etching of sail boats signed by George S. Griffith: “To Jimmie;” the other is an etching of a Monterey fishing boat in the harbor, artist unknown. I, Kathy Donahue, think it was done by G. C. Smith trying his hand at etching.

Ovs. Folder 8. Unsigned watercolor of a Red Cross tent. My grandparents (Henry Y. Smith and his first wife, Gertrude Macpherson Smith (mother of G. C. Smith) owned a number of works by plein air painters; HY Smith and his second wife, Pauline Jahraus Smith similarly owned a number of works, minor and major, of plein air painters. Most were signed, some however were not. I have no idea who did this watercolor, but I think it was done in Laguna.



Additional information on the family histories and genealogy of Graeme C. Smith and Rosemary Sinnott Smith has been posted by my husband, Julian P. Donahue, in "The Donahue-Purtee Family Tree" on Ancestry.com. A family tree for the Jahraus family is hosted on Ancestry.com by Linda Jahraus.

**Note about related collections:** Graeme C. Smith worked for the Bridge Department of the California Department of Transportation (CalTrans). Smith took photos of many of the bridge jobs he worked on as the California Freeway system was built out in Southern California. Those photos have been deposited in the California State Archives.

Graeme C. Smith was born in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, Canada. His father Henry Y. Smith emigrated from England to Ontario, Canada and eventually settled in Moose Jaw where he married Gertrude Macpherson on 3 June 1908. Graeme Clifford was their son. Photos relating to the years in Moose Jaw will be deposited at Moose Jaw Public Library, a branch of the Canadian Archives.