Preliminary Inventory of the Mark Aleksandrovich Popovskii collection

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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 Contents 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.
Related Collections
Mark Popovskii papers, 1957-2000, Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Columbia University, New York City
Subjects and Indexing Terms
Peace
Dissenters -- Soviet Union
Cooperative societies -- Soviet Union
Pacifism -- Soviet Union
Tolstoy, Leo, graf, 1828-1910
### 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 7-221

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

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

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

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 in Kuibyshev) 1892 Youth
  - Part one: pages 1905-1908-95
  - Part two: pages, about Tolstoi disciple 1909-1912-80

### Reel 3 (about 200 pages)

- Tolstoi disciple L. I. Zabolotskii "Vospominania o Nuevo-Jerusalimskoi 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
- L. Tolstoi’s secretary N. N. Gusev to Boris Mazurin in Siberia, ? 25 1962 September
- 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 Meilakh, 1962 February 14 re Meilakhov's book Ukhod i Smert' L'va Tolstogo (Departure and Death of Lev Tolstoi)
- Boris Mazurin to Leonid Leonov

- Autobiography of Ukrainian Christian Tolstoi disciple Andrei Mozgovoi (born 50 pages 1960),
- 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 Shersheneviva about her husband Vas. Shershenev (1900-1956); Years from 35 pages 1941 to 1946 May,

### Reel 4 (340 pages)

- Ilia larkov: manuscript of his book Moia Zhyzn' (My Life)
  - Part four, pages 260 to 306 - the history of arresting Tolstoi disciple larkov in for refusal of serving in the Soviet army. Trial, sentence: “to be shot.” The cell for prisoners sentenced to death. Liberalization 1941
  - Part U. Skitania 5), pages 1 to 102 - arrest in 1951 and placing in a special psychiatric hospital NKVD-NKGB. Description of 3 years stay in the hospital (1951-19

Notes about life of Vasilii Vasilevich Shershenev written by his wife (154 pages)
- Part one - In the New-Jerusalem L. N. Tolstoi Commune, 39 pages
- Part two - Notes about events, 36 pages 1941-1946 May

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Part three - Notes about the events from (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

1951 November 29-1956 October 23

Mark Popovskii's handwritten note on the 3-page story about the meeting of a Tolstoi disciple Iliia larkov 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 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 1939

Tolstoi disciple S. M. Belen'kii's memoirs about camps, stages, and camp meetings from pages 1935 to 1939, 68

Poems of Anna Stepanovna Malorod, Tolstoi disciple, teacher in a Tolstoi school, member of a Tolstoi Commune "Zhyzn' i Trud" (Life and Work), 36 pages (1895-1971),

Autobiography of a Christian Tolstoi disciple Dmitrii Morgachev born in Orlovskaja Oblast', member of a Commune "Zhyzn' i Trud" (Life and Work) (1892-1978)

Iliia larkov journalist from Samara (Kuibyshev), manuscript "Moia Zhyzn'" (My Life) (1892-1987?),

Chapter 1 - Childhood 90 pages (1892-1908),
Chapter 2 - Youth 66 pages (1905-1908),


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

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

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

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

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

Letters of E. Gorbunova to Boris Mazurin (1953)

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

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 0, 100 pages 89 to 19

Boris Mazurin "Odin God Iz Desiati" (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 Tolstoii disciple Iulii Iegudin to sympathizers on the account of Anna Malorod’s death
Letter from Tolstoii disciple Dmitrii Morgachev to General Prosecutor of USSR with demands to rehabilitate him and his friends trailed 40 years ago for being Tolstoii disciples
Answer from USSR Prosecutor to Morgachev
Boris Mazurin “O Vanie Bautinie” (About Vania Bautin), duplicate - memoirs about young Tolstoii 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 Tolstoii, “Slovo o Tolstom,” (Word About Tolstoii) 1960
Letter from Mozgovoi to writer Leonov
Letters from Mozgovoi to A. B. Khrabrovich - Lev Tolstoii’s secretary assistant. Mozgovoi describes the reaction in Tolstoii 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 Tolstoii
Mozgovoi, letter to the editor of Sel’skaia Zhyzn’ (Country Life), re libelous article about (?)
From private memoirs of Christian Tolstoii disciple Ivan Dragunovskii about crushing defeat of “Zhyzn’ i Trud” (Life and Work) Commune 13 pages (1940), Christian Iakov Dragunovskii - defensive speech re arresting ten leaders of “Zhyzn’ i Trud” (Life and Work) Commune 30 pages (1936 May),
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 “Biografia Iakova Dragunovskogo” (Biography of Iakov Dragunovskii) by son Ivan Dragunovskii (1975, January 25)
Contents of the book Biografia Iakova Dragunovskogo (Biography of Ivan Dragunovskii)
Text from the book by Ivan Dragunovskii about his father, page 342 to 436
Book by Il’ia larkov about Tolstoii disciple A. Dobroliubov. Part 1-48 pages
Memoirs by Tolstoii School teacher Anna Malorod about stay in corrective-working camp (1935), 91 pages (1895-1971)
Tolstoii disciple Christian Iulii Iegudin’s letter about Anna Malorod (1971) "Kratkii Ocherk Moieii Zhyzni” (Short Story of My Life), by Eduard Levinskas, Lithuanian Tolstoii disciple written in Lithuania, 62 pages, typed (1961-1963),
Letter from E. Levinskas to N. N. Gusev - former secretary of Lev Tolstoii, 14 pages "Rasskaz i Razduma Ob Odnoi Tolstovskoi Kommunie” (Story and Thoughts About One Tolstoii Commune), by Boris Mazurin. Duplicate, 100 pages
"Kratkii Ocherk Moieii Zhyzni” (Short Story of My Life) by Eduard Levinskas, Tolstoii disciple. Duplicate, second format, 108 pages
Memoirs about Tolstoii 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), pages 1926-1928, 30
Book by Il’ia larkov about Tolstoii disciple Aleksandr Dobroliubov and his circle, 350 pages
Poems by Tolstoii disciple Aleksandr Dobroliubov Stikhi Napisannyie Dla Naroda i Nigdie Nie Napiechatannyie (Poems Written For People and Not Published Anywhere). Collected and commented by Il’ia larkov, Kuibyshev, pages 1970, 60
Diaries by Anna Malorod, member of Tolstoii commune “Zhyzn’ i Trud” (Life and Work), pages 1950s, 48
Collection of poems by Christians - Tolstoii disciples. Collected and commented by Dmitrii Morgachev, 1977. 36 pages
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Article by P. N. Malov, clerk from Canada in clerical journal *Iskra* (Spark) about trip to USSR and meetings with Tolstoii disciples 1970.

Diaries and poems by Anna Malorod, teacher in Tolstoii School, 0 pages 1960s, 22.


Correspondence of Tolstoi disciples of USSR (1960s)

Autobiography of a Ukrainian Tolstoi disciple Andrei Mozgovoi (duplicate)


Diaries by Mark Popovskii for Description of certain meetings with Tolstoii disciples (request to make a copy and return to author) 1977.

Boris Mazurin *Odin God Iz Desiati* (One of Ten Years). Story about stay in camp.


Reminiscent notes of Christian-Tolstoii disciple V. V. Ianov (died in Siberia in *Written by Boris Mazurin, Page nr. 61 1971*).

Additional 160 pages from the book by larkov about Dobroliubov.

Ilia larkov, part of the book *Moia Zhyzn'* (My Life). Part dedicated to the events ?.

larkov arrested in 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 1951.

Several pages of memoirs by Belenko, secretary and typist of Lev Tolstoi.

Poems by Christians-Tolstoii disciples, 10 pages.

Beginning of V. V. Ianov's memoirs, 24 pages.

Part of the book by larkov about Dobroliubov, 57 pages.

Book (typewritten) by Ilia larkov about Aleksandr Dobroliubov and other Tolstoii disciples before and after the Revolution, 620 pages.

“Biografia larkova Demient'evich Dragunovskogo” (Biography of larkov Demient'evich Dragunovskii), by Ivan Dragunovskii. Very valuable manuscript full of facts and documents about the life of Tolstoii disciples from 1918 to the beginning of the 1970s.

Dedicatory inscription from the author dated 0 pages 1977 April, 17.

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*Moiia Zhyzn'* (My Life) by Ilia larkov Frequent arrests and deportations, author's meetings with imprisoned intellectuals, church figures, Tolstoii disciples and OGPUD NKVD figures, 152 pages (1928-1935).

Several pages about larkov's stay in secret NKVD psychiatric hospital (1951-1954).

*Moiia Zhyzn'* (My Life) by Ilia larkov

Youth 46 pages (1909-1917), First World War, 30 pages.


2 handwritten pages, list of sources about Tolstoii disciples in USSR (M. Popovskii).

Poems by a poet Vitalii Medvedkov Some poems dedicated to Tolstoii commune located in Kaukas by Zmieika River in 1920s (1892-1940).