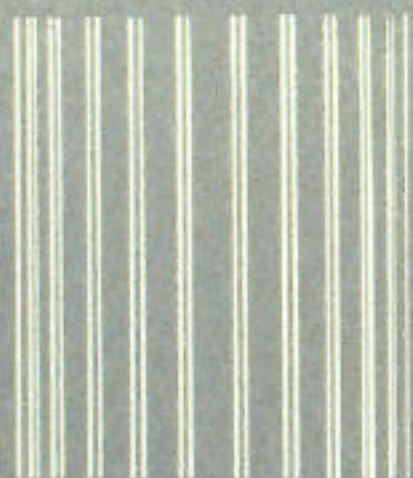


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Rabinowitz gift. Mr. Aaron Rabinowitz has presented three useful works in editions not previously in the Columbia collections: *Memoirs of the Sansons*, 1876; *The Cream of Leicestershire* (by Captain Edward Pennell-Elmhirst), 1883; and *The Journal of Montaigne's Travels in Italy*, 1903.

Rouse gift. Miss Mary S. Rouse has presented additional materials from the library of her brother-in-law, the late Leonidas Westervelt (1903 C). The gift includes books, scrapbooks, portrait photographs (many of them autographed) of theatrical personages, and other materials related to the theater. Of special note are eight typed scripts of plays by Westervelt, and an extra-illustrated set of *Macready's Reminiscences*, 1875, originally two volumes but extended to four by the insertion of autographs, letters, pictures, playbills, and the like.

Taylor gift. The professional library of Dr. Howard C. Taylor (M.D., 1891), former Chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, was presented to the Medical Library in the Spring of this year. That portion of the collection which was not

COLLECTIONS OF CORRESPONDENCE AND MANUSCRIPT DOCUMENTS

NAME OF COLLECTION: Karl Polanyi Papers

SOURCE: Gift of Mrs. Karl Polanyi - 1965

SUBJECT: Economic history

DATES COVERED: 1944-1964 NUMBER OF ITEMS: 3,000

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CONDITION: (give number of vols., boxes, or shelves)
 Bound: Boxed: 15 boxes Stored:

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DESCRIPTION:

The papers, notes, and manuscripts of Karl Polanyi, Professor of Economic History at Columbia University, 1947-1953. One of his primary interests was the Ford Foundation's Interdisciplinary Project, which he directed from 1953 to 1955. The collection comprises his lecture notes while at Columbia; his "Memoranda" for the Interdisciplinary Project on economic aspects of institutional growth; notes and drafts for his various writings, including his Semantics of General Economic History, Ports of Trade in Early Societies, Dahomey and the Slave Trade, the first outline of The Great Transformation, early drafts of his unpublished "The Livelihood of Man"; the plan (later abandoned) for "Freedom and Technology, and drafts and notes for various articles and shorter works.

See attached list of the boxes in the collection.

Open at: 9-4.45

Karl Polanyi Papers

- I. Table of contents to lecture courses, 1947-1951.
Copies of lecture courses (several copies, not identical).
- II. Further lecture courses.
Memoranda No. 1-21, 24-25 of the Interdisciplinary Project on economic aspects of institutional growth (1953-1958).
Notes of the Interdisciplinary Project.
University Seminar on the Institutionalizing of the economic process (425-6).
Polanyi's Semantics of General Economic History.
Bibliographies and indices.
Interdisciplinary program.
Letters and notes.
- III. Ports of Trade in Early Societies.
Cuneiform studies.
- IV. Equivalencies. Rations. Operational devices.
Money Surveys (in early society).
"Money, price and trade in early societies that possess no market system."
Local Food Markets.
The Size of market cultures.
Notes and studies.
- V. Aristotle.
Greek Studies.
Chapters 1-8 of the part on Greek antiquity of the unpublished book, "The Livelihood of Man".
Early version of "The Livelihood of Man", synoptic index.
Redistributive elements in ancient Israel.
- VI. First outline of "The Great Transformation", 1941.
Menger.
Feudalism.
Various articles, sketches, lectures.
Week-end Notes (compiled by A. Rotstein). N.B.: Any use of this material must be with the consent of Mr. Abraham Rotstein, Lecturer, Dept. of Political Economy, U. of Toronto.
- VII. Debt and the Slave Trade. Notes and drafts.
- VIII. Freedom and Technology. The plan of this book, originally intended to be written by Karl Polanyi together with Abraham Rotstein was definitely abandoned by Karl Polanyi several years before he died" -- Ilona Polanyi.

Montreal
KP Papers agenda.

Gloria
Kari
George

Jan. 1, 1967

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- I Papers:
- ① 2 boxes from Columbia to be Xeroxed
 - ② Papers at Pickering + Rotstein apartment
 - ③ file cabinet in Nicholas' apartment.
 - [④ letters - Throughout] - to be held back

~~II~~

- II Papers are in 3 forms
- ① Lecture notes in connected narrative.
 - ② Finished, self-contained short articles (e.g. Feudalism) -- all relating to topics treated in lectures.
 - ③ Fragments of important ideas with publishing = unfinished essays

- III The subjects treated throughout the papers fall into the following categories:
- ① Concept, Method, + Theoretical Approach
 - ② Medieval economy, feudalism, Mercantilism, I. Rev.
 - ③ Archaic Greece + Rome
 - ④ Pre-Christian I + a middle last - Babylonia
 - ⑤ Economic Anthropology

Fancy

Opinion

IV Procedures to be discussed

1. Three Xerox copies of all usable papers are to be made at NU: Ilana to have a complete set, George to have one too, + the third to be given to whomever handles a particular subject

2. George is confident that the ^{lecture notes + accompanying papers} subjects of his competence are publishable:

- ① Concepts, method, + theoretical approach
- ⑤ Economic anthropology
- ② Medieval European economy, feudalism, merc. I. x.

③ Suggested: letters be written by Ilana to M. J. Finley + L. Oppenheim asking them to read the lecture notes, finished papers, + fragments of their specialties: Finley: ancient Greece + Rome
Oppenheim: Middle East

- + ② Give their opinion on their publishability
- + ③ if their opinion is yes, asking if each would edit the volume in his specialty.

5. Publishers: George will approach Commercial Publishers first - Doubleday, Free Press - holding Northwestern UP + Columbia UP in reserve.
6. Ilona will undertake to collate the various versions (copies) of the lecture notes of the 3 courses to construct a single best set in each subject.
7. Round-robin letters + phone calls throughout, to expedite matters.
8. If necessary, George will get a small grant at Northwestern for secretarial services.
9. George will work closely with Ilona + Kari, the managing directors of the enterprise, + with Walter Neal + Harry Pearson, on his portion of the papers.
10. The published papers will reimburse strongly what is already in print - all related