

# Recent acquisitions: manuscripts, typescripts and proofs in the Dora Russell papers

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A SURPRISINGLY LARGE number of manuscripts and typescripts by Bertrand Russell were found in the papers of Dora Russell shortly after she died in 1985. With Russell's correspondence, listed separately, and books and pamphlets formerly in his library, these 41 items are accessioned in the Russell Archives in Rec. Acq. 1,027. A few were reported earlier in photocopy form in *Russell*, n.s. 6 (Winter 1986–87): 154–64. Not described are a number of newspaper cuttings and tear sheets from magazines publishing these or other articles by Russell.

Like the correspondence, most of the manuscripts date from the early 1920s. This suggests that in leaving Carn Voel permanently, Russell simply overlooked some files. Other manuscripts that he had at the time came with the original Archives.

Several of the manuscripts have now been used in *The Collected Papers of Bertrand Russell*. E.g., Vol. 9 collates the Introduction to the *Tractatus*, and Vol. 2 quotes the notes on Cantor.

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## \*210 *Book Manuscripts*

"Art and Education in Bolshevik Russia". [1920]. Chapter IV of *The Practice and Theory of Bolshevism*. Ts./ms.; 25 leaves (mainly ms.). Ts.; 20 leaves. The ts. is corrected and revised in BR's hand throughout. (Cf. the Preface to the book: "The chapter on Art and Education is written by her [Dora] throughout" (Allen & Unwin, 1920 ed., p. 10).

"Science of Social Structure." [1920]. Preface to the Chinese [*Five Lectures on Science of Social Structure*] (1921). Ms.; 1 leaf. Published in English in *Russell*, n.s. 9 (Summer 1989): 5–6. Filed in folder 13 of *The Prospects of Industrial Civilization*, where the mss. for the lecture series may be found.

*The Problem of China*. 1922. Ms. of most chapters. Ts. 320 leaves.

*The Prospects of Industrial Civilization*. 1923. Ms. Ts. and ts. carbon

- (U.K. printer's copy). Ts. carbon and some new ts. (U.S. printer's copy). 595 leaves. Includes revised tear sheets from periodical publications. Preface in DR's hand.
- The A.B.C. of Atoms*. 1923. Ms. (U.K. printer's copy); 123 leaves. Page proofs.
- "The Reith Lectures". 1949. Ts. mimeo of *Authority and the Individual*. 68 leaves. Casebound in quarter leather. Issued by the BBC Transcription Service. An introductory note reads: "The lectures as broadcast, December–January, 1948–1949 and circulated in this form in April 1949."
- \*220 Article Manuscripts**
- "Notes from Herma[n]/May Term 1893./Revision." Physics notebook in hard covers. 258 pp. Notes in this sequence cover rectos in one direction; see the first item under \*230 for the other direction. As identified by N. Griffin, the notes are on a coaching work by Robert Alfred Herman.
- "Notes on Helmholtz [sic]". [1893]. 10 leaves, inserted in above notebook. They concern Hermann Helmholtz's *Wissenschaftliche Abhandlungen*, Vol. II.
- "A Free Man's Worship". [1903]. Galley proofs; 6 narrow sheets. Marked "Duplicate". For the Thomas Bird Mosher edition of 1923, for which Russell wrote a new Preface.
- [Introduction to Wittgenstein's *Tractatus*]. [1920]. Draft ts./ms.; 35 leaves. (Fos. 1–8, 25–35, are typed with emendations in BR's hand; fos. 9–26 are in Dorothy Wrinch's hand with some revisions in BR's.) New ts. prepared by C.K. Ogden, corrected by BR, and marked up for printing with Ogden's translation in 1922; 21 leaves, with emendations; paragraph addition to fol. 1 in BR's hand. Attached are the dedication and the English text of the Preface from the printer's copy.
- "Ethics". N.d. [c. 1920–26]. Ms.; 1 leaf.
- "Industry in Undeveloped Countries". [1920]. Ms.; 25 leaves. Ts. carbon; 19 leaves. Address to the Chinese Social and Political Science Assoc., 3 Dec. 1920. In *The Chinese Social and Political Review*, Peking, 5a (Dec. 1920); 239–54; also *The Atlantic Monthly*, 127 (June 1921): 787–95.
- "To the Editor of *Shanghai Life*". [21 Dec. 1920]. Ms.; 3 leaves. Russell kept a ts. carbon (RA 710.0482590). Letter to the editor.
- "To the Editor of the Peking Leader." Christmas Day 1920. Ms.; 3 leaves (in Dora's hand). As "Bolshevism—Some Light on the Theory", *The Peking Leader*, 28 December 1920, p. 8.
- "China's Road to Freedom". [Note on fol. 1 of ms.: "Farewell Address, Peking, 5 July 1921."] Ms.; 20 leaves (1st 13 in Dora's hand, next 7 in BR's). Ts. carbon; 12 leaves. In *The Peking Leader*, 7 July 1921, p. 3.
- "Communist Ideals". [1921]. Ms.; 5 leaves. Ts. carbon; 5 leaves. Note on

- fol. 1 of carbon: "[Printed in Chinese by the Shanghai communists as a leaflet, which was suppressed by the Government.]" In *The Daily Herald*, London, 19 Oct. 1921, p. 4.
- "China and Chinese Influence". [1921]. Ts. and ts. carbon; 10 leaves each. Ts. carbon; 9 leaves. As "China and Chinese Influence", *The Manchester Guardian*, 29 Nov. 1921, p. 6.
- "Manchuria and Shantung". [1921]. Ts. carbon; 8 leaves. 2nd ts. carbon; 9 leaves. As "The Problems of China. Manchuria and Shantung: the Past and the Future", *The Manchester Guardian*, 30 Nov. 1921, p. 6.
- "III. Is Chinese Independence Possible?" [1921]. Ts. carbon; 8 leaves. As "Chinese Independence. Is It Possible? The Facts about the Customs", *The Manchester Guardian*, 2 Dec. 1921, p. 16.
- "Behaviourism". [1923]. Ms.; 12 leaves. Ts. carbon; 11 leaves. As "An Essay on Behaviourism", *Vanity Fair*, New York, 21, no. 2 (Oct. 1923): 47, 96, 98.
- "To the Editor of the Manchester Guardian". [9 April 1923]. Ms.; 2 leaves (in Dora's hand). As "Missionary Influence in China", *The Manchester Guardian*, 13 April 1923, p. 7.
- "Preparing for the Next War". [June 1923]. Ms.; 7 leaves. As "Preparándonos para la guerra próxima", *La Nación*, Buenos Aires, 8 July 1923, sec. 3, p. 2.
- "Possibilities of Fascismo". [June 1923]. Ms.; 6 leaves. As "Posibilidades del fascismo", *La Nación*, 1 Aug. 1923, sec. 1, p. 4.
- "Psychological Dangers in Europe". [1923?]. Ms.; 6 leaves. Similar in length and tone to the *Nación* series, this ms. appears to be unpublished.
- "The Editor, The Daily Herald". 19 Nov. 1924. Ts.; 3 leaves (much revised in Dora's hand). Signed by BR and DR. In reply to a letter or article by Sir Charles Addis and a leader, "Mr. Russell on China", in *The Morning Post*, 9 Oct. 1924, on Russell's *New Leader* article of 19 Sept. 1924 titled "British Imperialism in China; Brigands and British Banks". Not published (and possibly not sent).
- "To the Editor of *The Daily Herald*". [1926]. Ms.; 1 leaf. Re Mr. Middleton and birth control. In *The Daily Herald*, 9 October 1926, p. 4.
- "Infancy and Character-Formation" [1927]. Ms.; 16 leaves (lacks fol. 16 but has fol. 17). As "The Training of Young Children", *Harper's Magazine*, 155 (Aug. 1927): 313–19.

**\*230 Mathematical Philosophy Manuscripts**

- "Notes on Non-Euclidean Geometry". May 1895. This sequence covers the versos of the pages in the notebook described first under \*220.
- "Notes on Mathematical Philosophy". Jan. 1897. Notebook, soft covers. 124 pp. Russell wrote originally on the rectos. Later, in 1900, he made comments on the opposing versos. His early notes on Cantor are to be found here.