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ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY

The Wages for Housework Committee (WFH), a women’s group based in Toronto began its operations around 1973. This committee was a branch of an international organization of the same name. It demanded that the federal and provincial government pay wages for housework. It believed that housework kept women in the home, without financial independence from men. It also struggled against the lower wages women received in paid employment, which also kept women dependent on a man’s income. The way in which it wanted to achieve this was through campaigns, in which isolated women could come together and struggle for their causes.

The Wages for Housework Committee of Toronto gathered a large number of articles, pamphlets and newsletters from various organizations. Amongst these were the Wages for Housework Committee from other countries, organizations across Canada and several organizations from the Toronto area. The Wages for Housework Committee of Toronto often attended conferences on women issues and kept themselves aware of the activities of other organizations. They were also active in organizing campaigns and producing articles related to wage issues. Although the date of their demise is not known, by 1986 they seem to have ended.

Prior to Wages for Housework’s demise, in the mid 1970’s a group of lesbians belonging to the Wages for Housework created a new organization, the Wages Due Lesbians (also known as Wages Due). Their policies were much the same however their emphasis was on the rights of lesbian mothers. Their constitutional difference was that:

“Wages for Housework recognizes that doing cleaning, raising children, taking care of men, is not women’s biological destiny. Lesbianism recognizes that heterosexual love and marriage is not women’s biological destiny. Both are definitions of women’s roles by the state and for the advantage of the state.” (Lesbians Organize, Toronto, Ontario, 1977)

The Wages Due Lesbians struggled not only to recognize that housework was work but were demanding the right to be close to other women and free from
servicing men sexually. They also made demands to the government for paid
daycare, so that lesbian women could work and keep their children. As with
Wages for Housework, they were highly involved in campaigns, rallies and
publishing articles on women rights and in particular lesbian mothers’ rights. The
organization seems to have disbanded by the early 1980’s. Before doing so,
members from the Wages Due Lesbian created a new organization, Lesbian
Mothers’ Defence Fund (LMDF).

This new organization was formed in 1978 and focused exclusively on helping
lesbian mothers. The Lesbian Mothers’ Defence Fund was primarily concerned
with helping mothers in child custody cases. As such, it collected a large amount
of documents on trials held in Canada and the United States, which it distributed
to lesbian mothers or/and their lawyers. It also provided some financial
assistance and emotional support to lesbian mothers.

To reach as many women as possible it also began to publish a newsletter,
Grapevine: the newsletter of the Lesbian Mothers' Defence Fund as well as
Mom’s Apple Pie: newsletter, not only did it inform women, the money helped to
create a larger organization. The Lesbian Mothers’ Defence Fund raised money
by holding dances and accepting donations. However, the revenues were slim
and they had to rely heavily on grants given by several companies. By 1987 they
were disbanded.

CUSTODIAL HISTORY

In 1993, Francie Wyland donated the Wages for Housework, Wages Due
Lesbians and the Lesbian Mothers’ Defence Fund to the Archives and Special
Collections Library as part of their Canadian Women’s Movement Archives
branch.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

These records provide valuable information on the way in which feminist
organizations were closely interconnected and relied on one another for support
and information. For example, it is common to find articles, newsletters and
pamphlets from the Lesbian Mothers’ Defence Fund in the Wages Due Lesbian
series. The fonds also contain correspondence with international and national
organization, many clippings and some publications by these organizations.

The records are divided into three major series: Wages for Housework
Committee of Toronto, Wages Due Lesbians and Lesbian Mothers’ Defence
Fund. Each series has its own sub-series. Unless otherwise mentioned the sub-
series are in alphabetical order.
Series I: Wages for Housework Committee of Toronto (WFH). –1966-1986 – 33 cm of textual material, 1 poster (Box 624-625, HF 43)
The series contains mostly information on other organizations and clippings reflecting the Wages for Housework mandate to unite women under a common goal and to campaign against unpaid housework and low paid employment for women. This series contains little in the way of administrative information. Some items are oversize. It is divided into 6 sub-series listed below:

Sub-series 1.1: WFH - Organization and Mandate. – [1975] – 0.5 cm of textual material (Box 624)
This sub-series contains a mandate outline and a statement of political differences with the Wages for Housework Group I. This sub-series is organized by the importance of content.

Sub-series 1.2: WFH – Conferences. – 1975-1977. – 4 cm of textual material (Box 624, HF 43)
This sub-series contains agendas and correspondence referring to conferences attended by members of the Wages for Housework. Some items are oversize.

Sub-series 1.3: WFH – Correspondence. – 1977-1979. – 1 cm of textual material (Box 624)
This sub-series contains correspondence with other Wages for Housework as well as correspondence with Mannie Gorza.

Sub-series 1.4: WFH – Other Organizations. – 1973-1980. – 15 cm of textual material, 1 poster (Box 624, HF 43)
This sub-series contains general information on Canadian, international and local organizations such as reports, leaflets, clippings, newsletters and correspondence. Includes the Family Benefits Work Group and Nellie’s Women’s Hostel and the Wages for Housework International Network Newsletter (1975), The Other Woman: newsletter and Mother’s Money Special Bulletin Newsletter(1978). Some items are oversize.

Sub-series 1.5: WFH – Outreach. – 1974-1979. – 3 cm of textual material (Boxes 624-625, HF 43)
This sub-series contains clippings, booklets, articles and pamphlets on Wages for Housework Toronto on its campaigns and issues. Includes the Grapevine: newsletter of the Lesbian Mothers' Defence Fund (summer 1979). This sub-series is organized chronologically. Some items are oversize.

Sub-series 1.6: WFH – Clippings. – 1966-1986. – 9.5 cm of textual material (Box 625, HF 43)
This sub-series contains mostly articles and clippings on various subjects such as abortion, family law, prostitution and welfare. Some items are oversize.
Series II: Wages Due Lesbians (WDL). – 1963-1984. – 40 cm of textual material, 2 posters (Box 625-627, HF 43)
This series contains mostly published material by the Wages Due Lesbians and from other organizations reflecting their mandate of informing women on the rights of lesbian. The name Wages Due Lesbians has been abbreviated to WDL for the purpose of this inventory list. Some items are oversize. It is divided into 7 sub-series listed below.

Sub-series 2.1: WDL – Organization and Mandate. – 1973-1977. – 2 cm of textual material (Box 625)
This sub-series contains description of organization, constitution and Wages Due Lesbians' political perspective as well as the activity reports. This sub-series is organized by the by the importance of content.

Sub-series 2.2: WDL – Conferences. – 1976-1979. – 1.5 cm of textual material, 1 poster (Box 625)
This sub-series contains reports, leaflets and clippings on conferences attended by the Wages Due Lesbians.

Sub-Series 2.3: WDL – Correspondence. -1976-1979. - 3 cm of textual material (Box 625)
This sub-series contains 1 file of correspondence with publishers, other organizations and other women.

Sub-series 2.4: WDL – Other Organizations. – 1974-1983. - 12 cm of textual material, 1 poster (Box 625-626)
This sub-series contains liaisons with other organizations including the Lesbian Mothers’ Defence Fund such as correspondence, articles, flyers and other material.

Sub-series 2.5: WDL – Outreach. – 1976-1980. - 2 cm of textual material (Box 626)
This sub-series contains speeches given at rallies including those to stop Anita Bryant’s Crusade, endorsement for the Family Allowance Protest and for abortion.

Sub-series 2.6: WDL – Publications by Wages Due Lesbians. – 1976-1982. - 3 cm of textual material (Box 626, HF 43)
This sub-series includes various articles flyers and newsletters written by members of Wages Due Lesbians as well as the booklet Motherhood, Lesbianism and Child Custody by Francie Wyland. Some items are oversize.

Sub-series 2.7: WDL – Publications on Various Issues. – 1963-1984. - 16.5 cm of textual material (Box 626-627, HF 43)
This sub-series contains a wealth of information collected by Wages Due Lesbians on various issues from child custody to lesbian separatism. Includes several booklets and articles. Some items are oversize.

**Series III: Lesbian Mothers’ Defence Fund (LMDF). –1968-1985. - 52 cm of textual material, 2 posters, 23 photographs, 20 negatives (Box 627-629, HF 43)**

This series contains mostly clippings and court cases reflecting the Lesbian Mothers’ Defence Fund mandate of providing information and emotional support for lesbian mothers involved in child custody cases. They achieved this by creating a source of literature for lawyers and lesbian mothers to consult, such as court cases, *Lesbian Mother Litigation Manual* and other articles on the subject, which consist of the bulk of this series. Some items are oversize. It is divided into 8 sub-series listed below.

Sub-series 3.1: LDMF – Organization and Mandate. –1978-1979. - 1 cm of textual material (Box 627)
This sub-series contains an interim report, meeting agenda a calendar of events and a list of lawyers and potential therapists obtained by the Lesbian Mothers’ Defence Fund.

Sub-series 3.2: LDMF – Liaisons with Clients and Correspondence. – 1976-1983. - 11.5 cm of textual material, 21 photographs and 20 negatives (Box 627, HF 43)
This sub-series contains information sheets on new clients, a questionnaire on the potlucks held by the Lesbian Mothers’ Defence Fund and correspondence regarding *Grapevine*: newsletter of the Lesbian Mothers’ Defence Fund subscriptions, other organizations and miscellaneous. Some items are oversize.

Sub-series 3.3: LDMF – Other Organizations. – 1979-1984. - 3 cm of textual material (Box 628)
This sub-series contains mostly correspondence and clippings on other Canadian organizations.

Sub-series 3.4: LDMF – Activities. – 1977-1980. - 2.5 cm of textual material and 2 photographs (Box 628, HF 43)
This sub-series contains leaflets clippings and other materials on activities held by the Lesbian Mothers’ Defence Fund such as dances, the Robin Tyler Benefit Show and the Rally Against Anita Bryant. Some items are oversize.

Sub-series 3.5: LDMF – Financial Material. – 1977-1985. - 2 cm of textual material (Box 628)
This sub-series contains grant applications, correspondence and a financial statement.
Sub-series 3.6: LDMF – Publications. – 1977-1986. - 3 cm of textual material (Boxes 628, HF 43)
This sub-series contains issues of the Grapevine: newsletter of the Lesbian Mothers’ Defence Fund and Mom’s Apple Pie: newsletter by Lesbian Mothers’ Defence Fund. Also contains article “Men Loving Boys Loving Men” from the Body Politic: newsletter and the letters to the editor concerning this. Some items are oversize.

Sub-series 3.7: LDMF – Clippings. – 1975-1985. - 16.5 cm of textual material (Box 628-629, HF 43)
This sub-series contains mostly articles and clippings on child custody and lesbian mothers. Some items are oversize

Sub-series 3.8: LDMF – Law Journal Articles and Court Cases. – 1968-1983. - 12.5 cm of textual material (Boxes 629)
This sub-series contains mostly court cases on lesbian Mothers’ wanting custody of their children. Also includes law journal articles.

NOTES

Organization of Records: The contents of each series are preserved in their original order. The sub-series has been organized into alphabetical order, unless otherwise stated.

Originals and Reproductions: All clippings have been photocopied on acid free paper, accept those that had already been photocopied prior to donation, these are identified in the file list. Originals have been removed and are waiting further processing.

Restrictions: Most documents are accessible. At the request of the donor no last names of people connected with the Lesbian Mothers’ Defence Fund, apart from Francie Wyland, are to be made public. However, we have included last names if they have appeared in a public document such as a newspaper. All restricted files are preceded by a red dot. The Archives’ staff can provide you with additional information regarding the restrictions for each restricted file.

Related Material: The Archives and Special Collections hold other finding aids and specific material related to this fonds.

Canadian Women’s Movement Archives: Main files of Women’s Group, X10-1 Thematic Guide Index, G21-3
The Other Woman (1972-1977), HQ 1101. O84
Body Politic: newsletter, HQ 75. B638
BOX 624

624.1 Organization of the Wages for Housework (Toronto, Ontario): mandate proposal and outline, [1975]

624.2 Statement of Political Differences Between the Wages for Housework Collective (Toronto, Ontario) and the Wages for Housework Group I (Toronto, Ontario): articles, 1975

624.3 Division of Work: division of labour list, Judith Ramirez partial vitae and other material, [197?]

**Sub-Series 1.2: WFH - Conferences**

624.4 Assorted Organizations in New York and Houston: including 1977 National Women's Conference in Houston, leaflets, correspondence and articles, [1977]

624.5 Conference with the Gay Community Centre (Saskatoon, Saskatchewan): correspondence, agenda, 1977

624.6 International Wages for Housework Conference (Toronto, Ontario): leaflet, agenda and press release, October 1975


624.8 Montreal Conference (Montreal, Quebec): notes and correspondence, 1975

624.9 Network Conference (Chicago, USA): agenda and correspondence with Wages Due Lesbians, 1977

**Sub-Series 1.3: WFH – Correspondence**
Network Correspondence: including those with the Wages Due Lesbians (Boston and Toronto) and Boston Wages for Housework and 1977-1978 campaign expenses, [1977-1979]

San Diego: correspondence with Mannie Gorza, 1978-1979

Sub-Series 1.4: WFH - Other Organizations

Black Women Wages for Housework (New York, USA): leaflets, reports and articles, 1976-1977

Boston Wages for Housework: pamphlet, clipping, reports including mailing list and information on prostitution, 1976-1979

The Chicago Wages for Housework Collective: includes leaflets, correspondence and clippings on abortion bill (Chicago, USA), 1975-1979

Family Benefits Work Group (Toronto, Ontario): reports, minutes, finances, resignation letters, including some letters from the Children’s Aid Society, 1978-1983 (1 of 2)

Family Benefits Work Group (Toronto, Ontario): reports, minutes, finances, resignation letters, including some letters from the Children’s Aid Society, 1978-1983 (2 of 2)

Gay Men Organizations: clippings, booklet, letters and other material, [1975-1978]

Housewives Initiative and Lesbian Mothers’ Defence Fund: funding proposal, 1978-1979

Mother’s Money Special Bulletin: newsletter, includes main campaign addresses, spring 1978

Mother-Led Union (Toronto, Ontario): 1 clipping, 1 flyer, [197?]

Nellie’s Women’s Hostel (Toronto, Ontario): reports, clippings and notes, [1976]

New York Wages for Housework Collective: leaflets, reports, history of organization and newsletter, [197?]
624.23 Oberlin Wages for Housework Collective (Ohio, USA): 1 statement, 1 leaflet and 1 letter, [1975]

624.24 The Other Woman: newsletter various clippings on Wages for Housework, [1972-1977]

624.25 Power of Women Collective (Montreal, Quebec): includes political statements and post Montreal Conference report, [1975-1977]

624.26 Toronto Women Running: 1 newsletter, 1978

624.27 Wages for Housework (Los Angeles, USA): booklet, correspondence, conference speeches, 1975-1977

624.28 Wages for Housework International Network Newsletter: includes 1 newsletter and mailing list, [1975]

624.29 Wages for Schoolwork: clippings, Ontario Student Newsletter (January 1976) and leaflets, [1975-1978]

624.30 Waitresses Action Committee: notes, pamphlet, fact sheet and articles, 1977

624.31 Winnipeg Coalition: personal correspondence, Festival '78 Feminism magazine and leaflets on Wilmet Brown, Francie Wyland and Judy Ramirez, [1976-1978]

624.32 Women Against Rape (Cleveland, Ohio): report and statement, [197?]

624.33 Women Against Rape: clippings, note, speech, 1977


624.36 Women’s Action Group: reports, clippings, press release, [1978]

Sub-Series 1.5: WFH - Outreach

624.38  May 2nd Rally Wages for Housework (Toronto, Ontario): newsletter, pamphlet, written speeches, 1975

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625.1  Wages for Housework (Toronto, Ontario): columns written for The Pedestal: newsletter, [1975]

625.2  Wages for Housework (Toronto, Ontario): questionnaire of women in Windsor; also includes pamphlet of Cora’s bookmobile, [1975]

625.3  Wages for Housework: newsletters and articles, 1977-1979

625.4  What’s Cooking? Wages for Housework Campaign (Canada): curriculum vitae of Judith Ramirez, leaflets, booklets and clippings, 1974-1979

Sub-Series 1.6: WFH - Clippings

625.5  Abortion (Toronto, Ontario): YMCA and Immigrant Women’s Centre’s mandate, correspondence, leaflets and articles, 1973-1979

625.6  “Amendments to Canada Pension Plan”, Health and Welfare Canada, 1978

625.7  Cooperative Housing: correspondence, articles including Student Cooperative and John Bruce Cooperative court case, 1976-1977

625.8  Divorce/Breakup Statements: clippings and interview with Rosa Becker (City TV), 1976-1981

625.9  Family Allowance Program (Toronto, Ontario): leaflets, clippings, correspondence and reports, [197?]

625.10  Family Law: mostly clippings, 1 statement on matrimonial property laws in Canada, notes for an address by Ron Basford and notes on family law, 1974-1981

625.11  Family Law: articles and pamphlets, [1977-1986]

625.12  General Strike of Women (Iceland): 1 leaflet, 1975
625.13 Housework: reports, leaflets, clippings, correspondence, includes articles on Lesbian Mothers’ Defence Fund as well as A View from the Kitchen by the Housewives’ Initiative, [1979-1980]

625.14 Miscellaneous: articles and notes on different organizations such as Family Benefit Work Group and On Our Own, [1983]

625.15 Miscellaneous: articles including pamphlet on Black Wages, speeches and notes, 1975-1976

625.16 Older Women: text and notes, [1978]

625.17 Prostitution: articles, notes, clippings, correspondence including information on prostitution in France, B.E.A.V.E.R and Black Women Working for Wages, 1975-1978

625.18 “The Social Factory”: article, [197?]


625.21 Wage Issues in Italy: poems/songs, reports, [197?]

625.22 Welfare: reports, correspondence, articles and 1 booklet Women and Poverty, [1976-1979]

625.23 Women, The Unions and Work (Toronto, Ontario): booklet, [197?]  

**SERIES II: WAGES DUE LESBIANS (WDL)**

**Sub-Series 2.1: WDL - Organization and Mandate**

625.24 Wages Due Lesbians Constitution (Toronto, Ontario): includes draft and official document, 1973

625.25 Wages Due Lesbians Description of Organization, [197?]

625.26 Debate on Wages Due Being a Lesbian Group: notes, correspondence, reports as well as leaflets, [1976-1977]
625.27 Political Perspective of Wages Due (Toronto, Ontario): including several drafts of “Fucking is Work” by Ellen Agger and al., [197?]

625.28 Wages Due Lesbians Monthly Report: 1 activity report, endorsement on abortion and 1 letter to the editor of Body Politic: newsletter in response to “Divided We Stand”, 1977

625.29 Wages Due Lesbians Monthly Campaign Report, May 10 1977

**Sub-Series 2.2: WDL - Conferences**


625.31 Conferences: 1 letter “Rock Bottom Consciousness Replies” and 1 leaflet “The Women’s Building”, [1979]

625.32 Feminist Conference (Bolton, Ontario): report, [197?]


625.34 Kingston Homophile Conference (Kingston, Ontario): 1 report, [1976]


625.36 Wages Due Lesbians (Toronto, Ontario): posters, conference notes and others, [1976]

**Sub-Series 2.3: WDL - Correspondence**

625.37 Wages Due Lesbians Correspondence (Toronto, Ontario): with publishers, other organizations and other women, 1976-1979

**Sub-Series 2.4: WDL - Other Organizations**

625.38 Dances Held by the Lesbian Mothers’ Defence Fund (Toronto, Ontario): leaflets, applications and finances, [1978]

625.39 Family Allowance Protest (Toronto, Ontario): letters on allowance cutbacks and protest, 1976
625.40 Gay Men and Wages for Housework (Toronto, Ontario): letters, correspondence, reports, including men and childcare, and Neil Glickman, [197?]

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626.1 Lesbian Mothers' Defence Fund (Toronto, Ontario): fundraising letter, [1978]

626.2 Lesbian Mothers' Defence Fund Letter to the National Action Committee on the Status of Women, 1979

626.3 Lesbian Mothers’ Defence Fund Ontario Tour: agenda and addresses of Ontario organizations, 1981-1983

626.4 Lesbians for Wages for Housework (San Francisco, USA): correspondence, reports, flyers includes material on child custody, [1976-1979]

626.5 Miscellaneous Information on Lesbian Mothers' Defence Fund: includes *Gay Community News* (July 28, 1979) and “Lesbian Mothers and Custody Rights” article, [1979]

626.6 National Gay Rights Coalition and Canadian Lesbian and Gay Rights Coalition: minutes, reports, correspondence, includes information on Bill 68, Celebration ’79 and the Human Rights Commission, 1979-1981

626.7 Wages Due Lesbian (Bristol, England): poster, statements, clippings, includes information on rape and Maureen Colquhoun MP, [1976-1979]

626.8 Wages Due Lesbian (London, England): clippings, reports, statements, correspondence, contains several articles on Maureen Colquhoun MP, [1974-1978] (1 of 2)

626.9 Wages Due Lesbian (London, England): clippings, reports, statements, correspondence, contains several articles on Maureen Colquhoun MP, [1974-1978] (2 of 2)

626.10 Wages Due Lesbian (Philadelphia, USA): booklet, reports, mostly correspondence, 1976-1978

**Sub-Series 2.5: WDL - Outreach**
626.11 Abortion (Toronto, Ontario): endorsement letter by the Wages Due Lesbians, 1977
626.12 Dorothy Kidd (Toronto, Ontario): speech, 1976
626.13 Family Allowance Protest: Endorsement by the Wages Due Lesbians, July 1976
626.14 Gay Pride Rally (Los Angeles, USA): speech by Francie Wyland, 1977
626.15 Human Rights Campaign: includes the Coalition for Gay Rights in Canada and Ontario Gay Rights Lobby, reports and correspondence, [1978-1980]
626.16 Rally Against the Cutbacks (Toronto, Ontario): 1 speech by Ellen Agger and 1 clipping, 1976
626.17 Rally Against the Cutbacks and the Regent Park Rally (Toronto, Ontario): speeches by Ellen Agger and Dorothy Kidd from the Wages for Housework, 1976
626.18 Rally to Stop Anita Bryant’s Crusade: open letter to Anita Bryant read by Francie Wyland of the Wages Due Lesbians and speech by Mrs. X, 1978
626.19 Rally to Stop Anita Bryant’s Crusade: open letter to Anita Bryant read by Francie Wyland of the Wages Due Lesbians, 1978
626.20 Rally to Stop Anita Bryant’s Crusade: speech by Mrs. X (Mary Ann), 1978
626.21 San Francisco Prostitutes (Toronto, Ontario): statement of support by the Wages Due Lesbians, 1977

**Sub-Series 2.6: WDL - Publications by the Wages Due Lesbians**

626.24 Clippings (Toronto, Ontario): includes articles on Anita Bryant and the Queen’s Homophile Association Conference, 1976-1978
626.26 Clippings: photocopies made by the Wages Due Lesbians, 1976-1978
626.27 Custody Picket Flyer (Toronto, Ontario), [1976]
626.28 *Grapevine*: newsletter of the Lesbian Mothers’ Defence Fund material such as clippings, pamphlet and postcards for future issues, [1982]
626.29 “In the Closet”: a letter from Jane Doe, Wages Due Lesbians and reports on rent freeze, [1976-1977]
626.30 Mother’s Custody Benefit: flyer, [197?]
626.32 *Motherhood, Lesbianism and Child Custody*: review by Boo Watson, June 1977
626.33 “Wages Due Lesbians Support Prostitutes” and “Lesbians Fight to Keep Kids”: articles, 1977
626.34 Women’s Dance: 1 flyer, [1976]

Sub-Series 2.7: WDL - Publications

626.35 American Child Custody Cases of Lesbians: trial memorandum and case notes gathered by the Lesbian Rights Project, [197?]
626.36 Anti-Anita Bryant (an Anti-Homosexual) Media Coverage (Toronto, Ontario): clippings, 1978
626.37 *Body Politic*: newsletter and the Special Women’s Issue Committee (Toronto, Ontario): includes many articles and correspondence on the “Men Loving Boys Loving Men” article and its outcome, 1977-1979
626.38 Canadian Custody Cases: 1 clipping, case list and a photocopy of *Lesbian Mothers and Their Children*, 1975-1983
626.39 Child Custody: clippings, leaflets, flyers, 1976-1977
626.40 Competence of Lawyers in Lesbian Custody Cases: letter extracts, legal aid tariffs and a “Lawyer Evaluation Tool” article, [197?]
626.41 Custody Case Clippings: also includes clippings on child sexual orientation in gay environment and test tube babies for lesbians, 1976-1981

626.42 Family Allowance Coverage: articles in Body Politic: newsletter, 1976

626.43 “Gayness, Money and Network” and “Gay Liberation, Feminism and the Left”: articles by Neil Glickman, 1978

626.44 “Gays Join Day of Protest”: in Body Politic: newsletter, 1977

626.45 The Gays of Ottawa Newsletter, volume 3, number 3, July 1976

626.46 “Housewives Should Be Paid”: in The Whig-Standard, Thursday July 8, 1976

626.47 Legal Packet: mostly reports and legal cases on lesbian mothers custody cases, includes a photocopy of Lesbian Mothers and Their Children, [1976-1984]

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627.1 Lesbian in the Army: 1 letter, July 1976

627.2 Lesbian Mother Litigation Manual: by Donna J. Hitchens, J.D. and the Lesbian Rights Project, 1982, (1 of 2)

627.3 Lesbian Mother Litigation Manual: by Donna J. Hitchens, J.D. and the Lesbian Rights Project, 1982, (2 of 2)

627.4 Lesbian Separatism: includes reports, drafts and correspondence with Wages Due Lesbians in Toronto (Ontario), France and London (England), [1975]

627.5 Lesbian Testimony Presented at the International Tribunal on Crimes Against Women in Brussels (Belgium), 1976

627.6 “Lesbian Women Say No to the Welfare Cuts, Yes to Wages for Housework” (New York, USA): poster, [1976]

627.7 Lesbians and Wage Issues (Toronto, Ontario): newspaper article and statement, 1977

627.8 “Lesbians Demand Custody Rights”: in the Toronto Clarion-Seven, November 1-14, 1976
Lesbians Organize (Toronto, Ontario): booklet published by several women organizations, [1976-1977]

“Lesbians Struggle at Nellie’s Women’s Hostel”: in Dykes Newsletter, [1976]

Miscellaneous Information on Gay Men (Toronto, Ontario): letters, reports, includes “Brief on Bill C-53, the Right to Privacy Committee” and After Stonewall: newsletter (number 9 and 10), [1979-1982]


Selected Articles on Child Custody and Homosexual Parents: 1963-1983

Several Bibliographies for Child Custody and Lesbian Mothers, [197?]

Stop Anita Bryant’s Crusade Rally (Toronto, Ontario): 1 press release and 1 poster, 1977

“Toward a Strategy for the Lesbian Movement”: poster and article, 1976

Various Excerpts on 1 Sheet: 2 articles and 1 clipping, 1976


Why Lesbians Want Wages for Housework: article by Wages Due Collective, 1975

SERIES III: LESBIAN MOTHERS’ DEFENCE FUND (LMDF)

Sub-Series 3.1: LMDF - Organization and Mandate

Lesbian Mothers’ Defence Fund Coordinating Committee: agenda, [197?]

Letter from Ellen M. Macdonald: lawyer for the Lesbian Mothers’ Defence Fund, 1978

List of Lawyers Used by Lesbian Mothers’ Defence Fund, [197?]
627.23 List of Potential Lesbian Mothers' Defence Fund Therapist, [197?]

627.24 Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations: a form for potential names for the Lesbian Mothers' Defence Fund organization, 1978


627.26 Steering Committee Meeting: correspondence, Goodlife: newsletter and agenda, [1983-1984]

Sub-Series 3.2: LMDF - Liaison with Clients and Correspondence

627.27 Blank Information Sheets for New Clients, [197?]

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627.35 Information Sheet: filled out by Bernie and Chris, [1979]

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• 627.37 Information Sheet: filled out by Diane C., [1980]
627.38 Information Sheet: filled out by Judy: includes correspondence, 1978-1979
627.39 Information Sheet: filled out by Moira and Phyllis, 1979
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627.41 Information Sheet: filled out by Patricia, [197?]
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627.43 Information Sheet: filled out by Peggy L. and Diana E., 1979
627.44 Information Sheet: filled out by Sharon (via Cathy), [197?]
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627.47 Questionnaire: subject is on the potlucks held by the organization, 1980

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628.1.1 Gay Fathers of Toronto (Toronto, Ontario): 3 letters, 1979
628.3 Lesbian Mothers’ National Defence Fund (Seattle, USA): list of reading material available for lesbian mothers, [197?]
628.4 Lesbian Mothers’ National Defence Fund (Seattle, USA): correspondence, 1979-1982
628.5 Other Lesbian and Gay Child Custody Defence Funds: press releases and leaflets, [1979]
628.6 Les Sourcières (Montréal, Québec): leaflet and correspondence, [1982]
628.7  Toronto Gay Community Council (Toronto, Ontario): minutes, letters to the editor, letters and meeting agenda, [1981-1982]

628.8  The Womyns’ Collective of Calgary (Calgary, Alberta): flyers, letters, includes information on the Lesbian Information Line, 1981-1982

**Sub-Series 3.4: LMDF - Activities**

628.9  Benefit Dances Held by the Lesbian Mothers’ Defence Fund: includes posters and “Organizing a Dance: What to Do” article, [197?]

628.10 Dance Fund-Raisings: leaflets and receipts, [1978-1982]

628.11 Pickets Held by the Lesbian Mothers’ Defence Fund: includes leaflets for the rally against Anita Bryant, 1977

628.12 Publicity: clippings, 1978-1983

628.13 Publicity: clippings, 1979-1981

628.14 Robin Tyler Benefit (Toronto, Ontario): leaflet, articles and notes, 1980

628.15 Robin Tyler Stand-Up Comic: benefit for the Lesbian Mothers’ Defence Fund poster, [197?] 

**Sub-Series 3.5: LMDF - Financial Material**


**Sub-Series 3.6: LMDF - Publications**

628.19 Article for *Quest: A Feminist Quarterly* by Ellen Agger and Francie Wyland: includes draft, correspondence and amendments, 1978

628.20 Article on Child Custody: includes some written by members of the Lesbian Mothers' Defence Fund, 1977-1981


Francie Wyland (Toronto, Ontario): 1 transcript, 1 speech and other material, 1982-1984

Lesbian Poems for Lesbian Mothers’ Defence Fund: includes poems from Gayle O, “Jenner” and others, [1978-1979]

Letters to the Body Politic: newsletter: includes a personal correspondence and article “Men Loving Boys Loving Men”, 1979-1980

Letters to the Editor: concerning Gay Community News’ issue of “Men Loving Boys Loving Men”, 1980

Mom’s Apple Pie: newsletter by the Lesbian Mothers’ Defence Fund, 1986

Motherhood, Lesbianism and Child Custody: reviews, flyers and 1 excerpt in Mom’s Apple Pie: newsletter (September 1977), 1977-1978

Sub-Series 3.7: LMDF - Clippings

Child Custody: correspondence and reports, includes Mom’s Apple Pie: newsletter 1978, legal procedures to apply for child custody and student research papers on “Lesbian Mothers”, 1978-1981

“Gayness, Money and Housework” by Neil Glickman, 1978

“Lawyer Evaluation Tool” letter, [197?]

“Lesbians Fight to Keep Kids” in Body Politic: newsletter, December-January 1977

Lesbian Mother Litigation Manual by Donna J. Hitchens, Lesbian Rights Project, San Francisco, California, 1982 (1 of 2)

Lesbian Mother Litigation Manual by Donna J. Hitchens, Lesbian Rights Project, San Francisco, California, 1982 (2 of 2)

Personal Letter Written By a Child in a Custody Case, [197?]
Recognizing Lesbian and Gay Families: strategies for extending Employment Benefit Coverage by Teresa Lynn Friend and Pamela Liberty: photocopy made by the organization, [197?]

Research Information on Child Custody: includes a film transcript, special reports from The Society of Single Fathers as well as drafts for pamphlets, [1976]

Several Published Articles on Lesbian Mothers and Their Children: includes a summary list of court cases in Canada, 1980-1984

Sex (Homosexual) Education in Schools: includes a letter to the Toronto School Board and reports, 1983-1985

“Tips on Fighting a Child Custody Case”: report (Toronto, Ontario), [197?]

Various Child Custody Cases: also includes kidnapping cases, 1976-1981

Various Clippings on Child Custody, 1975-1979


Various Clippings on Lesbian Issues: includes reports on Billie Jean King, Eleanor Roosevelt, Barbara Thornborrow and more, 1977-1981

Sub-Series 3.8: LMDF - Law Journal Articles And Court Cases

Law Journal Articles on Child Custody: also includes unpublished articles on child custody, 1974-1981 (1 of 2)

Law Journal Articles on Child Custody: also includes unpublished articles on child custody, 1974-1981 (2 of 2)

Barkley (Kingston, Ontario): court case, [1980]

Brown vs. Brown (Michigan, USA): court case, 1973
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629.9  Hall vs. Hall (Ohio, USA): court case, 1974

• 629.10  J., S. and C. (New Jersey, USA): memorandum, [197?]

• 629.11  Jullion vs. Ceccarelli (California, USA): court case, deposition and memorandum, 1977-1978

629.13  Koop vs. Koop (Washington, USA): court case, 1976
629.14  Lucero (Colorado, USA): court case, 1977
629.15  Nadler vs. Nadler (California, USA): court case, 1968
629.16  Parrott vs. Mulligan (California, USA): court case, 1973
629.17  Ranson vs. Ranson (California, USA): court case, 1977
629.18  Sandra B. vs. Charles B. (New York, USA): published memorandum decision, [1976]
629.19  Stamper vs. Stamper (Michigan, USA): court case, 1977
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• 629.21  Youngren vs. Youngren (Ontario): court case, 1983

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HF 43.4  “Stop the Henderson Report” by Ontario Student: newsletter (vol.4, no.4, 1976) from folder 624.29
HF 43.5 “Is a Wife Worth £ 115?” Evening News (February 13, 1978) and “Valentine, You’re Worth a Fortune” Daily Express (February 14, 1978) from folder 624.35

HF 43.6 “Mayday Rally” by Wages For Housework Campaign Bulletin: special report, [1975] from folder 624.38

HF 43.7 Wages For Housework Campaign Bulletin (vol.4, no.2, winter 1979 and vol.1, no.1, Summer/Fall 1979) from folder 625.3

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HF 43.9 Task Force Report: newsletter of the National Gay Task Force (vol. 9, no. 1, 1982 and vol. 9, no. 2, 1982) and a pull-out from New Women’s Times (February 1982) from folder 626.28

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