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Guide to the

Catherine Breshkovsky papers

1923-1934

Summary

Creator: Breshko-Breshkovskai_a_, Ekaterina Konstantinovna, 1844-1934

Title: Catherine Breshkovsky papers

Date: 1923-1934

Size: .3 linear feet (1 box)

Source: Gift, Tuttle, Ruth Dietrich, 1951

Abstract: Ekaterina Breshko-Breshkovska_i_a (1844-1934), whose anglicized name was Catherine Breshkovsky, was a member of the Social Revolutionary Party in Russia. After the 1917 Revolution, she left for Prague where she was active in efforts to aid the Russian refugee community. Papers include letters and postcards, 1923-1934, from Breshkovsky in Prague to Irene Dietrich in Brooklyn, New York, in which she thanks Dietrich for her gifts of clothing, school supplies, money, and other necessities to the Russian refugees Breshkovsky was aiding. Breshkovsky also discusses her efforts to help the refugees, particular children; conditions in Russia; Russian revolutionary figures; world affairs; and personal matters. Also included are letters to Dietrich from Breshkovsky's friends, George Lazarev, Olga Kerensky, Alice Stone Blackwell, and Larissa Archangelski, and family; and photographs of Breshkovsky, ca. 1920s-1930s, and of George Larazev and Olga Kerensky and her younger son Gleb. Lazarev correspondence includes a 23-page letter written in 1928 in which Lazarev describes Breshkovsky's and his own revolutionary activities in Russia.

Alternative Form Available: Entire collection available on microfilm; New York Public Library

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Language of the Material: A few letters are in French and Russian

Creator History

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Key Terms

Subjects

Children -- Soviet Union
International relief -- Czech Republic -- Prague
Refugees -- Czech Republic -- Prague
Refugees -- Soviet Union

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Photographic prints

Geographic Names

Prague (Czech Republic) -- Social conditions
Soviet Union -- Economic conditions -- 1917-1945
Soviet Union -- History -- Revolution, 1917-1921 -- Refugees
Soviet Union -- Social conditions

Occupations

Revolutionaries

Names

Breshko-Breshkovskai_a_, Ekaterina Konstantinovna, 1844-1934
Archangelski, Larissa
Blackwell, Alice Stone, 1857-1950
Dietrich, Irene
Kerensky, Gleb
Kerensky, Olga
Lazarev, George