

# GUNSADZE FAMILY.

## Gunsadze family papers, 1912-1924

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**Title:** Gunsadze family papers, 1912-1924  
**Call Number:** Manuscript Collection No. 873  
**Extent:** 3 linear feet (4 boxes), 1 oversized papers box (OP)  
**Abstract:** Papers of the Gunsadze family of Russia from 1912-1924, including correspondence, family photographs, journals, and military records.  
**Language:** Materials mostly in Russian.

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## Collection Description

### Biographical Note

David Constantine Gunsadze (1861-1924) was born in the village of Kvaleti near Kutasisi, the capitol of Imeretia in Western Georgia. He entered service in 1877, by 1912, he was given command of the 97th Lifland Infantry Regiment. During World War I, he took command of the 67th Infantry Division in April of 1915, the 53rd Infantry Division in August of 1915, and the 43rd Army Corps in October of 1917. In November of 1917 he was given temporary command of the 12th Army. After forty years of military service, Gunsadze retired in December of 1917. He then joined his family in Odessa and they soon moved to the Caucasus region in Southern Russia. Here he joined the White Army and was designated to command a special brigade of the Astrachan Army Group. After the fall of Crimea to the Red Army in 1920, Gunsadze departed Russia and emigrated to Croatia, Yugoslavia.

He married Olga Makarovna Kotliarevsky and their children were Eugene (b. 1893), Vladimir (b. 1895), Constantine (b. 1897), Margarita (b. 1899), Nina (b. 1903), Tamara (b. 1905), and Ruthina (b. 1907).

### Scope and Content Note

The collection contains the papers of Gunsadze family of Russia from 1912-1924. The papers include correspondence, family photographs, journals, and military records. The journals of David Constantine Gunsadze detail his personal military experiences during World War I. The journals discuss his command of the 97th Lifland Regiment during the Battle of Gumbinene in July-August 1914, on the East Prussian Front; the Warsaw front in 1915; the defense of Dvinsk in 1915; the Austrian front in 1916; the Riga front in 1917; and the fall of Crimea in 1920.

### Arrangement Note

Arranged by record type.

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## Container List

### Biographical

Box	Folder	Content
1	1	"Sketches of the Gunsadze/Gunsard family, 1861-2000: From Imperial Russia to Modern America," by Stephen P. Strickland
1	2	David Constantine Gunsadze: Military records, original and translation
1	3	Printed material relating to military service medals

### Journals of David Constantine Gunsadze (in Russian)

1	4	Journal 1
1	5	Journal 2
1	6	Journal 3
1	7	Journal 5
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### Letters

2	1	Letter to the chairman of the Judicial Military Commission from General Gunsadze regarding case of Col. Gontaroff, July 1919
2	2	Letters relating to Eugene Gunsadze's teaching in Constantinople, 1923
2	3	Letters to Eugene Gunsadze from the Disaster Relief Committee for Russian Refugees regarding assistance in obtaining a visa, 1923
2	4	Letter to Eugene Gunsadze from Lt. Gen. Epanchin, former commander of the 3rd Army regarding General Gunsadze accomplishments as commander of the Lifyandsky Regiment, November 3, 1937

### Photographs: Family

2	5	David Constantine Gunsadze, [ca. 1915]
2	6	David Constantine Gunsadze, group photo of 53rd Division, [ca. 1916-1917]
2	7	David Constantine Gunsadze, reviewing the 53rd Division, near Kvinsk [includes Mme. Gunsadze and daughter Nina], January 1917
2	8	David Constantine Gunsadze, in exile in Croatia, [ca. 1920-1925]
2	9	David Constantine Gunsadze, reunion in Croatia, [ca. 1920-1925]
2	10	David Constantine Gunsadze, Croatia, 1925
2	11	Olga Makarovna Kotliarevsky Gunsadze, [ca. 1890s]
2	12	Olga Makarovna Kotliarevsky Gunsadze, [ca. 1907]
2	13	Olga and Antonina Kotliarevsky, [ca. 1890s]
2	14	Mme. Grigor Gunsadze, [David C. Gunsadze's mother], [ca. 1895]
2	15	Eugene D. Gunsadze, [ca. 1896]

- 2 16 Eugene D. Gunsadze, Ekaterina and Simeon Nicoulicheff and others at Hotel Kist, Sevastopol, Crimea, 1920
- 2 17 Eugene D. Gunsadze, teaching adult classes, [ca. 1921]
- 2 18 Eugene D. Gunsadze, images of boys school activities in Constantinople, [ca. 1920-1925]
- 2 19 Eugene D. Gunsadze, 1937
- 2 20 Margarita Davidovna Gunsadze, [ca. 1920s]
- 2 21 Nina Davidovna Gunsadze, [ca. 1920s]
- 2 22 Ruthina Davidovna Gunsadze, undated
- 2 23 Tamara Davidovna Gunsadze, 1926
- 2 24 Vladamire Gunsadze, war prisoner in Germany, 1916
- 2 25 Vladamire Gunsadze, grave near Kiev, sketch, undated

**Photographs: Ekaterina's family**

- 2 26 Joachim Semeon Nicoulicheff, ca. 1915 [father]
- 2 27 Ekaterina Akhimovna Nicoulicheff, [ca. 1902]
- 2 28 Ekaterina Akhimovna Nicoulicheff and nanny, [ca. 1908]
- 2 29 Ekaterina Akhimovna Nicoulicheff, 1922
- 2 30 Simeon Nicoulicheff, undated [brother]

**Photographs: Others**

- 2 31 Constantine Alekshevich Belash, 1922
- 2 32 Kola Kalinovsky, undated
- 2 33 Abraham V. Kozes, 1924

**Photographs: Places**

- 2 34 Village of Kudievtsy, Ukraine, September 1917
- 2 35 Constantinople, [ca. 1920s]

**Photographs: Military**

- 2 36 211 Nickolsky Regiment, 1914-1916
- 2 37 Regimental Headquarters, Kudievtsy, Ukraine, October 1917
- 2 38 Group of officers before leaving for the front, at Winter Officer's Club, 1917
- OP1 1 Unidentified group of officers

**Documents: David Constantine Gunsadze**

- 2 39 Identification papers as temporary commander of the 7th Army, 1917 [with photograph]
- 2 40 Card as Lt. General, [ca. 1917]
- 2 41 Assignment as Commander of the Volunteer Army, Astrachan Army, 1918
- 2 42 Telegram to General Gunsadze from Veliko Kniajesky, undated

- 2 43 Certification appointing General Gunsadze to the Memorial Commission honoring General Kornilov, December 1919
- 2 44 Travel papers of General Gunsadze, 1919
- 2 45 Order of General Denikin, signed by deputy to General Gunsadze to take care Russian military families, February 1920
- 2 46 Receipt for purchase of property in Crimea, September 1920
- 2 47 Request by David C. Gunsadze to go aboard Kronstat to meet with his family during evacuation of Crimea, November 1920
- 2 48 Membership certificate in the Russian Eagle, 1922
- 2 49 Certification of Membership in the Imperial Corps of Army and Navy in the Kingdom of Serbia and Croatia, 1924-1925
- 2 50 Scores for markmanship, [ca. 1920]
- 2 51 Score for guitar music, [ca. 1920-1925]

**Documents: Eugene Gunsadze**

- 2 52 Documents relating to his being wounded in action, 1920
- 2 53 Certification of Col. Gunsadze service in the White Army, March 1920
- 2 54 Permit to reside in Constantinople, November 1920
- 2 55 Documents relating to threats made by Bolshiviks toward him in Constantinople, August 1921
- 2 56 Rent receipt, December 1921
- 2 57 Membership cards in sports club, 1922
- 2 58 Membership card, Young Men's Christian Association, Constantinople, 1923
- 2 59 Momentos from trip to Budapest, 1923

**Documents: Ekaterina Akhimovna Nicoulicheff**

- 2 60 Contract as ballerina, 1922

**Sketches**

- 2 61 Eugene Gunsadze drawing of the insignia of the Kegsholm Regiment
- 2 62 Eugene Gunsadze sketches of the hut of the Battalion Commander and telephone center in the village of Ulgoroka, Lutsk County, Volyasky (state), 1917

**Printed material**

- 2 63 .25 Ruble bill
- 2 64 Printed portrait, Grand Duke Nikolai Nicholajevic (presented to Gunsadze with his 2nd St. George's Cross), March, 1915
- 2 65 Postcard, Grand Duke Kirill Vladimirovitch

**Medals, etc.**

- 3 1 Order of St. Vladimir [replica]
- 3 2 Order of St. George, breast medal

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| 3 | 3 | Order of St. George, two stars  |
| 3 | 4 | Order of St. Anne [replica]   |
| 3 | 5 | Order of St. Stanislaus [replica]   |
| 3 | 6 | Centennial medal of the War of 1812 [replica]   |
| 3 | 7 | Eugene Gunsadze medal for sports team at Moscow military academy, 1912;<br>Ekaterina Nicolicheva birth or christening cross, October 22, 1900; 3 religious<br>icons [all framed together] |
| 3 | 8 | Original insignia of the Lefland Regiment, framed drawing   |

**Art Objects**

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| OP1 | 2 | Russian religious icon: St George slaying the Dragon, 19th century |
| 4   | - | Russian art, undated   |
- Items in this box were donated by Steven Strickland, 2016.
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