

Classic car owners discover Sutherland connection



Historylinks curator Lynne Mahoney with Tom Clark next to the Humber Hawk.

A NOTTINGHAM couple paid a visit to Sutherland after learning that their rare classic car had previously been owned by Andrew Carnegie's daughter, Margaret Carnegie Miller.

Tom and Sue Clark bought the 1957 Mark 6A Humber Hawk estate in 2006 after spotting it on eBay. They are so fond of the 2267cc, four-cylinder vehicle that they have even given it a name - Harriet.

The Clarks were keen to find out about the Humber's history so scrutinised the various documents that came with it.

And they were thrilled to discover from the log book that it was once registered to Margaret Carnegie Miller - her signature was in the book - and had been kept at Skibo Castle.

Mrs Miller was philanthropist Andrew Carnegie's only child. She was born in 1887 in New York and died in 1990.

The discovery of her signature was enough to make the Clarks decide to head north in a bid to find

out more about Margaret Miller and the car.

En route the couple stopped off at the Moffat Classic Car Show where Harriet won the Best Humber in Show title.

In Dornoch earlier this month, the Clarks headed straight to local museum, Historylinks, where they met curator Lynne Mahoney and were shown a display with information and photographs about Skibo Castle and the Carnegie family.

Their next step was to contact Skibo Castle. They spoke to membership administrator Katy Renwick who promptly invited them to call in for tea and shortbread.

The Clarks were so delighted with their trip they are already planning to visit east Sutherland again.

Museum curator Ms Mahoney is now asking anyone who might have information or memories about the car to contact her at Historylinks.