

Archival collection: Ulrica ‘Juul’ Rijnsdorp (1929-2004): Legal pluralism and family law in Sierra Leone (1971-1973)

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Title: Ulrica ‘Juul’ Rijnsdorp (1929-2004): Legal pluralism and family law in Sierra Leone (1971-1973).

Dated (mostly): 1960-1973.

Dimensions: 12 boxes + 3 boxes of audio equipment, tape-reels and cassette tapes.

Languages: Dutch, English.

Summary: The collection is mainly comprised of material collected during a period of fieldwork which revolved around the theme of legal pluralism in a changing Sierra Leonean society. Included in the collection are a large number of case-files (mainly court-cases involving family law), reports of interviews with legal personnel, and political authorities in both rural and urban regions in Sierra Leone, as well as correspondence anent the research project, Rijnsdorp’s dissertation, and correspondence with Rijnsdorp’s assistants. The collection is further enriched by Rijnsdorp’s maps, photographs and the labelled tape-reels and cassette-tapes which were made during interviews, court cases and speeches. In addition to Rijnsdorp’s own material, a number of folders of the Dutch civil administrator (Sumatra) and legal scholar Johannes Keuning (1911-1965) are present in the archive. Keuning was interested in customary law in Indonesia and Africa and briefly conducted research on the topic in Western Nigeria in 1961.¹

Institution: African Studies Centre, Leiden University, Leiden, The Netherlands.

Repository: African Studies Centre Library, Leiden University, Leiden, The Netherlands.

Acquisition: Ulrica Rijnsdorp kindly left her archival material to the Africa Studies Centre, which ultimately included the collection in her archival section in 2005.

¹ G. Locher, In Memoriam: J. Keuning, *Bijdragen tot de Taal-, Land- en Volkenkunde*, Vol. 123, No. 1 (1967) 1-9.

Biographical information and background to the Sierra Leone Project:

Born on 12 October, 1929 (Rotterdam), as the daughter of the (neo-) Calvinist artist and writer Cornelis Rijnsdorp and A.M. Rijnsdorp-Gerber, Ulrica 'Juul' Rijnsdorp started her academic career as a law-student.² A by-product of her studies seems to have been the development of a keen interest in African law, especially in the marriage- and divorce-legislation of the Yoruba.³ The link with the work of Johannes Keuning in Western-Nigeria can perhaps already be found in her time as a student.

Supported by the African Studies Centre (ASC) in the Netherlands, and funded by the Dutch Foundation for the Advancement of Tropical Research (WOTRO), Rijnsdorp was one of four researchers taking part in a study of family law in Sierra Leone (1971-1973).⁴ Other participating researchers were the anthropologist Barbara E. Harrell-Bond, with whom Rijnsdorp worked most closely, the Sierra Leonean public administrator and economist James Sanpha Koroma, and the Dutch anthropologist Rudolf Niemeijer. The core theme of the study was the friction caused by the legal pluralism in rapidly changing African societies. Within the arena of family law, the Sierra Leonean government recognized three distinct legal systems: English law as imposed in the colonial era, customary law, and to a lesser extent, Islamic law. In certain cases, such pluralism caused conflicts of law which resulted in social disruptions.⁵ A concrete aim of the research project was to gauge the possibilities for the unification of family law in the country.

The bedrock of Rijnsdorp's research was made up of case-files of disputes brought before the various courts in the Sierra Leonean juridical system (Local Court – High Court – Magistrate's Court, including cases of the Social Work Offices in Bo and Freetown). Aided by a team of African assistants, translators and typists, Rijnsdorp collected these files from various court-archives and conducted follow-up interviews with the involved parties.⁶ In doing so, she sought to understand the build-up to disputes, the reactions to court decisions, as well as the

² A. Schipper, *Het Volk aan de Kunst. C. Rijnsdorp, Calvinisme en Cultuur: de calvinistische paradox van het cultureel tekort* (Rotterdam, 2019).

³ *Jaarverslag 1967, Afrika Studiecentrum* (Leiden, 1968) 2.

⁴ Ulrica Rijnsdorp was the only researcher funded by WOTRO, the other participants made use of the research budget of the African Studies Centre – *Jaarverslag 1972, Stichting Afrika-Studiecentrum* (Leiden, 1973) 11.

⁵ B.E. Harrell-Bond and U. Rijnsdorp, *Family Law in Sierra Leone; A Research Report* (Leiden, 1975) 1.

⁶ Ulrica Rijnsdorp followed a course on the Mende language in London, likely at the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS).

social consequences of these decisions. Rijnsdorp was also able to attend a number of court cases herself. An overview of the different aspects of the study, including its methodology, can be found in the introductory chapter of the full [research report](#), which was published in 1975 in Leiden.⁷

Additionally, the archive contains valuable information about one of the above-mentioned assistants, James Francis Amara. Amara set out to study in England after the research project had ended and received considerable assistance from Rijnsdorp. Back in the Netherlands, the Dutch jurist let Amara stay in her home, she helped him get enrolled in St. Aldate's College (GB) and advanced his tuition fee. Their correspondence shows a falling-out between the two on these financial matters, as well as an alleged breach of Rijnsdorp's trust. As such, the archive offers traces of the reciprocal relationships formed during fieldwork, as well as the tensions which could arise out of such bonds.

Following her return to the Netherlands, Rijnsdorp remained a member of the research staff of the ASC until the end of 1982. She published some academic articles following her fieldwork, including a seminar paper and a conference paper in cooperation with Barbara Harrell-Bond.⁸ However, due to partially unknown reasons, she was unable to finish her dissertation: *Family-law of the Mende (Familierecht bij de Mende)*. The correspondence present in the archive and the year-reports of the ASC do mention her struggles with illness (blood-disease) in the 1970s and 1980s, as well as difficulties in writing up her findings. The academic collaboration between Rijnsdorp and Harrell-Bond, who went on to publish extensively on her own research, seems to have stopped after the publication of their joint research report in 1975.

In 1982, Rijnsdorp was honourably discharged from the ASC research-staff and continued working for the ASC as a documentalist (13.3 hours a week) in the library department until 1994.⁹ She passed away ten years later, on the 28th of July, 2004, in Leiden.

Note on the completeness of this archival inventory:

⁷ B.E. Harrell-Bond and U. Rijnsdorp, *Family Law in Sierra Leone; A Research Report*.

⁸ U. Rijnsdorp, Different views about Paternal Rights in Bo (Sierra Leone), *Kroniek van Afrika*, No. 4 (1975). – U. Rijnsdorp, The curtailment of the legal husband's rights, *Seminar: New Directions in African Family Law*, ASC (Leiden, 1974). – In cooperation with B.E. Harrel-Bond: The emergence of new forms of conjugal relations, *International Sociological Association Conference in Toronto* (1974).

⁹ *Jaarverslag 1982, Afrika-Studiecentrum Leiden* (Leiden, 1983). – Rijnsdorp started working part-time after the Dutch pension-fund for government employees and educators (ABP) deemed her partially unfit for work (*arbeidsongeschikt*).

Due to the considerable size of the collection, not all folders with case-files have been thoroughly checked for the presence of loose letters or other papers within them. The African Studies Centre strove for immediate improvement of the public research value of the collection instead of a description on a micro-level, which would have taken a considerable time to complete.

Description of the collection:

Audio-equipment:

- Rijnsdorp's tape recorder (SANYO MR-115), including instruction manual and cables (as of yet no power cable)
 - Box includes: 2 tape-reels and 8 cassette-tapes
- Blue case with a floral pattern: 24 tape-reels (not tested)
- Green case with a chequered 'quilt'-pattern: 24 tape-reels (not tested)

Photographic material: Sierra Leone Project (most pictures in the envelopes can be found in the albums as well)

- 2 photo-albums: Including pictures of Ulrica Rijnsdorp, (presumably) Barbara Harrel-Bond, African assistants, Sierra Leonean villages and villagers, ceremonies, meetings and dance performances
- 7 Kodak-envelopes containing photographs
- 6 envelopes with negatives
- 1 envelope with 3 rolls with negatives and 13 slides

Maps: The archival section of the ASC stores a number of large-sized national and regional maps of Sierra Leone (1960s).

Box 1:

Vertical stack: (Left to right if box-label faces you)

- Folder: 'Fooling me; cases connected with marriage + rights of husband'
 - -1960s: Copies of written and typed court-cases
- Ledger:
 - -Case-book from Tikonko Local Court (1964), including fingerprints in ink
- Folder: 'Cases connected with house lots + bush'
- Folder: 'Cases connected with property + inheritance'
 - -Inserted folder: 'Claims to property – responsibility for estate'
 - -Folder: 'Inheritance'

- -Folder: 'Trespass to property by animal'
 - -Folder: 'Leetention (?) of property (outsiders)'
 - -Folder: 'Property (husband/wife – ex husb/wife)'
 - -Folder: 'Property (lovers)'
 - -More folders, which are uncatalogued
- Folder: 'Debts (?) – pledge of woman surety'
- Folder: 'Cases connected with children – training children – putting Bundu'
- Folder: 'Interviews with Paramount Chiefs'
 - -Interviewers: Mrs. Bond and Mrs. Rijnsdorp (1971-1972)
- Folder: 'Interviews with religious heads- Muslims'
- Folder: 'Interviews with section chiefs Kakua Chiefdom + town chiefs + speakers'
- Folder: 'Interviews with section town chiefs and village heads – handwritten copies'

Horizontal stack:

- Transparent folder:
 - -Offprint from *Kroniek van Afrika*: H.L. van der Laan, Syrians or Lebanese: Which name is correct?, No. 2 (1969)
 - -Letter of introduction from G.W. Grootenhuis (General Secretary-Director Africa Studies-Centre Leiden) 'To whom it may concern' (23/10/1975), Grootenhuis introduced Rijnsdorp and asks for assistance
 - -List of participants and practical information for the International Seminar on: 'Asian trading minorities in tropical Africa (Leiden, 15-19/12/1975)
 - -Some practical information and list of participants and observers for a seminar on changes in Tanzanian rural society and their relevance for development planning (Leiden 7-11/12/1970)
 - -Programme for the International Seminar on: 'Asian trading minorities in tropical Africa (Leiden, 15-19/12/1975)
 - -Unknown author: Subsidie-aanvraag 1970: Onderzoek naar zekere aspecten van gezinsproblematiek in een stedelijk milieu in Sierra Leone, West-Afrika – Aanvulling: Methoden van onderzoek, sociologisch aspect
 - -Barbara E. Harrell-Bond and Rudolf Niemeijer, Subsidie-aanvraag 1971: Onderzoek naar juridisch-maatschappelijke aspecten van huwelijk, gezin en verwantschappelijke betrekkingen in een stedelijk milieu in Sierra Leone, West-Afrika – Toelichting sociologisch aspect
 - -Multiple documents pertaining the seminar 'New Directions in African family law' (Leiden 30th September – 4th October 1974)

- Draft: B. Harrell-Bond and R. Niemeijer (presumably) A study of legal problems of customary marriage and family life in a Mende speaking urban area in Sierra Leone
- E.A.B. van Rouveroy van Nieuwaal, Kanttekeningen bij een seminaire over grondenrechthervorming in West-Afrika (Leiden, 1979)
- Draft: U. Rijnsdorp, Huwelijk en huwelijksontbinding volgens gewoonterecht bij de Yoruba's van Zuid-West Nigeria
- Written report: Brief report on visits to some Customary Courts in Western Nigeria
- 2x: Case-file in customary 'Native' Court in Nigeria
- Transparent folder:
 - -Unsorted (serialized) court cases: Mainly in Bo, 1972
 - -Some of these documents are 'Follow-up cases', likely these disputes were brought before a higher court. There, Rijnsdorp collected the case-file, which provided her the information for a visit to the respective parties.
- 8x: Filled in questionnaire on Customary Family Law, sent to clerks of local courts in Sierra Leone. (likely 1972)
- Elastic band: Copied case-files of 'Native Council of Benin City 1913: Protectorate of Southern Nigeria'
- Elastic band: copied case-files of 'The minor court for the district of B. City held at B. City under Native Custom and Law' (presumably 1900)
 - -Some of the files have copied written notes attached to them
 - -Some of the disputes focus around (domestic) slavery
- Transparent folder:
 - -Unsorted typed research notes, among which: General description of the Kissy Police Station - Interview at Sanda – Thanksgiving ceremony of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Bo – Proceedings at Foulah Mosque in Freetown (24/9/1972) – Interview between Barbara & Bai Komp before the panel-discussion in Bombali Shebora – Interview with the head of the Ahmadiyya Mission in Sierra Leone (18/2/1972)
- Loose papers: Including typed interviews with Chiefs, Speakers and Tribal headmen (1972)
 - -Including: U. Rijnsdorp, Onderzoek naar enige aspecten van gezinsproblematiek in een stedelijk milieu in Sierra Leone (West Afrika)

- -Information regarding the aims of the study in Bo
 - -Including letter from U. Rijnsdorp to 'Rionne' (2/12/1970, London), regarding her preparatory time on London, her experiences learning the Mende-language, other publications on family law in Western Africa, and the place of Dutch anthropologist Sjoerd Hofstra in Mende folklore (The white man who built his own house). This is likely 'Sovullah's House', built during the fieldwork of Sjoerd Hofstra in Panguma (1934-1936). Sovullah was the Mende name given to Hofstra after his initiation in the Poro secret society. The field-archive of Sjoerd Hofstra is kept in the African Studies Centre in Leiden, the Netherlands.
- Brown folder: 'Elections – reinstallation Kissi t/h. [tribal headman] – elections Kissi speaker' (1972)
 - -Typed notes
- Brown folder: 'Police station Bo observed period'
 - -Typed notes: Record of cases reported at the Bo Police Station (4/8/1972)
- Brown folder: 'Cannibalism/ baboon society'
 - -Official correspondence between District Commissioners, Provincial Commissioners and Ministry of Information anent cannibalism in Bonthe, Barri and Bumpe chiefdoms (1963)
- Brown folder: 'Investigation into the disappearance of two girls'
 - -Report, regarding preliminary investigation of the Chiefdom Elders of Kakua Chiefdom, Bo, anent the disappearance (22/11/1972)
- Brown folder: 'Investigation into a secret society matter'
- Green folder: 'S.W.O. Bo,' [Social Welfare Office]'
 - -Case files and follow-up studies of Rijnsdorp, anent cases brought to the S.W.O. in Bo (1972- 1973)
- Interview with Alpha Sheriff – Plaintiff in case No. 337/72, Amara – Rynsdorp – 26/2/1973
- Copy of letter from Moinama Boima to the Judicial Adviser of the Department of the Interior (Freetown), regarding a complaint of Boima about the judicial process in which he was treated unfairly.
- Paperclips: Foday Case – Description of research in land-law in Sierra Leone
- Folder: 'Eigen teksten + correspondentie'

- Folder: 'Marriage, Divorce and the Custody of Children: Manuscript'
- Folder: 'Manuscript: Chapter I: Betrothal and Marriage'
- Folder: 'Nieuwe Versie' (post-it: Over Yoruba)
- Booklet: J. Harris, Books about Nigeria (Ibadan, 1960)
- Paper: B.E. Harrel-Bond, An adultery dispute with no legal remedy
- Paper: U. Rijnsdorp, A Dispute over paternal rights

Box 2:

Neco Archival Box: 'A.S.C. Family Law in Sierra Leone Mis + Losse stukken'

- 8x Offprint 2 articles in: Kroniek van Afrika, Vol. 1 (1975)
 - -B.E. Harrel-Bond, An adultery dispute with no legal remedy
 - -U. Rijnsdorp, A Dispute over paternal rights
- Book: Hazrat Mirza Bashir-ud-Din Mahmud Ahmad, Invitation (Lahore, 1968)
 - -The author is the son of the Amhadiyya Movement
- Clarence E.A. Labor ed., Sierra Leone Year Book 1971
- Clarence E.A. Labor ed., Sierra Leone Year Book 1972
- Clarence E.A. Labor ed., Sierra Leone Year Book 1973
- Various journal issues on social science and law

Neco Archival Box: 'Correspondentie + Administratie – Sierra Leone Project – Subsidiebesluiten jaarverslagen'

- Red folder:
 - -Correspondence of Ulrica Rijnsdorp with the African Studies Centre in Leiden, The Netherlands (1971-1972), regarding finance.
 - -Research proposals of the Sierra Leone Project (1971-1972) in Dutch and English
- Red folder: 'Correspondentie ASC Leiden'
 - -Correspondence with Barbara E. Harrel-Bond (1971)
 - -Correspondence with the African Studies Centre (among others: J. Nijssen, Doppert) (1971)
 - -Correspondence with J.F. Holleman (1971)
 - -Correspondence with G.W. Grootenhuis (1971)
 - -Correspondence with Fourah Bay College (1971)
 - -Correspondence with K.L.M. Cargo (Dutch Airline Company), regarding missing suitcase with fieldnotes. (1971)
- Brown folder: 'Officiële correspondentie Sierra Leone bewaren'
 - -Letter from Barbara Harrel-Bond to Gerrit Grootenhuis

- -Reference letter of Rijnsdorp for her senior research assistant James Francis Amara, detailing his skills and work-ethic. (6/5/1973)
 - Correspondence with Fourah Bay College (Jonathan Hyde) (1973)
 - -Reference letter of Rijnsdorp for her steward and cook Tamba Kissi, detailing his skills and work-ethic. (6/5/1973)
 - -Misc. other letters (1973)
 - -Letter to Mr. Preugschatt (Surveyer), regarding the lay-off of Soah Abdulai, Rijnsdorp's former research assistant. Abdulai did not want to pay a bribe to his foreman, which led to a fabricated complaint which caused the lay-off. Rijnsdorp asks Preugschatt to reconsider the matter.
 - -Correspondence with District Commissioner of Pujehun (1972), regarding a panel discussion on the Family Law Research Project
 - -Notes on literature
 - Correspondence with the Dutch Embassy in Monrovia, Liberia (1973, regarding Rijnsdorp's passport)
- Research note: David Skinner, The Arabic Letter Books as a Source for Sierra Leone History
 - Letter to Barbara Harrell-Bond (1973)
 - Welcome address presented to Speaker Mokuwa on his return from Lower Bambara Chiefdom Administration – Kenema (1973)
 - Brown folder:
 - -Correspondence in and from Sierra Leone (1971-1972-1973), mainly regarding finances and debts
 - -Including handwritten letters from assistants
 - -Paperclip with short stories
 - Blue folder:
 - -Correspondence with assistants, Barbara
 - Ledger: Descriptions of costs (1971-1973)
 - Official documentation anent Sierra Leone Project, including preparatory journey
 - Notes on literature

Box 3:

Neco Archival Box: 'Correspondentie + administratie Sierra Leone Project + James Amara'

- -Ledger: Description of costs, including salaries of assistants and other personnel (1971-1973)
 - -Loose papers inside: Information on furniture used – Papers with other costs
- -Brown folder: 'Files J.A. Office [Judicial Advisor]'
 - -Correspondence anent the enrolment of James Amara in St. Aldate's College (Oxford) and North Berks college (1974)
- -Notebook: 'Citaten Yoruba'
 - -Notes on literature and addresses.
- -Brown folder:
 - -Correspondence with and about James Amara (1974)
 - The correspondence details a falling out between James Amara and Rijnsdorp about finances, Amara and 'Jimmy' defrauding Rijnsdorp, Amara allegedly calling Rijnsdorp his 'lover' among acquaintances, and Amara allegedly withholding letters addressed to Rijnsdorp.
 - -Copies of correspondence with Mr. E.M. Jimmy (1973)
 - -Correspondence with Barbara (1973)
 - -Correspondence with J.F. Holleman

Neco Archival Box: 'Blocnotes S.L. Project'

- -Blocnotes with research notes, interview notes, addresses, information on judicial personnel, notes taken during research in presumably government archives/files
- -Draft: Paper on a legal subject

Box 4:

- Folders with case files regarding family law: Marriage, Divorce, Adultery, Seduction (Bo-District, 1967-1973), and miscellaneous other legal matters (Debt)
- Documentation anent a seminar in Leiden in 1974
- Documentation regarding the Sierra Leone Project (1972), including research reports and statements on methodology.
- Documentation regarding 'Research Workshop: Law and Society' (1975)
- Copies of Native Law Ordinances (Birth and Death Ordinances) from colonial/Protectorate Era
- Interviews with court medicine owners (1971)
- Correspondence with J.F. Holleman

- Government of Sierra Leone: official documentation anent legal personnel – court system – court swearing

Box 5:

- Drafts, papers
- Newspapers: The Times Saturday (1976)
- Manuscript (presumably by J. Keuning): Chapters of ‘Yoruba Law and Custom relating to Marriage, Divorce and the Custody of Children; with special reference to the Ibadan area
- Manuscript: J. Keuning; regarding a study of the judicial process in customary courts in Western Nigeria in 1961.
- Government papers and manuals regarding law in Western Nigeria (1957-1959)
- Papers on Customary Law in Nigeria
- Letter from J. Keuning to Mr. Aiyela
- Research notes of (presumably) J. Keuning (19/7/1961)
- Case files from Western Nigeria (1959-1961)
- Conference Papers by J. Keuning: N.I.S.E.R. Conference, Ibadan, March 27-30, 1962
 - -Some remarks on Law and Courts in Africa
 - -Some aspects of the administration of justice in Yoruba-land
- Case files + written notes (land law + family law)

Box 6:

- Case files: written by assistant (1960s-1973)
 - -TYPED: these written papers seem to have been copied on a typewriter and are likely present elsewhere in the archive.
- Notes on panel discussions

- Files of court cases: Bo District – Moyamba District – Monghere District – Pujehun District – Bumpah
- Notes on investigated cases by James Koroma
- Interviews led by James Koroma
- Texts and notes by Sabieu P. Conteh, primarily anent the death of Pa Cole
- Interview with (presumably) a medicine man
- Case files of Temne-inhabitants of Bo
- Lists of questions for follow-up interviews
- Interview with Chief Mamy Vandi, regarding the debtor/creditor relationship (1973)
- Listed ways of approaching individual follow-up studies of Social Welfare cases (1973)
- Various Conference Papers: Conference on Integration of Customary and Modern Legal Systems, Ibadan, 24-29 August 1964 (presumably, these were collected by J. Keuning)

Box 7:

- Notes on literature: Kenneth Little, Kenneth Crosby, M. McCulloch
- Case files: Koribondo
- B. Harrell-Bond and U. Rijnsdorp, Family Law in Sierra Leone: A research report (Leiden, 1975)
- E.A.B. van Rouveroy van Nieuwaal, Verslag van reis naar Togo en Opper-Volta 1975-1976 (2 maanden)
- Various Conference Papers: Conference on Integration of Customary and Modern Legal Systems, Ibadan, 24-29 August 1964 (presumably collected by J. Keuning)
- Case files: Maxwell Street Court (1972)
- Interviews Freetown (1972) – Bo (1971)
- Case file: Amadu's Case (by Barbara Harrell-Bond)

- Case files: Freetown
- Interviews with herbalists, morimen and court presidents (1970-1971)
- Case files; Kakua Chiefdom Bo-District
- Cases: Senghe Local Court Moyamba District
- Lists of coding regarding the collected court cases
- Research report 1972 (Sierra Leone Project)
- Correspondence between U. Rijnsdorp and B. Harrell-Bond (1971)
- Case files; Bonthe District
- Interviews with tribal headmen (1972)
- Copied extracts of Daily Mail, regarding court cases (1950s)
- Typed notes on life in Sierra Leone, by Ausman Kamara
- Case files: Tikonko Chiefdom, Bo District
- Folder: Scriptie M.W. Aig-Ojemohon-Ketting
 - -Enige sociale en individuele aspecten van verwantschap, huwelijkskeuze en huwelijk bij de Yoruba's in zuid-west Nigeria
- Case files: Pujehun District

Box 8:

- Reports on panel discussions
- Case reports: Swearing – charms
- Lists of questions on cases in Panga, Kabonde Chiefdom
- Folder: 'Selected cases, Court records 1968'
- Cases: 'Malen Pujehun'
- Folder: 'Court Limba Town'

- Folder: ‘Magistrate Court Freetown – Police Station Freetown (1972)’
- Folder: ‘Social Welfare Freetown’
- Folder: ‘Horton Street Court (1972)’
- Folder: ‘Crt. nr. 1 Masingbo’
- Folder: ‘Tribal Headmen Freetown’
 - -Both interviews and questionnaires
- Folder: ‘Observed Cases L. Crt. 1 Kakua/Bo’
- Folder: ‘Koribondo/Jaiama/Bongor – Bo District’
- Folder: ‘Putty Cases 1971-1972’
- Folder: ‘Crt. Nr. 2 Makeni’
- Folder: ‘G.L.A.C. Mapakai’
- Folder: ‘Disobedience’

Box 9:

- Notebooks with notes, presumably on preparatory reading before the Sierra Leone Project
- Copies of: Headman Ordinances, Tribal Authorities Ordinances, Native Courts Ordinances, Protectorate (Amendment) Ordinances (pre-independence)
- Folder: ‘Pending Appeals G.L.A.C. Court’
 - -Includes letters to the Judicial Advisor
- Folder: ‘Protectorate Courts Jurisdiction Ordinances’ (pre-independence)
- Notebook with drafts for letters
- Fieldnotes regarding law in Sierra Leone
- Notebook with drafts/outlines for publications

Box 10:

- Lecture (presumably by J. Keuning): Terechtstelling van 'heksen' op Nieuw-Guinea anno 1959. Wat deed de Nederlandse overheid?
 - -Lezing op de 2^e Dies van het Interfacultair Kriminologisch Dispuut Henricus Kalkoen (10/12/1963)
- Folder (presumably Keuning): 'Rechtsbedeling Gluckman'
 - -Includes a paper by Audrey Richards
- Folder (Keuning): 'Vrijdagscollege – pre-candidaten – Fotocopie van 'Rechtssociologie en niet-westers Volksrecht'
- Folder (Keuning): College Inleiding etc. 1960/1961
- Formal application proposals for funds (1970s)
- Notebooks: Notes on literature
- Folder (Keuning): Rechtssociologie (mainly 1963-1964)
 - -Documentation: Gespreksgroep Rechtsociologie
- Folder (Keuning): Newspaper clippings Western Nigeria (1961)
- Box: 'Case-lists Sundry Chiefdoms'
- Box: 'Artikelen Sierra Leone Algemeen'
 - -Includes miscellaneous copied articles, mainly dealing with law in Sierra Leone and Africa
 - -Includes Conference Papers of J. Keuning
- Box: 'Wetgeving Sierra Leone'
 - -Government issued information anent Sierra Leonean Law (1970s)
- Box: 'Artikelen Sierra Leone'

Box 11:Horizontal stack:

- Case files: 1960s-1970s
- Folder: 'Panel Discussions 1972'

- Folder: 'Observed Cases L. CRT. 2 Kakua/Bo'
- Folder: 'Kongbora Ch/d Bauya - Moyamba District'
- Folder: 'Foto copies M[inistry] of Interior'
 - -Local Appeal Courts + Local Courts
 - -Mainly 1967-1968
- Folder: 'Interviews tribal headmen Bo'
- Folder: 'Sowa Chiefdom Bandajuma - Pujehun District'
- Folder: 'Barri Ch/d Potoru, Pujehun District'
- Folder: 'Kaufha zaken Makeni'
- Folder: 'Sahn Malen Chiefdom Pujehun District'
- Folder: 'Kori Ch/d Taiama – Moyamba District'
- Folder: 'Vambeko Ch/d Talia Bonthe District'
- Folder: 'Pujehun/Panga/Kabonde/Pujehun'
- Folder: 'Monghere – Valunia Chiefdom Bo District'
- Folder: 'Bumpeh Bo'

Vertical stacks:

- Folder: 'Selected cases Court Record L.C. [Local Court] nr. 3 Fengehun'
- Folder: 'Interviews Northern Province (Niet Rudo)'
- Folder: 'Potoru – Barri/Pujehun'
- Folder: 'List Material Collected (not complete)'
- Folder: 'Case files Pujehun District'
- Folder: 'Copies of Documentation of the Ministry of Interior'

Box 12:Vertical stack:

- Notebook: Notes on language
- Folder: 'Interviews with Herbalists 1972'
- Folder: Keuning Western Nigeria

Horizontal stack:

- Folder: 'Foto copies Sierra Leone Recht + Wetgeving'
- Folder: 'Sectie Recht Afrika Studiecentrum'
- -Includes correspondence anent delay of Rijnsdorp's doctoral thesis due to a blood-disease (1981)
- Folder: 'Gallinas Derri Ch/d Blama Massaquoi – Pujehun District'
- Folder: 'Wetgeving Courts Civil Procedure'
- Folder: 'District Court Appeal Bo'
- Folder: 'Tribal Headmen Western Area'
- Folder: 'G.L.A.C. cases Bo'
- Folder: 'Wetgeving Courts – Local Courts'
- Folder: 'Legal Pluralism'
 - -Copied journal articles
- Folder: 'Criminal procedure'
 - -Information issued by the Government of Sierra Leone
- Folder: 'Jurisdiction Local Court'
 - -Information issued by the Government of Sierra Leone

- Folder: J. Keuning verspreide college-aantekeningen Volksrecht
- Folder (J. Keuning): Krantenknipsels Studiereis West-Nigeria – mei/augustus 1961
- Folder (J. Keuning): Grondenrecht Indonesië – Afrika H, S en V
 - -Papers/journal articles

Vertical stack:

- Folder: ‘U. Rijnsdorp, exemplaar voor du Plessis’
 - E.A. du Plessis was a student assistant working as a translator (English) and language corrector
- Folder: Keuning: ‘Rechtsociologie Nota’s leden Gespreksgroep Verslagen Vergaderingen Staphorst’
- Folder: Includes a written description of the way in which the archive of J. Keuning was divided upon his passing. ‘Brouwers’ has taken a part, as well as ‘R.D.S’. Part of the collection went to the widow of Keuning.
- Folder: Includes three lectures given by ‘Ter Haar’, one of the lectures was discussed by Holleman (1937)