RECENT ACQUISITIONS, 2009–13

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The previous general update of correspondence and manuscript acquisitions appeared in Russell n.s. 29, no. 1 (summer 2009): 62–6. There are 71 entries in the correspondence listing below, covering 291 letters before bulk items. The latest item came in July 2013, with the latest number 1,703. The manuscript listing of 13 items brings that total to 76 since 1968. The latest manuscript acquisition is 1,697. Several 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; Ts. = typescript; tel. = telegram. Carl Spadoni, late Research Collections Librarian, made several of the purchases. Sheila Turcon registered the acquisitions. There are surely more original Russell documents to be found and acquired or copied. There is not room here to list new print items or Tom Stanley’s new print sources.

THE PLAS PENRHYN TAPES, REC. ACQ. 1,679

These are reel-to-reel audio tapes from the final home of Bertrand and Edith Russell with comments by Chris Farley added prior to their arrival in August 2012. Access to them is awaiting digitization. Russell’s voice is said to be on tapes 8, 9, 12, 15, 16, 23 and 24; there may be others. These will provide new text from Russell’s very old age, as well as insight into how he and his BRPF colleagues worked.

1 Three small filmstrips, numbered 1, 11, 111, in a rigid plastic box c. 13.6 × 8 × 6 cm. Frames include the signature of Walt Ruhman and a drawing of BR in 111. BR went on to preface a catalogue (B156) of the “sombre horror” of Ruhman’s art.

2 Red circular plastic Emitape container, c. 9 cm. diameter, with a flat lid edge of c. 6 cm. A green-on-white Emitape label on the lid notes a 3″ spool, etc. Inside its lid is a label marked “P.P. Jan. 62. Copy No. 2”. This may refer to Pat Pottle, not Plas Penrhy.

3 Magnetophonband BASF tape in box marked Typ LGS 26 and double play tape. Under the box is a label showing price of 14s. from Harrods near the
Russells' London home at 43 Hasker Street, SW3.

4 Philips tape on 10 cm. spool in orange and black box with blank Index.

5 Philips DP10 doubleplay magnetic tape in blue on white box. Index is blank except for the word “IRAQ” by Farley.

6 Philips tape in white Scotch magnetic tape (10 cm. spool). Noted by Farley on the index: “Bill Jones interviewed by Tom Wengram and [illegible].”

7 Small tape in grey container sent to BR via by R. Wilson. To the sender’s address Farley added “South Australia”.

8 Philips tape on 10 cm. spool in off-grey box marked “BR’s Message for March 25/26 1966 International Days of Protest” (iss. at RA2 220.148476), a Vietnam Solidarity Campaign meeting.

9 Tape in large grey plastic box 18.5 × 19.6 cm. White spine opens to an 18 cm. BASF tape marked by Farley “David Powell interviews BR for his 95th birthday. Broadcast 18.5.67.” A second, smaller label (writer unknown) appears to identify the BBC’s Home Service (“Radio H.S.”). [Powell had been interviewing BR since 1957.]

10 18 cm. Emitape box, with red, yellow, green and black lid containing 17.5 cm. diameter spool with tape marked “reel 1, side 1” and “reel 1, side 2.” A further label by Farley (date unknown) states: “DISCUSSION 25/10 W/END SCHOOL” (a reference to a possible Committee of 100 weekend school).

11 Philips DP15 tape in black plastic box with inserted cover featuring pattern of many blue circles. On the inside of the inserted paper cover the following notes possibly by Farley appear:

Programmes recorded on volume III [of BR’s Auto., 1969]


b “Release” (May 17.69) TV. BBC2 (color)—interviews with: Foot, Ayer, Crawshay-Williams. ±17 min.

c “World of Books” (May 29.69) Radio 4. Panel with Ben Levy. ±10 min.


13 Magnetophonband BASF red tape box, marked by Edith Russell “Lucy’s notes”. The tape spool itself is marked on a label by Edith Russell: “Lucy’s Notes 11 June ’62.” [Note by Farley: It was common for Edith Russell to refer to Lucy Donnelly as “Lucy”. At times she also spoke of BR’s youngest granddaughter Lucy. This tape is at present unheard by Farley.]

14 Magnetophonband BASF red tape box, marked by Edith Russell “Jon’s Speech in the Making”. Unheard by Farley, who wonders whether this might be a reference to Jon Tinker, who at the time of BR’s 90th birthday events was working briefly with Ralph Schoenman on preparation of a public celebration in London’s Royal Festival Hall.

15 Red and green Radio Moscow tape box, marked in typewriting “Bertran Russel’s [sic] statement of the forthcoming Conference on Cuba. [Possibly the ts. at RA2 320.17760.] The New Year Message of Bertran Russel to the people of the Soviet Union.” Tucked inside is a l. from H. Trofimenko (see Correspondence below). BR had recorded the messages “last month”.

16 Emitape box 15 × 15 cm. with orange and black lid. Farley has added a label: “BR interviewed by a woman (side 2). Radio compilation on publication of [BR’s] Auto. (early 1967?)”.

17 Emitape box 13 × 13 cm. with cover coloured black, red, yellow and green. Tape is labelled by Farley “Arabic”. The underside of the box is marked “ZIZIA Refugee Camp” (in Jordan).

18 Tape box 13 × 13 cm. marked Brand

19 Philips box (14 × 13.5 cm.) with Emi-tape marked “Jordan camps”. See 17.

20 Grey plastic tape box with white edge marked BASF (for opening). Note within box: “Mrs. Manion. Dr. Abu Haidan. Mr. Fawzy and the man who worked for the Canadian UN force.”

21 Scotch tape box, 15 × 15.5 cm., green and white. The tape has a label written by Farley: “Recorded at 1⅞ths. Doesn’t start at beginning.”

22 Red Magnetophonband BASF tape box, 15.5 × 15.5 cm., marked by Edith Russell: “Telephone conversation during shingles”. (BR in 1961 suffered from the acute viral disease that is characterized by inflammation, pain and skin eruptions along affected nerves.) Marked by Farley: “BR on phone including Schoenman”.

23 Red Magnetophonband tape box, 15.5 × 15.5 cm., unmarked, with tape marked (by Farley) on one side “Mystery!” The other side is marked on one label “Reel 2, Side 1”, and on another “26/11/60 Part only of discussion”.


25 Red, black, yellow and green Emitape (heavily worn) box marked “Copy”. On the underside Edith Russell has written: “Copy of tape recording of Mr. J. B. Witchell’s Speech at ...” (see tape 18).

26 14-inch plastic container, orange spool; contents of tape unstated, but marked by Farley “Recorded at 1⅞ths”.

27 Emitape box, 13 × 13 cm., marked on underside: “1. Um Shurat Bridge [West Bank]. 2. Mr Derek Cooper.” Inside is an unmarked 10 cm. Kodak tape. It is not known if the tape has any connection with the box markings.

28 Soundcraft tape box, 15 × 15 cm., marked 4/6 d. Marked by Farley: “Chris’ talk ⅔rds, Useless discussion”.

29 16 cm. clear plastic tape container, contents a 15 cm. tape marked by Farley: “Discussion by n-v d. [non-violent direct] actionists (tape broken?)”.

30 16 cm. clear plastic container with 12.5 cm. tape marked by Farley: “April (cont.) ⅛th, Discussion on ⅞th”.

31 14 cm. plastic container, with tape marked by Farley “⅛ discussion on Henderson of n-v. ⅛ April Political”.

MANUSCRIPTS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS


Dulles, John Foster 3 draft replies, 1958, as well as press release, from Dulles to Kingsley Martin, New Statesman, to BR’s “Open Letter to Eisenhower and Khrushchev”, 23 Nov. 1957 (C57.33).
Farley, Christopher  “Bertrand Russell’s Death”: explanation in 2013 why BR’s death certificate is not in rA2. Courtesy of Farley. rec. acq. 1,675.


Marmor Interview; Quote on Warren Report  Teletype filings of C64.94 and C64.69 respectively. rec. acq. 1,664.

Philby, Burgess and Maclean  Extract of a broadcast on USSR’s development of the A-bomb. It was spoken by either Russell or a vocal imitator (Jonathan Miller?) in the 1977 TV film, Philby, Burgess and Maclean: Spy Scandal of the Century. Text is presumed but not confirmed to be BR’s. It refers to a possible “hellish escalation” to thermonuclear weapons. BBC TV-Drama. Discovered by Nick Griffin. rec. acq. 1,671.


Introduction to Words and Things (B138) 1959. Ts. with revision, 5 pp. Ps. Courtesy of BLpes. rec. acq. 1,646.

Introduction to Selected Papers (A55). Ts., 11 pp., 1 p. with unpublished revisions by BR. Ms. (rec. acq. 70, box 6.41, 1925); lot 508. rec. acq. 1,696.

“Man’s Peril” (C54.35) The famous sentence in BR’s hand: “Remember your humanity and forget the rest”. Courtesy of S. Pellegrino. rec. acq. 1,663.


“Phaedo” Outline of Socrates’ last hour; proofs of immortality. 1941. Ms., 1 p. P. See HWP, Br. 1, Ch. 16. Courtesy of Barnes Foundation. rec. acq. 1,638.


Principles of Social Reconstruction Quotation in BR’s hand, n.d. but Nov. 1927 from Chicago’s Hotel La Salle letterhead. Internet print. rec. acq. 1,697.


Unarmed Victory P. 5, signed by BR, of preface to Hebrew transl., 1964 (A127. 48). Internet print. rec. acq. 1,691.


“Why I Support This War” Abstract of lecture, 2 March 1941. Ts., 1 p. P. Courtesy of Barnes Foundation. rec. acq. 1,683.

Wrinch, Dorothy (re) Statement by BR, perhaps to Katharine Jex-Blake, Mistress, Girton College, Cambridge, 17 March 1918, re Wrinch’s mathematical research. Transcription by M. Senechal of ALs at Girton; quoted in her I Died for Beauty, p. 63. rec. acq. 1,641.

CORRESPONDENCE

Allen and Unwin Ltd., George  [Rayner Unwin collection] PoM, 1st edn., prepared for 1937 reprint; lot 505. 2 ls. from BR to Rayner Unwin, 6 Oct. 1968 [ts. carbon, .140477] and 6 June 1969 (not in ra); lot 506. 3 blurbs for WINC (A104), Oct. 1956 (Papers 11: 564–5); lot 507. L. from Dora Russell to R.

Barnes, Albert C. (Barnes Foundation) 26 ls. to BR and 26 ls. from BR, 1923–41. Also ls. between BR and Barnes Foundation (4 to, 3 from); Patricia Russell (7 to, 5 from) and Barnes; Barnes with others, copies for court case; reports on BR; plans for *The BR Case*; Roderick Chisholm and Barnes, 1945, discussing BR; M. F. Ashley-Montagu to BR, 1940. Courtesy of Barnes Foundation. rec. acq. 1,683.

Barrere, J. B. (Institut Français) L. from BR, 28 Feb. 1949, re ls. from Romain Rolland. Internet print. rec. acq. 1,617.

Berlin, Issiah L. to Christopher Cox, 14 May 1945, recording a visit from Sub-Lieutenant Russell: “A few minutes later a dwarf walked in, smiled, and sat down on a chair, wordless. Upon further pressure he yielded up a note which said: ‘This is to introduce my son, known to the law as Lord Amberley. Although he is my son, I think he is quite pleasant. Russell’ ” (Berlin, Letters 1928–1946, p. 560). rec. acq. 1,631.


Bramble, Mr. L. from BR, 25 June 1929. Re adding Beacon Hill School to biographical data on himself. Purchase. Maggs Rare Books. rec. acq. 1,638.


Burn, Michael and Mary L. to BR, 18 May 1969, faux-signed by John Stuart Mill and other intellectual and moral celebrities approved by BR; reply, 23 May 1969 with p.s. from Edith. Images are in Michael Burn, *Turned Towards the Sun* (2003). rec. acq. 1,667.

Burnett, Hugh (BBC) 2 ls. from BR, 8 Aug. 1951, 18 Nov. 1958, re broadcast. Purchase. rec. acq. 1,668.


Dakyns, Peggy L. from BR, 7 April 1967, re finding ls. BR wrote her husband and her father-in-law, Arthur L. and H. Graham Dakyns. Courtesy of Andrew Dakyns. rec. acq. 1,610.

Davies, Mansel 2 ls. from BR, 4 Dec. 1962 (correcting “will” to “shall”); 22 May 1968 (expects to be publishing several volumes of correspondence). Internet print; purchase. rec. acq. 1,676.

Demeree, Mr. L. from BR, 16 Feb. 1924, re his own methodology in sociology. Courtesy of Chicago U. Library. rec. acq. 1,653.

Dial, The (Martyn Johnson) L. from BR, 28 Feb. 1918, asking to be contacted when he comes out of prison. Internet print. rec. acq. 1,697.

Duthie, Eric E. L. from BR, 29 Sept. 1924. Only an extract was printed in a Maggs Bros. catalogue, spring 1976 (J76.01). rec. acq. 1,666.

Fischbach, John A. L. from BR, 25 June 1957. BR denies that he could be “the most metaphysical of the analytic
philosophers”. Internet print. rec. acq. 1,697.

**Fleckenstein, Joachim Otto** L. from BR, 6 July 1946, re transl. of *Physics and Experience* (A80). Kotte catalogue 43, item 217. rec. acq. 1,640.

**Franck, James** L. to BR, 7 Feb. 1939, re causality. Courtesy of Chicago U. Library. rec. acq. 1,650.

**Fulton, Leonard V.** L. from BR, 10 Nov. 1962. BR advises joining any peace organization. rec. acq. 1,702.


**Green, Paul** L. from BR, 6 June 1964. Internet print. rec. acq. 1,617.


**Gumpert, Martin** L. from BR, 6 Dec. 1950, agreeing to an interview. Dr. Gumpert reported on BR: “preparing his autobiography at 79 and complaining that he is easily tired because he cannot walk more than 5 miles at a time” (*New York Times Magazine*, 8 July 1951). Image. rec. acq. 1,678.

**Guran, Henry** L. from BR, 15 Feb. 1951, in response to an autograph request. Adam Andrusier Autographs. rec. acq. 1,603.

**Habermel, Sybil** L. from BR, 29 Dec. 1961. BR refers her to the Canadian cnd. rec. acq. 1,622.


**Haynes, Captain Carleton** L. from BR to Governor of Brixton Prison, 20 March 1919, sending a copy of *IMP*. Internet print from website of Oxford Book Fair, April 2013. rec. acq. 1,700.

**Hervic, Elizabeth** 2 ls. from BR, 9 May, 18 Aug. 1966 (the latter handwritten). BR consoles her in her sorrow in the language of “A Free Man’s Worship”. Courtesy of David Kirby. rec. acq. 1,703.

**Horrabin, Frank** L. from BR, 18 April 1932. It’s too late for an interview or sitting, as BR is behindhand. Text from John Fairbrother. rec. acq. 1,636.


**Institute for Advanced Study** (Frank Aydelotte) Ls. between Aydelotte and Dewey, Einstein, Weyl, Veblen, C. Morris concerning BR, 1940–44. Also 2 ls. to BR, March–April 1944, re his 2 seminars on power. Courtesy of Levy Archives Center, I.A.S., Princeton. rec. acq. 1,648. (Abraham Flexner) 2 ls. from BR and L to BR, 1936–37, re teaching at Institute. Courtesy of Levy Archives Center. rec. acq. 1,647.

**Iverson, Herbert** L. from BR, 4 Jan. 1920, re Iverson’s Danish book.
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Jones, Alice L. from BR, 12 March 1937, re typing a ms. by an unidentified author. Internet print. rec. acq. 1,660.

Jørgensen, Jørgen 6 ls. from BR, 1929–35, and receipt for Danish lecturing, 1935; 8 ls. to BR. Courtesy of Royal Library, Denmark. rec. acq. 1,661.


Laric, Ivan C. 5 ls. from BR, 1949–57. 4 ls. to BR, 1956–57; on Laric’s honours thesis (in ra): “A Discussion of the Problem of Perception as Based on Russell’s Human Knowledge” and his Ideas article. Courtesy of Paul Laric via Nick Griffin. rec. acq. 1,694.


London School of Economics Student Union L. from BR, 15 July 1922, re his lecture on 25 Oct. Image. 8 other ls. from BR, 1919–30, of which seller has provided group image, dates and formats. Courtesy of Antiquariat Inlibris. rec. acq. 1,663.

Lutoslawski, Wincenty 2 ls. from BR (images) and l. to him, 1929–48. All 3 ls. are published by Tomasz Mróz. Courtesy of Arkhiwum Nauki Pan i Pau, Cracow. rec. acq. 1,670.

Malleson, Constance 9 ls. and cards, 1957–75, from Colette to Andrew Malleson (Miles Malleson’s son from 2nd marriage). Courtesy of Dr. Malleson. rec. acq. 1,675. C.250 ls. to Carrie Webster, 1925–75; also theatre programmes, clippings, third-party ls., photos. Notice for Colette’s play “The Way” with unrecorded blurb by BR. Boxes 7.51, 7.52, 5.70. Courtesy of Patsy Hudson. rec. acq. 1,620.


McMaster U. (Arthur Bours, William Ready) L. from Ready to Canada...


Moore, John G. L. from BR, 16 Sept. 1955, re his scientists’ statement (C35.29). Internet print from Abebooks; text only. REC. ACQ. 1,697.

Morris, Charles W. 5 ls. from BR, 1937–41, re “On the Importance of Logical Form” (B65); Neurath; proper names. Courtesy of Chicago U. Library. REC. ACQ. 1,655.

Pall Mall Magazine (Mr. Brittain) L. from BR, 30 July 1928, re writing article. Internet print. REC. ACQ. 1,639.

Partridge, Frances L. to Sheila Turcon, 5 June 1992, re BR. McMaster U., Office of the President, 2nd accrual. REC. ACQ. 1,698.


Rathbone Books (James Fisher) L. from BR, 2 Jan. 1957, agreeing to an appointment. Dictated copy in RA 750. Found in copy 2 of Freiheit und Organisation. Reviews found in it have been placed with other reviews. REC. ACQ. 1,614.

Reader’s Digest, The (Marjorie Nicholson) L. to from BR, 6 June 1964. Internet print. REC. ACQ. 1,617.

Rollitts, Sarah L. from BR, 15 June 1960, re BRSHM. McMaster U., Office of the President, 2nd accrual. REC. ACQ. 1,698.


Russell, Edith Personal documents before 1950, including ancestry and photos. Many ls. between Lucy Martin Donnelly and Helen Thomas Flexner transcribed; Alys Russell; Logan Pear- sell Smith. Donation of lmd’s books to Bryn Mawr Library. Described by S. Turcon at http://library.mcmaster.ca/archives/findaids/findaids/r/russell-e.02.htm Some ls. entered into bracers, class 967. Boxes 2.36a, 2.36b, 2.36c, with some ls. in 2.36. Courtesy of BRPF via Tony Simpson. REC. ACQ. 1,685.


Thompson, Bonar L. from BR, 10 Aug. 1930, declining to support a journal. Published in Hyde Park Orator (H22). Purchase. REC. ACQ. 1,613.

Trofimenko Henry (Moscow Radio and TV) L. to BR, 21 Jan. 1966, returning his taped messages at Ralph Schoenman’s request. See tape 15 above. REC. ACQ. 1,679.

Warren, Gretchen 8 ls. from BR, 1914–17], 1944. On politics, literature (Conrad and “Forstice”), religion, and the war. Purchased with support of BRS and 3 BRS donors. REC. ACQ. 1,628.


Williams, Gruffydd Aled L. to BRPF, 3 Nov. 2012, re plans to take over a radio station during the Cuban Missile Crisis. REC. ACQ. 1,686.

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**Apostles, The** List of those, including BR, who attended an Apostolic dinner no later than 1905 at the Royal Palace Hotel, Kensington. Also finding-aid to the Henry Jackson papers at King’s College. Also Apostolic data from Ray Perkins. Courtesy of King’s College, Cambridge. rec. acq. 1,625.

**Aristotelian Society** Minute-book extract recording the reading of BR’s paper, “The Limits of Empiricism” (C36.18), 6 April 1936. Internet print. rec. acq. 1,602.


**Bertrand Russell Speaks His Mind** BR interviewed by Woodrow Wyatt. Original Cornet films have been converted to 12 digitally remastered dvds by David Blitz. Interviews published in *BRSHM* with changes. Films and audio cassettes acquired previously: rec. acqs. 449, 1,099, 1,396, 1,489. rec. acq. 1,606.


**Federation of Progressive Societies and Individuals** Advertisement for meeting, “The Fight against Fascism”, 18 March [1933], London. Dora Russell was a speaker. On the verso is a pencil list of what appear to be auction items. Purchase. rec. acq. 1,611.

**Felton, Anton** Small 2nd accrual to the Felton fonds rec. acq. 1,343. Legal documents, ps. of correspondence with the Eliots, photos for use in *Auto.* 2. In box 5.68 of 1st accrual. Courtesy of Felton. rec. acq. 1,682.


**“Merv Griffin Show”** BR interviewed by Griffin on his tv show, 28 June 1965. Topics included Vietnam. dvd, courtesy of brs Library. Reelin’ in the Years Production. rec. acq. 1,692.

**“Open End”** (David Susskind) Interview with BR, 10 June 1962 (E62.10), transcript. wNEW-tv. The date differs from the date on the audio cassette (rec. acq. 600). P., courtesy of Tom Stanley, brs. rec. acq. 1,624.

**Photos Life Magazine**: bw photo, BR playing chess with his son in Santa Barbara for the shoot published 1 April 1940. BR in colour, possibly during Linus Pauling’s visit, 1958. Most photos are duplicates of photos already in ra. See the file. rec. acq. 1,632. Also BR with Vanessa Redgrave; with Peanut the dog; of Barry Fox Stevens. rec. acq. 1,617. BR in Jacob Epstein’s studio with his pipe and pocket diary. The
bust is not visible. Photo, b&w, 9 × 11”, by Ida Kar. rec. acq. 1,615.

PM @ 100 poster and shirt. See http://pm100.mcmaster.ca. rec. acq. 1,608.

“Prospects of Mankind” E. Roosevelt, chair. BR, Hugh Gaitskell, Lord Boothby are questioned by Roosevelt and Robert McKenzie. Broadcast on BBC 27 Sept. 1960 (C60.38). Digitally remastered DVD by David Blitz. DVD acquired earlier, rec. acqs. 1,495 and 1,604.

Royal Society Fellowship nomination papers for BR, Whitehead and (signed by BR) J. E. Littlewood and Alan Turing. BR’s is dated 2 Oct. 1906. Printed from R.S. website. rec. acq. 1,690.

Russell, Frank Ogden’s cigarette card with image of Frank Russell, taken by Russell & Sons. Note about his 1901 bigamy trial is on verso. Courtesy of Carl Spadoni. rec. acq. 1,633.

Russell interviewed in French TV broadcast by RTFB (Radio télévision belge de la communauté française), 26 Nov. 1961. 44 min. Narration is in French; BR and Edith are shown at marches and demonstrations, including Hiroshima Day; also exterior of Brixton Prison. BR is interviewed by Paul Danblon. Transcription and transl. were added (Karen Perkins and Pamela Wahl). DVD, courtesy of Tom Stanley, BRS Library. rec. acq. 1,643.


Stanley, John Thomas, first Baron Stanley of Alderley Philosophical primer by Stanley for his new-born granddaughter, 1834, Maude Alethea Stanley, 3rd daughter of 2nd Baron Stanley of Alderley (BR’s maternal grandfather). She was also his unmarried aunt, the sister of his mother, Kate Amberley. Bound ms. Purchase. rec. acq. 1,619.


