

COLLECTIONS OF CORRESPONDENCE AND MANUSCRIPT DOCUMENTS

NAME OF COLLECTION: Kseniia Nikolaevna ROSSOLIMO PapersSOURCE: Gift of Kseniia Denikina, 1954SUBJECT: Russo-Japanese War; Women in Russia; ManchuriaDATES COVERED: 1845-1952NUMBER OF ITEMS: ca 1150 24

STATUS. (check appropriate description)

Cataloged: Listed: Arranged: Not organized:

CONDITION: (give number of vols., boxes, or shelves)

Bound: Boxed: 4 Stored: LOCATION: (Library) BARCALL-NUMBER MsColl/RossolimoRESTRICTIONS ON USE none

DESCRIPTION. The papers of Kseniia Nikolaevna Rossolimo, nee Skugarevskaia (1879-) a Russian writer and journalist who published under the pseudonym "Globe-Trotter." The collection consists of correspondence, manuscripts of her diary, published under the title Dnevnik, 1899-1906 (New York, 1951), documents (primarily personal), photographs chiefly taken in Manchuria at the turn of the century, and printed materials, especially clippings. These latter include articles by Kseniia Skugarevskaia Rossolimo, articles about her and members of her family, and about subjects of interest to her. The correspondence spans the years 1845-1952 but concentrates around 1951 the year of the publication of Dnevnik, 1899-1906. Among the correspondents are: Georgii V. Adamovich, Vera N. Bunina, Anton & Kseniia Denikin, Georgii P. Fedotov, Vasilii A. Maklakov etc. The diary raises issues of feminism and describes in detail the life of Russians in Manchuria, especially during the Russo-Japanese War.

For biographical sketch and box list see verso and following pages.

KSENIIA N. SKUGAREVSKAIA ROSSOLIMO BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Kseniia Nikolaevna Skugarevskaia was born in 1879 in Kiev, one of three children of Nadezhda Klimovich and Nikolai Skugarevskii, a civil servant. She spent her childhood in Kovno and in Kharkov, but was sent to the "Smol'nyi Institut" in St. Petersburg for her studies. Her father died in 1893, and in 1896 she accepted a position to teach Russian at the War Academy in Berlin. During her stay abroad Kseniia Skugarevskaia also spent much time in England. She returned to Russia in 1899, fluent in both German and English. After failing to gain admission to the university, she set out in 1903 to join her brother, Vania, an engineer working in Harbin, Manchuria. During her stay in the orient Kseniia Skugarevskaia contributed articles to Russian language newspapers in Manchuria as well as to newspapers back home, including Khar'kovskiiia Gub. Vedomosti and Iuzhnyi Krai. When the Russo-Japanese War broke out she travelled to Port Arthur, Liao-Jang and Mukden to cover the events for the official war gazette Voennaia Zhizn'. In 1906 she married the artist Spiridon Rossolimo, a Greek citizen. She bore two sons, Alexander born in 1908 and Nicholas in 1911. The latter became an internationally acclaimed chess player.

Little is known about Kseniia Rossolimo's life after 1911. It appears that she lost contact with her husband in 1914 and was reunited with him only in 1947, in the United States. She remained in Russia during the revolution and through the 1920s, and emigrated to France only in 1930. In 1947 she joined her husband in New York where he had settled already in 1917 earning his living as a merchant of Russian art objects.

KSENIIA N. ROSSOLIMO BOX LIST

BOX 1. Catalogued Correspondence; Arranged Correspondence

Catalogued Correspondence

Adamovich, Georgii Viktorovich
Bunina, Vera Nikolaevna (Mrs. Ivan A.)
Denikin, Anton Ivanovich
Denikina, Kseniia Vasil'evna (Mrs. Anton I.)
Fedorov, Mikhail Mikhailovich
Fedotov, Georgii Petrovich
Gul', Roman Borisovich
Karpovich, Mikhail Mikhailovich
Maklakov, Vasilii Alekseevich
Novikov, Mikhail Mikhailovich
Unbegaun, Boris ~~Unbegaun~~
Weinbaum, Mark Efirovich
Zenzinov, Vladimir Mikhailovich

Arranged Correspondence

Kseniia N. Rossolimo to various persons (drafts)

KSENIIA N. ROSSOLIMO BOX LIST - 2

BOX 1. con't.

Arranged Correspondence

Various persons to Kseniia N. Rossolimo, A-R

Alexander & Eliza Rossolimo

Nicholas & Vera Rossolimo

Spiro Rossolimo

S-Z

Unidentified

Legal matters

Search for work

Various persons to Nikolai Rossolimo

Various persons to Spiro Rossolimo

Miscellaneous

2. Arranged Correspondence; Manuscripts

Arranged Correspondence

Empty envelopes (2 folders)

Manuscripts

"Dnevnik," Jan. 1891-April 1906

Dnevnik, 1899-1906 g.g. (galley proofs)

"Dnevnik," Fragments

"Dnevnik," Fragments -- Russo-Japanese War
1899-1923

3. Manuscripts; Documents; Photographs; Watercolors

Manuscripts

Notes -- Addresses

Notebooks

Miscellaneous

Documents

Accounts (1936, 1946)

Receipts and bank statements

Personal and family (1853-1951)

Photographs

Manchuria

Portraits

Other

4. Printed Material

Books

Clippings; Articles by K.N. Skugarevskaja from Dal'nii Vostok

Iuzhnyi Krai

Kharbin

Kharbinskii Vestnik

Khar'kovskiiia Gub. Vedomosti

Voennaia Zhizn'

KSENIIA N. ROSSOLIMO BOX LIST - 3

BOX 4. con't.

Printed Material

Clippings; Articles about the Rossolimo family

Clippings from Novoe Russkoe Slovo

Posledniia Novosti

Clippings; Illustrations

English language

French language (2 folders)

German language

Russian language

Miscellaneous