Register of the Grand Duchess Kseniia Aleksandrovna papers

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Contributor: Mariia Feodorovna, Empress, consort of Alexander III, Emperor of Russia, 1847-1928.
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Alternative Form Available
Also available on microfilm (13 reels).
1875 March
25/April 7 Born to Mariia Feodorovna, Princess Dagmara of Denmark and Alexander III, Emperor of Russia
1894 April
1/14 Married Aleksandr Mikhailovich, Grand Duke of Russia (Sandro)
1895 July
3/16 Gave birth to Irina Aleksandrovna, Princess of Russia
1897 January
12/25 Gave birth to Andrei Aleksandrovich, Prince of Russia
1898 December
11/24 Gave birth to Fedor Aleksandrovich, Prince of Russia
1900 January
4/17 Gave birth to Nikita Aleksandrovich, Prince of Russia
1901 August 2/15 Gave birth to Dimitrii Aleksandrovich, Prince of Russia
1902 November
11/24 Gave birth to Rostislav Aleksandrovich, Prince of Russia
1907 June
24/July 7 Gave birth to Vasilii Aleksandrovich, Prince of Russia
1917 March  Traveled with her children to Ai-Todor, the estate in the Crimea that belonged to her husband Aleksandr Mikhailovich (the latter, Kseniia’s mother Mariia Feodorovna, and her sister Olga with her husband had left for Ai-Todor on the 23rd). They were kept there under house arrest.

1918 February  Transferred, along with the family members mentioned above as well as her son-in-law Felix Yusupov and her granddaughter, to Dulber, the fortress-like estate also in the Crimea belonging to Grand Duke Petr Nikolaevich. (The latter and his brother, Grand Duke Nikolai Nikolaevich, their wives, and Peter’s children, had gone to Dul’ber after the fall of the monarchy.)

1919 April  Sailed from Yalta (along with several members of her family, her mother Mariia Feodorovna, and other relatives) on the HMS Marlborough, sent by her cousin George V, King of England (the Allied fleet had arrived in the Crimea at the end of 1918)

1919 May  Arrived in England

1919-1928  Made frequent visits to her mother in Denmark, until the death of Mariia Feodorovna in 1928

1919-1936  Lived in Frogmore Cottage, Windsor Palace

1936-1960  Lived in Wilderness House, Hampton Court, again as a guest of the British royal family

1960  Died

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Kseniia Aleksandrovna were deposited in the Hoover Institution by her family in 1980, under the supervision of her son the late Vasili Romanoff, who served as honorary curator of the Hoover Institution Archives Imperial Russian Collection.

Of particular interest are her diaries, covering the period from January 1916 to March 1919, the day before she left the Crimea for England. Also significant is the correspondence between her and her brother, Emperor Nicholas II, and between him and their mother, Empress Mariia Feodorovna. Those original diaries and letters, in Boxes 12-13, may not be used without permission of the Archivist, but use copies are available in Boxes 6-8.

Other diaries of note are those of Mariia Feodorovna (in Box 9) and of Kseniia’s brother, Grand Duke Mikhail Aleksandrovich (in Box 11), as well as a diary presumed to have been kept for the crown prince Aleksei by his French and English tutors (in Box 8).

The bulk of the collection relates to Mariia Feodorovna, consisting of extensive correspondence with her daughter Kseniia (Boxes 1-6) and with others (Boxes 8-9), and of condolence letters upon her death in 1928 (Boxes 9-10).

The increment consists mainly of correspondence with family members in the United States and Europe, and various royal figures from the United Kingdom, Denmark, Sweden, Germany, Greece, Bulgaria, Romania, and Yugoslavia. Correspondence includes handwritten (mostly unidentified) letters on political, social, religious, educational, and economic conditions in Russia. The increment also contains a number of remarkable prints depicting members of the royal family.

Subjects and Indexing Terms

Romanov, House of.

Russia--Court and courtiers.

Russia--History--Nicholas II, 1894-1917.

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Scope and Contents note
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Scope and Contents note
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| Box/Folder 13 : 2 | Original letters from Nicholas II to his mother Mariia Feodorovna, 1916-1918 |

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Photo file
Photographs, undated
Scope and Contents note
2 drawings, 1 painting, 14 postcards, 83 prints, 6 prints of paintings

Envelope A
Depicting Vincent Cardinal; members of the Danish royal family; members of the Russian imperial family officers and men of the Russian army, as well as scenes of their activities in campaigns against Austrian troops during World War I, as well as the war’s effect on lives, property, and the environment; scenes in Finland, including a monument to Alexander III; a cottage in France; HMS *Marlborough* as well as a silver bugle located on the ship; churches and other buildings in Russia; the tomb of Giulietta in Verona, Italy; and miscellaneous personalities and objects
Increment, 1894-1960

Biographical file

Scope and Contents note
Biographical materials, correspondence, subject file, photographs, and postcards, arranged by physical form.

Biographical file

Box/Folder 14 : 1
Greetings on Kseniia's marriage, 1894 January-July

Box/Folder 14 : 2
Documents concerning the evacuation of Grand Duchess Kseniia from the Crimea on 11 April 1919 and then from Malta on 9 May 1919

Correspondence

General, incoming

Unidentified, handwritten personal letters and greetings

1900-1911

1922-1939

1940-1960

Gadon, Vladimir, undated

Golitsyna, Ekaterina, undated

Nieroth, Georg, undated

ZHukovskii, M., 1894 January

Nestor, A., 1898 June

Suprunov, Fedor, 1904 January 11

Belyi, Gerasim, 1906 December 12

Kozakevich, Sergei, 1907

Evreynoff, S., letters from Russia, 1917 January-December

Two letters contained in an envelope with the words "Letter, Count Sergei (D') Sheremetiev and Paul," 1917

Sablín, E., 1927 February

Kleinmikhel, Mary, 1929 January

Antonii, Archbishop of Kiev and Galitsiia, 1932 November

Mirksaia, S., Duchess, 1933 February

Sheremetiev, Dmitrii, 1936 July, undated

Kleinmichel, Vladimir, 1938 January

Levshin, Boris, 1939-1940

TSeshkovskiy, E., 1940 April

Albright, Andrew, 1948 May

Ermakov, Mstoslav, 1954-1959

Demchenko, Evgeni, 1955

Scope and Contents note
Includes one photograph

Outgoing. Pavlova, Nastia, 1926-1930

Family. Letters to Princess Kseniia from her son Nikita, daughter-in-law Marie (Vorontsov-Dashkov), and grandsons Aleksandr and Nikita

Sandro (Kseniia's future husband Aleksandr), 1889 August 4
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**Royal relatives**

**General**

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Material regarding Anastasia case
Letters from P. Botkin, 1928
Letters from A. J. Wright, 1929

Letters to Aleksandr, with oversize materials
Duke Nikita Aleksandrovich, 1959
Scope and Contents note
Typescript

Duchess Maria Illarionovna, 1959
Scope and Contents note
Typescript

Nikita Romanoff, diploma, degree of Bachelor of Arts with a major in history,
University of California, Berkeley, 1953 September 12
Scope and Contents note
Photocopy. With oversize materials.

Religious materials

General, undated
Prayer, undated
Bible, New Testament, Saint Petersburg, 1905
Photographs, undated
Scope and Contents note
Includes one print of Prince Aleksandr Romanoff (son of Prince Nikita), King Umberto of Italy, and Mother Martha; photograph taken in the grounds of Wilderness House, the home of Grand Duchess Kseniia - one of the only recorded photographs of Mother Martha, the companion of Grand Duchess Kseniia for many years. See also: correspondence.

Postcards - five Finnish postcards depicting Russian military personnel, undated
Miscellany

Oversize materials, 1910-1942
Scope and Contents note
Original letters to Kseniia displayed in sleeves on oversize board. Dates given according to both the Julian and Gregorian calendars. The Julian calendar was in use in Russia until 1918, rather than the Gregorian calendar of the West. In the 20th century the former was thirteen days behind the latter.

Queen Olga of Greece (1851-1929)
1910 February 19
1914 December 27
1917 July 31
1917 September 27
1923 January 16/29
1923 March 19/23
1923 March 24/April 6
1923 April 11/24
Parting of the Empress Maria Fedorovna with her son Nikolas II, Emperor of Russia at the railway station, Saint Petersburg, 1917
Scope and Contents note
Written in September 1920.
Grand Duchess Ella (sister-in-law of Nikolas II, Emperor of Russia), 1912 February 26
Scope and Contents note
Includes photograph.

Victoria Melita, Grand Duchess of Russia (married to Kiril Vladimorovich) 1917 August 6/15
Scope and Contents note
Includes photograph.

1918 July 13/26
Scope and Contents note
Includes photograph.

1918 October 9/22
1919 August 15/28
1920 November 13
Queen Maria of Romania 1918 September 18
Scope and Contents note
Includes photograph.

1918 November 6/19
Scope and Contents note
Includes photograph.

Princess Maria of Greece, 1919 February 24/March 9
Prince George of Greece, 1920 November 2
Letters from French Embassy in London and Belgium, permission allowing Kseniia take her bags through custom without hesitation, 1928, 1932
Scope and Contents note
Includes list and estimation of her jewelry in British pounds, 1929 May 22.

Gleb Botkin, 1928 October 18
Victoria Milford Haven, 1939 September 8
Princess Marina, Duchess of Kent, 1942 September 7

Box 19

Photographs