
Register of the Mary Catherine Roberts papers

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Title: Mary Catherine Roberts papers

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Abstract: Correspondence, clippings, photographs, and memorabilia, relating to American Red Cross relief work in Siberia during the Russian Civil War.

Creator: Roberts, Mary Catherine, 1884-1978

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Location of Originals

Originals in: Museum of Russian Culture, San Francisco.

Biography

Mary Roberts was born in England on 8 October 1884, trained there as a nurse, and subsequently emigrated to the United States. During the First World War, she joined the army medical services, and was sent to Siberia to serve with the American Red Cross in May 1919.

The materials in her collection reflect her service in Vladivostok and include clippings, correspondence, bulletins and other material pertaining to Red Cross and YMCA work in Siberia in 1919-1920. Some of her letters and reports were published in the Washington state press.

Following her return to the United States in 1920, she received a degree in public health from the University of Washington, and worked as a school nurse in Yakima county, Washington. She retired in 1960 and moved to Seattle, where she died on 3 June 1978.

1884 (?) Born, England

1919-1920 Nurse, Siberian Commission of the American Red Cross

? Received a degree in public health from the University of Washington

County school nurse in Yakima

1960 Retired and returned to Seattle

1978 Died, Seattle

Scope and Content Note

Mary Catherine Roberts was a nurse with the Siberian Commission of the American Red Cross in 1919-1920. She spent several months in Vladivostok and Irkutsk, where the Red Cross gave relief to Russian refugees. This collection contains clippings about the activities of the American Red Cross in Siberia, the evacuation of Russian children from Vladivostok to Petrograd in 1920-1921, the execution of the Czar's family, and several issues of *The Siberian See-Chas*, a bulletin for the Members of the American Expeditionary Force in Siberia.

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Subjects and Indexing Terms

American National Red Cross.

International relief.

Russia (Federation)

Siberia (Russia)--History--Revolution, 1917-1921.

Soviet Union--History--Revolution, 1917-1921--Civilian relief.

Soviet Union.

United States--Foreign relations.

BIOGRAPHICAL FILE 1919-1978

Reel 1

Scrapbook

Scope and Contents note

Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 1 : 1. Includes passport and clippings about M. C. Roberts, activities of the American Red Cross in Siberia, execution of the Czar's family, several issues of *The Siberian See-Chas*, a bulletin for the Members of the American Expeditionary Force in Siberia and *The American Red Cross*, the Siberian Commission bulletin, reports about the evacuation of the American Red Cross from Omsk

Miscellany

Scope and Contents note

Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 1 : 2.

CORRESPONDENCE 1918-1958

Scope and Contents note

Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 1 : 3. A telegram to M. C. Roberts from the American Red Cross and letters from Riley H. Allen and unidentified person. See also PHOTOGRAPHS.

CLIPPINGS 1919-1974

Scope and Contents note

Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 1 : 4. Clippings on the Red Cross evacuation of Russian children from Vladivostok to Petrograd in 1920-1921. Also includes clippings about Riley H. Allen, secretary of the Siberian Commission of the American Red Cross.

PHOTOGRAPHS undated

Three prints depicting M. C. Roberts, Dr. C. F. Reppun with family, and the city of Irkutsk

Scope and Contents note

Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 1 : 5.

Photo Album

Scope and Contents note

Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 1 : 6. Album pictures taken by war correspondents and collected by a member of the American Expeditionary Forces in Siberia, depicting Red Cross personnel, Czechoslovak Legion in Siberia, General Horvat, General Gaida's insurrection, Admiral Kolchak, the Bolshevik army, and Allied Expeditionary Forces in Siberia. Also includes correspondence between Alexander M. Poniatoff and Gertrude Batchelder

MEMORABILIA undated

Scope and Contents note

Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 1 : 7. Consists of five Red Cross pins