

# Guide to the Ekaterina Konstantinovna Breshko-Breshkovskaia Papers

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 606

**CREATOR:** Breshko-Breshkovskāia, Ekaterina Konstantinovna, 1844-1934

**TITLE:** Ekaterina Breshko-Breshkovskaia papers

**DATES:** 1911-1931

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 0.5 linear feet

**LANGUAGE:** Russian

**SUMMARY:** Manuscripts, articles, and printed material by and about Ekaterina K. Breshko-Breshkovskaia. Items are in Russian and are largely undated.

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## Biographical / Historical

Ekaterina Konstantinovna Breshko-Breshkovskaia, 1844-1934

"The Little Grandmother of the Russian Revolution"

Catherine Breshkovsky, as she was known in the United States, was one of the early revolutionary workers. She was the first woman to be sent to the mines for a political offense and spent most of her life either in prison or in exile. (From 1871-1917 she spent 14 years in prison camps; 13 years in penal servitude in Siberia; 10 years in conspiratory work; 6 years under strict surveillance by the police; 2 years in exile out of the country and only 8 months, in 1917, of freedom in her work in Russia.)

Throughout her life she exerted great energy in her unrelenting struggle to bring democracy to the people of her country. She showed extreme patriotism and her love for the Russian people was unbounded. Her confidence in the final outcome of the struggle for freedom, in which she was engaged, was unshakable. Her absolute unselfishness and her constant thoughtfulness for the welfare and happiness of others was one of her greatest assets. She never complained of the injustice and hardship which she personally endured, but always strove to help others and never lost hope or failed in courage.

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## Scope and Contents

The papers contain Catherine Breshkovsky's manuscript "How I went Among the People;" various handwritten manuscripts about herself and about the people she encountered and part of her reminiscences. There are also two articles in manuscript form written by E. E. Lazarev in 1931 and M. M. Rosenbaum in 1917 about Catherine Breshkovsky and also miscellaneous articles from magazines and newspapers about her life.

## Collection Contents

"How I went Among the People" [typed manuscript]

b. 1, f. 1	Pages 1-100	
b. 1, f. 2	Pages 101-200	
b. 1, f. 3	Pages 201-300	
b. 1, f. 4	Pages 301-400	
b. 1, f. 5	Pages 401-476	
b. 1, f. 6	Various handwritten manuscripts about herself and about the people she encountered, some dated, 18 pp.	
b. 1, f. 7	Cajnyj Listok [Tea Leaf], outline, 3 pp.	
b. 1, f. 7	"Grandmother," E. K. Breshko-Breshkovskaia about herself, 9 pp.	
b. 1, f. 7	Numerous other untitled manuscripts concerning her life and people she encountered, some dated, 23 pp.	
b. 1, f. 8	Articles written about E. K. Breshko-Breshkovskaia	
b. 1, f. 8	"Rasskaz." E. E. Lazarev, short story, 2 pp.	1931 May 27
b. 1, f. 8	S Babuskoj [With Grandmother]. M. M. Rosenbaum, 11 pp.	1917
b. 1, f. 9	Pamphlet in memory of the 80 th birthday of E. K. Breshko-Breshkovskaia. Outline of her life, 1844-1929, Paris.	
b. 1, f. 9	"Traits from the Life of E. K. Breshko-Breshkovskaia." Evgenij Kolosov. <i>Ezmesjacnij Zurnal</i> , no. 5-6, pp. 216-227.	undated
b. 1, f. 9	"Obvinitel'nij Akt." [Accusatory Act] Supplement to Znameni Trud No. 30, 12 pp.	undated
b. 1, f. 9	"Vesti o Babuske." [News about "Grandmother"]. Za Narod [For the People], no. 43, 16 pp.	1911 October
b. 1, f. 9	"Vosmidesjatiletije E. K. Bresko-Breskovskoj." [80 th Birthday of Breshko-Breshkovskaia]. Dni[Days], no. 370.	1924 January 26
b. 1, f. 10	Extract from Memoirs. Dni [Days], Berlin, 5 pp.	1924 January 20
b. 1, f. 10	From My Reminiscences: How I met the Grand Revolution. 12 pp.	
b. 1, f. 10	Manuscript dictated by "Grandmother" to A. P. Toporkov. 58 pp.	1918
b. 1, f. 10	My Stay in Russia from 1896-1903. 10 pp.	

## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Subjects**

Women  
Women revolutionaries -- Soviet Union

### **Geographic Names**

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

### **Names**

Breshko-Breshkovskāia, Ekaterina  
Konstantinovna, 1844-1934