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Summary Information

Repository:	Rare Book and Manuscript Library
Creator:	Post, Catherine, 1899-
Title:	Catherine Post Collection
ID:	4078451
ID:	BAR Ms Coll/Post
Date [inclusive]:	1900-1986
Physical Description:	1 Linear Feet ca. 350 items; 2 manuscript boxes; 4 oversized folders; 1 glass plate photograph
Language of the Material:	Russian , English .

Preferred Citation

Identification of specific item; Date (if known); Catherine Post Collection; Box and Folder; Bakhmeteff Archive, Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Columbia University Library.

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Biographical sketch

Catherine Post (Ekaterina Bekker) was assistant to the production manager of the Lyon Match Company, Mr. Serge Bazavov, the brother-in-law of the company's chairman, and former Russian ambassador, Boris Bakhmetev.

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Scope and Content

The collection consists of manuscripts, photographs, original watercolors, clippings and printed materials. The collection primarily concerns Ms. Post's family in Russia before the

Revolution and in the emigration in France and the U.S.A. and to Boris Bakhmetev who was the ambassador of the Russian provisional government to the United States, later chairman of the Lyon Match company in Long Island City where Ms. Post worked for many years.

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Materials relating to Boris Bakhmetev include photographs of his family in Tbilisi, photographs of the opening of the Russian embassy in Washington D.C. in 1917 and a large file of obituaries.

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Memorabilia of Ms. Post's family begin chronologically with photographs of her grandfather, Nikolai Fedorovich Bekker. Bekker's daughter Vera was an accomplished amateur artist and examples of her original water colors and poems are included, along with reproductions of paintings by her husband Iosif Krachkovskii who was a popular Petersburg society painter around the turn of the century. Their son, Dmitrii Krachkovskii wrote under the pen name Klenovskii and was a popular poet in the emigration who published many books of verse, some of which are included in the collection. Also included is Klenovskii's bound manuscript entitled "Stihotvorenniia", his autograph poems, photocopies of manuscripts, photographs and clippings.

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Nikolai Bekker's son Nicolas Becker (de Becquère) was a successful artist both in St. Petersburg and on the French Riviera where he painted portraits of the European aristocracy. Reproductions of his paintings are included along with manuscripts of his poems, and miscellaneous biographical information.

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Materials not relating to the Bakhmetev or Bekker families include the typescript memoirs of a self-taught Russian peasant named Alekseĭ Savisko who moved to the U.S.A. in 1957 and became a farmer in Maine. The memoirs entitled "Otvēt khuliteliam proshlogo Rossii" (In Answer to the Degraders of Russia) describe his family and work on farms and factories in the Ukraine before the Revolution. Savisko defends the tsarist government against its critics and praises its treatment of peasants and workers.

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Miscellaneous items include a photograph of Nicholas II inspecting the Vyborg Regiment, an embroidered collar from the Obshchestvo Pooshchreniia kustarnoi promyshlenosti (Home Craft Art Industry) in St. Petersburg, an unidentified watercolor stage design, a small collection of Russian postcards, and examples of Russian currency from the tsarist and provisional governments.

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Arrangement

Selected materials cataloged; remainder arranged by subject.

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Revision Description

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Restrictions on Access

This collection is located on-site.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Collection: Source of acquisition--Post, Catherine. Method of acquisition--Gift; Date of acquisition--02/18/88. Accession number--B-88-9-15.

Ownership and Custodial History

Gift of Catherine Post, 1988.

Processing Information

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Related Materials

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See personal documents of Nikolai Nikolaevich Bekker (Nicolas Becker) in Nikolai Nikolaevich Bekker Documents.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Photographic prints
- Memoirs
- Currencies (systems of money)
- Postcards
- Bonds (financial instruments)
- Klenovskii, Dmitrii I., 1892-1976
- Krachkovskaia, Vera Nikolaevna, 1868-1953
- Savisko, Alekseï
- Krachkovskii, Iosif Evstafeevich, 1892-1976
- Becker, Nicolas, 1877-1962
- Bekker, Nikolai Fedorovich, 1841-1925
- Nicholas II, Emperor of Russia, 1868-1918
- Bakhmetev, B. A. (Boris Aleksandrovich)

Collection Inventory

Series I: Manuscripts

Title/Description	Instances
Klenovskii, Dmitrii Iosifovich	box 1
Chudo stebliã	box 1
Den' angela	box 1
Dolg moego detstva; Tropoi k zvezde	box 1
Doma; Apostoly	box 1
Lishnii; Na kladbishche	box 1

Moia ruka	box 1
Pesenska	box 1
[Poems]	box 1
Put'	box 1
Stikhotvoreniia (notebook with handwritten poetry; photocopies of selected poems)	box 1
Savisco, Alexei. Otvet khuliteliam proshlogo Rossii	box 1

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Series II: Photographs and Postcards

Title/Description	Instances
Bakhmeteff, Boris Aleksandrovich	box 1
Klenovskii, Dmitrii Iosifovich	box 1
Nicholas II inspecting the Vyborg Regiment	box 1
Russian postcards	box 2

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Series III: Subject Files

Title/Description	Instances
Bakhmeteff, Boris Aleksandrovich	box 1
Family Photographs	box 1
Miscellaneous (2)	box 1
Russian Embassy in Washington, D.C.-Photographs (2)	box 1
Becker, Nicolas	
Miscellaneous	box 1
Poems	box 1
Bekker, Nicolai Fedorovich	box 1
Klenovskii, Dimitrii I.	
Clippings	box 1
Krachkovskaia, Vera	
Miscellaneous	box 1
Watercolors	box 1

Krachkovskii, Iosif	box 1
Miscellaneous	box 1
Russian Money	box 1

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Series IV: Printed Materials

Title/Description	Instances
Klenovskii, Dmitrii Iosifovich	box 2
Navstrechu nebu	box 2
Neulovimyi sputnik	box 2
Palitra	box 2
Pevuchaia nosha	box 2
Poslednee	box 2
Pocherkom poeta	box 2
Prikosnoven'e	box 2
Razroznennaia taina	box 2
Sled zhizni	box 2
Sobranie stikhov	box 2
Stikhi	box 2
Teplyi vecher	box 2
Ukhodiashchie parusa	box 2
Ioann, Archbishop of San Francisco	
Perepiska s Klenovskim	box 2

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Series V: Oversized Material

Title/Description	Instances
Anonymous Russian Stage Design	box Shared
Bakhmeteff, Boris Alexandrovich	
Obituaries	box Shared
Russian Embassy in Washington, D.C.-Photographs	box Shared
Russian embroidery from the Obshchestvo pooshchreniia	

Kustarnoi promyshlenosti in St. Petersburg

box Shared

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