

NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA  
WOMEN'S RIGHTS COMMITTEE

An inventory of their records

in

The Library of the University of British Columbia  
Special Collections Division

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New Democratic Party of British Columbia.  
Women's Rights Committee

Preliminary Inventory

Introduction

The records of the NDP Women's Rights Committee were transferred to Special Collections Division in June, 1984 with the closing of the committee office in Vancouver.

Other records of the NDP are also held by Special Collections, and the record group name was formatted for consistency with these other holdings. The commonly used names are: NDP Women's Committee, NDP Women's Rights Committee and B.C. NDP Women's Rights Committee. The latter has been used as a subgroup name.

The Women's Rights Committee, officially established in 1971 as a standing committee of the provincial party, traces its roots back to the 1962 Women's Committee. Its general purpose is to develop policy on women's issues and to encourage participation of women in the party.

One of the major activities of this committee was the Task Force on Older Women in British Columbia. Set up in 1979, it conducted research, held hearings and made recommendations. The records of this task force are included in the collection, and form a subgroup.

Good historical/biographical information is available within the records. For an overview see:

- I. Records of the B.C. NDP Women's Rights Committee
  - Annual file - 1977 (publication: "Herstory & Policy". Includes organizational chart, p.10).
  - Annual files - 1980 (report of the Chairwoman; updates above)
- II. Records of the Task Force on Older Women in British Columbia
  - Administrative files:
    - "Victoria Sub-Committee" folder (Interim report, May, 1980).
    - "Originals" folder
    - "Working file" /1 folder

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Accession No.  
ca. 5 lin. ft.

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I. Records of the B.C. NDP Women's Rights Committee.

<u>BOX</u>	<u>SERIES</u>	<u>DATES</u>
1	STEERING COMMITTEE ANNUAL FILES Arranged chronologically ca. 42 folders Minutes, correspondence, memos, reports, news releases, financial records, mailing lists, printed materials and ephemera. The main group of records for the committee, this series represents an amalgamation of folders originally titled "steering committee" and "women's rights committee". Files mixed in types of materials and activities. Includes submissions, activities relating to subcommittees, and some records of the Task Force on Older Women. Good historical information in 1977 files (publication "Herstory & Policy") and 1980 files (report of chairwoman).	1975-83
2	CORRESPONDENCE - OUTGOING Unarranged 1 folder Copies of typescripts and printed mass correspondence.	1978-82
2	COMMITTEES Arranged alphabetically ca. 5 folders Minutes, correspondence, reports, mailing lists and submissions. These are both committees of, and relating to, the record subgroup. Continues pattern of interfiling records, mixing type, activity and parentage. Previously established as separate files but not as a unit. Some overlap with the general series "annual files".	

<u>BOX</u>	<u>SERIES</u>	<u>DATES</u>
2	<p>CONFERENCES-WORKSHOPS            Arranged alphabetically ca. 7 folders            Agendas, correspondence, financial records, pamphlets,            reports and ephemera.            Includes records of conferences and workshops, both            sponsored by the committee, and those of other organizations,            with some committee participation.            Previously established as separate files.            For overlap, check "annual files" series.</p>	
2	<p>SUBJECT SERIES            Arranged alphabetically ca. 24 folders            Correspondence, mailing lists, press releases, pamphlets,            newsletters and ephemera.            Previously existing topical files.</p>	
2-3	<p>NEWSLETTERS            Arranged chronologically ca. 33 folders            Incomplete set of "Priorities", the newsletter of the            Women's Rights Committee.            See also holdings in UBC Library; HQ 1101 P763.</p>	1973-84
3	<p>PUBLICATIONS- MISCELLANEOUS            Unarranged 1 folder            Previously loose in container.</p>	
3	<p>EPHEMERA            Unarranged ca. 2 folders            Newspaper clippings, pamphlets and buttons.            Previously loose in container.</p>	
3	<p>MISCELLANEOUS            Unarranged ca. 2 folders            Agendas, correspondence, press releases, recommendations,            printed materials and ephemera.            Previously in unmarked envelopes.</p>	1977-83
3	<p>RESOURCE FILES            -PUBLICATIONS            Arranged alphabetically ca. 19 folders            Newsletters, reports, journals.            -EPHEMERA            Unarranged ca. 2 folders            Tee shirt and buttons.            Publications and ephemera of other organizations, previously            loose in container.</p>	

## II. Records of the Task Force on Older Women in British Columbia.

<u>BOX</u>	<u>SERIES</u>	<u>DATES</u>
3-4	<p>ADMINISTRATIVE            Arranged alphabetically ca. 10 folders            Correspondence, reports, financial records, mailing lists, newspaper clippings and ephemera.            Includes Victoria sub-committee records.            These are the general records of this subgroup. Like the annual files of the committee, these are mixed in type and activity, and overlap with other series records. Records related to this task force general series are included in the annual files of the committee. Both should be checked for a comprehensive picture.            Good historical information in folders: "Originals", "Working File /1" and "Victoria Sub-committee".</p>	1979-83
4	<p>CORRESPONDENCE            Arranged alphabetically ca. 9 folders            General correspondence, requests for materials, questionnaires, and mailed submissions.            The latter materials, mailed submissions, include notes, letters and informal briefs that are also closely related to materials contained in other series: "administrative", "briefs" and "hearings". Cross-checking of these series is suggested.            Questionnaire tabulation and analysis in "administrative" series, "Victoria Sub-committee" folder, Interim report, 1980.</p>	
4	<p>BRIEFS            Unarranged ca. 3 folders            Formal submissions and area summary briefs.            Note overlap with materials in "correspondence", "mailed submissions" folder, and "hearings".</p>	
4-5	<p>HEARINGS            -GENERAL            Unarranged 1 folder            Registration forms.            -AREA HEARINGS            Arranged alphabetically            (1) Files            Correspondence, notes, agendas, registration forms, mailing lists, briefs, summary briefs, newspaper clippings.            (2) Sound recordings 18 cassettes</p>	

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## PUBLICATIONS

Unarranged ca. 3 folders

Pamphlets, newsletters and reports.

Includes miscellaneous publications previously loose  
in container, and reports relating to subhearings on native and  
immigrant women.

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## EPHEMERA

Unarranged

Pamphlets, posters and original art work (1 item).

oversize box  
with  
"Boyer, Williams"  
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[Records] / [by and relating to] B.C.  
NDP Women's Rights Committee. - 1973-1984.  
5 ft. (ca. 5 boxes) ; 26 x 40 x 32 cm.

Includes records of the Task Force on  
Older Women in British Columbia, 1979-1983.  
Administrative files, correspondence,  
briefs, newsletters, publications and ephemera.  
Related papers, newspaper clippings and printed  
materials.

Title supplied by cataloguer.

Accompanied by sound recordings (18  
cassettes) of task force hearings.

I. B.C. NDP Women's Rights Committee.  
II. NDP Women's Rights Committee. III. Task  
Force on Older Women in British Columbia.