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On April 30, 1818, a train transporting the imperial family arrived at the Ekaterinburg station. The prisoners were handed-over to representatives of the Ural Regional Council. On the right side, this image depicts Nicholas II; Alexandra; their daughter, Maria; P.V. Guzakov; and V. Yakovlev. The people who will keep the Romanovs prisoners are, from left-to-right: A.D. Avdeev (first commandant of the "House of Special Purpose"); F. Goloshchekin; A. Beloborodov (chairman of the Ural Regional Council); and B.B. Didkovskij. Online via 1723, a Russian-language website.

Once he gave up the throne, Nicholas was no longer Tsar. When he was no longer Tsar, his family was under house arrest in their own home.

<u>Nicholas</u>, as <u>prisoner</u>, was a beleaguered man. The strain of defeat, humiliation and concern for his family began to show on his face.

It wasn't long before the Romanov family was <u>forced to leave</u> their <u>beloved palace</u> at Tsarskoe Selo. They were no longer free to go to <u>Peterhof</u> (the <u>stunning</u> summer <u>palace</u> with <u>dozens</u> of <u>gold fountains</u> and a <u>canal to the sea</u>), where most of the children had been <u>born</u>. Instead, they were exiled: first <u>to Tobolsk</u> (where they lived in the <u>Governor's home</u> and Nicholas and <u>Alexei</u> cut <u>their own wood</u>); then to <u>Yekaterinburg</u> (also spelled Ekaterinburg), a Siberian town near the Ural Mountains, 850 miles east of Moscow.

The Tsar was supposed to stand trial in Moscow. He never got there.

Life for the <u>children in exile</u> was much different from <u>the life</u> they had led as <u>youngsters</u> at the imperial court. Gone were the <u>spacious rooms for rest</u> and <u>leisure</u>. Long gone were the <u>carefree days</u> of being young.

Nicholas no longer <u>wore</u> the <u>trappings</u> of royalty. Alexandra had no further need of her beautiful <u>court dresses</u> and imperial <u>jewels</u>. The family no longer had access to their beloved Russian icons and no longer sent invitations to other royals for costume balls.

The pace of life had slowed for the Romanovs as they settled into the <u>double-pallisade</u>-guarded <u>lpatiev House</u> in <u>Ekaterinburg</u>. It would be their last home. (Pay close attention to the small window on the lower level. You will soon learn what happened inside that room.)

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Palace at Tsarskoe Selo

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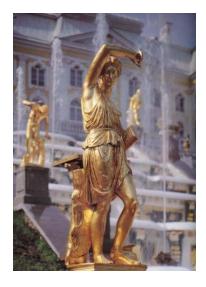


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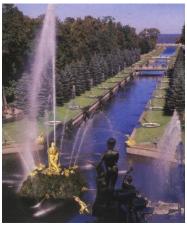
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Map Depicting Tobolsk

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Tobolsk

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<u>Tobolsk - Governor's Home</u>

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Photo: Alexei

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Photo: Nicholas II and Alexei Cutting Wood

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Romanov Children after Abdication

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