

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

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*Shelf 7 (+ Shelf 17)*

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

**Dated (mostly):** 1960-1973.

**Dimensions:** 43 boxes + 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.<sup>1</sup>

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

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

**Conditions Governing Access:** Under embargo until 2050

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

and subject to prior approval by the Director of the ASCL, and researchers must agree to comply with all applicable data-protection requirements.

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

### **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.<sup>2</sup> 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.<sup>3</sup> 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).<sup>4</sup> 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.<sup>5</sup> 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 –

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

<sup>3</sup> *Jaarverslag 1967, Afrika Studiecentrum* (Leiden, 1968) 2.

<sup>4</sup> 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.

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

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.<sup>6</sup> In doing so, she sought to understand the build-up to disputes, the reactions to court decisions, as well as the 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.<sup>7</sup>

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.<sup>8</sup> 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.

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

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

<sup>8</sup> 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).

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.<sup>9</sup> She passed away ten years later, on the 28<sup>th</sup> of July, 2004, in Leiden.

#### **Note on the completeness of this archival inventory:**

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.

#### **Note on the condition of the archival material:**

The Rijnsdorp archive shows traces of insect infestation. Therefore, in May 2025, the entire collection was frozen for 2 weeks at Naturalis, Leiden.

#### **Notes on the second edition:**

When the first inventory was created, the individual groups of documents were not numbered. Only the number of the moving box in which the document could be found was indicated. After the publication of the inventory, the collection was repackaged twice (once for the relocation of the African Studies Centre and once for the freezing of the collection). Following the repackaging, it became difficult to match the documents with the existing inventory.

This updated inventory italicizes, under the header *Missing*, all entries that cannot be matched with any documents currently in the collection. It also includes descriptions of documents that do not appear to have been mentioned in the first inventory (see Rijn 34 – Rijn 39).

During the preparation of the second edition of the inventory, several documents were deselected in accordance with ASCL policy (i.e., published material lacking handwritten annotations and already held in the ASCL collection was removed). This inventory specifies the items that have been excluded.

#### **Description of the collection:**

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<sup>9</sup> *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*).

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### **Audio-equipment (Shelf 17)**

- 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 (Shelf 17)**

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

- 3 photo-albums: Including pictures of Ulrica Rijnsdorp, (presumably) Barbara Harrel-Bond, African assistants, Sierra Leonean villages and villagers, ceremonies, meetings and dance performances, as well a photo-album created on the occasion of her retirement from the ASCL (depicting the ASCL library and its staff in October 1984)
- 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).

### **Rijn-1 Copies of written and typed court-cases (box 1)**

#### **Box 1:**

- 1.1 Folder: 'Fooling me; cases connected with marriage + rights of husband'
  - -1960s: Copies of written and typed court-cases

- 1.2 Folder: 'Cases connected with house lots + bush'
- 1.3 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
- 1.4 Folder: 'Debts (?) – pledge of woman surety'

#### **Rijn-2 Sierra Leone Project: interviews with chiefs and religious heads, 1970s (box 1)**

- 2.1 Folder: 'Cases connected with children – training children – putting Bundu'
- 2.2 Folder: 'Interviews with Paramount Chiefs'
  - -Interviewers: Mrs. Bond and Mrs. Rijnsdorp (1971-1972)
- 2.3 Folder: 'Interviews with religious heads- Muslims'
- 2.4 Folder: 'Interviews with section chiefs Kakua Chiefdom + town chiefs + speakers'
- 2.5 Folder: 'Interviews with section town chiefs and village heads – handwritten copies'

#### **Rijn-3 Sierra Leone Project: case-book from Tikonko Local Court (box 1)**

- Ledger:
  - -Case-book from Tikonko Local Court (1964), including fingerprints in ink, show signs of damage by insect pests.<sup>10</sup>

#### **Rijn-4 Sierra Leone Project: grant application, court cases and research notes (box 1)**

- 4.1
  - -Offprint from *Kroniek van Afrika*: H.L. van der Laan, Syrians or Lebanese: Which name is correct?, No. 2 (1969)

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<sup>10</sup> Handed over to Jos Damen for inspection by archivist, Leiden University

- -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 30<sup>th</sup> September – 4<sup>th</sup> October 1974)
- 4.2 Draft: U. Rijnsdorp, Huwelijk en huwelijksontbinding volgens gewoonterecht bij de Yoruba's van Zuid-West Nigeria
  - 4.3
    - 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. Mainly consists of the table of contents
    - E.A.B. van Rouveroy van Nieuwaal, Kanttekeningen bij een seminaire over grondenrechthervorming in West-Afrika (Leiden, 1979)
    - Written report: Brief report on visits to some Customary Courts in Western Nigeria
    - 2x: Case-file in customary 'Native' Court in Nigeria
  - 4.4
    - -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.
  - 4.5 8x: Filled in questionnaire on Customary Family Law, sent to clerks of local courts in Sierra Leone. (likely 1972)



- 4.6 Copied case-files of ‘Native Council of Benin City 1913: Protectorate of Southern Nigeria’
- 4.7 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
- 4.8 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)
- 4.9 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.

### **Rijn-5 Sierra Leone project: notes, correspondence, case files (box 1)**

- 5.1
  - 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'
- 5.2
  - 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)
- 5.3
  - 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
- 5.4 Folder: 'Eigen teksten + correspondentie'
- 5.5 Folder: 'Marriage, Divorce and the Custody of Children: Manuscript'
- 5.6 Folder: 'Manuscript: Chapter I: Betrothal and Marriage'
- 5.6 Folder: 'Nieuwe Versie' (post-it: Over Yoruba)
- 5.7
  - Paper: B.E. Harrel-Bond, An adultery dispute with no legal remedy
  - Paper: U. Rijnsdorp, A Dispute over paternal rights
- 5.8 Booklet: J. Harris, Books about Nigeria (Ibadan, 1960)

#### **Rijn-6 Family Law in Sierra Leone : miscellaneous + various journal issues on social science and law (box 2)**

- Offprint 2 articles in: Kroniek van Afrika, Vol. 1 (1975)<sup>11</sup>
  - -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
- Various journal issues on social science and law

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<sup>11</sup> Collection contained 8 identical offprints. 7 offprints were discarded.

## **Rijn-7 Sierra Leone Project: Correspondence + administration; grant decisions + annual reports (box 2)**

- 7.1 Untitled:
  - -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
- 7.2 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)
- 7.3 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
- 7.4 Untitled:
  - -Correspondence in and from Sierra Leone (1971-1972-1973), mainly regarding finances and debts
  - -Including handwritten letters from assistants
  - -Paperclip with short stories
- 7.5 Untitled:

- -Correspondence with assistants, Barbara
- 7.6 Ledger: Descriptions of costs (1971-1973)
- 7.7 Untitled
  - 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)
  - Official documentation anent Sierra Leone Project, including preparatory journey
  - Notes on literature

#### **Rijn-8 . Sierra Leone Project: correspondence + administration + James Amara (box 3)**

- 8.1 Ledger: Description of costs, including salaries of assistants and other personnel (1971-1973)
  - -Loose papers inside: Information on furniture used – Papers with other costs
- 8.2 Files J.A. Office [Judicial Advisor]
  - -Correspondence anent the enrolment of James Amara in St. Aldate's College (Oxford) and North Berks college (1974)
- 8.3 Notebook: 'Citaten Yoruba'
  - -Notes on literature and addresses.
- 8.4 Untitled:
  - -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

#### **Rijn-9 Sierra Leone project: (research) notes (box 3)**

- -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

#### **Rijn-10 . Sierre Leone project: case files regarding family law (box 4)**

- 10.1 Documentation on seminar in Leiden in 1974<sup>12</sup>
- Folders with case files regarding family law: Marriage, Divorce, Adultery, Seduction (Bo-District, 1967-1973), and miscellaneous other legal matters (Debt)
  - 10.2 Taking my wife away/ seduction
  - 10.3 Giving my wife to another husband
  - 10.4 J.A. Instructions to court clerks and court presidents
  - 10.5 Regarding local courts. Group local appeal courts
  - 10.8 Correspondence regarding customary law
- 10.6 Swearing. Swearing medicine observed. Interviews with swearing medicine owners
- 10.7 Copies of Native Law Ordinances (Birth and Death Ordinances) from colonial/Protectorate Era

#### **Rijn-11 . Sierra Leone project: research reports, correspondence (box 4)**

- 11.1 Documentation regarding the Sierra Leone Project (1972), including research reports and statements on methodology
- 11.2 Documentation regarding ‘Research Workshop: Law and Society’ (1975)
- 11.3 & 11.4 Correspondence with J.F. Holleman
- 11.5 Copies of Native Law Ordinances (Birth and Death Ordinances) from colonial/Protectorate Era

#### **Rijn-12 . Sierra Leone project: case files regarding family law, Bo-District, 1967-1973 (box 4)**

- Folders with case files regarding family law: Marriage, Divorce, Adultery, Seduction (Bo-District, 1967-1973), and miscellaneous other legal matters (Debt)
  - 12.1 & 12.2 Selected cases Makeni
  - 12.4 Untitled
- 12.3 Colleges volksrecht
- Government of Sierra Leone: official documentation anent legal personnel – court system – court swearing
  - 12.4 Tribal authorities
  - 12.5 Re-instatement of tribal headmen in the Western Area

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<sup>12</sup> Bevatte een klein insect, verder een groter insect in box 4

### **Rijn-13 . Government of Sierra Leone: official documentation (box 4)**

- Government of Sierra Leone: official documentation anent legal personnel – court system – court swearing
  - 13.1 Judicial administration provinces
  - 13.2 Enforcement local court decisions
- Folders with case files regarding family law: Marriage, Divorce, Adultery, Seduction (Bo-District, 1967-1973), and miscellaneous other legal matters (Debt)
  - 13.3 Untitled
  - 13.4 Lists of criminal cases. Divorce receipts
  - 13.5 Failing to maintain
- 13.6 Swearing medicines. Gbatoi. Juju/sorcery
- 13.7 Untitled. Correspondence
- 13.8 Untitled. Drafts, papers

#### *Missing:*

- *Documentation regarding 'Research Workshop: Law and Society' (1975)*
- *Interviews with court medicine owners (1971)*
- *Government of Sierra Leone: official documentation anent legal personnel – court system – court swearing*

### **Rijn-14 Sierra Leone project: court cases: Bo District & interviews (box 6; B 6.1-6.10)**

- 14.1 Coded court cases: Bo District – Moyamba District – Monghere District – Pujehun District – Bumpeh
- 14.2 Notes on investigated cases by James Koroma
- 14.3 Interviews led by James Koroma
- 14.4 Texts and notes by Sabieu P. Conteh, primarily anent the death of Pa Cole
- 14.5 Interview with (presumably) a medicine man
- 14.6 Case files of Temne-inhabitants of Bo
- 14.7 Lists of questions for follow-up interviews
- 14.8 Interview with Chief Mamy Vandī, regarding the debtor/creditor relationship (1973)

#### *Missing:*

- *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*
- *Listed ways of approaching individual follow-up studies of Social Welfare cases (1973)*

**Rijn-15 a & b Conference papers: Conference on Integration of Customary and Modern Legal Systems, Ibadan 1964 (box 6; B 6.11-6.12)**

- 15 a & b Various Conference Papers: Conference on Integration of Customary and Modern Legal Systems, Ibadan, 24-29 August 1964 (presumably, these were collected by J. Keuning)
  - D.H.F. Morris: The law of succession in Uganda [20]
  - Nwakamma Okoro: Integration of the customary and the general (English) law of succession in Eastern Nigeria [19]
  - N.A. Ollennu: The law of succession in Ghana [21]
  - E. Cotran: Integration of the laws of marriage and divorce in Kenya [14]
  - W.E. Salacuse: Birth, death and the marriage act: some problems in conflict of laws [15]
  - W.C. Ekow Daniels: Towards the integration of the laws relating to marriage and wife in Ghana [16]
  - M. Odje: Integration in the field of the law of succession in the Midwestern region of Nigeria [17]
  - J.S. Read: Conference on Integration of Customary and Modern Legal Systems in Africa: fifth day. [30]
  - N. Okoro: Integration of the customary and the general (English) law of succession in Eastern Nigeria [22]
  - A.N. Allott: The codification of the law of civil wrongs in common-law African countries [26]
  - R. David: The law of contract and of civil wrongs in French-speaking Africa [25]
  - B.O. Nwabueze: Integration of the law of contracts [23]
  - Conference on Integration of Customary and Modern Legal Systems in Africa: sixth day. [32]
  - Second day [27]
  - Third day [28]
  - A.N. Allott and E. Cotran: Restatement of laws in Africa [1]
  - J. Keuning: Some remarks on law and courts in Africa [2]
  - René David: Critical observations regarding the potentialities and the limitations of legislation in the independent African states.
  - M.Alliot: role de la justice dans l'application de la loi dans les Etats d'Afrique noire francophones. [5]
  - F.A. Ajayi :: The judicial development of customary law in Nigeria [6]
  - P. Contini: Integration of legal systems in the Somali Republic. [7]

- A.N. Allott: A note om previous conferences on African law [8]
- A. Allott: Discussing African law [9]
- A.B. Kasumu: Integration of the law of husband/wife in Western Nigeria [12]
- James S. Read: The law of husband and wife in East Africa [13]

#### **Rijn-16 Sierra Leone project: case files and interviews, 1970s (box 7; B 7.1-7.9a)**

- 16.1 Notes on literature (on index cards): Kenneth Little, Kenneth Crosby, M. McCulloch, Fenton
- 16.2 E.A.B. van Rouveroy van Nieuwaal, Verslag van reis naar Togo en Opper-Volta 1975-1976 (2 maanden)
- 16.3 Case files: Maxwell Street Court (1972)
- 16.4 Interviews Freetown (1972) – Bo (1971)
- 16.5 Case file: Amadu's Case (by Barbara Harrell-Bond)
- 16.6 [& 17.1] Case files: Freetown

#### **Rijn-17 Sierra Leone project: case files and interviews, 1970s (box 7; B 7.9b-7.20)**

- 17.2 Interviews with herbalists, morimen and court presidents (1970-1971)
- 17.3 Case files; Kakua Chieftdom Bo-District
- 17. 4 Cases: Senghe Local Court Moyamba District
- 17. 5 Case files; Bonthe District
- 17.6 Interviews with tribal headmen (1972)
- 17.7 Copied extracts of Daily Mail, regarding court cases (1950s)
- 17.8 Typed notes on life in Sierra Leone, by Ausman Kamara
- 17. 9 Case files: Tikonko Chieftdom, Bo District

#### **Rijn-18 Miscellaneous (box 7; B 7.21 a & b)**

- 18 1 Folder: Scriptie M.W. Aig-Ojemohon-Ketting
  - A Enige sociale en individuele aspecten van verwantschap, huwelijkskeuze en huwelijk bij de Yoruba's in zuid-west Nigeria
  - B Miscellaneous, M.W. Aig-Ojemohon-Ketting, 1970s; including a list of ASC staff members, ca. 1971
- 18.2 Case files: Pujehun District

#### *Missing:*

- *Case files: Koribondo*
- *Various Conference Papers: Conference on Integration of Customary and Modern Legal Systems, Ibadan, 24-29 August 1964 (presumably collected by J. Keuning)*
- *B. Harrell-Bond and U. Rijnsdorp, Family Law in Sierra Leone: A research report (Leiden, 1975)*



- *Lists of coding regarding the collected court cases*
- *Research report 1972 (Sierra Leone Project)*
- *Correspondence between U. Rijnsdorp and B. Harrell-Bond (1971)*
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#### **Rijn-19 Sierra Leone project: case files (box 8; B 8.1-B8.8)**

- 19.1 Reports on panel discussions
- 19.2 Case reports: Swearing – charms
- 19.3 Lists of questions on cases in Panga, Kabonde Chiefdom
- 19.4 Folder: ‘Court Limba Town’
- 19.5 Folder: ‘Magistrate Court Freetown – Police Station Freetown (1972)’
- 19.6 Folder: ‘Social Welfare Freetown’

#### **Rijn-20 Sierra Leone project: case files (box 8; B 8.9-B8.13)**

- 20.1 Folder: ‘Horton Street Court (1972)’
- 20.2 Folder: ‘Crt. nr. 1 Masingbo’
- 20.3 Folder: ‘Observed Cases L. Crt. 1 Kakua/Bo’
- 20.4 a-d Folder: ‘Koribondo/Jaiama/Bongor – Bo District’

#### **Rijn-21 Sierra Leone project: case files: Putty Cases 1971-1972’ (box 8; B 8.14 a-c)**

- 21 a-c: Folder: ‘Putty Cases 1971-1972’

#### **Rijn-22 Sierra Leone project: case files (box 8; B 8.15-8.16)**

- 22.1 Folder: ‘Crt. Nr. 2 Makeni’
- 22.2 a & b Folder: ‘G.L.A.C. Mapakai’

#### *Missing*

- *Folder: ‘Selected cases, Court records 1968’*
- *Cases: ‘Malen Pujehun’*
- *Folder: ‘Tribal Headmen Freetown’*
  - *-Both interviews and questionnaires*
- *Folder: ‘Disobedience’*

### **Rijn-23 Miscellaneous (box 9; B 9.1-9.4)**

- 23.1 Folder: 'Protectorate Courts Jurisdiction Ordinances' (pre-independence)
- 23.2 Folder: 'Pending Appeals G.L.A.C. Court'
  - -Includes letters to the Judicial Advisor
- 23.3 Copies of: Headman Ordinances, Tribal Authorities Ordinances, Native Courts Ordinances, Protectorate (Amendment) Ordinances (pre-independence)
- 23.4 Notebook with drafts for letters

### **Rijn-24 Notebooks : miscellaneous (box 9)**

- 24 Notebooks: miscellaneous

#### *Missing*

- *Notebooks with notes, presumably on preparatory reading before the Sierra Leone Project*
- *Fieldnotes regarding law in Sierra Leone*
- *Notebook with drafts/outlines for publications*

### **Rijn-25 Sierra Leone project: case files and interviews (box 11)**

- 25. 1 Folder: 'Selected cases Court Record L.C. [Local Court] nr. 3 Fengehun'
- 25.2 Folder: 'Interviews Northern Province (Niet Rudo)'
- 25.3 Folder: 'Potoru – Barri/Pujehun'
- 25.4 Folder: 'List Material Collected (not complete)'
- 25.5 Folder: 'Case files Pujehun District'

#### *Missing*

- *Folder: 'Copies of Documentation of the Ministry of Interior'*

### **Rijn-26 Sierra Leone project: case files (box 11)**

- 26.1 Folder: 'Panel Discussions 1972'
- 26.2 Folder: 'Observed Cases L. Cr. 2 Kakua/Bo'
- 26.3 Folder: 'Kongbora Ch/d Bauya - Moyamba District'
- 26. 4 Folder: 'Barri Ch/d Potoru, Pujehun District'

### **Rijn-27 Sierra Leone project: case files (box 11)**

- 27.1 Folder: 'Sowa Chiefdom Bandajuma - Pujehun District'

- 27.2 a&b Folder: 'Ka[uf/nt]ha zaken Makeni'
- 27.3 a&b Folder: 'Sahn Malen Chiefdom Pujehun District'

#### **Rijn-28 Sierra Leone project: case files (box 11)**

- 28.1 Folder: 'Foto copies M[inistry] of Interior'
  - -Local Appeal Courts + Local Courts
  - -Mainly 1967-1968
- 28.2 Folder Miscellaneous

#### **Rijn-29 Sierra Leone project: case files (box 11)**

- 29.1 Folder: 'Kori Ch/d Taiama – Moyamba District'
- 29.2 a&b Folder: '[Y/V]a[w/m]beko Ch/d Talia Bonthe District'
- 29.3 a&b Folder: 'Pujehun/Panga/Kabonde/Pujehun'

#### **Rijn-30 Sierra Leone project: case files (box 11)**

- 30.1 a&b Folder: 'Monghere – Valunia Chiefdom Bo District'
- 30.2 a&b Folder: 'Bumpeh Bo'

#### *Missing*

- *Case files: 1960s-1970s*
- *Folder: 'Interviews tribal headmen Bo'*

#### **Rijn-31 Sierra Leone project: notebook and interviews with herbalists (box 12)**

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

#### **Rijn-32 Miscellaneous (box 12)**

- 32.1 Folder: 'Foto copies Sierra Leone Recht + Wetgeving'
  - A.J. Massaly (undated). Questionnaires on points of customary law
  - Sierra Leone: Ordinances and legal texts
  - J. Griffiths (undated). The legal integration of minority groups set in the context of legal pluralism.
- 32.2 Folder: 'Sectie Recht Afrika Studiecentrum'
  - -Includes correspondence anent delay of Rijnsdorp's doctoral thesis due to a blood-disease (1981) as well as minutes of the meetings of the ASC's law section, 1980s.

- 32. 3 Folder: 'Gallinas Perri Ch/d Blama Massaquoi – Pujehun District'
- 32. 4 Folder: 'District Court Appeal Bo' ?
- 32.5 Folder: 'Tribal Headmen Western Area' s

### Rijn-33 Miscellaneous (box 12)

- 33.1 Folder: 'G.L.A.C. cases Bo'
- 33.2 & 33.X Miscellaneous
- 33.3 Folder: 'Jurisdiction Local Court'
  - -Information issued by the Government of Sierra Leone
- 33.4 Folder: Includes three lectures given by 'Ter Haar', one of the lectures was discussed by Holleman (1937)

### Rijn-34 Miscellaneous<sup>13</sup>

1. Ibadan: a journal published at the University College, no. 11, 1961 & no. 13 (1961)
2. P.J.J. Konings. 1984. The state and agricultural wage labour in Cameroon : preliminary research proposal ( incl. map and photocopies of Beilagen zum Sutschen Kolonialblatt and Amstblatt für das Schutzgebiet Kamerun)
3. Folder entitled Cond. w/d pregn. Of wife; seduction of husband
4. Harrell-Bond, B. E., Rijnsdorp, U., & World Congress of the International Sociological ASSN. (1974). The changing role of women in rural Sierra Leone and the trend towards conjugal unions based on individual choice. Afrika-Studiecentrum.
5. Jordan, Robert S. 1969. The Place of the Creoles in the Bureaucracy of Sierra Leone, with Special Reference to the Civil Service : A Paper Presented at the 1969 Joint Annual Meeting of the African Studies Ass. And the Canadian Committee on African Studies, Montreal, Oct. 1969.
6. J.F. Holleman. 1970. Volksrecht: inleiding 16 april 1960 and photocopy of J.F. Holleman. n.d. De verloren zon.
7. Handwritten notes, UR, 1970s
8. Summary of the reviewing of Bo Kakua Chiefdom councillors list. 12-12-1972
9. Follow-up of the court case Court nr. 1 Kakua Chiefdom case nr. 186/72
10. Follow-ups in local court nr. 1 Bo: criminal 63/72 and SWO case 37

### Rijn-35 Miscellaneous

11. Gambia. 1966. *The Laws of the Gambia in Force on the 1st Day of July, 1966. Chapter 124 : Mohammedan law recognition act: revised edition.*
12. Gambia. 1966. *The Laws of the Gambia in Force on the 1st Day of July, 1966. Chapter 125 Mohammedan marriage and divorce act: revised edition.*

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<sup>13</sup> The documents from Rijn-34 – Rijn-39 were not mentioned in the very first inventory.

13. Green notebook containing handwritten notes, 1970s (transcribed interviews? Minutes taken during interviews/court cases?)
14. Green notebook containing handwritten notes, 1970s (transcribed interviews? Minutes taken during interviews/court cases?)
15. Untitled folder containing typed transcripts of interviews and minutes of court cases, 1970s
16. Folder entitled Shenga/Kagboro/Moyamba containing typed summaries of court cases
17. Miscellaneous, photocopies
18. Sierra Leone. 1960. *The Laws of Sierra Leone in Force on the 1st Day of January, 1960. Chapter 79 District Councils.*

### **Rijn-36 Miscellaneous**

19. Handwritten notes entitled Abdulai Kokay
20. Folder entitled U. Rijnsdorp containing a lecture on Yoruba and their legal system as well as the programme and list of participants of a seminar on network approaches organized by the ASCL in Leiden in 1969. It further holds two seminar papers presented during the aforementioned seminar: G. Kingsely Garbett: Directed graphs and social networks and Geert A. Banck: Network analysis and social theory.
21. Two notebooks with handwritten notes on “adatrecht” (customary law in Indonesia)
22. Miscellaneous, mainly index cards with Yoruba terms
23. Colloque sur l'organisation judiciaire en Afrique noire, Bruxelles, 29-2 et 1-3 1964 : participant list, papers by M.S. Lessedjina, M. Lode de Wilde, M.J. Gilissen, M.A.N. Allott, M.C. Mafema, M.G. Balanda. The folder further includes: Gluckman, Max: African Jurisprudence published in *Advancement of Science* November 1961 and Rheinstein, Max: Problems of law in the new nations of Africa, published in Geertz, Clifford (ed.), *Old Societies and New States*, London, 1963.
24. Miscellaneous, handwritten notes and newspaper clippings
25. Overview of bride prices and gifts in [Nigeria?] paid/bought in the 1940s. paper: [Author not identified] [undated] Enige status-en individualiteitsaspecten van verwantschap en huwelijk bij de Yoruba's: een literatuurbeschouwing.
26. Miscellaneous, 1971 Sierra Leone research trip: correspondence, questionnaires

### **Rijn-37 Miscellaneous**

27. Interviews with tribal headmen, handwritten copies, January 1972
28. Cases Bastard Act, 1972
29. Krio materials
30. Mende and general linguistics
31. Coded court cases: Bombali, Makeni, Ribbi, Bandajuma (=7.13?)
32. Handwritten overview/analysis of cases
33. Miscellaneous, papers and cases of Rudo Niemeijer, 1972
34. Sierra Leone government documents on the institution of *Mammy Queens*, 1960s

### **Rijn-38 Miscellaneous**

35. Cases connected with marriage (breach of agreement, refund of dowry, refund of expenses on an intended wife), 1960s. Copies of written and typed court-cases.

36. Copies of court cases, Yawbeko Chiefdom, Talia
37. Copies of written and typed court-cases, 1960s

### **Rijn-39 Miscellaneous**

38. Copies of Provinces Act, Customary Marriage and divorce act, 1970s
39. Sven day ceremony
40. 'Dowry' payments observed
41. Photocopy of *Determining paternity in customary law* (undated, author not identified) & Photocopy of Ulrica Rijnsdorp (undated) *Disparity in contemporary practice from customary law in determining paternal rights and legitimacy : the case of the contested child*.
42. Court cases: claim for women damage
43. Notebook containing interviews with chiefs (handwritten)
  - -Interviewers: Mrs. Bond and Mrs. Rijnsdorp (1971-1972)
44. a-e: Notebooks: miscellaneous
45. Correspondence between U. Rijnsdorp and B. Harrell-Bond (1973); notes on marriages in the Bo district

### **Rijn-Keun Collectie Keuning**

#### **Rijn-Keun-1**

1. Folder entitled Allerlei: Studiereis West-Nigeria, mei-augustus 1961. [Miscellaneous: [research trip West-Nigeria May-August 1961]]Includes handwritten notes, program and ticket for the show *Holiday on Ice*, performed in Ibadan on 10 June 1961, and the booklet: Rules and regulations of the Oyo Divisional Hunters Association, Oyo: Pitan Printing Works, 1961.
2. Krantenknipsels Studiereis West-Nigeria [=newspaper clippings research trip West-Nigeria]
3. Notes (Village justice, Holleman, Beattie, Hogbin, 'Hera court procedure')
4. Notes on literature: Nigeria Western Region [12]
5. Handwritten summary of Elias, T. Olawale, and John Verity. 1954. *Groundwork of Nigerian Law*. London: Routledge & Kegan Paul. [13]
6. Lecture notes : Marriage law among the Yoruba, 1960s
7. Report: Chewa, Ngoni and Yao panel. Meetings held at Dedza on 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> December 1963
8. Statistics on court cases 1950s [research trip West-Nigeria May-August 1961]
9. Itinerary of Keuning's visit to Western Nigeria customary courts and handwritten notes of some meetings [research trip West-Nigeria May-August 1961]
10. Miscellaneous [research trip West-Nigeria May-August 1961]

#### **Rijn-Keun-2**

11. Handwritten manuscript of lecture (presumably by J. Keuning): Terechtstelling van 'heksen' op Nieuw-Guinea anno 1959. Wat deed de Nederlandse overheid?  
Lezing op de 2<sup>e</sup> Dies van het Interfacultair Kriminologisch Dispuut Henricus Kalkoen (10/12/1963)

12. Folder (presumably Keuning): 'Rechtsbedeling Gluckman'
13. Folder (Keuning): 'Vrijdagscollege – pre-candidaten – Fotocopie van 'Rechtssociologie en niet-westers Volksrecht'
14. Folder (Keuning): College Inleiding etc. 1960/1961
15. Folder (Keuning): Rechtsociologie (mainly 1963-1964)
16. Folder (J. Keuning): Grondenrecht Indonesië – Afrika H, S en K
  - -Papers/journal articles
17. Folder (J. Keuning): Krantenknipsels Studiereis West-Nigeria – mei/augustus 1961  
Shows signs of damage by insect pests, includes handwritten notes on proverbial inscriptions on some lorries in the Western Region on Nigeria in Yoruba and English.
18. Folder: J. Keuning verspreide college-aantekeningen Volksrecht

### **Rijn-Keun-3**

19. 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 (B-15.1a-e)
20. Research trip to Western Nigeria, May-August 1961. Contains case files + written notes (land law), and a conference papers by J. Keuning: N.I.S.E.R. Conference, Ibadan, March 27-30, 1962 (B-15.2)
21. Research trip to Western Nigeria, May-August 1961, ordinances Contains a letter from J. Keuning to Mr. Aiyela, 19 July 1962 (B-15.3)
22. Western Nigeria: judgements. Also contains a paper by presumably J. Keuning on Customary law and customary courts in Yorubaland, dated 31 May 1963. (B-15.4)
23. Folder entitled Levirate marriage, marriage law, Ado Eikiti (B-15.5)
24. Folder entitled Marriage law, divorce (B-15.6)

### **Rijn-Keun-4**

25. a: Overview of bride prices and gifts in [Nigeria?, undated]; b: customary court cases Ibadan: divorce cases 1955 and 1958; c: court cases Nigeria 1961; court cases Nigeria 1950s-1961; d: Handwritten draft [incomplete?]: J. Keuning: Yoruba law and custom relating to marriage, divorce and the custody of children; e: Western region of Nigeria gazette : supplement, no. 32 (1957); f: court case Nigeria 1961 and earlier.
26. Folder: Keuning: 'Rechtsociologie Nota's leden Gespreksgroep Verslagen Vergaderingen Staphorst'

### **Deselected materials**

- Stewart, J. M. (1976). *Towards Volta-Congo reconstruction : [a comparative study of some languages of Black-Africa]*. Universitaire Pers Leiden.  
For a copy see: UL Lectures ; REDL 1976: 19
- Beattie, J. H. M. (1973). *Social anthropology and Africa*.  
For a copy see: UL Lectures ; REDL 1973: 18
- Harrell-Bond, B. E., Rijnsdorp, U., & Koroma, J. S. (1975). *Family law in Sierra Leone : a research report*. Afrika-studiecentrum.

For a copy see ASCL AFRIKA A1546 and online copy in UL repository (<https://hdl.handle.net/1887/554>)

- Stichting voor Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek van de Tropen. (1971). *Report for the year 1971*. WOTRO.

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- Iranian Oil Operating Companies. 1956. *Iran*. Tehran: Iranian Oil Operating Companies.
- Collection of photocopies of journal articles published in Sierra Leone Studies and book chapters published in Gluckman, M., Allott, A. N., International African Institute., Haile Sellassie I University ., & International African Seminar. (1969). *Ideas and procedures in African customary law : studies presented and discussed at the Eighth International African Seminar at the Haile Sellassie I University, Addis Ababa, January 1966*. Published for the International African Institute by the Oxford University Press.
- Photocopies of *Supplement to the Sierra Leone (extraordinary) Gazette*. (1961). Government Printing Department Sierra Leone.
- Kroniek van Afrika, 1975.1 (Special issue on disparity between law and social reality in Africa). For a copy see ASCL AFRIKA J-2.
- Photocopy of *Marriage laws in Africa*. Published in: Phillips, Arthur, L.P. Mair, and Lyndon P. Harries. 1953. *Survey of African Marriage and Family Life*. London: Oxford University Press for the International African Institute, pages 173-240
- Clarence E.A. Labor ed., Sierra Leone Year Book 1971, 1972 and 1973  
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- La Fontaine Verwey. (1980). *De stedelijke bibliotheek van Amsterdam in de Nieuwe Kerk, 1578-1632*. Krips Repro.  
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