

## Oleksander LOTOTS'KYI PAPERS 1896-1985

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### Summary Information

**Abstract:**

The collection consists of writings and bibliography of Oleksander Hnatovych Lotots'kyi (1870-1939), Ukrainian scholar, professor, civil and political leader. The collection also comprises the correspondence regarding publication of a book dedicated to Oleksander Lotots'kyi as well as writings about him.

**Physical description:**

0.25 lf (14 folders)

**Language(s):**

Ukrainian, Polish

### Arrangement

This collection is arranged in 3 series:

Series I: Correspondence, 1973-1981

Series II: Writings of Oleksander Lotots'kyi, 1896-1959

Series III: Materials about O. Lotots'kyi and Naukovyi Instytut u Varshavi, 1934-1985

### Scope and Contents

The bulk of the collection consists of correspondence of various people to Borys Hoshovs'kyi who was an editor of the book dedicated to Oleksander Lotots'kyi. The collection also comprises the works of O. Lotots'kyi as well as the materials about him by various authors.

**Biographical note:**

Oleksander Hnatovych Lotots'kyi (1870-1939), Ukrainian political and civil activist, scholar and professor, was born in the village of Bronnytsia near the city of Mohyliv in Podil guberny. In 1881, he enrolled into Kyiv Theological Academy and graduated in 1896. In 1896, became a member of Shevchenko Scientific Society in L'viv. Since 1900 he was a full member of the organization.

Since 1891, he led an active literary and scholar career. He was entailed to the publication of Gospel's translation as well as to full publication of Taras Shevchenko's *Kobzar* in 1907. He was a co-founder of the Vik publishing house. In 1899, he moved to Petersburg and lived in that city for almost 20 years. In 1900-1917, he was a functional of state control in Kyiv and Saint Petersburg. He was a secretary of Blahodiine tovarystvo vydannia zahal'nokorysnykh i deshevykh knyh. He was a member of the Society of Ukrainian Progressionists.

In 1917, he was a Russian inspector of the Bukovina and Pokuttia provinces. In the fall of 1917, he was a general scribe of the General Secretariat of Ukraine. In the beginning of 1918, he was a state inspector of the UNR. In 1918, he was appointed Minister of Religion.

During Directorate, as a Minister of Religion, he led to the proclamation of autocephaly of Ukrainian Orthodox Church on January 1, 1919. In 1919-1920, he was an ambassador of the UNR in Turkey.

In 1922 he moved to Prague, after brief stay in Bucharest and Vienna, and was appointed professor of Theological Law at the Ukrainian Free University in Prague. He was a founder and head of Respublikans'ko-demokratychnyi Klub and a member of Ukrains'ke istorychno-filolohichne tovarystvo.

In 1927-1930, he was a Minister of Home Affairs in the UNR government in exile. In 1929, he was invited to work at the history department at Warsaw University. In 1930-1938, he was a founder and director of the Ukrainian Scientific Institute in Warsaw. In the 1930s, he was invited to become a member of Warsaw Scientific Society.

Oleksander Lotots'kyi was in charge of the Committee at the Ukrainian Scientific Institute in Warsaw responsible for publishing of Taras Shevchenko's works in 14 volumes. Later those volumes were reprinted by the Mykola Denysiuk publishing house in Chicago.

Lotots'kyi wrote a memoir entitled "Storinky myhuloho" (The pages of the past) in three volumes. There is a fourth volume of his memoir called *U Tsarhorodi (In Istanbul)*. He also wrote many books for children, including an ABC for children entitled "Vinok".

On October 22, 1939, the German bomb hit the fourth floor of the building where Oleksander Lotots'kyi lived. He started to save his archives and library by moving them to the basement from his apartment. While doing so, he caught a cold and later was diagnosed with pneumonia.

He died in the hospital in 1939 in Warsaw.

### **Description**

This collection is organized into 3 series. Series I: Correspondence consists of letters regarding a book dedicated to Oleksander Lotots'kyi. Series II: Writings of Oleksander Lotots'kyi contain three works by Oleksander Lotots'kyi. Series III: Materials about Oleksander Lotots'kyi and Naukovyi Instytut u Varshavi comprise writings about Oleksander Lotots'kyi by Borys Lotots'kyi, his son and Roman Smal-Stost'kyi, his co-worker in Warsaw. The series also contain Lotots'kyi's bibliography and some notes regarding Oksana Tokazhevs'ka Karashevych, O. Lotots'kyi's daughter.

### **Using the Collection**

#### **Access Restrictions**

This collection has no restrictions.

#### **Restrictions on Use**

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### **Provenance and Acquisition**

Gift of Bohdan Hoshovs'kyi from Toronto, in 1985.

## **Subject Headings**

The subject headings listed below are found in this collection. The collection indexed in the Shevchenko Scientific Society library subject catalog by the following subjects:

Church – Orthodox – Autocephalous

History, 1917-1921

## **About the Finding Aid / Processing Information**

### **Processing Information**

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## CONTAINER LIST

### Series I: Correspondence, 1973-1981

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### Series II: Writings of O. Lotots'kyi, 1896-1959

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