RECENT ACQUISITIONS

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The previous general update of correspondence and manuscript acquisitions appeared in Russell n.s. 28, no. 2 (winter 2008–09): 162–70. There are 15 entries in the correspondence listing below, covering 38 items. Received in November 2009, the latest acquisition reported is number 1,606. The manuscript listing of 2 items brings the total to 635 such entries since 1968. The latest manuscript acquisition is 1,601. Some items were received from other institutions, to whom McMaster Library is very grateful. The following abbreviations are used: L(s). or l(s). = letters(s); P(s). or p(s). = photocopies; p.c.(s). = post card(s); Ts. = typescript; tel. = telegram.

Thanks are due to Carl Spadoni, Research Collections Librarian, for pursuing many of the leads whose fruition is evident here. There are still more original Russell documents to be found.

CORRESPONDENCE

Farr, Elliott 4 ls. and tel. from BR, 1944–47 (incl. 2 to W. R. White of White & Williams); 2 ls. from Patricia Russell to Farr and his wife, 1947, and l. to White, 1946; 6 ls. from White to Farr, 1946–47, and l. from Farr to White, 1946. Freight bill and bill of lading, 1947; restoring and shipping of trunks and boxes. Draft typed l. or statement about Hitler in response to someone. c.1941 ("I would 1,000 times rather be dead than say Heil Hitler"). Found in Farr’s copy of An Inquiry into Meaning and Truth. Gift of Caroline Farr, whose parents who were 1943 neighbours of BR on Pennstone Road, Bryn Mawr, PA. rec. acq. 1,601.

Freedom Defence Committee (H. B. Gibson) L. from Josephine Hall on BR’s behalf, 31 Oct. 1946, encl. donation for typewriter; reply l. of thanks on behalf of the treasurer, 1 Nov. 1946. Ps., courtesy of International Institute for Social History. rec. acq. 1,599a.

Guran, Henry L. from BR, 15 Feb. 1951 in response to a Toronto autograph request. Purchase. rec. acq. 1,603.


Lorenzen, Paul L. from BR, 22 Nov. 1948, on whether linguistic questions connect with politics; l. to BR, n.d.
Bertrand Russell to Moritz Schlick, 5 March 1935, from the Canary Islands, where Russell had gone to recover from nervous exhaustion.
politics; l. to BR, n.d. Scans. Courtesy of Philosophisches Archiv, Universität Konstanz. rec. acq. 1,598.

Meijer, J. B. L. from Allen and Unwin, 1924. L. from Harold F. Bing, 1924. Ps., courtesy of International Institute for Social History. rec. acq. 1,599b.

Ransom, Harry Correspondence with William S. Livingston, House of El Dieff (Lew Feldman) and Anton Felton concerning the sale of Russell’s papers in 1967 and the Newsweek scandal; newscollings. Ps., courtesy U. of Texas via Albert Lewis. rec. acq. 1,594.

Rotblat, Joseph L. from BR, 6 July 1956. Follow-up to the Russell–Einstein Manifesto; formation of Pugwash. Internet print. rec. acq. 1,577.

Schlick, Moritz 2 ls. from BR, 1924, 1935 (see illustration); draft l. to, 1923; l. from Dora Russell on BR’s behalf, 1927. BR is unable to visit Vienna in 1924; OKEW; [Nicod]; lecture tour of Austria and Scandinavia abandoned, 1935. Printed jpg images. Courtesy of Wiener Kreis Archiv, Haarlem, Netherlands. rec. acq. 1,597.

Stott, R. Toole L. from Russell, 28 Sept. 1931, re the economic crisis and understanding currency and credit. Purchase. rec. acq. 1,590.

Strobl, Lily L. from BR, 20 Nov. 1962 re Cuban Missile Crisis. Internet print. rec. acq. 1,577.

Strong, L. A. G. L. to Lady Ottoline Morrell, 22 Nov. 1932; encl. typescript, 9 leaves, about Garsington Manor and meeting of Yeats and BR. Purchase. rec. acq. 1,588.

Union Mondiale Libres Penseurs (Colin McCall) L. from BR, 4 Apr. 1939, re not attending meeting in honour of Tom Paine. Carbon of letter is in RAI 710.057146. Donation of Caroline Farr. rec. acq. 1,601.

Whitelaw, Mrs. L. from BR, 9 Feb. 1925 re Harvard and Yale. Internet print. rec. acq. 1,577.

MANUSCRIPTS

“Extensionality” Ms. notes, 9 leaves, early 1940s. Found tucked in Elliott Farr’s copy of The Philosophy of Bertrand Russell. Concerns topics in An Inquiry into Meaning and Truth. Gift of Caroline Farr, whose parents who were 1943 neighbours of BR on Pennstone Road, Bryn Mawr, PA. rec. acq. 1,601.

[War with Hitler] Draft l. or statement, c.1941. Donation of Caroline Farr. rec. acq. 1,601.

ART AND STILL IMAGES

10, Gower St., London Photos of plaque commemorating Lady Ottoline Morrell’s residence. Courtesy of Andrew Brink. rec. acq. 1,583.


Amberley, Viscount and Viscountess, with Frank and Rachel Small visiting card portrait (c.d.v.) of Lord and Lady Amberley with Frank and Rachel at tea on the piazza at Ravenscroft. Photographer: R. Tudor Williams, Monmouth, early 1870s. Purchase. rec. acq. 1,596.

Kovacs, Frank Plaster cast bust of Russell, 33 × 23 cm., signed by the artist, Frank Kovacs, c.1955. Purchase. rec. acq. 1,594.

Russell, Lord John Printed portrait. Donation of A. Brink. rec. acq. 1,583.

REPORTS


Trefethen, Florence Florence Trefethen’s memories of an American Club Thanksgiving dinner at the English Speaking Union, Cambridge, 25 Nov. 1948, as relayed by her son, N. L. Trefethen. BR was the guest of honour. Email print. rec. acq. 1,600.

ELECTRONIC MEDIA


Bertrand Russell Speaks His Mind Russell interviewed by Woodrow Wyatt in the spring of 1959. Original Cornet Films converted to 12 digitally remastered dvds. Interviews were published as a book, 1960, with several text changes. Films and audio cassettes acquired previously: rec. acqs. 449, 1,009, 1,396, 1,489. rec. acq. 1,606.

Interview in New York Russell interviewed by four reporters. Topics include preventing another world war, recognizing the Chinese Communists, individual freedom. Presumably part of topics covered in E50.18. dvd. Tom Stanley, brs (Collection Paramount; clips and footage, London). rec. acq. 1,593.

“Prospects of Mankind” BR, Hugh Gaitskell, Lord Boothby are questioned by Eleanor Roosevelt and Robert McKenzie. Broadcast on bbc 27 Sept. 1960 (C60.38). Digitally remastered dvd courtesy of David Blitz. dvd and video acquired earlier, rec. acq. 1,495. rec. acq. 1,604.

Ralph Miliband’s Interviews with BR Film format is part of Archives 11. Digitally remastered dvds are now available.


Ytv Interview with BR at Hasket Street, 15 July 1962. Topics covered include nuclear disarmament, scientists and knowledge, world govt., the Un, and the future. Camera pans around the flat. Interviewer is Erkki Raatikainen, a Finnish politician, writer and journalist. The island mentioned at the end may be Åland which became part of Finland in 1921, but it is still an independent province. The Finnish introduction notes that Russell lives most of the time in North Wales, but he was in London for the interview. dvd. Courtesy of Ytv website via Tom Stanley. rec. acq. 1,592.
Books and Scripts

Four volumes in Chinese *The Problem of China*; BR’s philosophical lectures in China (including a chronology of his time there, 12 Oct. 1920–11 July 1921, pp. 308–9); translations of previously published papers, some from *Mysticism and Logic; The Problems of Philosophy*.

Donated by N. Griffin from his graduate student, Haixia Zhong.

*Goethe’s Gedichte* Book cover, Russell and Alys bookplate; inscription “Xmas 1989, Bertrand Russell from his affectionate W.B.”; pp. 32-3 with Russell’s annotation (“cf Faust...”) by poem “An Belinden”. Internet print. rec. acq. 1,589.


*“Three Passions”* Documentary film about Russell by Red Canoe Productions. c.2005–07; as of Nov. 2009 the documentary has not been completed. Script, arranged chronologically, with various categories. P., courtesy of Nicholas Griffin. rec. acq. 1,585.