
A Register of the Cherkasskii Family Papers

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Cherkasskii Family Papers

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Abstract: Cherkasskii family archives includes diaries, correspondence, writings, genealogy, books, clippings, printed matter, and photographs, relating to social conditions in Russia before the Russian Revolution, the Russian imperial army, the Russian Revolution and Civil War, Russian émigré affairs, and the Russian Orthodox Church abroad.

Physical location: Hoover Institution Archives

Languages: Languages represented in the collection: EnglishRussianFrench

Access

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Biography / Administrative History

The Cherkasskii family was prominent in the Russian government and the army from about 1500 until the very end of the seventeenth century. They were also the single richest boyar clan in Russia. From the end of the sixteenth century to Peter's time, they were the most important group of aristocrats of foreign origin at the court of the Russian tsars.

The Cherkasskis were clearly proud of their origins, evident from the section on the Circassian princes that appeared in the "Sovereign's genealogy", the quasi-official genealogy of the Russian aristocracy.

The papers cover the life of three generations of the Cherkasskii family: Prince Mikhail Alekseevich, born 1867, a civilian of high rank, who entered the guards officers lists. He joined the Kirasirs military Regiment and was in charge of a medical hospital, field hospitals, emergency,

and first aid of the Kirasirs Regiment. Mikhail Alekseevich married Vera Pavlovna Likhacheva in 1892. They both died in 1953 in Brussels. Their two sons Prince Aleksei Mikhailovich (1898-1920) and Prince Igor Mikhailovich (1895-1975) fought against the Bolsheviks during the Russian Civil War. The younger Prince Aleksei Mikhailovich, died in February 1920 fighting the Bolsheviks, and Prince Igor Mikhailovich, member of the corps of Pages, Lieutenant-Colonel lived long life and died in Brussels in 1975. He was married to Zoia Sergeevna Rodzianko (1901-1949) in 1921. Their daughter Princess Irina Igorevna has no heirs.

Scope and Content of Collection

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The Cherkasskii family papers consist of material related to the life and work of this prominent Russian family, both in Russia and abroad, from 1798 to 1974. The collection includes a wealth of biographical material found in the series related to the last three generations of the family. Of special interest is material from the period of the Russian Civil War, which includes a descriptive essay on Prince Aleksei Mikhailovich written by his brother. The biographical file further includes documentary material related to the Cherkasskii family life abroad and their exile to Belgium. Also interesting are materials related to family political activities, and participation in the life of the Russian Orthodox Church abroad.

Arrangement

The collection is organized into 4 series: Cherkasskii family archives, Photographs, Subject file, and Printed matter

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in Stanford University's online catalog.

Subjects

Russia. Armiiia■Officers

Russia—Emigration and immigration

Russia—Court and courtiers

Soviet union-History-revolution, 1917-1921

Russkara pravoslavmaia tsrkov'

World War, 1914-1918

Diaries

Photographs

Related Material

Russian Subject collection, Hoover Institution Archives

Box/Folder: 1 **Cherkasskii family archives, 1798-1967.**

Scope and Content Note

Arranged chronologically by age of the family member

Box/Folder: 1 : 1

Memoirs, 1883-1903,

Scope and Content Note

Holograph written by Princess Natalia Petrovna and continued by her daughter Princess Natalia Evgenievna Cherkasskii

Prince Mikhail Alekseevich Cherkasskii, 1867-1953, and Princess Vera Pavlovna Cherkasskaia (born Likhacheva), 1867-1953.

Box/Folder: 1 : 2

Family coat of arms.

Note

See also oversize material for extended genealogical chart

Scope and Content Note

Includes photograph, description, and copy of the certificate issued by the governing senate of Russia on September 6, 1798, as well as Cherkasskii family genealogical survey.

Box/Folder: 1 : 3	<p>Personal documents, 1920-1947. Scope and Content Note Includes passports, visa documents, and identity certificates from Belgium and the Dutch consulate in Constantinople</p>
Box/Folder: 1 : 4	<p>Biography, Mikhail Alekseevich Cherkasskii, 1965. Scope and Content Note Holograph written by his son Igor</p>
Box/Folder: 1 : 5	<p>Correspondence, 1918-1941. Scope and Content Note Includes military order for medal award to Prince Mikhail Alekseevich Cherkasskii, 1919</p>
Box/Folder: 1 : 6	<p>Career records from Graham Station Service (automobile business), Brussels, 1923-1948. Russian Orthodox Church in Brussels and the Committee on the construction of the Russian Orthodox Cathedral-monument to the martyred Russian Tsar and other victims of Bolshevism, 1930-1950. Note See also material from the second All International Congress of the Russian Orthodox Church abroad, Sremskie Karlovtsy, Yugoslavia, 1938. Printed copy Scope and Content Note Includes correspondence, newsletter, and photographs.</p>
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Box/Folder: 1 : 8	<p>Greeting on the fiftieth wedding anniversary of Prince Mikhail Cherkasskii and Princess Vera Cherkasskii, 1892-1942. Scope and Content Note Includes photographs</p>
Box/Folder: 1 : 9	<p>Obituaries and letters of condolences on death of Mikhail and Vera Cherkasskii written to their son Igor, 1953. Prince Aleksei Mikhailovich Cherkasskii, 1898-1920. Scope and Content Note (son)</p>
Box/Folder: 1 : 10	<p>Photographs (from the family album), 1898-1920. Will, addressed to his brother Igor Cherkasskii, circa 1919-1920 Scope and Content Note (fallen in February 1920 at Bolshevik hands, Russian Civil War)</p>
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Box/Folder: 1 : 12	<p>Necrology, written by Igor Cherkasskii on the death of his brother Aleksei, 1920.</p>
Box/Folder: 1 : 13	<p>Picture from the memorial plaque of Prince Aleksei Mikhailovich Cherkasskii in the Russian Orthodox Cathedral-monument in Brussels, Belgium, undated Prince Igor Mikhailovich Cherkasskii (Corps des Pages, Stab-rotmister), 1895-1975, and Zoia Sergeevna Cherkasskii (born Rodzianko), 1901-1949.</p>
Box/Folder: 1 : 14	<p>Marriage certificate of Igor and Zoia Cherkasskii, 1921. Personal documents, 1942, 1945. Scope and Content Note Includes letter of reference and work permit</p>
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Correspondence, 1946-1967.

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Verses, undated.

Box/Folder: 1 : **18 Photographs from the family album.**

Scope and Content Note

Includes pictures of Mikhail and Vera Cherkasskii, Igor and Zoia Cherkasskii, and their daughter Princess Irina Igorevna Cherkasskii, as well as photographs from the funeral of the General Peter Vranghel, Commander of the Russian Army in exile. Arranged by the family

Subject file, 1866-1920.

Scope and Content Note

Arranged alphabetically

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Memoirs, Lagodovskii B. A., 1918-1920.

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Personal papers, Baron Vranghel Kiril Konstantinovich, 1909-1917.

Scope and Content Note

Includes passport, visa, certificate of award, and appeal

Box/Folder: 1 : 21

Russian Imperial bonds, 1866.

Printed matter, 1884-1974.

Scope and Content Note

Arranged chronologically

Box/Folder: 1 : 22

Leroy-Beaulieu, Anatole, *Un homme d'État russe (Nicolas Milutine) d'après sa correspondance inédite; étude sur la Russie et la Pologne pendant le règne d'Alexandre II (1855-1872)*, Paris, Hachette et cie, 1884.

Box/Folder: 2 : 1

Deianiiia Vtorogo Vsezarubezhnogo Sobora Russkoi Pravoslavoï Tserkvi Zagranitseï, s uchastiem predstavitelei klira i mirian, sostoisvshegosia 1/14-11/24 avgusta 1938 goda v Sremskikh Karlovitsakh v IUGoslavii (Minutes of meetings of the Second All International Congress of the Russian Orthodox Church abroad, Sremskie Karlovtsy, Yugoslavia, 1938), Belgrade, 1939.

Box/Folder: 2 : 2

Pouchkine, N. de, *Armorial de la Noblesse de Russie, armoiries des Familles resident en Belgique*, Brussels, 1940.

Box/Folder: 2 : 3

Pashennyi, Nikolai, *Imperatorskoe uchilishche pravovedeniia i pravovedy v gody mira, voiny i smuty (Imperial law college during years of peace, war, and unrest)*, Madrid, 1967.

Box/Folder: 2 : 4

***Voennaia Byl' (Le Passé Militaire)*, military bulletin of the all cadet union, Paris, 1973, 1974**

Box/Folder: 3 **Two oversize Cherkasskii family genealogical charts, undated.**