

# History of Women at UBC Project fonds

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# Fonds Description

**History of Women at UBC Project fonds.** – 1954-1996.

12 cm of textual records.

7 audio cassettes.

1 photograph.

## **Administrative History**

In 1979, the Women Students' Office sponsored a "Youth Employment Project" to gather information about the history of women at the University of British Columbia. The project workers consisted of Penny Washington and Frances Wasserlein who carried out research and conducted interviews.

## **Scope and Content**

The research collection consists of indexes and research notes to sources of information about women at UBC, oral histories and a photograph.

## **Notes**

Title based on the content of the fonds.

File List available.

Files 1-18 and 1-19 were added in 2012. Although the materials were not acquired as part of the original project, their contents were consistent with the project's aims and so are included here.

## Series Descriptions

**Research Notes.** -- 1979-1980.

13 cm of textual records.

Series consists of notes and other research material generated by Penny Washington and Frances Wasserlein during the "History of Women at UBC Project".

**Audio Tapes.** -- 1979.

7 audio cassettes.

Series consists of 6 cassette recordings of interviews carried out with Anne Angus, Dorothy Mawdsley, Marjorie Leeming, Dorothy Blakey-Smith, Rona Hatt Wallis, Myrne Nevison and Helen McCrae.

**Photograph.** -- 1979.

1 photograph.

Series consists of one photograph of Penny Washington and Frances Wasserlein.

# File List

Box 1

## RESEARCH NOTES SERIES

- 1-1      Alumni Chronicle (1931-1979)  
This file contains notes on women and events concerning women which have been recorded one way or another in the publications of the Alumni Association of the University of British Columbia. There is also a card file of women (kept in the Women Students' Office) which has notes concerning individuals. You could consider this file to be an index of sorts to the Alumni Chronicle, especially concerning women.
- 1-2      Faculty Women / Women Students Registration Figures  
This file contains an examination of the Calendars of the University of British Columbia concerning registration statistics for both male and female students of the University from 1915 to 1969. There is also a graph of these figures available. There is also information concerning the professional progress of faculty women, from Isabel MacInnes (the first in 1915) to the present day [1979] several hundred women. There is in the directory a file to the code used.
- 1-3      Notes on UBC Scrapbooks / Women and Women's Events  
This file contains notes which could be considered an index to these 29 scrapbooks which contain information about women and events organized by women. In the file there is an index to the notes. There are copies of several articles of note and of pictures. There is on the inside cover of the file a directory to the shorthand code.
- 1-4      Notes on Ubysey (1916-1948)  
Indexed. This file contains notes on the issues of the Ubysey and its predecessors concerning women and women's events. The indexed individuals and events are underlined in red in the notes.
- 1-5      Notes on Oral History Tapes  
These are notes made on some of the tapes already in the University Archives including: Jane Banfield, Hilda Thomas, Dorothy Somerset, Mrs. Andrew Hutchinson, Linda Hale, Salle Murphy Creighton, Olga Volkoff, Evelyn Lett, Ida Halpern.

- 1-6 Notes on the Totem (1909-1966)  
Indexed. This file contains notes on women and women's events from all the yearbooks of the University and from the annuals of McGill University College of B.C. These run from 1909 to 1966 which was the last year for which a general University yearbook was issued. Each item/woman/event/ which is indexed is underlined in red in the notes.
- 1-7 Notes on Tuum Est by Harry Logan  
Notes on women and events as noted in Logan's history of the University.
- 1-8 Notes from Secondary Sources on Women  
Notes from several books on women and universities. Most of these works have to do with faculty women more than students.
- 1-9 Anderson-Angus, Anne - Correspondence and notes used for interview with Mrs. Angus (1979)
- 1-10 Blakey-Smith, Dr. Dorothy - Smith's correspondence with project team and notes used in her taped interview (1979)
- 1-11 Leeming, Marjorie - Notes and questions for the taped (see tape with Dr. Mawdsley) interview (1979).
- 1-12 McRae, Dean Helen - Dean McRae was interviewed and this file contains the notes that were used (1979).
- 1-13 Mawdsley, Dorothy - Dr. Mawdsley and Miss Leeming were interviewed together. The file contains the correspondence with Mawdsley and some notes prepared in advance of the interview and some notes made on listening to the tape afterwards (1979).
- 1-14 Nevison, Dr. Myrne - Notes for taped interview with Dr. Nevison (1979).
- 1-15 Hatt-Wallis, Rona - Notes and correspondence with Mrs. Wallis who was the first woman to graduate from Applied Science (not a nurse). She graduated in chemical engineering in 1921 (1979).
- 1-16 Helen MacGill Hughes - Correspondence, questionnaire, CV (1980)
- 1-17 Lillian F. Gates - Correspondence, questionnaire (1979)

- 1-18 Dean of Women's annual reports to the President – UBC (1966/67-1980/81)
- 1-19 Women's issues – general (1954-1996)  
Correspondence and reports regarding the Dean of Women's office, Office for Women Students, women's residences, and the evolution of women on campus

#### AUDIO TAPES SERIES

- UBC AT 886 1919-1923 UBC years interview with Anne Angus. - 17 August 1979.  
1 audio cassette (45 min.)  
Item is a recording of an interview conducted by Penny Washington with Anne Angus. Angus discusses her experiences as a student at UBC.
- UBC AT 887 A Former Dean of Women at UBC and a former Assistant Dean talk about their personal history and experiences interview with Dorothy Mawdsley and Marjorie Leeming. – 21 August 1979.  
2 audio cassettes (1 hr., 41 min.)  
Item is a recording of an interview conducted by Penny Washington and Frances Wasserlein with Dorothy Mawdsley and Marjorie Leeming. Leeming and Mawdsley discuss their lives, their careers at UBC and the activities of women students on campus.
- UBC AT 888 Dorothy Blakey Smith. - 21 August 1979.  
1 audio cassette (48 min.)  
Item is a recording of an interview conducted by Penny Washington and Frances Wasserlein with Dorothy Blakey Smith. Blakey Smith discusses her time as a student at UBC.
- UBC AT 889 Chemical engineering at UBC 1920 interview with Rona Hatt Wallis. - 21 August 1979.  
1 audio cassette (30 min.)  
Item is a recording of an interview conducted by Penny Washington and Frances Wasserlein with Rona Hatt Wallis. Wallis discusses her experiences as a woman studying chemical engineering at UBC.
- UBC AT 890 Women's athletics interview with Myrne B. Nevison. - 23 August 1979.  
1 audio cassette (45 min.)

Item is a recording of an interview conducted by Penny Washington with Myrne B. Nevison. Nevison discusses her time as a student at UBC as well the development of women's athletics on campus.

UBC AT 891 On becoming Dean of Women interview with Helen McCrae. - 30 August 1979.

1 audio cassette (1 hr.)

Item is a recording of an interview conducted by Penny Washington with Helen McCrae. McCrae discusses her career at UBC and the role of the Dean of Women at UBC

#### PHOTOGRAPHS SERIES

[UBC 34/1.1](#) Penny Washington and Frances Wasserlein (1979) 17 x 25 cm.