COLLECTIONS OF CORRESPONDENCE AND MANUSCRIPT DOCUMENTS

NAME OF COLLECTION: Kseniia Nikolaevna ROSSOLIMO Papers

SOURCE: Gift of Ksenia Denikin, 1954

SUBJECT: Russo-Japanese War; Women in Russia; Manchuria

DATES COVERED: 1895-1952

NUMBER OF ITEMS: ca 1150

STATUS: (check appropriate description)
- Cataloged: X
- Indexed: X
- Arranged: X
- Not organized: 

CONDITION: (give number of vols., boxes, or shelves)
- Bound: 
- Boxed: 4
- Stored: 

LOCATION: Library BAR

CALL-NUMBER: McColl/Rossolimo

RESTRICTIONS ON USE: none

DESCRIPTION: The papers of Ksenia 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 Ksenia Skugarevskaia Rossolimo, articles about her and members of her family, and about subjects of interest to her. The correspondence spans the years 1895-1952 but concentrates around 1951 the year of the publication of Dnevnik, 1899-1906. Among the correspondents are: Georgii V. Adamovich, Vera N. Bunina, Anton & Ksenia Denikin, Georgii P. Fedotov, Vasilii A. Meklakov 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 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 Kharkovskii Ogonyok 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 1934 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 Aleksseevich
Novikov, Mikhail Mikhailovich
Unbeaum, Boris
Weinbaum, Mark Efimovich
Zenzinov, Vladimir Mikhailovich

Arranged Correspondence

Kseniia N. Rossolimo to various writers (drafts)
KSENIIA N. ROSSOLIMO BOX LIST - 2

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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. Skugarevskai from Dal'nii Vostok
Iuzhnyi Krai
Kharbin
Kharbinskii Vestnik
Char'kovskiiia Gub. Vedomosti
Vosennaia Zhizn'
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