
Register of the Konstantin Vasil'evich Semchevskii papers

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Abstract: Memoirs, other writings, correspondence, printed matter, and photographs, relating to the Russian Civil War in Siberia, and to Russian émigré affairs.

Creator: Semchevskii, Konstantin Vasil'evich, 1894-1978

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Originals in: Museum of Russian Culture, San Francisco.

Biography

Colonel K. V. Semchevskii was born on 6 May 1894 (O. S.) in Tiflis (Tbilisi). After graduating with honors from the Corps de Pages in 1913, he was commissioned as a sub-lieutenant in the Life Guard Horse Artillery, with which he served until 1917. In October of that year, he entered the General Staff Academy, where he studied through July 1918, when, with a group of fellow officers, he escaped from Ekaterinburg to join Siberian White military units operating in the area. In August 1918 he was appointed head of the operations section of the army staff in Omsk, and promoted to the rank of guards captain the following month. In December 1918, he was appointed an instructor at an army school in Vladivostok. In November 1919, he assumed the duties of chief of staff of the 1st Cavalry Division, taking command of its remnants to lead them out of encirclement in January 1920. The following month, Semchevskii was promoted to the rank of colonel and appointed quartermaster general of the 3rd Army (from March 1920 - III Corps).

Along with his wife, Elena Vasil'evna Semchevskaia (a writer and poet), Semchevskii lived in China until emigrating to the United States in 1950. He wrote his memoirs, primarily of life in the Corps de Pages, and maintained correspondence with many of his fellow pages through the 1970s. He also taught at the Army Language School in Monterey, California, where he died in February 1978.

1894 May 6 Born, Russia

1913 Graduated, Corps de Pages, St. Petersburg, Russia
Commissioned as a Sub-Lieutenant in the Life-Guard Horse Artillery

1918 Captain, Siberian Army
Temporary chief of operations section, Siberian Army headquarters

1919 Instructor, military school, Vladivostok

1920 Promoted to Colonel and appointed Quartermaster-General, Third Army, Siberia

February

1950 Arrived, United States

1978 Died, United States

Scope and Content Note

K. V. Semchevskii was a Russian army colonel and member of the association of graduates of the Corps de Pages and former officers of the Guards Horse Artillery. Most of the correspondence (almost entirely with former comrades-in-arms), writings, and subject file reflect his involvement in these organizations and general information on Russian military history. The SUBJECT FILE/Russia. Armiia/General contains the diary of Gen. Bezobrazov for 1917-1924.

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Subjects and Indexing Terms

Russia. Armīa--Officers.

Russia.

Russians--United States.

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

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

Soviet Union.

United States.

BIOGRAPHICAL FILE 1917-1978

Reel 1

Clippings about or mentioning Semchevskii

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Family file - Semchevskaia, Elena V. (wife)

Clippings about or mentioning Semchevskaia

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Identity papers

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Letter of thanks

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Writings

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Military service records

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Scrapbook

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Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 1 : 7. Includes photographs, military service records, and miscellaneous documents

Miscellany

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CORRESPONDENCE 1947-1978

General 1957-1977 and undated

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Unidentified 1973-1977 and undated

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Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 1 : 10.

Andro de Lanzheron, Svetlana Romanovna 1976

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Aprelev, V. 1976-1978

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Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 1 : 12.

Armfel'dt, Vladimir 1976-1978 and undated

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Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 1 : 13.

Babushkin, Boris Alekseevich 1976-1977 and undated

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Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 1 : 14.

Barklai de Tolli 1958 and undated

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Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 1 : 15.

Belosel'skii, Sergei, Prince 1947-1954 and undated

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Burman, V. 1976-1977

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Chagin, Gleb 1978

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Daragan, Ivan and Elena 1966-1973 and undated

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Derozhinskii, B. 1975

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Domershchikov, N. 1970

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Gattenberger, P. 1976

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Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 1 : 22. Includes associated correspondence with V. Sokolov, 1976

Gershel'man family 1975-1976 and undated

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Gonetskii, Nikolai undated

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Grekova, Liubov' Sergeevna 1975

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Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 1 : 25.

Il'ina, Ol'ga 1975 (?)

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Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 1 : 26.

Khitrovo, Mikhail Sergeevich 1966-1976

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Khitrovo, Vladimir Sergeevich 1961-1968 and undated

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Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 1 : 28.

Kiselevskii, Kirill, Vasil'evich 1970-1975

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Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 1 : 29.

Korbe, Nikolai Sergeevich 1977 and undated

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Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 1 : 30.

Koval'skii, V. 1969-1977

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Kurcheninov, Valerian Sergeevich 1975

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Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 1 : 32.

Lyons, Marvin 1973 and undated

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Magerovskii, Lev Florianovich 1975-1978

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Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 1 : 34. Includes associated correspondence

Maksheev, L. and Maksheeva, A. 1966-1969

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Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 1 : 35.

Meshcherinov, Sergei Aleksandrovich 1969-1970

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Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 1 : 36.

Meyendorff, Georgii and Rita undated

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Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 1 : 37.

Mikhailov, Mikhail Nikolaevich 1975

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Mikhalevskii, Sergei 1971-1978

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Miliutin, G. 1976

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Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 1 : 40.

Obruchev, Nikolai Sergeevich 1976-1977

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Olfer'ev, Fedor Sergeevich 1966-1968

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Onoshkovich-Iatsyna, Evgenii Nikolaevich 1969-1970

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Polianskii, A. 1976-1977

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Putiatin, Sergei undated

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Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 1 : 45.

Rerberg, Petr F. 1976-1977

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Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 1 : 46.

Rogozhin, A. 1947

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Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 1 : 47.

Romanenko, A. I. undated

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Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 1 : 48.

Sannikov, Sergei Aleksandrovich 1977

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Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 1 : 49.

Silin, Vladimir 1976 and undated

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Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 1 : 50.

Stenbok-Fermor, Ivan Ivanovich 1974-1977

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Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 1 : 51.

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Stolypin, A. undated

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Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 2 : 1.

Timchenko-Ruban, Vladimir Nikolaevich 1975-1976

Scope and Contents note

Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 2 : 2.

Unkovskii family 1975 and undated

Scope and Contents note

Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 2 : 3.

Val'ter, Valerii Kirillovich 1966-1977 and undated

Scope and Contents note

Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 2 : 4.

Vasil'ev, Rostislav Mstislavovich 1973-1978 and undated

Scope and Contents note

Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 2 : 5.

Velikosel'skii, V. 1974-1975

Scope and Contents note

Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 2 : 6.

Vrangel', Karl 1975-1976

Scope and Contents note

Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 2 : 7.

Vuich, Nikolai Emmanuilovich 1975-1976

Scope and Contents note

Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 2 : 8.

Zhadvoin, Nikolai Leonidovich 1968-1977

Scope and Content note

Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 2 : 9.

Zhivkovich, Petr undated

Scope and Contents note

Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 2 : 10.

Zubov, Nikolai Nikolaevich 1970-1977 and undated

Scope and Contents note

Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 2 : 11.

WRITINGS 1948-1975

"Obshchimi usilliami - spravilis'," 1948 January 12

Scope and Contents note

Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 2 : 12. Typescript. Includes related clippings

Untitled memoirs (fragments) 1964

Holograph

Scope and Contents note

Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 2 : 13.

Typescript

Scope and Contents note

Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 2 : 14.

Printed copy (*Sbornik Soiuza pazhei* ,) 1964 February

Scope and Contents note

Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 2 : 15.

"Vladimir Vasil'evich Semchevskii," 1967 November 12

Scope and Contents note

Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 2 : 16. Typescript

"Russkaia armiia v romane Solzhenitsyna 'Avgust Chetyrnadtsatogo'," *Russkaia zhizn'* 1972 March 7

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Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 2 : 17. Printed copy. Includes background materials

Letter to the editor, *Russkaia zhizn'* 1975

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SUBJECT FILE 1917-1978

Russia. Armiiia

General

Scope and Contents note

Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 2 : 19. Includes diary of Gen. Bezobrazov, 1917-1924, and other materials relating to the Konvoi and Konnogvardeiskoe ob"edinenie

Corps de Pages

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Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 2 : 20. Includes financial records relating to mutual aid of Pages abroad, lists of former pages in emigration, and a typed memoir of the Corps de Pages by P. P. Gudim-Levkovich

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Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 2 : 21. Includes lists of members of the regimental association abroad

Miscellany

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Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 2 : 22.

PHOTOGRAPHS undated

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Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 2 : 23. One color reproduction of a painting depicting a Russian military unit, and three prints depicting Semchevskii and friend, a group of officers, and an unidentified interior