

PC 92 Else Schreiner Papers

Else Schreiner, born in 1922, was a founder member of both the Liberal Party of South Africa and the Black Sash. An active member of the National Council of women in Natal for many years, she was National President 1983-1986. As Chairwoman of the Natal Midlands Women's Coalition 1992-1994, she co-ordinated regional work towards the Women's Charter for Effective Equality. Her husband, Professor GDL Schreiner, was Vice-Principal of the University of Natal, Pietermaritzburg, from 1976-1987. Her daughter Jenny Schreiner, was detained and imprisoned from 1987-1991 in Cape Town, as part of the Yengeni Trial – described in Else Schreiner's book: *Time stretching fear*.

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- PC 92/1/1/1 Black Sash and "The Covenant"**
 - PC 92/1/1/1/1 Book containing lists of names of (women members of the Black Sash?), 1956. Contains correspondence requesting men to join "The Covenant".
 - PC 92/1/1/1/2 List of Black Sash hostesses and guests, 1978.
- PC 92/1/1/2 Provincial Council Elections, 1974**
 - PC 92/1/1/2 Else Schreiner stood as a candidate for the Progressive Party. Includes election pamphlets and speeches (Tp and MSS).
- PC 92/1/1/3 Else Schreiner's Progressive Party election scrapbook

PC 92/1/1/4 Civic Honours Award

PC 92/1/1/4/1 Pietermaritzburg-Msundusi Transitional Local Council Special Meeting for the purpose of conferring Civic Honours, 25 April 1997. Honours were conferred on: Rykie Boeke; Dasarath Bundhoo; Joy Roberts; Dr Imtiaz Sooliman; Dr Mohamed Motala; Prof. Cyril Nyembezi and **Else Schreiner**. Freedom of the City was conferred on President Nelson Mandela.

PC 92/1/1/4/2 Tribute to Mrs Bundhoo by Else Schreiner

PC 92/1/1/4/3 Merit Award to Mrs Schreiner from the Indian Women's Association

PC 92/1/1/5 Invitations and programmes

PC 92/1/1/5 Personal invitations to Prof and Mrs Schreiner, and programmes. Includes Bulletin of the Heriot-Watt University concerning Prof Schreiner's visit, and their attitude to South African visitors at that time.

PC 92/1/1/6 Newspaper cuttings

PC 92/1/1/6 Newspaper cuttings relating to Gandhi Memorial statue, etc.
Letter from Mrs Schreiner to The Editor, Natal Witness - 16-12-1981.

PC 92/2 National Council of Women (NCW)

PC 92/2/1 International Year of the Child Project at Kwanomusa, Sweetwaters - NCW & Mpumuza Welfare Society

File concerning the building of the Kwanomusa Pre-Primary School, 1978. Includes talks given by Mrs Schreiner which explain the project.

Photographs of Official Opening 1982, transferred to Photograph Collections.

PC 92/2/2/1 NCW President's Newsletter, 1983-86

Photographs transferred to Photograph Collections.

PC 92/2/2/2 NCW speeches and correspondence, 1976-1988

PC 92/2/2/3/1 Community and Communication: Report on the People's Seminar on non-formal education

PC 92/2/2/3/2 Tembaletu Community Education Centre brochure

PC 92/2/2/4 Women in the struggle for peace: Harare Conference 19-23/4/1989

PC 92/2/2/4/1 Conference book

PC 92/2/2/4/2 Conference papers

PC 92/2/2/5 Whites in a changing society: Lusaka Conference, 29/6-2/7/1989
organised by Five Freedoms Forum and African National Congress
Includes Five Freedoms Forum pamphlet and Frene Ginwala on Sanctions, 1988

PC 92/2/2/6 Lay Visitor Scheme - Townhill Police Station, October 1993

PC 92/2/3 National Council of Women publications

N.C.W. News 1975 - 1986 (Some missing)

An outline of NCWSA policy and proposals..., 1977

You and your domestic worker, 1980

The policy of the National Council of Women of South Africa, 1981

Our international connection, NCW Conference 1983

Communication booklet, 1986

Women fighting for peace, NCW Conference, 1986

PC 92/3 The detention and imprisonment of Jenny Schreiner in Cape Town, and the Yengeni Trial (1987-91)

Most of the letters, notebooks and documents in this section are photocopies of originals lodged at the Mayibuye Centre, University of the Western Cape.

PC 92/3/1 Letters from Mrs Else Schreiner to family and friends during the detention and trial.

PC 92/3/1/1 7-12-1987 - 7- 4-1988.

Letters dated 7-12-87; 7-1-88; 16-1-88; 7-4-88; 4-8-88. Includes statement prepared on 29 March 1988 by Prof G.D.L. and Mrs E. Schreiner.

PC 92/3/1/2 21-1-1989 - 12-7-1989.

Letters dated 21-1-89; 1-2-89; 16-2-89 & poem by Jenny; 9-3- 89; 10-3-89 & Plea; 15-3-89; 26-3-89; Good Friday 1989; Yengeni Defendants Support Group (YDSG) Newsletter 1; 2-4-89; 13-4-89; 18-4-89; 21-4-89; 27-4-89; 20-5-89; 27-5-89; 30-5-89; 10-6-89; 12-6-89.

PC 92/3/1/3 13-8-89 - 25-9-89.

Letters dated 13-8-89; 26-8-89 & letter from Jenny 19-8-89; 26-8-89; 28-8-89 - summary of events up to this point; 3-9-89; 4-9-89; 15-9-89; 15-9-89; 25-9-89; letters from YDSG.

PC 92/3/1/4 19-10-89 - 20-12-89.

PC 92/3/1/5 13- 4-90 - 16- 7-90

PC 92/3/1/6 10- 8-90 - 28-12-90

PC 92/3/1/7 8 - 1- 91 - 27-2-92

PC 92/3/2/1-7 Yengeni Trial

PC 92/3/2/1 Yengeni Trial Charge Sheet

PC 92/3/2/2 Yengeni Trial Plea, 10-3-1989

PC 92/3/2/3 Trial notes: Else Schreiner - Notebook 1: 17 May - 3 June 1989.

PC 92/3/2/4 Trial notes: Notebook 2: 13 June - 2 August 1989

PC 92/3/2/5 Trial notes: Notebook 4: 28 August - 12 September 1989

PC 92/3/2/6 Trial notes: Notebook 5: 12 -26 September 1989

PC 92/3/2/7 Trial notes: Notebook 6: 26 September - 9 November 1989

PC 92/3/2/8 Trial notes: Notebook 7: 13 November - 4 December 1989

PC 92/3/2/9 Trial notes: Notebook 8: 7 December 1989 - 10 April 1990

PC 92/3/3 Letters, poetry and drawings done by Jenny - from Parow and Pollsmoor.

PC 92/3/3/1-6 Letters from Jenny Schreiner to her family, smuggled from Parow Police Cells, 1987 -1988.

PC 92/3/3/1/1 Letter from Jenny in Parow: 6 December 1987

PC 92/3/3/1/2 Card and letter from Jenny in Parow: 21 December 1987

PC 92/3/3/1/3 Letter and poem from Jenny in Parow: 19 January 1988

PC 92/3/3/1/4 Letter from Jenny in Parow: 8 February 1988

PC 92/3/3/1/5 Letter from Jenny in Parow: 21 February 1988

PC 92/3/3/1/6 Letter from Prof Schreiner: 7 -3 - 1988

PC 92/3/3/2 Poems to and from Jenny while at Parow and Pollsmoor

PC 92/3/3/2/1 Poetry by Jenny, smuggled from Parow police cells.
(Dreamlike I bend down for the crying baby...)

PC 92/3/3/2/2 Poetry and sketch by Jenny at Pollsmoor
(Children learn as our parents live.)

PC 92/3/3/2/3 Poems by Dora-Ray
(A poem of a sculpture by Andre Botha.)

PC 92/3/3/2/4 Poems to a Triallist by Barbie Schreiner, Colleen Lombard, et al.
(A thought on a 31st birthday.)

PC 92/3/3/2/5 Poems by Jenny and Dora-Ray.
(To my parents, for their 40th Anniversary)

PC 92/3/3/3 Drawings by Jenny Schreiner during the Yengeni Trial

PC 92/3/3/3/1-31 Drawings done by Jenny during the trial.

PC 92/3/4 Yengeni Defendants Support Group (YDSG) UK

PC 92/3/4/1 YDSG UK information leaflets, newsletters and poster

PC 92/3/4/1/1 YDSG UK information leaflets: Ilanga Lizophumela

PC 92/3/4/1/2-14 Yengeni Defendants Support Group UK Newsletters 1 -14

PC 92/3/4/1/15 "Ilanga lizophumela: the sun will rise" YDSG poster

PC 92/3/4/2 YDSG UK letters to Triallists, accounts, etc.

PC 92/3/4/2/1 Background to YDSG UK

PC 92/3/4/2/2 Letters from YDSG UK

PC 92/3/4/2/3 List of Triallists for YDSG UK

PC 92/3/4/2/4 YDSG SA accounts

PC 92/3/4/2/5 Principal submissions founding written argument on Ms Schreiner

PC 92/3/4/3 YDSG SA

- PC 92/3/4/3/1-2 Yengeni Treason Trial Support Group Vigil leaflet and programme
- PC 92/3/4/3/3 Invitation to Mrs Schreiner from Mrs Vlok to a SAP Garden Party!
- PC 92/3/4/3/4 Wynberg Crisis Centre Invitation
- PC 92/3/4/3/5 Annual Detainees Supper
- PC 92/3/4/3/6 Photocopies of photos taken at "Ilanga Lizophumela", 1990

PC 92/3/4/4 Press Cuttings

PC 92/3/5 Notebooks of Trial Proceedings, 12-4-1990 - 26-10-1990

PC 92/3/5/1-7 Notebooks 9 - 15: 12 April 1990 - 26 October 1990

PC 92/3/5/1/1 Trial notes: Notebook 9: 12 April 1990 - 16 May 1990
(Includes typed Court Notes)

PC 92/3/5/1/2 Trial notes: Notebook 10: 28 May 1990 - 13 June 1990

PC 92/3/6 Notebooks of Trial Proceedings, 29-10-1990 - 25-2-1991

PC 92/3/6/1-3 Notebooks 16 - 18: 29 October 1990 - 25 February 1991

PC 92/3/7 Draft typescripts of Else Schreiner's book: *Time stretching fear*
(Note: final version of the manuscript has been deposited with National Archives)

PC 92/3/7/1 *Time stretching fear* - draft typescript - the long version, 507 p. April 1995 - sent to David Philip publishers in 1995; read by Jenny Schreiner and Michael Doren

PC 92/3/7/2 *Time stretching fear* - draft typescript - edited version, 261 p. 26-11-1996
Edited by Mary Gardner.

PC 92/3/8 Jenny, afterwards..., Mayibuye list, disks, poster, display

PC 92/3/8/1 Jenny, afterwards...

PC 92/3/8/2 List of contents of Jenny Schreiner Collection housed at Mayibuye Archives,

University of the Western Cape

- PC 92/3/8/3 Letters and notes pertaining to the publication of *Time stretching fear*. Includes two letters from Else Schreiner to Marie Philip.
- PC 92/3/8/4 Disks pertaining to the Yengeni Trial and to *Time stretching fear*.
- PC 92/3/8/5 Display material used at the Heritage Day talk given by Else and Jenny Schreiner.
Includes copies of photographs, poster of "Our segregated heritages: a need for understanding", "A mother's story" from *Natal Witness* 14-02-2001.
- PC 92/3/8/6 Poster for *Endangered Species*, a play written by Barbara Schreiner.
- PC 92/3/8/7 Truth & Reconciliation Commission: Amnesty Committee
Applications for amnesty by William Liebenberg and Jeffrey Benzien.
- PC 92/3/8/8 Decision re Lumka's outburst.

PC 92/4 Women's National Coalition & Midlands Women's Coalition

The objectives of the Women's National Coalition (WNC) were to develop, empower and educate women, through the formulation and promotion of the Women's Charter, and for this purpose it supported, informed and mobilised women's organisations and carried out further research on women's needs (WNC Constitution, 1994/5). Regional coalitions, such as the "Women's Coalition Unity against violence" in the Natal Midlands, have been in operation from early 1992, since which time Else Schreiner was involved.. In 1993 the local branch became known as the Natal Midlands Women's Coalition, then the Midlands Region Women's Coalition, then the Midlands Women's Coalition.

PC 92/4/1/1 Women's National Coalition (WNC) and Midlands Women's Coalition (MWC) papers

PC 92/4/1/1-20 Working towards formulating goals for the WNC and MWC, and formulating the "Women's Charter for Effective Equality"

Includes:

- PC 92/4/1/1/1 Women's Coalition Unity Against Violence (Natal Midlands)
- PC 92/4/1/1/2 What could a Women's Charter be and what could it be used to achieve?
- PC 92/4/1/1/3 Women's Charter Alliance - Draft constitution, 17-01-1993
- PC 92/4/1/1/5 Midlands Region Women's Coalition - workshop, 27-02-1993
- PC 92/4/1/1/6 WNC: Research for Campaign for Effective Equality, March 1993
- PC 92/4/1/1/7 WNC: Problems experienced in the Coalition, March 1993
- PC 92/4/1/1/8 Five Priorities for Natal Midlands Women's Coalition, June 1993

PC 92/4/1/1/9 Women's Charter Campaign
PC 92/4/1/1/11 Plan of Action agreed on by WNC Research Supervisory Group, 11-8-1993
PC 92/4/1/1/14 Executive Summary of Research Findings
PC 92/4/1/1/15 "The Future of the Women's Charter" Regional Conference, 29/30-01-1994
PC 92/4/1/1/17 "Women's Charter for Effective Equality", 25/27-02-1994
PC 92/4/1/1/20 Revised draft of the Women's Charter, April 1994

PC 92/4/1/2 Women's National Coalition Constitution, Policy, Discussion Documents and Women's Charter, May 1994 - February 1995

Includes:

PC 92/4/1/2/1 Women's National Coalition Constitution, 18 May 1994
PC 92/4/1/2/2 East Cape Women's Coalition & Women's Charter Alliance
PC 92/4/1/2/5 WNC Council Meeting, 17-19 June 1994
PC 92/4/1/2/6 "Submission on the future of WNC" from SA Communist Party Gender Dept., Fax from Jenny Schreiner, 5 June 1994
PC 92/4/1/2/7 "Re: WNC beyond June 1994" from Zanele Mbeki, Executive Director of Women's Development Businesses, 6 June 1994
PC 92/4/1/2/9 Proposal for the storage and archiving of the original documentation - WNC at the Mayibuye Centre, University of the Western Cape
PC 92/4/1/2/10 New Year letter from Jean Ngubane, WNC Convenor, January 1995
PC 92/4/1/2/11 Letter from Italian Association for Women in Development (AIDoS) re WNC funding proposal
PC 92/4/1/2/12 Letter from Centre for Development and Population Activities (CEDPA) re WNC funding and collaboration
PC 92/4/1/2/13 Women in Political Leadership Program, collaboration with CEDPA
PC 92/4/1/2/14 WNC Research for Campaign for Effective Equality
PC 92/4/1/2/16 The Charter for Women's Equality: Discussion Document - Frene Ginwala
PC 92/4/1/2/17 Options for the Charter
PC 92/4/1/2/19 Women's Charter Campaign
PC 92/4/1/2/22 Introduction - Women's Charter (Version 1) (speech by Else Schreiner?)
PC 92/4/1/2/23 Introduction - Women's Charter (Version 2) (speech by Else Schreiner?)
PC 92/4/1/2/25 WNC Funding Proposal to have an office/ running costs
PC 92/4/1/2/29 Natal Midlands WC - Comments on proposals for NWC Constitution
PC 92/4/1/2/30 WNC - Legal opinion by N.Stein
PC 92/4/1/2/31 Peace Programme of the Midlands Women's Coalition (MWC)
PC 92/4/1/2/33 Women's Legal Status Committee - Abolition of the Marital Power

PC 92/4/1/3 Women's National Coalition: finalised constitution & papers

Includes:

PC 92/4/1/3/1 ANC Commission on the Emancipation of Women
PC 92/4/1/3/3 WNC Constitution - final version
PC 92/4/1/3/4 Draft policy for Women's Empowerment
PC 92/4/1/3/5 Reports on session of a Workshop on the Women's Charter

- PC 92/4/2** **Midlands Women's Coalition Minutes, 1992-1995**
Includes minutes of:
Women's Charter Alliance of Southern Natal,
Women's Coalition Unity Against Violence,
Women's National Coalition: National Steering Committee,
Midlands Women's Coalition: General Council and Executive
- PC 92/4/2/1** **Midlands Women's Coalition Minutes, 1992-1993**
- PC 92/4/2/2** **Midlands Women's Coalition Minutes, 1994-1995**
- PC 92/4/2/3** **Midlands Women's Coalition**
Rough notes taken at meetings by Else Schreiner
- PC 92/4/3** **Midlands Women's Coalition and
Women's National Coalition Reports, 1992-1995**
Includes reports on workshops and activities and progress reports
- PC 92/4/3/1** **MWC and WNC Reports, 1992-1993**
- PC 92/4/3/2** **MWC and WNC Reports, 1994-1995**
- PC 92/4/3/3** **WNC Reports from other regions**
- PC 92/4/4** **Midlands Women's Coalition and
Women's National Coalition Conference Papers**
- PC 92/4/4/1** **"The future of the Women's Charter" Midlands Women's
Coalition Regional Conference, 29-30 January 1994**
- PC 92/4/4/2** **"Fourth United Nations World Conference on Women",
Beijing, China, 4-15 September 1995
African regional Preparatory Conference,
Dakar, Senegal, 16-23 November 1994**
Fact Sheets and preliminary information.