Laurenda Daniells fonds

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Fonds Description

1.36 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 Cost 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.

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, ARMA Vancouver Chapter fonds.
Series Descriptions

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

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

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

33 cm of textual records.

The series consists of records documenting Laurenda Daniells’ personal life, mainly through correspondences with her family and friends. The series also includes published materials by her husband Roy Daniells.

Box: 5

45 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

1-3 ABCA agenda, correspondence, reports, etc. 1982.
   - includes newspapers
1-7 ABCA/ACA 1977-1983.
1-12 ACA Conference planning 1982.
1-19 Archives Section - Canadian Historical Association 1972-1975.
1-23 CUFA-BC Treasures - Credit union statements + Term deposit statements 1981-1982.

BOX 2

SLAIS  1986.
Symposium on Archival Education, School of Library and Information Science University of Western Ontario  July 07, 1979.
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.].

ARCHIVES POLICY AND ACA SURVEY SERIES

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.

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.
   - includes newspapers
3-23 Copyright correspondence - internal 1971-1978.
3-24 [Miscellaneous copyright material - reports, articles, correspondence, etc.] 1984-1985.

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.

BOX 5

PERSONAL MATERIALS SERIES

5-1 [Letter from Roy Daniells to Charles Fancis (Laurenda's father)] 1945.
[Correspondence from Roy Daniells] 1951, 1953.
[Correspondence from Roy Daniells] [n.d.].
[Correspondence - Susan Daniells (Laurenda's daughter)] 1960.
[Correspondence - Susan and Sara Daniells (Laurenda's daughters)] 1964-1982.
[Susan Daniells' belongings] 1949, [n.d.]. includes a small diary
[Correspondence - Mary Fancis [(Laurenda's mother)] 1955-1960.
[Correspondence - Mary Fancis [(Laurenda's mother)] 1972-1983.
[Correspondence - Mary Fancis [(Laurenda's mother)] [n.d.].
[Correspondence - Charles Fancis [(Laurenda's father)] 1954-1957.
[Correspondence - Ross Fancis (Laurenda's brother)] 1956-1988.
[Correspondence - Don Fancis (Laurenda's brother)] 1976-1979.
[Correspondence - Personal] 1951-1978.
[Correspondence - Personal] 1979.
[Correspondence - Personal] 1982.
[Correspondence - Personal] 1985.
[Correspondence - Personal] 1986.
[Correspondence - Personal] 1987.
[Correspondence - Personal] 1988.
[Correspondence - Personal] 1989.
[Correspondence - Personal] [n.d.].
[Correspondence with insurance company regarding a burglary at Laurenda's property] 1981.

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]

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.
6-5  AABC L. Daniels’ speech.  1994.
6-6  Correspondence – Archival Council.  1988.
6-8  AABC - workshops.  1991.
6-10 PABC questionnaire - list of respondents.  1986.
6-12 BCCA constitution.  1989.