
Register of the Aleksandr Aleksandrovich Kurenkov (A. A. Koor) Papers

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Biography

A. A. Kurenkov was born in Kazan' on 13 May 1891. He studied at Kazan' Military School and began military service in the fortress at Auschwitz. During the First World War he was gassed and wounded. Thereafter he specialized in defense against gas attacks, and was promoted to command the 1st Chemical Company of the XLIV Corps with the rank of captain (1917). Demobilized in 1918, Kurenkov joined an officers' unit in Shadrinsk during the anti-Bolshevik uprisings in Siberia and the Urals in summer 1918, rising to command the 27th Verkhoturuskii Siberian Rifles in 1919.

Kurenkov arrived in Seattle, Washington, in February 1923, where he later abbreviated his name to Koor. Here he became involved in numerous émigré organizations, particularly those with a monarchist flavor, and he was promoted to the rank of major general by Grand Duke Vladimir Kirillovich in 1937. In San Francisco, where he moved in the 1950s, Kurenkov edited and published a monarchist newspaper called *Vestnik pravdy* (1964-1968). In 1947, he received the degree of "Doctor of Psychology" from the "College of Divine Metaphysics, Indianapolis, Indiana." Following this, he became intensely interested in ancient Russian and Slavic history, writing about and promoting the so-called "Vles-Kniga," a written work purporting to date from the 5th-6th centuries, A.D., dismissed as a forgery by all competent scholars. Much of the collection consists of his musings and collected materials on this subject.

1891 May 13 Born, Kazan', Russia

? Studied in Kazan' University, Russia

1914?-1917 Served in the Imperial Russian Army

1918-1921 Participated in the Civil War

1923 Emigrated to the United States

1925-1927 Served in the National Guard of Washington State

1937 May 11 Promoted to the rank of Major-General by Kirill Vladimirovich, Grand Duke of Russia

1947 Graduated with the degree of Doctor of Psychology from the College of Divine Metaphysics, Indianapolis, Indiana

1951 October 12 Member, Les Chevaliers de la Croix de Lorraine et Compagnons de la Résistance

1971 Died, San Francisco, California

Scope and Content Note

Aleksandr Aleksandrovich Kurenkov (also known as Alexander A. Koor/Koorenkoff), was a Russian Major-General. After immigrating to the United States in 1923 he became an active member of different Russian émigré associations and the émigré monarchist movement. He expressed his views in the newspaper *Vestnik pravdy* (San Francisco) for which he was a

publisher and editor (see OVERSIZE FILE). This collection mainly contains Koorenkov's writings, as well as background materials and printed matter, related to his interest in the pre-history of Russia and the Slavs, and in particular, the so-called "Vlesova Kniga" or "Doshchechki Izenbeka."

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Russia--History.

Russians--United States.

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General note

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Clipping about Kurenkov, 1951

Scope and Contents note

Includes related correspondence

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General note

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General note

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SPEECHES AND WRITINGS, 1937-1956 and undated

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"V zashchitu Rossii: Pis'ma russkikh anti-kommunistov mestnym amerikanskim gazetam" (with Vladimir K. Kit), n.d.

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Scope and Contents note

Typescript and printed copy. Includes materials by others

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Scope and Contents note

Typescript and printed copy. Includes materials by others

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"Kto predal Admirala Kolchaka," . 1949 July(?)

Scope and Contents note

Typescripts of two different versions. Includes materials by others

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"Russky pismeny," speech, Museum of Russian Culture, 1952 August 10

Scope and Contents note

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Collection of articles published in *Zhar-ptitsa*, 1952 October - 1956 November

Scope and Contents note

Printed copies. Original order by Kurenkov retained. Includes typescripts of some articles

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"Rus' i normanskaia teoriia," *Russkaia zhizn'*, 1953 September 5

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"Doshchekki: O gotakh," *Zhar-ptitsa*, 1954 December

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Printed copy

Box 2

SUBJECT FILE, 1892-1979

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Committee of the United Russian-American National Organizations of the Pacific N.W. States, Seattle, Washington.

Scope and Contents note

Correspondence, membership list, minutes of meetings

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Elshin, Aleksandr Iakovlevich.

Scope and Contents note

Includes correspondence and documents relating to the Fond pomoshchi L. F. Krasnovoi (Lady L. F. Krasnoff's Welfare Society), 1926-1949

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Law--Philosophy. E. N. Trubetskoi, *Istoriia filosofii prava*, 1892-1893

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Scope and Contents note

Letters related to the search of "Doshchechki Izenbeka" in Brussels, 1944

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Scope and Contents note

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General note

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Appeals, clippings, flyers and other printed matter

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Russia--History. Grigorii Ianushevskii, *Otkuda proiskhodit slavianskoe plemia Rus'* with attachments, ; and Marzheret (Jacques Margeret), *Sostoianie Rossiiskoi Derzhavy i Velikago Kniazhestva Moskovskogo v 1606 godu, 1928-1930(?) 1913*

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Russian Veteran's Society of the World War, Inc., Seattle, Washington (Obshchestvo russkikh veteranov Velikoi voiny).

Scope and Contents note

Correspondence, minutes of meetings, 1926-1952

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Russkoe monarkhicheskoe ob"edinenie zagranitsej, 1922(?)

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Charter

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Vlesova Kniga.

General note

See also OVERSIZE FILE/Subject file/Vlesova Kniga.

Scope and Contents note

Includes background materials and translations by Kurenkov and printed matter related to Kurenkov's interest in Vlesova Kniga and the origins of the Slavs, often with his notes on the margins

Box 6

OVERSIZE FILE, 1947-1968

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Diplomas, 1947-1951

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Issues of the newspaper *Vestnik pravdy*, for which Kurenkov was a publisher and editor, #1 - # 50 , and two issues of the magazine *Vestnik pravdy*, #1 and #2 . (1964 May 4) (1968, April?) (1967 December 25-1968 January 7) (1968 June 28)

Scope and Contents note

Some issues contain his editorials

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Subject file - Vlesova Kniga

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PHOTOGRAPHS, 1937 and undated

Scope and Contents note

One print depicting Kirill Vladimirovich, Grand Duke of Russia, and a copy of a print depicting A. A. Kurenkov with IU. P. Miroljubov

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PRINTED MATTER, 1923-1992

General note

Not microfilmed.

Scope and Contents note

Books, brochures, clippings, magazines, offprints, sometimes with Kurenkov's notes on the margins

MEMORABILIA, 1818-1919

General note

Not microfilmed.

Scope and Contents note

Banner with commemorative embroidery, "Otdel'nomu batal'onu imeni kapitana Kurenkova ot Solikamska i uezda." On display in the Museum of Russian Culture, San Francisco