Alys Russell: a bibliography

Alys Pearsall Smith Russell (1867-1951), Bertrand Russell's first wife, was an early "libber" who not only worked politically for women's rights but also sought to improve the immediate social conditions of poor women. She was involved deeply in movements for temperance, better factory conditions, and higher education. No one, however, has paid her any attention since her death, perhaps because the material relating to her has never been brought together. Alys's own articles, for example, are more numerous than anyone had supposed, and the list which follows is sure to be incomplete. Some of her writings are quite delightful particularly "Four Days in a Factory" (1903). Her grand-niece, Miss Barbara Halpern, has told us she is planning to write a biography of Alys. Ms. Kearns' bibliography will be most helpful in any such projects, and she would like to hear of any omissions in it, c/o the Russell Archives

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III. Papers

- Miss Barbara Halpern, London, England, seems to have the bulk of Alys's papers; they are not publicly available. Miss Halpern intends writing a biography of Alys.
- 2) The library of the London School of Economics has a scrapbook kept by Alys of the Russells' visit to Germany in late 1895; photocopy in the Russell Archives.
- 3) The Bertrand Russell Archives has Russell's letters to Alys (including some 50 acquired in Archives II), and other materials.
- 4) Bryn Mawr College.
- 5) The Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, has papers of Logan Pearsall Smith, including some letters to Alys; some copies are in the Russell Archives. Also at LC are Alys's letters to Walt Whitman, presented by Charles E. Fineberg.
- 6) The Princeton University Library also has papers of Logan, which include a photograph of Alys.
- 7) The library of Kent State University also has some of Logan's papers, including some very early correspondence with Alys.
- 8) The Bernard Berenson Archives, in Italy, contain many letters from Alys to Bernard and Alys's sister Mary. Copies are in the Russell Archives.

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