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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Rare Book and Manuscript Library
<b>Creator:</b>	Michael, Louis Guy, 1877-1967
<b>Title:</b>	Louis Guy Michael Memoirs
<b>ID:</b>	4077827
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<b>Physical Description:</b>	214 pages 214 pages
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## Biographical sketch

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Michael was an agronomist who studied at Columbia in 1904-1906.

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## Summary

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The bound memoirs "Russian Experience 1910-1917" discuss Michael's adventures in Russia in 1910-1917. In 1910 he was hired by the Bessarabian provincial zemstvo to help landlords and peasants in that province improve their corn yields; he stayed there until 1916, when he returned to the United States. The first half of the memoirs covers these years, including extensive commentary on Bessarabian peasants, gentry, zemstvo politics, and some information on World War I. In 1917 he returned on a mission to study the Russian grain trade. He sailed across the Pacific with the American Red Cross Mission, spent August in Petrograd, and then travelled around Russia's Black Sea ports in September-November. In early November, he returned to Petrograd, and finally left Russia by the Trans-Siberian railroad in December. While the first half of these memoirs includes much first-hand information, the second half, on 1917, is more derivative in nature.

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### Location of Originals Note

Holder of originals: Bakhmeteff Archive. Rare Book and Manuscript Library. Columbia University.

### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Memoirs: Source of acquisition--Pauline Michael (Mrs. L. G.). Method of acquisition--Gift; Date of acquisition--1980.

### Processing Information

Memoirs Accessioned 1980.

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- World War, 1914-1918 -- Soviet Union
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- Bessarabia (Moldavian S.S.R. and Ukraine) -- History
- Soviet Union -- Study and teaching
- Russia -- Social conditions -- 1801-1917
- Soviet Union -- History -- Revolution, 1917-1921
- Memoirs