

# Preliminary Guide to the Aleksandr Ivanovich Spiridovitch Papers

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**CREATOR:** Spiridovich, A. I. (Aleksandr Ivanovich), 1873-1952

**TITLE:** Aleksandr Ivanovich Spiridovitch papers

**DATES:** 1890-1950

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 8 linear feet (27 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** The materials are primarily in Russian, with some items in French and English.

**SUMMARY:** The papers consist of writings and research materials dealing with Russian history, particularly the Romanov dynasty, Rasputin, and the origins of the Russian Revolution. Also included are materials on Peter the Great and the Jews in the Russian revolutionary movement.

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b.      box  
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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchased from Mrs. Nina Spiridovitch in 1962.

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The materials are open for research.

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## Biographical / Historical

Aleksandr Spiridovitch was an organizer and commander of Tsar Nicholas II's imperial bodyguard from 1906-1916.

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## Scope and Contents

These papers of General Aleksandr Ivanovich Spiridovitch consist of writings and research materials dealing with Russian history, particularly the origins of the Russian Revolution, and with the Romanov dynasty. Spiridovitch was the organizer and commander of Tsar Nicholas II's imperial bodyguard from 1906 until his retirement in 1916. His memoirs have been published in Russian (*Zapiski Zhandarma*, [1927?]) and French ( *Les dernières années de la Cour de Tzarskoie-selo*, 1928.), and a draft of the Russian version is included among these papers. Also included are manuscript and typescript drafts of other writings by Spiridovitch, notes, documents, published volumes, scrapbooks of clippings and other printed matter, and lexicographical and biographical materials on many of the people mentioned in the writings.

The papers are only partially processed. English précis of the lexicographical and biographical materials in Boxes 1-2 have been provided.

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| b. 4, f. 1-13 | Papka Imperatora Nikolaia Vtorogo (Case of documents on life of Nicholas II, his family and the false pretenders of being members of the Tsarist family)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| b. 5, f. 2    | Poslednie gody Tsarskosel'skogo Dvora Popravki i dopolnenia. (The last years of the court of Tsarskoie Selo. Corrections and additions.)<br>A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at <a href="mailto:mssa.assist@yale.edu">mssa.assist@yale.edu</a> to request access to the digital copy.                                                                                                      |
| b. 5, f. 3    | Materialy i dokumenty k moim vospominamiam. (Materials and documents pertaining to my memoirs)<br>A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at <a href="mailto:mssa.assist@yale.edu">mssa.assist@yale.edu</a> to request access to the digital copy.                                                                                                                                                |
| b. 6, f. 1    | Primechania k istorii partii sotsial-revoliutsionerov i ee predshestuenikoo (Supplementary notes to the history on the party of Social Revolutionaries and their forerunners)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| b. 6, f. 2    | A.I. Spiridovitch, Revoliutsionnoie dvizherde v Rossii v period imperii, Partia sotsialistov revoliutsionerso u ee predshastoennikov, Vtoroe izdanie, dopolnennoie, Petrograd, 1918. (The revolutionary movement in Russia during the Empire. The Socialist-Revolutionary Party and her forerunner. The Second, enlarged edition. Petrograd, 1918, supplemented by many additional notes in Gen. Spiridovitch's hand.)                                                         |
| b. 6, f. 3    | Gen. A.I. Spiridovitch, <i>Rasputin</i> , na mashinke sdolavleniami izdano po frantsuski. Po russki ne izdano (Gen. Spiridovitch, <i>Rasputin</i> , typewriter text with additional, published in French, not in Russian.)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| b. 7          | Partrety revoliutsionnykh deiatelei po partiam (Portraits of the revolutionary functionaries as classified by the parties)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| b. 8          | Dokumenty po isltskomi gradonachal'stvu (The Documents on governance of the city of Yalta)<br>Also: Lzhe-Anastasia-Chaikovskaia (Pseudo-Anastasia-Chaikovskaia)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| b. 9          | Olshchestvennoie dvizhenie v Tsarstvuanie Imperatoza Nikolaia Vtorogo, 9 lektzii (The social movements during the reign of Emperor Nicholas the Second, 9 lectures)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| b. 10, f. 1   | "Poslednie gody Tsarkosel'skogo Dvora." na mashinke. Tom I. Izdano na franzieskom iazyke. Po russki ne izdano. ("The last years of the Court of Tsarskoie Selo." typewriter manuscript. Vol. I Published in French. Not published in Russian)<br>A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at <a href="mailto:mssa.assist@yale.edu">mssa.assist@yale.edu</a> to request access to the digital copy. |
| b. 11, f. 1-3 | Gen. A.I. Spiridovitch, Russkaia litteratura, Pushkin. Zametici. (Russian literature. Pushkin. Notes.)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

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| b. 12, f. 1-6  | Gen. A.I. Spiridovitch, Angliskii perevod knigi, <i>Partia sotsialistov-revoliutsionerov i ee predshestvenniki</i> . Rukopis' (English translation of the book, <i>The Party of Socialist-Revolutionaries and Her Forerunners</i> . Manuscript)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| b. 15, f. 1    | Gen. A.I. Spiridovitch, <i>Poslednie gody Tsarskoie'skogo Dvora, na mashinke, Tom II. Izadano na frantsuskom iszyke. Po russki ne izdano.</i> (The last years of the Court in Tsarskoie Selo," typed manuscript Vol, II. Published in French, Not in Russian)<br><br>A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at <a href="mailto:mssa.assist@yale.edu">mssa.assist@yale.edu</a> to request access to the digital copy. |
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## **Selected Search Terms**

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### **Subjects**

Historians  
Jews -- Soviet Union  
Revolutionaries

### **Geographic Names**

Europe  
Soviet Union -- History -- Revolution, 1917-1921

### **Names**

Peter, Emperor of Russia, I, 1672-1725  
Rasputin, Grigorii Efimovich, 1869-1916  
Spiridovich, A. I. (Aleksandr Ivanovich),  
1873-1952