

CATHERINE A. GUMENSKY
(EKATERINA ALEKSANDROVNA GUMENSKAIA)
A REGISTER OF HER PAPERS
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CATHERINE A. GUMENSKY PAPERS

Catherine A. Gumensky was a California artist of local note. The collection contains materials relating to her work as an artist and other biographical data, as well as her children's stories. Of particular significance is the family file, which contains a large amount of correspondence (of Catherine, her mother Neonila Platonovna Aristova, and others) with family members in the Soviet Union and other countries from the 1920s through the 1980s, as well as writings of other family members.

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REGISTER

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SERIES DESCRIPTION:

| <u>Box Nos</u> | <u>Series</u> |
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| 1 | BIOGRAPHICAL FILE, 1914-1983. Includes affidavits, clippings, employment, identity and real estate records, with related correspondence, notes, scrapbook and miscellany, arranged alphabetically by physical form |
| 2-9 | FAMILY FILE, 1913-1983. Correspondence, writings and associated matter, arranged alphabetically by name of relative and therein by physical form |
| 9-10 | CORRESPONDENCE, 1917-1985. Extrafamilial correspondence, arranged alphabetically by name of correspondent |
| 10-11 | WRITINGS, 1934-1977. Background materials, correspondence and writings, arranged chronologically by title |
| 12 | SUBJECT FILE, 1924-1981. Clippings, correspondence, notes, writings and other matter, arranged alphabetically by subject |
| 13-16 | PHOTOGRAPHS, 1910s-1980s. Several hundred items, including photographs of Catherine and Dmitrii Gumensky, other family members (including most of those appearing in the FAMILY FILE), Ella Young, and miscellaneous people and places |
| 17 | FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS, 1948-1984. Income tax records, cancelled checks, property tax receipts, bank records, etc. Not filmed |
| 17 | RECIPES, undated. Clippings and notes, primarily by N. P. Aristova. Not filmed |

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| | 1 | Addresses |
| | 2 | Affidavits of support, signed by Catherine Gumensky, to invite relatives to the U.S. |
| | 3 | Clippings |
| | 4 | Curriculum vitae |
| | 5 | Employment records |
| | 6 | Genealogical notes |
| | 7 | Identity papers. Includes driver's license, membership cards, passes, passports, social security card, immigration papers, vaccination records, and similar matter |
| | 8 | Programs |
| | 9 | Real estate records |
| | 10 | School records |
| | 11 | Scrapbook |
| | 12-13 | Miscellany. Includes notebooks with student lecture notes, jottings, sketches, impressions of life, etc., 1914-? |
| 2. | | FAMILY FILE, 1913-1983. Correspondence and writings of and between family members (unless otherwise indicated, entries consist exclusively of correspondence). Correspondence with Catherine may include letters addressed to Catherine and Neonila or Dimitrii. Many letters also contain postscripts by other family members, and are generally classified under the name of the first correspondent, unless the postscript is significantly longer than the original letter |
| | 1 | Aleksandrova, Ekaterina Vladimirovna (niece), 1969-1983 and undated |
| | 2 | Aleksandrova, Irina Aleksandrovna (sister), 1917-1945. Includes letters from Vladimir Aleksandrov |
| | 3 | Aleksandrova, Nataliia Vladimirovna (niece), 1978-1982 |
| | 4 | Aristova, Nadezhda (?), 1917-1923 |
| | | Aristova, Neonila Platonovna (mother) |
| | 5 | Calendar, 1944 and undated |
| | | Correspondence |
| | 6-8 | Unidentified, 1913-1943 |
| 3. | 1-4 | Unidentified |
| | | Aleksandrova, Irina Aleksandrovna (daughter) |
| | 5 | 1928-1930 |
| | 6 | 1931-1934 |
| | 7 | 1935-1945 |
| 4. | 1 | Bubnova, Mariia, 1936-1940. Includes postscripts by nun Leonida, qqv., and forwarded letters from Ol'ga Platonovna Veiss (sister), qqv. |
| | 2 | Butlerov, A., n.d. |

7. (Contd.) FAMILY FILE (Contd.)
 Aristova, Neonila Platonovna (Contd.)
 Writings
- 4 General. Notes, some of an autobiographical nature
- 5 "The Home of My Youth," n.d. Holograph
- 6 "Iz perezhitago," n.d. Printed copy
- 7 "Poiezdka k zautrenie," n.d. Printed copy
- 8 "Povar-muzykant," n.d. Holograph
- 9 "The Trip to Glendale," n.d. Holograph
- 10 Untitled biographical sketch of Ivan and Sergei Aksakov, n.d. Holograph
- 11 "Volchata," n.d. Holograph
- 12 "Kanun Verbnago Voskreseniia," Novaia zaria, 1939 March 31. Holograph and printed copy
- 13 Miscellany
- 14 Chatelain, Mariia (aunt), undated
- 15 Demidov (Demidoff), Georgii (cousin), 1946-1963
- 16 Demidov, I. (cousin?), 1946-1963
- Demidov, Igor' Platonovich (uncle)
- Correspondence
- 17 General, 1931
- 18 Aleksandr, Archbishop, 1934
- 19 Demidov, P. A., 1930
- 20 Gumensky, Catherine, 1945
- 21 Leshetitskii (Leschetizky), T. F., 1931 and undated
- 22 Sapon'ko, Angel Osipovich, 1931
- Writings
- 23 General. Notes and fragments of short stories
- 24 "Diktator," n.d. Holograph and typescript
- 25 "Mary," n.d. Holograph
- 26 "Moia mechta," n.d. Holograph
- 27 "Persten' i siurtuk Pushkina," Posliedniia novosti, n.d. Printed copy
- 28 "Piatnitsa 13-go iiunia," n.d. Holograph
- 29 "Pietush'i besiedy," Posliedniia novosti, n.d. Printed copy
- 30 "Pomieshchichii monastyr'," n.d. Holograph
- 31 "Posliednii iz mogikan," n.d. Holograph
- 32 "Prostaia familiia," n.d. Typescript
- 33 "Salomeia," n.d. Holograph
- 34 "Sandro Altaev," n.d. Holograph
- 35 "Uzhin v sadu Trokadero," n.d. Holograph
- 36 "Velikaia voina i russkaia revoliutsiia," n.d. Holograph
- 37 "Zemel'nyia vospominaniia," n.d. Holograph
- 38 "Velikaia Noch'," 1927 December 4. Holograph
- 39 "Oдно iz russkikh chudes," Posliedniia novosti, 1931 January 17. Printed copy
- 40 "Pervyi kadetskii korpus," [1931 August]. Typescript. Includes several lectures, as well as correspondence

12. (Contd.) SUBJECT FILE (Contd.)
- 8 World War, 1914-1918--Veterans--Russia. Correspondence
 regarding aid to disabled veterans in Bulgaria
 Young, Ella. See also PHOTOGRAPHS
- 9 Biographical file
- 10 Letters to Feodor Gumensky (code name for
 Catherine?), 1927-1956
- 11 Poetry
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