



## THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE ARCHIVES

<b>NAME OF COLLECTION</b>	Dorothy J. Ross
<b>ACCESSION NO</b>	1982.0069 includes 1985.0056
<b>CATEGORY</b>	Other, individuals
<b>ACTIVITY</b>	Educationalists
<b>DATE RANGE</b>	1886-1975
<b>SIZE OF COLLECTION</b>	48 cm. (4 archives boxes) Manuscript Photograph
<b>HISTORICAL NOTE</b>	Dorothy Ross began teaching in 1914. In 1930 she was Supervisor of the Associated Teachers' Training Institution (later Mercer House until 1938 when she was appointed Headmistress of the Melbourne Church of England Girls' Grammar School. After her retirement in 1955, Miss Ross returned to lecture at Mercer House for twelve years. Her views on education were progressive, based, in particular, on the theories of Montessori.
<b>DATE OF TRANSFER</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> June, 1982
<b>ACCESS CONDITIONS</b>	Access: Open
<b>NOTE ON COLLECTIONS</b>	Collection made up of two accessions 1982.0069 and 1985.0056
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ROSS, DOROTHY (1891-1982)

BOX 1 Personal Papers, family history etc.

1. Travel Diary 1956 - Notes on visits to Asia, America, Europe and London, notes on attendance at conferences for New Education Fellowships (N.E.F.) and Head Mistress's (H.M.'s)
2. Notebook (3 ring, black leather bound) n.d. - Quotes/sayings and critical notes on lessons by student teachers.
3. Family Photographs (1886-1912) - Envelope containing 9 photos of the Ross family, mother, father, aunt Ellsie, a female cousin and a number of Charlotte (Lottie) Walden (late Mrs. Ross). Four photos are of unidentified females.
4. Early Ross Family History (1888-1975) (see p.3 for itemised list) - Copies and extracts relating mostly to Alfred Ross, the family property "Orrong", the site of St. John's Cathedral and "Oberwyll" which was Dorothy Ross's first teaching job. Also contains an A.D.B. extract on Westgarth who was the import merchant partner of Alfred Ross and a photo of Emily Walden (aunt). In all 13 items.
5. Handwritten Thoughts of D.J.R. (n.d.) - 3 Mapping books, a note pad and loose pages (all 25 items) of various handwritten thoughts/notes/ideas of D.J.R. possibly done in the 1970s.
6. Items of Interest about Dorothy Ross (Mid 1900s-1980) -
  - a) Handwritten notes (n.d.) by DJR on particular events in her life (six pieces)
  - b) List of references (n.d.) of her MCEGG's period (1 piece)
  - c) Transcript by June Epstein (Dec.1970) of a discussion with Margaret Connell about DJR (5 pieces)
  - d) List of references (n.d.) of her general background possibly a photocopy of Connell's list (2 pieces)
  - e) Photocopy of a transcript of a speech about DJR's involvement in the N.E.F. (about 1960)
  - f) Notice of result of first meeting of Guild of Australian Playwrights (NSW) about the Proposal for Building of National Theatres and Advancement of Australian Plays
  - g) Letter from Madeline Crump (22/6/1980) on behalf of Margaret Sutherland

including a brochure on her life and work

7. Items of Personal History (1914-1975) - Yellow envelope containing newspaper cuttings describing life of DJR (2 pieces) possibly 1973 and an article by Henry Schoenheimer on 10 point plan for Education dated 25/6/1975. Also contains her Certificate of Registration as a Teacher (1/8/1914) and seven personal references for her for the years 1928, 1934-1946, letters to friends in 1947 and 1956 and some notes.
8. Bulletin (2 Dec.1951)- "Independent Schools of Australia", Current Affairs Bulletin, Vol.21, No.3. Published by University of Sydney.
9. Wilga Rivers Papers (Late 1970s) - Papers on difficulties of teaching a second or third language ex Harvard University
10. Catalysts and other Papers (1953-1975) - Catalyst paper "What Will the Uncoil Be?" Sept. 1953, includes a loose paper of pp.2-16
  - Catalyst paper "Is Anybody Listening? Catalysts". August 1963
  - Catalyst paper "Cats and Curiosity" - November 1966
  - Catalyst paper "Letter from Italy" - November 1975
  - Other papers - United Nations Organisation "MCEGGS" October 1957
  - Copy of paper "NEF Principles - A Reminder" from New Horizons in Education, No.24, Spring, 1960
  - Copy of paper "Gwenda Lloyd" from New Horizons in Education, No. 35, Autumn 1966
  - Address by DJR at launching of Constance Tisdall's book "Forerunners" on 10/11/1961

**BOX 1 Itemised List for Contents of Folder (Item 4) "Early Ross Family History"**

- 1) Photograph - Emily Walden, Aunt, about 1890. DJR's mother's sister, a great walker.
- 2) Photocopy (1 only) - Extract of "A Short History" of St. John's Cathedral that was built on a site given by Alfred Ross (trustee) of "Orrong" (n.d.)
- 3) Handwritten Note (1 only) - Characterisation of Mr. Ross, possibly done by DJR. (n.d.)
- 4) Photocopy (3 pieces) - Extract from Australian Dictionary of Biography re Westgarth, ADB (1851-1896) who was Alfred Ross's import merchant partner (n.d.)
- 5) Photocopy (2 pieces) - Extract from "Trust Newsletter" published by National Trust of Australia, Vol.1,

- No.9, April 1971, entitled "The Grey Lodge Demolished" which refers to "Orrong", the 1850s residence of Alfred Ross
- 6) Photocopy (2 pieces) - Typewritten obituary of Alfred Ross from Argus, 20 July 1896
  - 7) Photocopy (1 only) - Extract on and picture of "The Late Mr. Alfred Ross", about 1896
  - 8) Photocopy (1 only) - Obituary of Alfred Ross from Argus, p.5., 20 July 1896
  - 9) Newspaper Article (1 only) - "Historic St. Kilda Corner to be Sold", The Age, 22 Nov., 1975 about DeSilva's Folly or commonly known as "Oberwyl" which was the school of DJR's first teaching job
  - 10) Photocopy (1 only) - Monash Australiana Research Groups Informal Notes, "Oscar Comett<sup>OWT</sup> Visits Oberwyl" in 1885 by Dennis Davison in Margin, No. 1, 1977
  - 11) Photocopy (1 only) - Picture of Garden of Remembrance and some notes on the background of St. John's (n.d.)
  - 12) Photocopy (2 pieces) - Extract from Personal Recollections of Early Melbourne and Victoria (pp.30-33) by D. Westgarth (n.d.)
  - 13) Photocopy (4 pieces) - Extract from Early Toorak & District by Robb (pp.94-7) of pictures of "Orrong", Mr. and Mrs. A. Ross (n.d.)

**BOX 2 : Melbourne Church of England Girls' Grammar School Papers**

- 1) School Diary 1952 - No entries but was retained in the Common Room of Merton Hall
- 2) School Diary 1974 - Blank
- 3) Parents' Newsletters 1953-1956 - Folder with index to issues No's.1-23 (Note duplicates and Issue 22 are loose). Also contains a newsletter on the film Learning and Living Together, unofficially marked "24"
- 4) MCEGGS Activities 1941-1955 - Manila folder containing various papers relating to the functions of the School
  - a) Paper by Olive Russell (?) on her experience of teaching and MCEGGS (n.d.)
  - b) Diary of Events covering the evacuation of MCEGGS to Doncaster and Marysville during the period March 1942-August 1945 to aid RAAF occupation of the school. Dated August 1941-August 1945. Some pages are missing
  - c) Minutes of Meeting held 8 April 1954 to discuss "Honesty in Work Related Problems"
  - d) Notes on the film "Learning and Living Together" (n.d.)
  - e) Parents' Association Report of Committee 1954-55
  - f) Parents' Association Annual Meeting Notice, 22 April 1955
  - g) Headmistress's Report, Speech Day 1944

- h) Headmistress's Report, Speech Day 1948
  - i) Headmistress's Report, Speech Day 1953
  - j) Invitation to School's Garden Party and Junior School Sports' Afternoon on 15 November 1947. Has a prayer (?) written on the back
  - k) Programme for Jubilee Play "The Building of the House 1903-1953" held 24-26 August 1953
  - l) 1944 Staff Handbook belonging to G. Lloyd
  - m) November 1956 Handbook for Parents of New Girls
  - n) Council Papers relating to operation of the Council and use of badges and pockets for councillors (n.d.)
  - o) Handout on the role of "The Form Mistress" (n.d.)
  - p) Photocopy of extract from Tasmanian Education, Vol.3, No.3, 1948 paper by Gwenda Lloyd titled "Internal Leaving Certificate at the MCEGGS"
- 5) "The Troubles" 1958 - Paper bag containing newspaper cuttings, notices to parents from the teachers concerned and council and also correspondence to/from Gwenda Lloyd re the resignations October-December 1958
- 6) Mercer House 1969 - Correspondence Course, Year II
- Notes and handouts for the course that DJR partly supervised. Some of the papers relate to the Housemistresses course and were also used previously between 196-67 for the Junior Secondary Courses held at Mercer House.

**BOX 3-3: Papers for book "An Australian School at Work" and various speeches, etc.**

- 1) Book Draft Mid-1960s - Folder containing final(?) rough draft of the book "An Australian School at Work" written in conjunction with Dr. K.S. Cunningham of the Australian Council for Educational Research
- 2) Book drafts and correspondence 1964-1968 - Manila folder containing four letters from Dr. K.S. Cunningham re the book and also various drafts of the book
- 3) Speech papers, etc. - 4 manila folders:
  - A) Papers dated 1944-50. Titles as below:
    - 1) Address to parents on the opening of Education Week, October 1944
    - 2) Training of Teachers, c.1944
    - 3) Our Task in Education, c.1946
    - 4) Trends in Modern Educational Thought c.1946 at Headmistress's Conference
    - 5) Education for International Understanding, Mercer House 28 November 1947, includes notes from the UNESCO Seminar in Paris
    - 6) Education for International Under-

standing. Report on UNESCO  
Conference in Paris 1947

- 7) Statement given to the Council of Public Education re Study Leave trip to England, Scotland and Paris 1947
  - 8) Christ in Education, for Religion and Life Week at Geelong, April 1949
  - 9) The Ethics of a Teacher, Kindergarten Training College 17/10/50
- B) Papers dated 1951-1955 titles as below:
- 1) Human Relations in Education. Women Graduate Association 19/4/1951
  - 2) The Teacher's Approach to the Adolescent. Tutor-Sister Conference 19/4/1951
  - 3) Headmistress's Conference, Adelaide 1952
  - 4) Human Relationships in Education. Friends' Summer School 1953
  - 5) Mental Health Congress, March 1953  
Sub-titled Education to Maturity, Includes 2 previous drafts titled Emotional Maturity and Notes for Maturity Talk
  - 6) Changing Goals in Education, Preshil, October 1953
  - 7) Hermitage Speech Day 1954 re "Why Educate our Daughters"
  - 8) Annual Meeting, University Women's College, May 1954
  - 9) Wesley College Mothers' Club, November 1954. Note this was a stand-in talk for Dame Pattie Menzies
  - 10) Miss Ross's Speech Day Report 1955

**C) Papers Dated 1962-1975**

- 1) "Leading a Double Life?" A Conference on Married Women Graduates at Work. Held 24 November 1962 At University Women's College. Papers include Programme; Questions for Discussion Groups 1 and 2, Groups 3 and 4, Groups 5, 6 and 9, Groups 7,8 and 10; A Survey of Part-time Employment for Married Women Graduates in the various Professions in Victoria 1962 and a Report of the Conference
- 2) Y.M.C.A. Training Committee Meeting. Contains Minutes of meeting held 11/2/1963; Leaders in Training Programme. Plan, March 1963; Leaders in Training Course ? 1, March 1963; Orientation Course Programme 1-4 March 1963; Agenda for meeting 4 March 1963
- 3) Self Government in Schools. Is it

Possible? August 1966 Mercer House  
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- 4) Hindsight - Apologia: Nosing my Way to a Philosophy of Education.  
November 1975. Includes a rough draft (?)

**D) Miscellaneous Papers, i.e. Unidentified by Author, Title or Date**

- 1) A Candle of Understanding, Edgar Castles (1 page) n.d.
- 2) Papagerakis on the Greek Adolescent (4 pieces 5/8 pages) n.d.
- 3) Notes on Report (Scottish) (1 piece) n.d.
- 4) Photocopy of Editorial from a School (?) 1950 (1 page)
- 5) Letter to Dorothy Ross dated 3 May 1977 on paper headed "Mundatta", Barnawatha, Victoria 3688. Author unknown (1 piece)
- 6) Plan of Action possibly for an instruction(?) on tensions (after 1961) (1 piece) n.d.
- 7) 3 pages (6, 7 & 8) sub-titled Now We Go to School. Possibly for a talk to St. Catherine's Junior School Parents on Choosing a School. n.d.
- 8) Sharing. 5 page carbon copy. n.d.
- 9) Criticism of Moving-Talking Films - 3 page notes
- 10) Sub-title Integration. Notes on early part of life of Gordon Redfern (1 page) n.d.
- 11) Forward Please. An old girl on the staff. Handwritten notes on an example of overcoming problems by working as a group (4 pages) n.d.
- 12) Happy Childhood. Probably Preshul(?) Original and carbon of a six page document. Possibly MCEGG period. n.d.
- 13) Pathway to Happiness. Refers to the mourning of the loss of Miss Margaret Lyttle. Possibly Preshil and MCEGG period. n.d.
- 14) Learning to Play. Items of child activities (3 pages) n.d.
- 15) Adolescence. General Scheme of Lectures (1 page) n.d.
- 16) Adolescence Lecture II (1 page) n.d.
- 17) Summary Lecture III Adolescence (1 page) n.d.
- 18) Paper for Adolescence Lecture I. (5 pages) n.d. Plus carbon copy
- 19) Paper for Adolescence Lecture II, Emotional Effects of
- 20) Paper for Adolescence Lecture III

- Psychological Adulthood (4 pages loose) n.d. Plus carbon copy
- 21) Parent-Teacher Weekend Conference, MCEGG Minutes of the Preliminary Meeting of Leaders and Scribes (2 pages) n.d.
  - 22) Lines of Thought presented by Dorothy Ross and MCEGG Parent - Teacher Weekend Conference (1 page) n.d.
  - 23) Health and Education Parent-Teacher Weekend Conference MCEGG. Presented by Dorothy Ross (6 pages) n.d.
  - 24) Pre-School Activities in the Community of Today (12 pages) n.d.
  - 25) What Does It Mean To be Human? (25 pages, extracts from various drafts) n.d.
  - 26) 5 page paper beginning "I am a Teacher" n.d.
  - 27) Paper intended for a book by Chaplains of Schools on Adolescent Advice that was considered no good, (7 pages) n.d.
  - 28) Suggestions for reading, thinking and project work. Note on top "Chapter on Money?" (2 pages) n.d.
  - 29) 6 page paper beginning "Do you ever have time to wonder" with note on top "Broadcast by Request" (7 pages) n.d.
  - 30) 3 page paper beginning "Whether we will ... World of human relationships". n.d.
  - 31) The Australian. Recipe for the Ideal School. Henry Schoenheimer, September 5, 1975, p.9 (1 newspaper cutting)
  - 32) Medical Journal of Australia, Human Ecology by Henry Shannon, Reprint February 3, 1962
  - 33) A Preliminary Thought to an Examination of Freud's Theory of Personality, for 17 April 1958 by Robert A. Anderson (3 pages)
  - 34) 1 page beginning "and so promote right development ..." page is marked 8. n.d.
  - 35) 6 pages beginning "children a continuation of home ..." (handwritten at top) Pages are hand numbered, 12-17. n.d.



Box No	Series No	Description	Date
4		<p>Melbourne Church of England Girls' Grammar School, <i>History of the School 1893-1228</i> booklet 80pp., N.D.</p> <p>Manilla folder containing archival material regarding music in the Melbourne Kindergarten Teachers College; includes music sheet. N.D.</p> <p>Manilla folder containing handwritten notes on school by staff members. Mostly undated, approximately 1939-59</p> <p>Manilla folder labelled Graduation contains graduation programmes for Melbourne Kindergarten Teachers College, 1953-72. Includes music sheet.</p> <p><i>The Proceedings of the Incorporated Association of Secondary Teachers of Victoria.</i> 5 issues: Vol. V., No.13, April, 1910; Vol. XV., No.42, May, 1920; Vol. IX., No.25, August, 1914; Vol. XIII., No.37 August, 1918; Vol. XIV., No.39 May, 1919; Vol. VIII., No.21, May, 1913.</p> <p><i>The Educational Review.</i> 2 issues: Vol. VII., No.1 First Term, 1931; Vol. VII., No. 2, Third Term, 1931.</p> <p><i>The Australian Educational Quarterly.</i> 4 issues: Vol. I., No.1, September, 1924; Vol. I., No.2, December, 1924; Vol. IV., No.2, September, 1928; Vol. VI., No.2, Third Term, 1930.</p> <p><i>V.A.T.I.S. JOURNAL.</i> Vol. 4, No.1, Winter, 1979.</p> <p>Manilla folder containing various notes. Graduation ceremony programmes, 1974-76; annotated article "The Trend Towards the Comprehensive School" N.D.; "The Military Machiavelli", 1958; various lecture notes "Self Governance in Schools" 1958-66; correspondence; handwritten notes N.D.; booklet <i>Fantasies of St Edyth</i> to accompany play/performance N.D.</p> <p>Manilla folder containing various notes. "Human Relations in Education", N.D.; "The Teachers Approach to Adolescence", 1951; untitled talk, 1954; "Changing Goals in Education", 1953; "Mental Health Congress" various papers, 1953; Headmistresses' Conference talk, 1952; Wesley College Mothers' Club, 1954; "Miss Ross's Speech Day Report", 1955.</p>	
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