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## Summary information

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<b>Repository:</b>	University of Manitoba & Special Collections
<b>Title:</b>	Berenice Sisler fonds
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## Administrative history / Biographical sketch

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### Note

Berenice B. Warne was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba on August 8, 1924. She graduated from East Kildonan Collegiate in Winnipeg where she won the Governor General's Award in 1941. She went on to achieve a Bachelor of Arts degree from United College, University of Manitoba in 1945 and a Diploma in Education from the University of Manitoba in 1946. In 1948, she married George C. Sisler. In 1970, she was presented with the University of Winnipeg Alumni Association's 25th Anniversary Award as the outstanding graduate of 1945 for her years of voluntary work in the church, community, the YWCA, and the United College Graduates' Association. Sisler served as president of the University of Winnipeg Alumni Association in 1974-1975 and was appointed to the University of Winnipeg Board of Regents from 1976-1979. She received several awards for her work in the areas of family law and pension reform, including the Order of the Buffalo Hunt (1985), the Person's Award (1986), the YM-YWCA Woman of the Year Award for Public Affairs (1989), and an Honorary Doctorate from the University of Winnipeg (1990). Her book, *A Partnership of Equals: The Struggle for the Reform of Family Law in Manitoba*, was published in 1995. She passed away in 2019.

### Custodial history

The fonds was donated to Archives & Special Collections by Berenice Sisler in 1998.

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## Scope and content

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The fonds consists of one series. The series is based on research material acquired by Berenice Sisler that relates to family law and related issues. This research was used in her book, *A Partnership of Equals: The Struggle for the Reform of Family Law in Manitoba*. The series is organized into three subseries. The first is material concerning family law and related issues. It encompasses the years prior to 1970 and

up to and including 1996. The second subseries is material regarding the Anderson-Axworthy Affair. It begins with a summary written by Ms. Sisler in 1997 that documents the affair and her role in it. The documents regarding the affair include the years 1980 to 1984. The final subseries consists of various publications used by Sisler in her research. They consist mainly of government and special interest groups reports regarding the status of women in Canada. Included in the publications section is Sisler's book, *A Partnership of Equals: The Struggle for the Reform of Family Law in Manitoba*. The publications span the years 1968 to 1996.

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## Notes

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### Title notes

### Arrangement

This collection is arranged into one series, Research Material, and subsequently divided into three subseries.

### Restrictions on access

There are no restrictions on access.

### Finding aids

A finding aid can be downloaded by clicking on the "Download" link under "Finding Aid" on the right hand side of the screen.

### Other notes

- **Publication status:** published
- **Level of detail:** Partial
- **Status description:** Draft

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## Access points

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- Textual record (documentary form)

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## Series descriptions

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<b>Research Material</b>
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<u>Date:</u> 1968-1997 (date of creation)
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<u>Publication status:</u> published				
<b>File / item list</b>				
<b>Family Law and Related Issues</b>				
<u>Date:</u> [ca. 1970-1996] (date of creation)				
<u>Publication status:</u> published				
<b>File / item list</b>				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	File - Family Law and Related Issues	Prior to 1970		A1998-020, Box 0001 File 0001
	File - Family Law and Related Issues	1970-1973		A1998-020, Box 0001 File 0002
	File - Family Law and Related Issues	1974		A1998-020, Box 0001 File 0003
	File - Family Law and Related Issues	1975		A1998-020, Box 0001 File 0004
	File - Family Law and Related Issues	1976		A1998-020, Box 0002 File 0001
	File - Family Law and Related Issues	January to May 1977		A1998-020, Box 0002 File 0002
	File - Family Law and Related Issues	June, 1977		A1998-020, Box 0002 File 0003
	File - Family Law and Related Issues	June, 1977		A1998-020, Box 0002 File 0004
	File - Family Law and Related Issues	July to December 1977		A1998-020, Box 0003 File 0001
	File - Family Law and Related Issues	July to December 1977		A1998-020, Box 0003 File 0002
	File - Family Law and Related Issues	January to June 1978		A1998-020, Box 0003 File 0003

	File - Family Law and Related Issues	January to June 1978	A1998-020, Box 0003 File 0004
	File - Family Law and Related Issues	June to December 1978	A1998-020, Box 0004 File 0001
	File - Family Law and Related Issues	June to December 1978	A1998-020, Box 0004 File 0002
	File - Selected Hansard, re: Family Law	March to June 1978	A1998-020, Box 0004 File 0003
	File - Family Law and Related Issues	1979	A1998-020, Box 0005 File 0001
	File - Family Law and Related Issues	1980	A1998-020, Box 0005 File 0002
	File - Family Law and Related Issues	1980	A1998-020, Box 0005 File 0003
	File - Family Law and Related Issues	1981	A1998-020, Box 0005 File 0004
	File - Family Law and Related Issues	1982	A1998-020, Box 0006 File 0001
	File - Family Law and Related Issues	1983	A1998-020, Box 0006 File 0002
	File - Family Law and Related Issues	1984	A1998-020, Box 0006 File 0003
	File - Family Law and Related Issues	1985	A1998-020, Box 0006 File 0004
	File - Family Law and Related Issues	1985	A1998-020, Box 0007 File 0001
	File - Family Law and Related Issues	1986	A1998-020, Box 0007 File 0002
	File - Family Law and Related Issues	1987	A1998-020, Box 0007 File 0003
	File - Family Law and Related Issues	1988	A1998-020, Box 0007 File 0004
	File - Family Law and Related Issues	1989	A1998-020, Box 0007 File 0005
	File - Family Law and Related Issues	1990	A1998-020, Box 0007 File 0006

	File - Family Law and Related Issues	1990-1996		A1998-020, Box 0007 File 0007
<b>Anderson-Axworthy Affair</b>				
<u>Date:</u> 1980-1984, 1997 (date of creation)				
<u>Publication status:</u> published				
<b>File / item list</b>				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	File - Summary by Berenice Sisler	1997		A1998-020, Box 0008 File 0001 Item 0001
	File - Anderson-Axworthy Affair	June 1980 to January 19 1981		A1998-020, Box 0008 File 0001 Item 0002
	File - Anderson-Axworthy Affair	January 20 to 30 1981		A1998-020, Box 0008 File 0002
	File - Anderson-Axworthy Affair	February 1 to 27 1981		A1998-020, Box 0008 File 0003
	File - Anderson-Axworthy Affair	March 3 1981 to September 1984		A1998-020, Box 0008 File 0004
<b>Publications</b>				
<u>Date:</u> 1968-1996 (date of creation)				
<u>Publication status:</u> published				
<b>File / item list</b>				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	File - Report of the Manitoba Volunteer Committee on the Status of Women	March, 1972		A1998-020, Box 0009 Item 0001
	File - Report of the Royal Commission on the Status of Women	1970		A1998-020, Box 0009 Item 0002
	File - Law Reform Commission of Canada - The Family Court (Working Paper 1)	January, 1978		A1998-020, Box 0009 Item 0003

	File - Law Reform Commission of Canada - Family Property (Working Paper 8)	28915	A1998-020, Box 0009 Item 0004
	File - Law Reform Commission of Canada - Maintenance on Divorce (Working Paper 12)	1975	A1998-020, Box 0009 Item 0005
	File - Advisory Council on the Status of Women - The Person Papers: Matrimonial Property	1976	A1998-020, Box 0009 Item 0006
	File - Manitoba Law Reform Commission - Report on Family Law: Part I - The Support Obligation, Part II - Property Disposition	1976	A1998-020, Box 0009 Item 0007
	File - Law Reform Commission of Canada - Report: Family Law	March, 1980	A1998-020, Box 0009 Item 0008
	File - Department of the Attorney-General and the Women's Bureau of the Department of Labour - Family Law in Manitoba	1977	A1998-020, Box 0009 Item 0009
	File - Saturday Law Series: The Legal Profession Studies Manitoba's New Family Law - Edited Transcript of Proceedings	October 15 1977	A1998-020, Box 0009 Item 0010
	File - Department of the Attorney-General - Family Law in Manitoba	1978	A1998-020, Box 0009 Item 0011
	File - United Nations - Human Rights: A Compilation of International Involvement	1978	A1998-020, Box 0009 Item 0012
	File - Report of the Family Law Review Committee - The Family Maintenance Act and the Marital Property Act	March, 1982	A1998-020, Box 0009 Item 0013
	File - The Canadian Advisory Council on the Status of Women - The Royal Commission Report: 10 Years Later	October, 1983	A1998-020, Box 0010 Item 0001
	File - Manitoba Law Reform Commission - Report on Improved Methods of Enforcing Support Orders Against Real Property	1979	A1998-020, Box 0010 Item 0002
	File - Manitoba Law Reform Commission - Report on the One-Year Rule for Enforcement of Arrears in Maintenance	1980	A1998-020, Box 0010 Item 0003
	File - Law Reform Commission of Canada - Modernization of Statutes Series Study Paper: Practical Tools to Improve Interprovincial Enforcement of Maintenance Orders after Divorce	1980	A1998-020, Box 0010 Item 0004
	File - Lynn King - What Every Woman Should Know about Marriage, Separation and Divorce	1980	A1998-020, Box 0010 Item 0005
	File - Department of the Attorney-General - Family Law in Manitoba	1981	A1998-020, Box 0010 Item 0006



	File - The Canadian Advisory Council on the Status of Women - Women and the Constitution	1981	A1998-020, Box 0010 Item 0007
	File - A Report on the State of Family Law in Manitoba: Recommendations for Change	May, 1986	A1998-020, Box 0010 Item 0008
	File - Statistics Canada - Divorce: Law and the Family in Canada	1983	A1998-020, Box 0010 Item 0009
	File - Secretary of State - Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women: Report of Canada	May, 1987	A1998-020, Box 0010 Item 0010
	File - The Canadian Advisory Council on the Status of Women - Love, Marriage and Money: An Analysis of Financial Relations between the Spouses	March, 1988	A1998-020, Box 0010 Item 0011
	File - Department of Justice - Divorce Law in Canada: Proposals for Change	1984	A1998-020, Box 0010 Item 0012
	File - Manitoba Law Reform Commission - Summary of Report on an Examination of 'The Dower Act'	1984	A1998-020, Box 0010 Item 0013
	File - Manitoba Law Reform Commission - Report on the Examination of "The Dower Act"	1984	A1998-020, Box 0010 Item 0014
	File - The Canadian Advisory Council on the Status of Women - Women and Legal Action: Precedents, Resources and Strategies for the Future	1984	A1998-020, Box 0011 Item 0001
	File - Legislation re: Family Law	1954-1987	A1998-020, Box 0011 Item 0002
	File - Divorce cases used as examples by monitoring group	1978-1981	A1998-020, Box 0011 Item 0003
	File - Department of Justice - Equality Issues in Federal Law: A Discussion Paper	1985	A1998-020, Box 0011 Item 0004
	File - The Canadian Advisory Council on the Status of Women - Family Law in Canada: New Directions	November, 1989	A1998-020, Box 0011 Item 0005
	File - Manitoba Law Reform Commission - Report on the Testators Family Maintenance Act	1985	A1998-020, Box 0011 Item 0006
	File - Manitoba Law Reform Commission - Report on the Married Women's Property Act	1985	A1998-020, Box 0011 Item 0007
	File - Manitoba Law Reform Commission - Report on Interstate Succession	1985	A1998-020, Box 0011 Item 0008
	File - Manitoba Attorney General - Family Law in Manitoba	1985	A1998-020, Box 0012 Item 0001

	File - * Karen Dubinsky, Feminist Perspectives - Lament for a "Patriarchy Lost" * Anti-Feminism, Anti-Abortion, and R.E.A.L. Women in Canada	March, 1989	A1998-020, Box 0012 Item 0002
	File - * Margrit Eichler, Feminist Perspectives - The Pro-Family Movement: Are They For or Against Families *	September, 1989	A1998-020, Box 0012 Item 0003
	File - The Canadian Advisory Council on the Status of Women - Family Law Forum Papers	March, 1989	A1998-020, Box 0012 Item 0004
	File - Status of Women Canada - A Feminist Review of Criminal Law	1985	A1998-020, Box 0012 Item 0005
	File - The Charter of Rights Coalition (Manitoba) - Charter Compliance: Selected Provincial Statutes	1985	A1998-020, Box 0012 Item 0006
	File - The Charter of Rights Coalition (Manitoba) - Charter Compliance: Selected Provincial Statutes - Recommendations	1985	A1998-020, Box 0012 Item 0007
	File - Manitoba Attorney General - The Expansion of the Family Division of the Court of Queen's Bench: Feasibility Study	November, 1990	A1998-020, Box 0012 Item 0008
	File - The Charter of Rights Coalition (Manitoba) - Charter Compliance: Selected Provincial Statutes	1987	A1998-020, Box 0012 Item 0009
	File - The Canadian Advisory Council on the Status of Women - Personal Autonomy and the Criminal Law: Emerging Issues for Women - Background Paper	September, 1991	A1998-020, Box 0012 Item 0010
	File - Manitoba Association of Women and the Law - Gender Equality in the Courts	November, 1992	A1998-020, Box 0013 Item 0001
	File - * The Canadian Advisory Council on the Status of Women - Canadian Charter Equality Rights for Women: One Step Forward and Two Steps Back *	September, 1993	A1998-020, Box 0013 Item 0002
	File - * The Canadian Advisory Council on the Status of Women - Highlights from Canadian Charter Equality Rights for Women: One Step Forward and Two Steps Back *	September, 1993	A1998-020, Box 0013 Item 0003
	File - Family Law Branch, Manitoba Justice - Issues Paper on the Dower Act	July, 1995	A1998-020, Box 0013 Item 0004
	File - National Symposium on Women, Law and the Administration of Justice -	June, 1995	A1998-020, Box 0013 Item 0005

	Recommendations from the Symposium - Volumes I and II		
	File - The Canadian Advisory Council on the Status of Women - Evaluating Child Support Policy: A Brief to the Federal/Provincial/Territorial Family Law Committee	December 11 1992	A1998-020, Box 0013 Item 0006
	File - Manitoba Association of Women and the Law - Fairness in Family Law	September, 1994	A1998-020, Box 0013 Item 0007
	File - The Canadian Advisory Council on the Status of Women - The Tax Treatment of Child Support: Preferred Policy Options - The CACSW's Submission to the Task Group on the Tax Treatment of Child Support Canada	July 7 1994	A1998-020, Box 0013 Item 0008
	File - The Canadian Advisory Council on the Status of Women - Work in Progress: Tracking Women's Equality in Canada	June, 1998	A1998-020, Box 0013 Item 0009
	File - Berenice Sisler - A Partnership of Equals: The Struggle for the Reform of Family Law in Manitoba	1995	A1998-020, Box 0013 Item 0010
	File - Status of Women Canada - Gender- Based Analysis: A Guide for Policy- Making	March, 1996	A1998-020, Box 0013 Item 0011
	File - The Manitoba Human Rights Commission - Accommodating Equality Guidelines: Reasonable Recommendation Guidelines under the Provisions of the Manitoba Human Rights Code	April, 1996	A1998-020, Box 0013 Item 0012