

Scrapbook journal kept by Buchanan-Smart





Grand Duchess  
*Anastasia*

THE TWO MISSING CHILDREN.



Три сироты  
Нахранили маме

Дарюшич  
*Alexis*



THE FIRST 'OFFICIAL' CROSS (NOW AT  
SIDE)  
INSRIPTION





THE NEW CROSS  
23 STEPS AS PER DOWN TO CELLAR



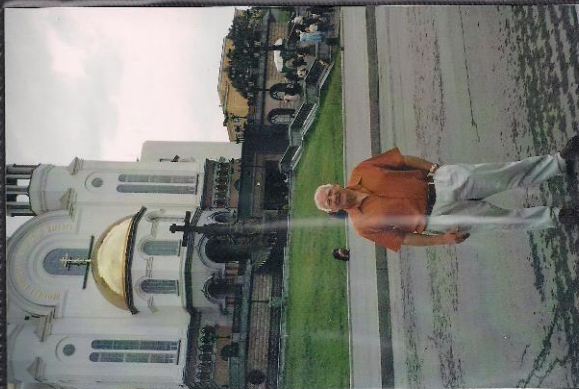


### 'CATHEDRAL ON THE BLOOD'

Ipatiev House was demolished in 1971 by Yeltsin, under order from Central Soviet Communist Government, due to the house becoming a Pilgrimage to the 'Tzar and Family'. It became a car park with a simple 'Cross' erected. After 'Glasnot and Parastroika', in 1998 the Church erected over three years, their beautiful 'Cathedral on the Blood' in memory. The lower floor is covered in black marble with red spots to reflect the blood, and the 'Callar' is all red marble to show all the blood spilt. There are many beautiful Gold and Coloured Icons. The new large Cross and 'Family' outside has 23 steps. Very emotional. I lit candle and promised Nicholas and Alexandra I would find the missing children and return them to the family. (Asked for sign - 30 Bells rang!)



FIRST VISIT -- HAPPY OUTSIDE  
(EMOTIONAL/DIFFICULT INSIDE) | LADY GUIDE GAVE ME ION





ENTRANCE 'BARRIER'

↓ PIGLET MEADOW (GAS PIPE OVER SWAMP AREA) ↑

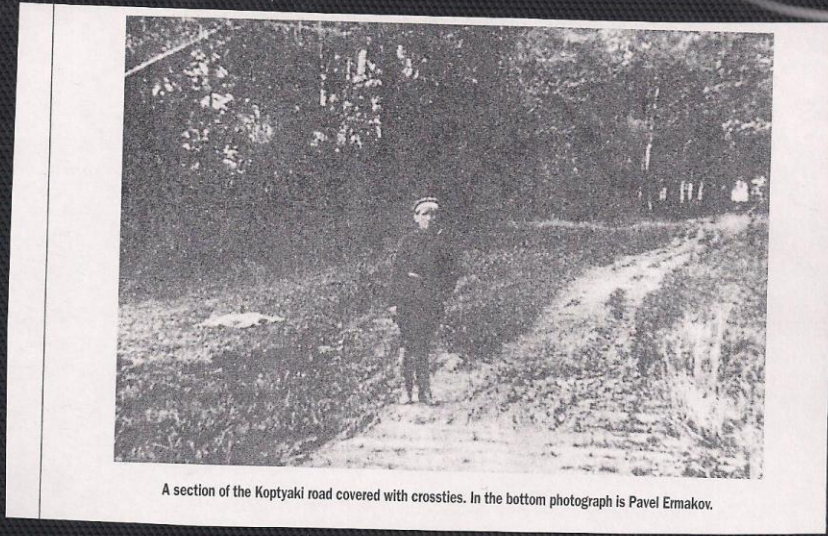




A SPECIAL PRAYER (CANDLE KIT) ↑  
↓ A SPECIAL MOMENT







A section of the Koptyaki road covered with cross-ties. In the bottom photograph is Pavel Ermakov.

ONE OF THE CLUES - ERMAKOV BOASTING ↑  
↓ (HE WAS DRUNK AND) /BLAGGARD/ LIAR!) (NOT!!!)





ELGA MADE CROSS - I WANT 'THE CHILDREN'.  
SMALL SEMAPHORE WITH WATER (FORGET-ME-NOT FLOWER) ON LEFT OF HAT





THREE CANDLES NEXT DAY (LIT WITH MATCH)  
(-WOOD)

### 'HOTEL / MEETING'

Reread [redacted] - there it was!

[redacted]! Paced out - correct!  
Avdonin had called the Hotel on the Saturday - I called Monday - he fall/not well. Not meet until Thursday with Gregoriy - Scientist translator and Romanov expert. In hotel room - what evidence? Asked them to explain their version - they said [redacted] Me NIET NIET NIET! All missed [redacted] (they laugh) What [redacted] Huh! [redacted] I quoted [redacted] faces of realization! Avdonin wanted to go to my 'place' at 0430 in the morning! Not but 0830 re Gregoriy too old! (75/9?)

## 'THE FINAL CHAPTER'

We went next day as they now believe. Cancel all others explorations and start here on ?(known)? when expert team together. (I believe they had decided that last night!) Gregoriy said "these plants often grow' on open graves". (stinging nettles and slightly taller 'plants' than surrounding area) And, 30 paces to another spot - Alexei here? Avdonin removed candles, crosses and all traces, and Gregoriy marked nearby tree. Then to seat by 'Monument' for more banter / discussions (tested me more with wrong information that I had to correct?) and they presented me with signed copies of their books. (Avdonin wanted my Bykov book - NIET! Then Back to hotel for celebration of Vodka & caviar at MY (ENGLISH SIR!) expense! This is Avdonin's destiny - he started it now he can finish it. Only Russians should exhume Russian Saints - NOT AN ENGLISH MADMAN!

PHOTO AT HIS GRAVE OF '9' ROMANOV'S + 4 SERVANTS

↓ NICHOLAS, ALEXANDRA AND THREE DAUGHTERS





ALEXANDRE ANDONIN AND ME - GRAVE OF THE CHILDREN ↑  
↓ GREGORY ZAITSEV AND ME (HE IS LONELY OLD MAN - 29 YEARS OLD)





HAPPY TIME - RELIEF AT LAST - FOUND. ↑  
↓ PRESENTED ME WITH SIGNED BOOKS HERE - THEN  
BACK TO HOTEL FOR VODKA CELEBRATION!!!

**'TO RUSSIA WITH LOVE'**

TWO CHILDREN MISSING IN KOPTIAKI WOOD  
PIGLET'S MEADOW  
TO BE REUNITED WITH THEIR FAMILY  
IN ST. PETERSBURG - SOON.

MISSION SUCCESSFUL!

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WEDDING 'VISIT' TO CATHEDRAL ON THE BLOOD ↑  
 ↓ HOTEL - EXAMINING CORE SAMPLES    LOAM    PEBBLE  
    ASH    & TOOTH??  
    CLAY

