HOUSE ARREST



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After Tsar Nicholas II abdicated, the Bolsheviks placed him and his family under house arrest. This image, from the Romanov Collection at Yale University's Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, depicts Tsarevich Alexei (the former heir) and his father (the former Tsar) cutting wood at their exiled residence in Tobolsk (during 1917). Online via Wikimedia Commons.

Once he gave up the throne, Nicholas was no longer Tsar. When he was no longer Tsar, his family was <u>under house arrest</u> 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>PeterhofPeterhof</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 born.

Instead, they were exiled: first to <u>Tobolsk</u>; (where they lived in the <u>Governor's home</u> and Nicholas and <u>Alexei</u> cut their <u>own wood</u>); then to Yekaterinburg (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 arrived.

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 $\underline{\text{wore}}$ the $\underline{\text{trappings}}$ of royalty. Alexandra had no further need of her beautiful $\underline{\text{court dresses}}$ and imperial $\underline{\text{jewels}}$.

The family no longer had access to their beloved <u>Russian icons</u> and no longer sent invitations to other royals for costume balls. Costume balls, of course, were now a thing of the past.

The pace of life had slowed, considerably, 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.

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Nicholas II - Under House Arrest

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Palace at Tsarskoe Selo

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Peterhof

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Peterhof - Aerial View of the Palace and Grounds

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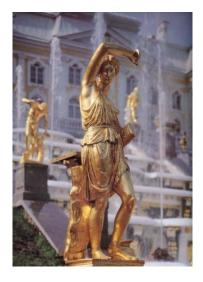


Peterhof - Dozens of Fountains

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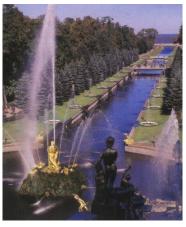
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Tobolsk - View of the City

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Tobolsk - Governor's Home

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Alexei

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Nicholas and Alexei - Cutting Wood

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Romanov Children in Exile

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Romanov Children - When They Were Younger

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Nicholas and Alexandra - Trappings of Royalty

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Ipatiev House

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Impatiev House - Double-Pallisade

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<u>Ipatiev House - Scene of Romanov Execution</u>

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