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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Rare Book and Manuscript Library
<b>Creator:</b>	Aristova, Asta
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<b>Language of the Material:</b>	Russian .

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## Biographical / Historical

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Anastasiia (Asta) Aleksandrovna Aristova (Tersky; 1936 -), biologist, scoutmaster, long-term mentor and teacher of the "Nizhny Novgorod" squad, author of "Skautskii borshch," "Chto sokhranila pamiat'" and numerous essays, editor-in-chief of the quarterly scout magazine "Opyt."

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## Biographical / Historical

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Her father, Aleksandr Il'ich Terskikh, engineer, a member of the White Movement. Her mother Elsa Iul'evna, née Piase, engineer, was arrested in 1938 and sentenced to eight years' imprisonment under Article 58. Aristova with her father moved to Armavir, where her mother reunited with them after her release in 1940. In summer 1942 the town was occupied by the Germans. In January 1943 the Tersky family moved to Lviv, where Aristova attended an elementary school. In 1944 the family went to Krakow, and from there to Regensburg, Germany, where she continued to study in the second grade and in 1945 went to the Russian gymnasium. In 1946 she became an active participant of the Organizatsiia rossiiskikh iunyh razvedchikov (ORUR). In May 1949 moved to the USA where Tersky family settled in Buffalo, New York.

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After graduating from high school here, she entered the Biology Department of the University of Buffalo in 1954, obtained a Bachelor's degree in biology in 1957, and became a post-graduate student. In 1961, took a position as a high school biology and science teacher. In 1963 obtained a master's degree. For 25 years she taught biology, public health, Russian, German, math, English as a second language, and Russian history in high school in Los Angeles. Was involved in various student clubs. Seven times she went to visit Russia with youth groups and once to Western Europe. Worked with young people in the ORUR. In 1951 she started publishing her writings in the scout magazine "Svistok" (Munich), from 1964 - in the newspapers "Novoe Russkoe Slovo" (New York) and "Russkaia zhizn'" (San Francisco), in the magazine "Rodnye dali" (Los Angeles), and then in the "Kaliforniiskii vestnik." With the closing of the latter, published her works exclusively in the "Russkaia zhizn'", mainly it was publications in the column titled "Po belu svetu," she also gathered materials for the section newspaper's section "Dela minuvshikh dni." In 2000, she published a book of her memoirs about the life of displaced people "Chto sokhranila pamiat". She retired in 1991. In 2001, became editor-in-chief of the quarterly scout magazine "Opyt." After passing her exam in Washington, D.C., became an interpreter for seminars and groups coming from the former Soviet Union. (source: <https://interpretive.ru/termin/aristova-asta-aleksandrovna.html>)

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## Scope and Contents

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The collection comprises Asta Aristova's writings and materials related to scoutism. Writings include autobiographical essays and articles, mainly about Aristova's experiences travelling in the Soviet Union, and her memoirs about life in Germany 1945-1949 "Chto sokhranila pamiat". Materials about scout movement include Organizatsiia rossiiskikh iunykhn razvedchikov's records, documents and publications, as well as general publications on scoutism.

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## Scope and Contents

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Six issues of the newspaper "Russkaia zhizn" were cataloged to SEEC in 2021. Aristova's articles published there were photocopied and stored in the collection.

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### Revision Description

PDF removed. kws Authorities revised and updated; notes revised and expanded, bio note written and added. ksd new collection number was assigned as a part of the project of integrating BAR Gen Ms into BAR manuscript collection; record updated. ksd addition to the collection was processed; record updated accordingly. ksd 2020-01-20 2021-05-26 2021-08-24 2022-09-13

### **Restrictions on Access**

This collection is located on-site.

### **Immediate Source of Acquisition**

Papers: Method of acquisition--Purchase; Date of acquisition--1970. Accession number--1970.M027.

### **Immediate Source of Acquisition**

Source of acquisition--2002.

### **Processing Information**

Papers Accessioned 1970.

### **Processing Information**

Papers Processed 12/--/78.

### **Processing Information**

Formerly part of Bakhmeteff (BAR) General Ms Collection with Coll No. Gen Ms Coll/Aristova.

### **Processing Information**

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### **Processing Information**

Addition to the collection processed - 09/22

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Soviet Union -- Description and travel
- Scouts (Youth organization members)
- Scouting (Youth activity)
- Refugee Camps -- Germany
- Childress, Harold M.

## Collection Inventory

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### Series I: Writings by Aristova, 1969, 2001, 2003, undated

#### Scope and Contents

Autobiographical writings

Title/Description	Instances	
Essays		
<b>Scope and Contents</b>		
(typescripts and copies of photocopies of publications about her experiences travelling in the Soviet Union)		
Amerikanskii bar	box 1	folder 1
Polet v SSSR	box 1	folder 1
Puteshestvie v pis'makh, 1969	box 1	folder 1
<b>General</b>		
(six issues of the newspaper "Russkaia zhizn" with these publications were cataloged to SEEC in 2021 (call #SEEC 2523). Aristova's articles published there were photocopied and stored here)		
Voskresnaia vylazka	box 1	folder 1
Memoirs		
<b>Scope and Contents</b>		
(about life in Germany 1945-1949)		
Chto sokhranila pamiat'		
Self published copy, 2001	box 1	folder 2
Printed book, 2003	box 1	folder 3

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## Series II: Russian Scout Movement, 1916-2004

### Scope and Contents

Materials of Organizatsiia rossiiskikh iunykh razvedchikov and others

### Subseries II.1: Organizatsiia rossiiskikh iunykh razvedchikov, 1940s-2004, undated

#### Scope and Contents

(records, documents, photographs, publications)

Title/Description	Instances	
Druzhina "Nizhnii Novgorod"		
Notebooks with the squad's records: plans, activities, members, photographs, history, 1940s-1960s	box 1	folder 4-5
<b>Scope and Contents</b>		
(covers the periods of activity in Regensburg (1945-1950) and in Los Angeles (1951-1960s))		
"Pervyi razriad" (publication), 1971,1974	box 1	folder 6-7
Regensburg		
Handwritten certificate issued to Pavel Nekrasov, 1931	box 1	folder 8
Order (signed typescript), 1948	box 1	folder 8
Zapadno-Amerikanskii otdel, San Francisco		
Konspekt sostiazanii mezhdu zven'iami, 1986	box 1	folder 9
Clippings and order, 2002-2003	box 1	folder 9
Publications		
"Besedy u kostra", undated	box 1	folder 10
"Calendar", 1972-1973	box 1	folder 11
"Spravochnik rukovoditel'ia" (photocopy), 1964	box 2	folder 1
"Vestnik rukovoditel'ia" (Organ sviazi razvedcheskikh rukovoditelei ORUR), 2004	box 2	folder 2

### Subseries II.2: General publications on scouting, 1916-2000, undated

Title/Description	Instances	
Evgenii Bobrov. "Konspekt po sledopytstvu", undated	box 2	folder 3



"Russkii skaut." Informatsionnyi Biulleten', No. 8 (Izдание Tsentral'nogo Shtaba Natsional'noi Organizatsii Russkikh Skautov), 1973	box 2	folder 4
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"Skauizm v Rossii: Trudy Pervago S'ezda po skautizmu 26-30 dekabria 1915 g. v Petrograde", 1916	box 2	folder 5
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**Scope and Contents**

Bound photocopy of the edition published by Obshchestvo "Russkii Skaut v Petrograde"

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### Series III: Publications related to Aristova, 1970, 2000

Title/Description	Instances	
"Gimnaziia im. M. V. Lomonosova (pri lagere "Menkhegof") 1945-1947", 2000 <u>Physical Description</u> : with inscription to Aristova and her husband	box 2	folder 6

Childress, Harold M. "A Visit to Moscow", 1970	box 2	folder 6
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**Scope and Contents**

clipping of an article about his trip to Moscow with handwritten notes assumably by Aristova.

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