

# Laurenda Daniells fonds

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# Fonds Description

**Laurenda Daniells fonds.** – 1934-2004.

1.72 m of textual records.

45 photographs.

## Biographical Sketch

Laurenda Daniells, the first Archivist of the University of British Columbia, was born in Winnipeg in 1923. She graduated from the University of Manitoba with a degree in social work in 1945. Her first job was with the protection division of the Children's Aid Society of Winnipeg.

In May 1948, she married Roy Daniells, who was at the time appointed as the head of the English Department at the University of British Columbia, and moved with him to Vancouver. They purchased an empty lot on Allison Road in the University Hill neighborhood, where they built one of the first homes in the progressive "West Coast Modern" style. They had two daughters, Susan and Sara, and the family traveled extensively to Europe and Africa. In 1959-1960, during Roy's sabbatical supported by a Canada Council grant, she and the family spent a year in Europe. Laurenda also served three terms as a school board trustee, and did a considerable amount of volunteer work.

In 1969, Laurenda entered the one-year Library Science degree programme at UBC. Upon graduation, she continued with a six-week archival management course at the Public Archives of Canada. In 1970, she was appointed the first University Archivist at UBC Library's Special Collections Division. In this position, Laurenda worked to bring some order to the institution's historical records, and eventually had established the University Archives on firm foundations.

During her time at UBC, Laurenda also served for several years on the Faculty Association executive, and on the University Senate. She also served a one-year term as president of the Confederation of University Faculty Associations of B.C.

In 1988, Laurenda retired with the honorary title "University Archivist Emerita". Afterwards, she continued her volunteer work, in particular, with the University Hill United Church. She enjoyed writing, and in her eighties began recording her life stories with the Brock Hall Life Writers Group. In 2016, these stories were collected in her published memoir, *Royal Blood*. Laurenda passed away on Wednesday evening, 4 January 2017.

## Scope and Content

The fonds consists of records made and received by Laurenda Daniells in her professional and personal life. The fonds documents her involvement and participation in conferences, and various professional archival associations, such as ACA, SAA, ARMA, etc.; and Vancouver Historical Society. Also included are records of Laurenda's time with the UBC's Faculty Association, and her research on university archives policy, and copyright. The rest of the fonds contains incoming and outgoing correspondence to family, friends, and colleagues from other organizations. Textual records are composed of memorandums, meeting agendas and minutes, reports, programmes, proposals, notes, drafts, papers, proposals, surveys, newspapers, a speech by Daniells, correspondence, and photographs. The records also include notes and essays from Laurenda's time at the University of Manitoba where she studied for her degree in social work and University of British Columbia where she studied Librarianship. These records document her time as an emerging professional and throughout her successful career.

Fonds is arranged in the following series: Committees and Conferences series; Faculty Association series; Archives Policy and ACA Survey series; Copyright in Institutions series; Vancouver Historical Society series; Personal Materials series; and Photographs Series.

## Notes

Sources of information for the description in the finding aid include not only the records contained in the fonds themselves, but also the article by Erwin Wodarczak entitled [Laurenda Daniells, University Archivist Emerita \(1923-2017\)](#).

File list available.

Other related materials can be found in the [Roy Daniells](#) fonds, [Academic Women's Association](#) fonds, [University of British Columbia Librarians and Archivists Association](#) fonds, and [ARMA Vancouver Chapter](#) fonds.

The accrual in 2024 did not have an obvious arrangement but was placed in series and files by the archivist. The accrual in 2024 is in boxes 7, 8 and 9.

## Series Descriptions

### **Committees and Conferences Series.** – 1967-2004.

56.5 cm of textual records.

The series consists of records documenting Laurenda Daniells' participations in various conferences relating to archival and records management. Besides being a delegate, Laurenda was also a Board member, or committee member of many professional associations, such as ABCA, ACA, Northwest Archivists Group, B.C. Archivists Group, ARMA, Canadian Historical Association, UBCLA, etc. Materials include meeting agenda, memorandum, correspondences, notes, reports, proposals, conference programs and proceedings, newspapers, and newsletters with annotations. AABC, ABCA, and BCAC materials include minutes and programs as well as previous constitutions, a speech by Daniels, and conferences correspondence. Files were re-arranged alphabetically by the associations' names, and then chronologically.

Many records in the original accession were removed as the materials can also be found in the [Academic Women's Association](#) fonds, the [A.R.M.A. Vancouver Chapter](#) fonds, the [Confederation of University Faculty Associations of British Columbia](#) fonds, and the [University of British Columbia Librarians and Archivists Association](#) fonds.

Boxes: 1-2, 6

### **Faculty Association Series.** – 1979-1986.

7 cm of textual records.

The series consists of records documenting Laurenda Daniells' role as a member of the UBC's Faculty Association Executive. Materials include papers, drafts, notes and correspondence.

The bulk of the series has been removed as materials can also be found in the Faculty Association fonds, including minutes, agenda, memos, reports, correspondence, and newspapers.

Box: 3

### **Archives Policy and ACA Survey Series.** – 1956-1987.

13 cm of textual records.

The series consists of records documenting Laurenda Daniells' role as the University Archivist, in particular, her work on the University Archives policies. Materials include manuals, drafts, notes, memorandum, reports, and surveys.

Box: 3

**Copyright in Institutions Series.** – 1971-1986.

13 cm of textual records.

The series consists of records documenting Laurenda Daniells' activities as the member of Copyright Committee for both the Association of Canadian Archivists and the Archives Section of Canadian Historical Association. Materials include drafts, papers, notes, articles, reports, correspondence, memorandum, newspapers, and surveys.

Box: 3

**Vancouver Historical Society Series.** – 1980-1986.

13 cm of textual records.

The series consists of records documenting Laurenda Daniells' activities as the Principal Co-investigator of the Vancouver Centennial Bibliography Project by the Vancouver Historical Society. Materials include correspondence, applications, proposals, notes, reports, financial reports, budgets, meeting agenda and minutes.

Box: 4

**Personal Materials Series.** – 1934-1989.

69 cm of textual records.

The series consists of records documenting Laurenda Daniells' personal life, mainly through correspondences with her family and friends. The records also feature Laurenda's time as a student at the University of Manitoba where she studied social work and her time at the University of British Columbia where she studied Librarianship and later documents her time as the university archivist at UBC. Laurenda also kept newspaper clippings featuring family members such as her father, her husband and her daughters. Major life milestones are also shown throughout these records including her marriage to her husband Roy Daniells, and the births of her daughters. The series also includes published materials by her husband Roy Daniells.

Box: 5, 7, 8 and 9.

**Photographs Series.** – 1938-1987.

56 photographs.

The series consists of photographs materials of Laurenda and Roy Daniells' families.

Photographs have been assigned the number 50.1/.

# File List

## BOX 1

### COMMITTEES AND CONFERENCES SERIES

- 1-1 Association of British Columbia Archivists [ABCA] 1973-1983.
- 1-2 ABCA-AGM 1982.
- 1-3 ABCA agenda, correspondence, reports, etc. 1982.
- 1-4 ABCA 1984-1986.
- 1-5 [ACA memos, meeting minutes, correspondence] 1975-1985.
- 1-6 ACA 1976-1985.  
- includes newspapers
- 1-7 ABCA/ACA 1977-1983.
- 1-8 [ACA - University of Saskatchewan] 1979.
- 1-9 [Discussion paper draft - ACA 1981 1981-1982.
- 1-10 [ACA conference, Ottawa, Ontario 30 May-3 June] 1982.
- 1-11 ACA Education Committee 1982 1967-1983.
- 1-12 ACA Conference planning 1982.
- 1-13 ACA - 1983 Conference 1982-1983.
- 1-14 [ACA-Vancouver] 1983.
- 1-15 ACA Conference 1984-1985.
- 1-16 ACA 1985-1988.
- 1-17 [ACA '87 - McMaster University] 1987.
- 1-18 Academic Women's Association 1977-1979.
- 1-19 Archives Section - Canadian Historical Association 1972-1975.
- 1-20 ARMA 1985-1988.
- 1-21 British Columbia Museum Association 1978, 1979, 1982.
- 1-22 College archives Committee 1981-1982.
- 1-23 CUFA-BC Treasures - Credit union statements + Term deposit statements  
1981-1982.
- 1-24 [The MidWestern Archivist and newsletter] 1977.

## BOX 2

- 2-1 Northwest Archivists Group, B.C. Archivists Group 1972-1987.
- 2-2 [34th Annual Pacific Northwest History conference] 1981.
- 2-3 [Proceedings of the Joint Meeting of the Association of British Columbia  
Archivists and the Northwest Archivists, Victoria, B.C. April 23-25, 1981.
- 2-4 SLAIS 1986.

- 2-5 Society of American Archivists 1973-1985.
- 2-6 Symposium on Archival Education, School of Library and Information Science University of Western Ontario July 07, 1979.
- 2-7 University of British Columbia Librarians' Association 1977-1979.
- 2-8 University of British Columbia Librarians' Association 1979-1983.

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### BOX 3

#### FACULTY ASSOCIATION SERIES

- 3-1 Faculty Association and Pension Committee (background papers) 1979-1983.
- 3-2 Faculty Association and Pension Committee (background papers) 1980-1983.
- 3-3 Faculty Association reports (2) 1979, [n.d.].
- 3-4 [Faculty Association - Memos, general correspondence] 1983-1984.
- 3-5 [Faculty Association - Collective bargaining, salary and retirement issues] 1984-1985.
- 3-6 [Faculty Association - Collective bargaining, salary and retirement issues] 1983-1986.

#### ARCHIVES POLICY AND ACA SURVEY SERIES

- 3-7 [Manual for accessioning, arrangement and inscription of manuscripts and archives] 1979.
- 3-8 Policy collation work 1981, 1983.
- 3-9 Collation of University policies work-in-progress 1980-1987.
- 3-10 UBC Archives policies of other universities 1956-1986.
- 3-11 UBC Archives policies of other universities 1956-1985.
- 3-12 UBC Archives policies of other universities 1956-1984.
- 3-13 ACA - University Archives Section - Survey 1986, 1987.
- 3-14 [Canadian University Archives survey 1985] 1985.
- 3-15 [Canadian University Archives survey 1980 - assorted materials from binder] 1975-1987.

#### COPYRIGHT IN INSTITUTIONS SERIES

- 3-16 Copyright xeroxes of articles 1974.



- 3-17 Copyright - my paper 1977-1981.includes newspapers
- 3-18 CHA Archives section, copyright committee report - 1972 survey data 1972.
- 3-19 [Purchasing and copyright practices at Canadian University libraries by B. Stuart-Stubbs] 1971.
- 3-20 Copyright bibliography 1974-1976?.
- 3-21 Copyright annual reports - reports, correspondence, documents etc. 1972-1981.
- 3-22 [Report to UBC Library copyright committee and miscellany] 1984.  
- includes newspapers
- 3-23 Copyright correspondence - internal 1971-1978.
- 3-24 [Miscellaneous copyright material - reports, articles, correspondence, etc.] 1984-1985.
- 3-25 [From Gutenberg to Telidon: a white paper on copyright] 1984.

#### BOX 4

##### VANCOUVER HISTORICAL SOCIETY SERIES

- 4-1 V.H.S committee or Vancouver bibliography 1980-1983.
- 4-2 V.H.S. odds and ends 1982-1986.
- 4-3 Vancouver bibliography 1984-1986.
- 4-4 Appendices and dupe 1982-1984.
- 4-5 VCBP new application - Documents 1984.
- 4-6 VHS minutes and publicity 1982-1984.
- 4-7 Vancouver Historical Society - Application for interim funds 1983.
- 4-8 VHS Vancouver Centennial Bibliography application 1984.
- 4-9 VHS grant application form 1982-1983.
- 4-10 Vancouver bibliography Heritage Trust 1985.
- 4-11 [Heritage Trust student employment application form] 1984.
- 4-12 [VHS - loose papers from black binder] 1983-1985.
- 4-13 [VHS - Vancouver Centennial Bibliography project, minutes, proposal, application] 1980-1983.

#### BOX 5

##### PERSONAL MATERIALS SERIES

- 5-1 [Letter from Roy Daniells to Charles Fancis (Laurenda's father)] 1945.
- 5-2 [Correspondence from Roy Daniells] 1951, 1953.

- 5-3 [Correspondence from Roy Daniells] [n.d.].
- 5-4 Roy and Laurenda - C.P. Pension Corres etc. 1969-1982.
- 5-5 [Correspondence - Susan Daniells (Laurenda's daughter)] 1960.
- 5-6 [Correspondence - Susan and Sara Daniells (Laurenda's daughters)] 1964-1982.
- 5-7 [Susan Daniells' belongings] 1949, [n.d.].includes a small diary
- 5-8 [Correspondence - Mary Fancis [(Laurenda's mother)] 1955-1960.
- 5-9 [Correspondence - Mary Fancis [(Laurenda's mother)] 1972-1983.
- 5-10 [Correspondence - Mary Fancis [(Laurenda's mother)] [n.d.].
- 5-11 [Correspondence - Charles Fancis [(Laurenda's father)] 1954-1957.
- 5-12 [Correspondence - Ross Fancis (Laurenda's brother)] 1956-1988.
- 5-13 [Correspondence - Don Fancis (Laurenda's brother)] 1976-1979.
- 5-14 [Correspondence - Relatives] 1953-1989.
- 5-15 [Letters to Doris and Margaret] 1958-1960.
- 5-16 [Correspondence - Personal] 1951-1978.
- 5-17 [Correspondence - Personal] 1979.
- 5-18 [Correspondence - Personal] 1980-1981.
- 5-19 [Correspondence - Personal] 1982.
- 5-20 [Correspondence - Personal] 1983-1984.
- 5-21 [Correspondence - Personal] 1985.
- 5-22 [Correspondence - Personal] 1986.
- 5-23 [Correspondence - Personal] 1987.
- 5-24 [Correspondence - Personal] 1988.
- 5-25 [Correspondence - Personal] 1989.
- 5-26 [Correspondence - Personal] [n.d.].
- 5-27 [Correspondence - Professional] 1971-1989.
- 5-28 [Correspondence with insurance company regarding a burglary at Laurenda's property] 1981.
- 5-29 [Incomplete, missing letters] 1978-1984.
- 5-30 [Letters in French] 1960, 1962.
- 5-31 [Publications by Roy Daniells] 1945-1982.

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#### PHOTOGRAPHS SERIES

- 50.1/1 [Laurenda, Susan, Sara Daniells and unknown woman with children and babies] - 1971 - 20.5x25.5 cm b&w print. [p]
- 50.1/2a-b [Susan and Sara Daniells with grandmother Constance Daniells] - [n.d.] - 2 9x9 cm b&w print. [sp]

- 50.1/3 [Susan and Sara Daniells playing in the bush (with unknown boy in the background)] - [n.d.] - 9x9 cm b&w print. [sp]
- 50.1/4 [Susan and Sara Daniells] going to Sunday school in May - [n.d.] - 6.5x9 cm b&w print. [sp]
- 50.1/5 [The Daniells family - Roy, Laurenda, Susan and Sara] - April 1960 - 9x13 cm color print. [sp]
- 50.1/6 Sara Daniells - March 22, 1963 - 8x10.5 cm b&w print. [sp]
- 50.1/7 [Susan Daniells] - 1963? - 8x10.5 cm b&w print. [sp]
- 50.1/8 [Laurenda Daniells standing in front of a house] - [n.d.] - 7.5x12.5 cm b&w print. [sp]
- 50.1/9 [Laurenda Daniells? holding her daughter?] - [n.d.] - 6.5x9 cm b&w print. [sp]
- 50.1/10 [Roy Daniells portrait] - [n.d.] - 5.5x7.5 cm b&w print. [sp]
- 50.1/11a-b [Roy Daniells] - [n.d.] - 2 6.5x9 cm b&w print. [sp]
- 50.1/12a-b [Roy Daniells walking on the street] - [n.d.] - 2 9x14 cm b&w print. [sp]
- 50.1/13 [Roy Daniells walking on the street] - Summer 1945 - 9x12.5 cm b&w print. [sp]
- 50.1/14 [Roy Daniells walking on the street] - Summer 1946 - 9x14.5 cm b&w print. [sp]
- 50.1/15a-b [Roy Daniells] - [n.d.] - 2 10x12.5 cm b&w print. [sp]
- 50.1/16a-b [Roy Daniells] - June 22, 1938 - 2 9x11.5 cm b&w print. [sp]
- 50.1/17 [Roy Daniells with unknown man, woman, and boy] - [n.d.] - 11x12 cm b&w print. [p]
- 50.1/18a-b James and Constance Daniells - June 18th, 1946 - 2 7x11.5 cm b&w print. [sp]
- 50.1/19a-b James and Constance Daniells with unknown man and woman - June 18th, 1946 - 2 7x11.5 cm b&w print. [sp]
- 50.1/20 James Daniells with unknown man - [n.d.] - 7x11.5 cm b&w print. [sp]
- 50.1/21 [James and Constance Daniells in Victoria?] - September 1949 - 9x14 cm b&w print. [sp]
- 50.1/22a-b [James and Constance Daniells in Victoria?] - 1949? - 2 13x17.5 cm b&w print. [p]
- 50.1/23a-b [Constance Daniells in Victoria?] - 1949? - 2 13x17.5 cm b&w print. [p]
- 50.1/24 James Daniells - Summer 1949 - 8.5x14 cm b&w print. [sp]
- 50.1/25 Constance Daniells - 1949? - 8x11.5 cm b&w print. [sp]
- 50.1/26 James and Constance Daniells [at home with unknown girl] - [n.d.] - 12.5x17.5 cm b&w print. [p]
- 50.1/27 James and Constance Daniells [at home] - [n.d.] - 12.5x17.5 cm b&w print. [p]

- 50.1/28 James and Constance Daniells [at home] - [n.d.] - 12.5x17.5 cm b&w print. [p]
- 50.1/29 John MacDonald - Summer 1938 - 7x11 cm b&w print. [sp]
- 50.1/30 Max Maynard - Summer 1938 - 7x11.5 cm b&w print. [sp]
- 50.1/31a-c Max, M. McKenzie, Roy [masks] - Summer 1938 - 3 7x11.5 cm b&w print. [sp]
- 50.1/32a-b Binstead Porter (left) and Reg Porter - [n.d.] - 2 9x14 cm b&w print. [sp]
- 50.1/33 Byron and Kyle (sons of Laurenda's friend? Valerie) - 1987 - 9x13 cm color print. [sp]
- 50.1/34 [Fairmont hotel in Banff, Alberta]- 7.5 x 5 cm [sp]
- 50.1/35 [Three rows of people posing for photograph wearing name tags standing in front of white wall]- Oct. 14, 1989 - 12.5 x 8.5 cm [sp]
- 50.1/36 Kerensa Mattison at 2 months - 12.5 x 8.5 [sp]
- 50.1/37 [Child sitting on wooden chair holding book titled "The Total Guide to Indoor Planting"] - 8.5 x 12.5 [sp]
- 50.1/38 Mrs. O & Kim at the front gate - 11.5 x 7 cm [sp]
- 50.1/39 [Photograph of flat prairie farmland with an arrow drawn] - 6.5 x 9 cm [sp]
- 50.1/40 [Photograph of two women sitting on a couch eating and drinking] - 7 x 7 cm [sp]
- 50.1/41 [Portrait photograph of man wearing a plaid suit] - 5 x 7 cm [sp]
- 50.1/42 Martha, Colin & Scott Rhodes, April 1989 - 12.5 x 9 cm
- 50.1/43 [University Hill Church Basement, UBC] - 12.5 x 9 cm [sp]
- 50.1/44 [+ Mrs. L] - 6.5 x 9 cm [sp]
- 50.1/45 [Photograph of house with snow, lamp post and tree] - 6.5 x 4.5 [sp]

## BOX 6

### COMMITTEES AND CONFERENCES SERIES (cont'd)

- 6-1 Conferences/education correspondence 1993-2005.
- 6-2 BCAB Constitution & Society Act. 1986
- 6-3 Notes & reports. 1986.
- 6-4 ABCA newsletters. 1972-1974.
- 6-5 AABC L. Daniels' speech. 1994.
- 6-6 Correspondence – Archival Council. 1988.
- 6-7 AABC - Proposed Policies and Procedures. 1992.
- 6-8 AABC - workshops. 1991.
- 6-9 BCAC - minutes & agendas. 1987-1988.

- 6-10 PABC questionnaire - list of respondents. 1986.
- 6-11 ABCA constitution. 1985.
- 6-12 BCCA constitution. 1989.
- 6-13 Conferences/education correspondence 1991-2004.

## BOX 7

### PERSONAL MATERIALS SERIES (Cont'd)

- 7-1 [Correspondence- Personal] 1980-1988
- 7-2 Contact index cards [n.d.] [3 folders]
- 7-3 [University of British Columbia and University of Manitoba degrees] 1945-1975
- 7-4 Library- MLS work 1948-1976
- 7-5 [Research articles relating to Library work] 198?-1987
- 7-6 [Personal correspondence, and family records] 1949-1979
- 7-7 [library notes]
- 7-8 [Wedding cards, correspondence and newspaper clippings] 1948-1974

## BOX 8

- 8-1 [Personal Materials- Notes, Correspondence, and written speech] 1954-1984
- 8-2 [Laurenda Daniels historical publications] 1972-1976
- 8-3 [Susan Daniels Correspondence from Childhood] 1960
- 8-4 [Laurenda Daniels scrapbook] [n.d.]
- 8-5 English 194-?- 195-?
- 8-6 [English] 1941-1944
- 8-7 [University of Manitoba Essays] 1943-1944
- 8-8 [Personal documents] 1934-1944
- 8-9 [Personal Documents] 1948-1949
- 8-10 [Red River Settlement Research] 1949-1980
- 8-11 [Personal Notes and Documents] 1959-1983

## BOX 9

- 9-1 [Personal documents- newspaper clippings, letters, notes] 195-?-1967
- 9-2 [Personal documents- newspaper clippings, letters, notes] 1944-1987
- 9-3 [Personal Documents from the University of British Columbia] 1969-1988

- 9-4 [Personal Documents- newspaper clippings, certificates for archival work, letters] 1948-1984
- 9-5 [Documentation and keepsakes from Europe trip] 1959-1960
- 9-6 [Personal Documents- newspaper clippings, notes, letters] 1956-1988
- 9-7 [Personal Documents- time in University of Manitoba] 1939-1950
- 9-8 [Personal Documents- newspaper articles, letters, notes] 1956-1988