Preliminary Inventory of the Mark Aleksandrovich Popovskii Collection, 1919-1977

Processed by The Hoover Institution Archives staff; machine-readable finding aid created by Brooke Dykman Dockter
Hoover Institution Archives
Stanford University
Stanford, California 94305-6010
Phone: (650) 723-3563
Fax: (650) 725-3445
Email: hooverarchives@stanford.edu
© 2000
Hoover Institution Archives. All rights reserved.
Preliminary Inventory of the Mark Aleksandrovich Popovskii Collection, 1919-1977

Hoover Institution Archives
Stanford University
Stanford, California

Contact Information
Hoover Institution Archives
Stanford University
Stanford, California 94305-6010
Phone: (650) 723-3563
Fax: (650) 725-3445
Email: hooverarchives@stanford.edu

Processed by:
The Hoover Institution staff
Encoded by:
Brooke Dykman Dockter

© 2000 Hoover Institution Archives. All rights reserved.

Descriptive Summary
Title: Mark Aleksandrovich Popovskii collection,
Date (inclusive): 1919-1977
Collection number: 84016
Collector: Popovskii, Mark Aleksandrovich
Collection Size: 16 microfilm reels (2.4 linear feet)
Repository: Hoover Institution Archives
Stanford, California 94305-6010
Abstract: Reminiscences, reports, correspondence, and other writings of members of Tolstovtsy communes in the Soviet Union, relating to the agrarian dissent movement of followers of Leo Tolstoy. Digital use copies of the entire collection are available in the reading room.
Physical Location: Hoover Institution Archives
Language: Russian.

Access
Collection open for research. Digital use copies of the entire collection are available in the reading room.
The Hoover Institution Archives only allows access to copies of audiovisual items. To listen to sound recordings or to view videos or films during your visit, please contact the Archives at least two working days before your arrival. We will then advise you of the accessibility of the material you wish to see or hear. Please note that not all audiovisual material is immediately accessible.

Publication Rights
For copyright status, please contact the Hoover Institution Archives.

Alternate Forms Available
Digital use copies of the entire collection are available in the reading room.

Related Collections
Mark Popovskii papers, 1957-2000, Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Columbia University, New York City

Preferred Citation
[Identification of item], Mark Aleksandrovich Popovskii collection, [Reel no.], Hoover Institution Archives.

Acquisition Information
Materials were acquired by the Hoover Institution Archives in 1984.

Accruals
Materials may have been added to the collection since this finding aid was prepared. To determine if this has occurred, find the collection in Stanford University's online catalog at http://searchworks.stanford.edu/. Materials have been added to the collection if the number of boxes listed in the online catalog is larger than the number of boxes listed in this finding aid.

### Biographical Note

Mark Aleksandrovich Popovskii (1922- ), Russian writer journalist and essayist, was born in Odessa. A veteran of World War II, he started freelance literary work in 1946, and had numerous publications in the Soviet press (including 14 books), primarily dealing with issues of science and scientific ethics. During the 1970s two of Popovskii's books, *Beda i vina akademika Vavilova* and *Zhizn' and Zhitie Voino-Iasenetskogo* were rejected by the censor and circulated in samizdat.

Popovskii also signed several letters in support of Russian dissidents. Systematically persecuted by KGB, he left the country in 1977 and settled in New York City. In emigration he contributed to numerous Russian-language periodicals, and served as a North American editor of émigré journal *Strana i Mir*. He wrote and published numerous books, some were translated into English French and German. After the fall of the Soviet Union Popovskii's work started once again to appear in Russia. In the early 1980s a fire at Popovskii's New York apartment destroyed a large part of Popovskii's archive, so the microfilm in this collection may be the only extant copy.

Source of information: Mark Popovskii Papers, Finding Aid Prepared by Jane Gorjevsky, Columbia University, October 2002

### Scope and Content Note

The material was not microfilmed according to archival standards, page arrangements are not always sequential or logical, and the film shows many signs of damage and deterioration. Image quality is extremely poor, with scratches, fogging, extremes of dark and light density, images obscured by tape, and other problems. In addition, in some cases the sprocket holes were cut off and the film was cut into short segments. It is possible that some of the physical damage was done intentionally to facilitate transport of the microfilm by Popovskii. The digital use copies are also of poor quality due to the condition of the source microfilm. As a result, researchers must digitally manipulate the PDF image files by rotating and enlarging to make them as legible as possible for viewing.

### Access Points

Tolstoy, Leo, graf, 1828-1910.
Cooperative societies--Soviet Union.
Dissenters--Soviet Union.
Pacifism--Soviet Union.
Peace.
Soviet Union.
Russia (Federation)

---

**Reel 1 (320 pages)**

- B. Mazurin - "Story and Thoughts about One Tolstoi Commune - Zhyzn' i Trud" (Life and Work)
  - Part one: page 1-62
  - Part two: page 72-221

- Letter of the Tolstoi disciple Olga Biriukova from Switzerland to the Tolstoi disciple Petr Alekseev, 1960

- Correspondence between Tolstoi disciples Priakhin and Mazurin, 1960 re writer L. Leonov's speech at the 50th anniversary of L. N. Tolstoi's death

- Correspondence of Tolstoi disciples B. Mazurin, Mozgovoi, Dragunovskii and Pavlov with writer Popovskii re his work on the history of Tolstoi disciples in USSR, 1976-1977; photo of B. Mazurin, photo of the group of Tolstoi disciples Christians - Council of "Zhyzn' i Trud" (Life and Work) Commune in Siberia

- Tolstoi disciple Ivan Dragunovskii's autobiography (born 1908)

- Historical notes about Tolstoi school in "Zhyzn' i Trud" (Life and Work) Commune, 1931-1934

**Reel 2 (175 pages)**

- Manuscript of larkov "Moia Zhyzn'" (larkov Iliia Petrovich, born 1892 in Kuibyshev)

  - Youth
    - Part one: 1905-1908-95 pages
    - Part two: 1909-1912-80 pages, about Tolstoi disciple
Tolstoi disciple L. I. Zabolotskii "Vospomnienia o Novo-Ierusalimskoi Kommunie Imieni L. N. Tolstogo" (Reminiscences of L. N. Tolstoi Commune of New-Jerusalem), 32 pages
Letter of Tolstoi disciple Issaak Moiseevich Kaufman to the Lev's Tolstoi's previous secretary Valentina Bulgakova re publication of his book O Tolstom (About Tolstoi) in the USSR
Letters of Tolstoi disciple Priakhin to different people, in 1960s
Letter of Olga Biriukova daughter of Tolstoi's publisher, from Geneva to Syberia to Petr Alekseev, 1960 June 22
N. I. Priakhin to Olga Biriukova (from Moscow to Geneva), 1960 January 7
Olga Biriukova to Petr Alekseev, 1960 July 5
N. I. Priakhin to Boris Mazurin
Tolstoi disciple from Lithuania E. M. Levinskas to Boris Mazurin
Writer-scholar Leonid Leonov to Boris Mazurin
Boris Mazurin to philosopher B. S. Meilakh, 1961 December 20
Boris Mazurin to Melakh, 1962 February 14 re Meilakhov's book Ukhod i Smert' L'va Tolstogo (Departure and Death of Lev Tolstoii)
Boris Mazurin to Leonid Leonov
Autobiography of Ukrainian Christian Tolstoi disciple Andrei Mozgovoi (born 1960), 50 pages
Letter from A. Mozgovoi to writer M. A. Popovskii
Review of the M. Popovskii manuscript "Kyda Devalis' Tolstovtzy" (Where Did Tolstoi Disciples Go) by the Moscow dissident Viktor Sokirko (1977)
Notes of Elena Fedorovna Shershenieva about her husband Vas. Shershenev (1900-1956); Years from 1941 to 1946 May, 35 pages
Ilia Iarkov: manuscript of his book Moia Zhyzn' (My Life)

Part four, pages 260 to 306 - the history of arresting Tolstoi disciple Iarkov in 1941 for refusal of serving in the Soviet army. Trial, sentence: "to be shot." The cell for prisoners sentenced to death. Liberalization
Part U. Skitania (1951-195), pages 1 to 102 - arrest in 1951 and placing in a special psychiatric hospital NKVD-NKGB. Description of 3 years stay in the hospital
Notes about life of Vasilii Vasilevich Shersheniev written by his wife (154 pages)
Part one - In the New-Jerusalem L. N. Tolstoi Commune, 39 pages
Part two - Notes about 1941-1946 May events, 36 pages
Part three - Notes about the events from 1951 November 29-1956 October 23 (Shersheniev was arrested for "being a Tolstoi disciple," found guilty for creation of armed Tolstoi center and sentenced for 25 years in camps. History of his friends and wife's fight to rescue him), 79 pages
Mark Popovskii's handwritten note on the 3-page story about the meeting of a Tolstoi disciple Ilia Iarkov in recent times with the son of his investigator Podol'skii
Page from the Lithuanian Tolstoi disciple Levinskas' memoirs (accidentally placed on the reel)
Original note issued in 1939 to a Tolstoi disciple S. M. Belen'kii informing that his arrest in 1937 was unlawful. Belen'kii (born in 1877) was the personal copyist of Lev Tolstoi's manuscripts
Tolstoi disciple S. M. Belen'kii's memoirs about camps, stages, and camp meetings from 1935 to 1939, 68 pages
Poems of Anna Stepanovna Malorod, (1895-1971), Tolstoi disciple, teacher in a Tolstoi school, member of a Commune "Zhyzn' i Trud" (Life and Work), 36 pages
Autobiography of a Christian Tolstoi disciple Dmitrii Morgachev (1892-1978) born in Orlovskiaia Oblast', member of a Commune "Zhyzn' i Trud" (Life and Work)
Ilia Iarkov (1892-1987), journalist from Samara (Kuibyshev), manuscript "Moia Zhyzn'" (My Life)
Chapter 1 - Childhood (1892-1908), 90 pages
Chapter 2 - Youth (1905-1908), 66 pages

Feliks Dzerzhynskii in prison, 78 pages


Brochure of Vl. Chertkov - "Tzer'kov i Politika" (Church and Politics), Moscow 1919

Letter from the wife of F. Dzerzhynskii to Iarkov (1964)

Reel 6 (more than 213 pages)

Boris Mazurin "Istoriia i Razduma ob Odnoii Tolstovskoi Kommun" (The History and Thoughts about One Tolstoi Commune), Part II-131 pages, duplicate

Boris Mazurin "Odin God Iz Desiatyi" (One of Ten Years). Letter - reminiscences about a year when Tolstoi disciples Mazurin and Morgachev spent in soviet camps as a punishment for being Tolstoi disciples, 18 pages

Boris Mazurin "Nemnogo o Elena Ievgen'evne Gorbunovoi" (Little about Elena Ievgen'evna Gorbunova) - Story about prominent activist of Tolstoi movement, wife of L. N. Tolstoi's friend Gorbunov-Posadov

Letters of E. Gorbunova to Boris Mazurin (1953)

Boris Mazurin "O Vanie Bautinie" (About Vania Bautin). Ivan Bautin - young Moscowite, Secretary of Tolstoi Society (Vegetarian Tolstoi Society). He was arrested in the beginning of the 1930s with four comrades and was killed in Solovki. Article written based on memoirs of contemporaries and Bautin's own letters

Poems of Christian - Tolstoi disciples. Collected by Dmitrii Morgachev, 44 pages

Part of a manuscript of Mark Popovskii "Eto Tvoi Deti, Lev Tolstoi" (These Are Your Children, Lev Tolstoi), first version of a book written in USSR, pages 89 to 190, 100 pages

Boris Mazurin "Odin God Iz Desiatyi" (One of Ten Years), duplicate, 30 pages


Andrei Mozgovoi "Sushchnost' Istinnogo Prosveshchenia" (The Essence of True Enlightenment), treatise, 16 pages

End of Mark Popovskii's manuscript "Eto Tvoi Deti, Lev Tolstoi" (These Are Your Children, Lev Tolstoi) - pages 190 to 213, 23 pages

Diaries of Anna Malorod, member of the Commune "Zhyzn' i Trud" (Life and Work), teacher, director of Tolstoi school in commune, 85 pages

Letter from Tolstoi disciple Iulii Iegudin to sympathizers on the account of Anna Malorod's death

Letter from Tolstoi disciple Dmitrii Morgachev to General Prosecutor of USSR with demands to rehabilitate him and his friends trailed 40 years ago for being Tolstoi disciples

Answer from USSR Prosecutor to Morgachev

Boris Mazurin "O Vanie Bautinie" (About Vania Bautin), duplicate - memoirs about young Tolstoi disciple from Moscow, tortured to death in Solovki in the 1930s

Documents and letters handwritten by Christian Andrei Morgachev

Letters from Boris Mazurin to writer Leonid Leonov about Leonov's lecture on Tolstoi, "Slovo o Tolstom," (Word About Tolstoi), 1960

Letter from Mozgovoi to writer Leonov

Letters from Mozgovoi to A. B. Khrabrovicki - Lev Tolstoi's secretary assistant. Mozgovoi describes the reaction in Tolstoi disciples circle to Leonov's speech, 35 pages

Mozgovoi about his convictions

Mozgovoi, handwritten - letter to government and party leaders re ban to publish philosophical works of Lev Tolstoi

Mozgovoi, letter to the editor of Sel'skaia Zhyzn' (Country Life), re libelous article about (?)

Reel 8 (about 140 pages of text)

From private memoirs of Christian Tolstoi disciple Ivan Dragunovskii about crushing defeat of "Zhyzn' i Trud" (Life and Work) Commune (1940), 13 pages

Reel 9 (about 200 pages of text)
Container List

Preliminary Inventory of the Mark
Aleksandrovich Popovskii
Collection, 1919-1977

84016
6

Christian Iakov Dragunovskii - defensive speech re arresting ten leaders of "Zhyzn' i Trud" (Life and Work) Commune (1936 May), 30 pages
Letter from Ivan Dragunovskii to writer Mark Popovskii (1977 April 5)
Correspondence between Boris Mazurin and Ivan Dragunovskii re preservation of Christian archives
Andrei Mozgoii's responding letter written after reading the manuscript "Biografiia Iakova Dragunovskogo" (Biography of Ivan Dragunovskii) by son Ivan Dragunovskii (1975, January 25)
Contents of the book Biografiia Iakova Dragunovskogo (Biography of Ivan Dragunovskii)
Text from the book by Ivan Dragunovskii about his father, page 342 to 436
Book by Iliia larkov about Tolstoi disciple A. Dobroliubov. Part 1-48 pages
Memoirs by Tolstoi School teacher Anna Malorod (1895-1971) about stay in corrective-working camp (1935), 91 pages
Tolstoi disciple Christian Iulii Jegudin's letter about Anna Malorod (1971)
"Kratkii Ocherk Moieii Zhyzni" (Short Story of My Life), by Eduard Levinskas, Lithuanian Tolstoi disciple (1961-1963), written in Lithuania, 62 pages, typed
Letter from E. Levinskas to N. N. Gusev - former secretary of Lev Tolstoi, 14 pages
"Rasskaz i Razduma Ob Odnoi Tolstovskoi Kommunie" (Story and Thoughts About One Tolstoi Commune), by Boris Mazurin. Duplicate, 100 pages
"Kratkii Ocherk Moieii Zhyzni" (Short Story of My Life) by Eduard Levinskas, Tolstoi disciple. Duplicate, second format, 108 pages
Memoirs about Tolstoi commune "Vsemirnoie Bratstvo" (World-wide Brotherhood) located by Volga River near Stalingrad. Handwritten, unknown author, 15 pages
Several issues of Biulletin Moskovskogo Vegetarianskogo Obshchestva (Bulletin of Moscow Vegetarian Society), 1926-1928, 30 pages
Book by Iliia Iarkov about Tolstoi disciple Aleksandr Dobroliubov and his circle, 350 pages
Poems by Tolstoi disciple Aleksandr Dobroliubov Stikhi Napisannyie Dla Naroda i Nigdie Nie Napiechatannyie (Poems Written For People and Not Published Anywhere). Collected and commented by Iliia larkov, Kuibyshev, 1970, 60 pages
Diaries by Anna Malorod, member of Tolstoi commune "Zhyzn' i Trud" (Life and Work), 1950s, 48 pages
Collection of poems by Christians - Tolstoi disciples. Collected and commented by Dmitrii Morgachev, 1973, 60 pages
Article by P. N. Malov, clerk from Canada in clerical journal Iskra (Spark) about trip to USSR and meetings with Tolstoi disciples, 1970
Diaries and poems by Anna Malorod, teacher in Tolstoi School, 1960s, 220 pages
Moscow dissident Viktor Sokirko's review of a first version of a book by M. Popovskii about Christians - Tolstoi disciples - Eto Tvoi Detli, Lev Tolstoi (These Are Your Children, Lev Tolstoi)
Correspondence of Tolstoi disciples of USSR (1960s)
Autobiography of a Ukrainian Tolstoi disciple Andrei Mozgoii (duplicate)
Andrei Mozgoii Sushchnost' Istinnogo Prosveshchenia (The Essence of True Enlightenment), 1977
Diaries by Mark Popovskii for 1977. Description of certain meetings with Tolstoi disciples (request to make a copy and return to author)
Boris Mazurin "Odin God Iz Desoati" (One of Ten Years). Story about stay in camp
Beginning of the book by Iliia larkov Kakimi Ia Ikh Znaiu (The Way I Know Them).
Stories about "brother Aleksander Dobroliubov (1876-1944), his friends and followers," Kuibyshev, 1973, 80 pages
Reminiscent notes of Christian-Tolstoi disciple V. V. Ianov (died in Siberia in 1971). Written by Boris Mazurin, Page nr. 61
Additional 160 pages from the book by larkov about Dobroliubov
Iliia larkov, part of the book Moia Zhyzn' (My Life). Part dedicated to the events ?. Iarkov arrested in 1951 and located in secret psychiatric NKVD hospital, where he spent 3 years until Stalin's death. Description of the hospital and it's inhabitants, 90 pages
Several pages of memoirs by Belenko, secretary and typist of Lev Tolstoi
Poems by Christians-Tolstoi disciples, 10 pages
Beginning of V. V. Ianov's memoirs, 24 pages
Part of the book by Iarkov about Dobroliubov, 57 pages
Book (typewritten) by Iliia Iarkov about Aleksandr Dobroliubov and other Tolstoi disciples before and after the Revolution, 620 pages
"Biografiia larkova Demient'evicha Dragunovskogo" (Biography of larkov Demient'evich Dragunovskii), by Ivan Dragunovskii. Very valuable manuscript full of facts and documents about the life of Tolstoi disciples from 1918 to the beginning of the 1970s. Dedicatory inscription from the author dated 1977 April, 170 pages
Reel 15 (790 pages of text)
Moiia Zhyzn' (My Life) by Iliia Iarkov (1928-1935). Frequent arrests and deportations, author's meetings with imprisoned intellectuals, church figures, Tolstoi disciples and OGPU NKVD figures, 152 pages
Several pages about Iarkov's stay in secret NKVD psychiatric hospital (1951-1954)
Moiia Zhyzn' (My Life) by Iliia Iarkov
Youth (1909-1917), 46 pages
First World War, 30 pages
Kuibyshev (1935-1938), 106 pages
2 handwritten pages, list of sources about Tolstoi disciples in USSR (M. Popovskii)
Poems by a poet Vitalii Medvedkov (1892-1940). Some poems dedicated to Tolstoi commune located in Kaukas by Zmieika River in 1920s