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### Biography

Born in Kovno, Lithuania, Russia 1869, died in Toronto, Canada 1940; anarchist propagandist, writer and editor; emigrated to the USA in 1885; after the Haymarket tragedy in Chicago 1886 active in the anarchist movement; lifelong comrade of Alexander Berkman; her many political friends in the USA included Johann Most, Max Baginski and Ben L. Reitman; as an orator and writer she became the most well-known anarchist in the USA, propagating anarchist views as well as birth control and women's rights; involved in the Free Speech Movement; founder and editor of the libertarian-cultural review *Mother Earth* 1906-1917; assisted at the International Anarchist Congress in 1907; imprisoned for antiwar propaganda in 1917 and deported to Russia in 1919; disillusioned about the revolution, she left Russia in 1921; in exile in Germany, England, France, she undertook lecture tours in Europe, the USA and Canada; as the official representative of the Solidaridad Internacional Antifascista (SIA) in London she vigorously rallied support in England for the Spanish libertarian movement during the Spanish Civil War; visited Spain several times; wrote many pamphlets, essays and several books including her memoirs 'Living my life', published in 1931.

### Content

Papers mainly from the period 1922-1939. Extensive correspondence with her niece Stella Ballantine 1917-1925, 1928, 1931, 1933-1938, with Alexander Berkman 1903-1904, 1907, 1912, 1924-1936, with the American anarchist W.S. Van Valkenburgh 1916-1919, 1924-1938 and with her friend Frank G. Heiner 1934-1936; correspondence with Henry G. Alsberg 1924-1935, Angelica Balabanoff 1925-1926, 1931-1936, 1939, Roger Baldwin 1922-1938, Michael Cohn 1925-1933, 1936-1937, Emily Holmes Coleman 1925, 1928-1935, 1938, Saxe Commins 1923-1939, C.W. Daniel Company Ltd. 1926-1938, Emmy Eckstein 1929, 1931-1939, Havelock Ellis 1924-1925, 1937, Senya Fléchine (Fleshin) and Mollie Steimer 1924-1925, 1927-1928, 1930-1932, 1935-1939, Frank and Nellie Harris 1919, 1923-1932, 1936, 1938, Joseph Ishill 1926-1935, Ellen A. Kennan 1912-1919, 1922-1931, Max Nettlau 1907, 1922-1939, Ben L. Reitman 1909, 1912, 1925-1937, 1939, Rudolf Rocker 1925, 1927-1938, Arthur L. Ross 1924, 1927-1938, Alexander Schapiro 1924-1925, 1928, 1933, 1936-1937, Evelyn Scott 1925-1929, 1931-1938, Agnes Smedley 1924-1927, 1929, 1934, Harry Weinberger 1917, 1923-1924, 1927-1928, 1931, 1935-1939, Rebecca West 1924-1925, 1928, 1937-1938 and others; files of correspondence from the period of the Spanish Civil War with the Confederación Nacional del Trabajo (CNT), the Federación Anarquista Ibérica (FAI) and the SIA, including letters by Martin Gudell, Pedro Herrera, Lucía Sánchez Saornil, Augustin Souchy, Mariano Vázquez, and some circulars, reports, bulletins and copies of articles 1936-1939; files of correspondence with members of the English Section of the SIA, including its treasurer Ethel Mannin and with Helmut Rüdiger, one of the secretaries of the International Working Men's Association (IWMA) 1933, 1935, 1937-1939; part of the manuscript of 'My Disillusionment in Russia' 1923; other published and unpublished manuscripts, notes for lectures and typescripts of articles by other authors on anarchism, the political situation in Europe, social topics, literature and drama, the position of women, birth control and sexuality; press clippings. NB. The papers are included in the microfilm publication 'The Emma Goldman Papers'.

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