

COLLECTIONS OF CORRESPONDENCE AND MANUSCRIPT DOCUMENTS

NAME OF COLLECTION: Mikhail Markovich SHNEEROV Memoirs

SOURCE: Gift of M. M. Shneerov (Shneyeroff), 1954, 1959

SUBJECT: Socialist Revolutionary Party; 1905 Revolution; 1917 Revolution & Civil War

DATES COVERED: 1950-1959 NUMBER OF ITEMS: 3

STATUS: (check appropriate description)
Cataloged: Listed: Arranged: x Not organized:

CONDITION: (give number of vols., boxes, or shelves)
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LOCATION: (Library) BAR CALL-NUMBER Ms Coll/Shneerov

RESTRICTIONS ON USE None

DESCRIPTION: Typescript memoirs of Mikhail M. Shneerov (1880-), concerning his life up to 1921. The longest manuscript is entitled, "V pogone za sinei ptitse" (472p.), and covers the period from his childhood to his arrival in the United States in 1921; it goes into particular detail on his years as an active revolutionary (ca. 1902-08), and on 1917-20. Two shorter manuscripts appear to be largely translated excerpts from the longer work: "When I was young" (80p.), and "My last arrest and state prison of Kursk" (49p.). Shneerov joined the Socialist Revolutionary Party in the first years of the 20th century. He was first arrested and exiled in 1903, but escaped and went to Western Europe (Switzerland, Austria, France, England). He came back to Russia in 1905. He continued his activities as a revolutionary until his arrest and second exile to Siberia in 1908. In 1912-16, he lived in the Far East, in Harbin, Japan, and Shanghai; he lived in San Francisco in 1916-17, returning to Russia after the February 1917 revolution. In 1917 he was a minor government official in Tambov, and in 1918 was sent by the government to the Far East on a mission to obtain supplies. He spent 1918 in Vladivostok, Manchuria, and China, and 1918-20 in Japan. In his memoirs, besides his own experiences, he also discusses minor and major revolutionaries whom he knew; among the latter were Osip Minor, Grigorii Gershuni, and Evno Azef. The Hoover Institution also has copies of these memoirs.