Register of the Mitrofan Ivanovich Retivov Papers

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Physical Description: 3 microfilm reels (0.45 linear feet)
Abstract: Writings, photographs, and miscellany, relating mainly to the medical profession in Russia prior to the Russian Revolution.
Creator: Retivov, Mitrofan Ivanovich, 1869-1961
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Location of Originals
Originals in: Museum of Russian Culture, San Francisco.
Biography
M. I. Retivov was educated as a doctor. He served in various positions of responsibility prior to the Revolution: as director of the medical section of the Khar'kov workers’ disability insurance company, as an organizer of sanatoria for tuberculosis patients in South Russia and the Caucasus, and as vice-president of the Pirogov medical conventions held in Moscow, St. Petersburg and Novocherkassk. Many of his writings are of an autobiographical character and describe his own life as a medical student as well as meetings with other members of the medical profession in pre-Revolutionary Russia.
During the Civil War, he served as chief doctor of one of the largest hospitals (1500 beds) in Khar'kov. Emigrating abroad following the Civil War, he served as a Red Cross doctor in Paraguay in 1932, during that country's war with Bolivia. He died on 19 March 1961 at the age of 92 in Olegario Victor Andrade, Argentina. Retivov's son Georgii was one of the founding members of NTS.
1869 Born, Russia
1901-1917 Vice-President of the Pirogov medical conventions in Moscow, St. Petersburg and Novocherkassk
1917-1919 Director of a hospital in Khar'kov, Russia
1932 Major, Red Cross, Paraguay
1961 March 19 Died, Olegario Victor Andrade, Argentina
Scope and Content Note
M. I. Retivov was a prominent doctor in pre-Revolutionary Russia. The collection contain autobiographical and semi-autobiographical writings, including memoirs of the Moscow University medical faculty in the 1890s, and a novel entitled "Moskva studencheskaia," as well as a study of V. I. Lenin and his role in Russian history. Other writings include a brief work on female doctors in pre-Revolutionary Russia.
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**Subjects and Indexing Terms**

Medicine--Russia.
Russia.
Russians--South America.
South America.

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**Box 1**

### Biographical File, 1957-1961

- **Scope and Contents note**
  Obituaries of M. I. Retivov and his son, Georgii, and a short story by another son, Sergei

**Box 1**

### Correspondence, n.d.

- **Scope and Contents note**
  Fragment of a letter by an unidentified individual

**Box 1-2**

### Writings, 1946-1949 and undated

- **Scope and Contents note**
  Holographs of articles, memoirs, book and speeches, arranged chronologically by title

**Box 2**

### Photographs, 1940s

- **Scope and Contents note**
  One album, consisting primarily of photographs of family members

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**Box 1**

**BIOGRAPHICAL FILE, 1957-1961**

**Family file**

Box/Folder 1 : 1

**Georgii Mitrofanovich Retivov (son).**

- **Scope and Contents note**
  Obituary

Box/Folder 1 : 2

**Sergei Mitrofanovich Retivov (son).**

- **Scope and Contents note**

Box/Folder 1 : 3
Obituary
Box/Folder 1 : 4

CORRESPONDENCE, n.d.
Scope and Contents note
Fragment of a letter by an unidentified individual

WRITINGS, 1946-1949 and undated
Box/Folder 1 : 5
General.
Scope and Contents note
Includes notebook containing drafts of letters to the editor, notes, summaries of writings and other matter, including family history

Box/Folder 1 : 6
“Etiudy o Rossii,” n.d.
Scope and Contents note
Holograph. Notebook includes memoirs of medical faculty at Moscow University in the 1890s and an article entitled “Russkie zhenschiny vrachi,” published in Prague in 1942

Box/Folder 1 : 7
“Ministerstvo Narodnogo Prosveshcheniia vo vremia Dumskoi monarkhii,” n.d.
Scope and Contents note
Holograph fragment of a larger work

Box/Folder 1 : 8-9
“Moskva studencheskaia,” n.d.
Scope and Contents note
Holograph

Box/Folder 1 : 10
“Strannaia devushka,” n.d.
Scope and Contents note
Holograph
Box/Folder 1 : 11

**Untitled work on Paraguay, n.d.**

Scope and Contents note

Holograph. Missing pp. 1-17

Box/Folder 1 : 12

"Moi vstrechi s russkimi liud'ni ottuda," lecture read before a meeting of the Russian colony at Asuncion, Paraguay, 1946 December 15

Scope and Contents note

Holograph

"Vladimir Il'ich Ul'ianov-Lenin," 1949

Scope and Contents note

Holograph

Box/Folder 1 : 13

Notes.

Scope and Contents note

Includes background materials, bibliography, plans and summaries of work

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**Fragmentary drafts**

Box/Folder 2 : 1

**Preliminary complete draft**

Box/Folder 2 : 2-4

**Final draft (missing chapter XII)**

Box/Folder 2 : 5

**PHOTOGRAPHS, 1940s**

Scope and Contents note

One album consisting primarily of family photographs