The Life & Death of Anastasia Romanov

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Burial, Imposters, Eventual excavation, & Canonization into the ROC
Anastasia Nikolaevna Romanov

Анастасия Николаевна Романова (June 18 [O.S. June 5] 1901 – July 17, 1918)

- Daughter of Tsar Nicholas II and Tsarina Alexandra Feodorovna, Анастасия (Аннастасия)
- Elder sister of Tsarevich Alexei and younger sister of Olga, Tatiana, and Maria
- Grand Duchess, великая княжна (Velikaya knyazhna). Would have eventually become a великая княгиня (velikaya knyaginya)
- Ineligible for the throne due to the Pauline Laws of 1797, which were enacted during the brief reign of Paul I of Russia (r. 1796–1801)
- Her birth was seen as yet another failure of her mother, Tsarina Alexandra Feodorovna
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- Grew up during a very tumultuous time in Russia
- Birth of the sickly Tsarevich Alexei, 1904
  - Family were carriers of hemophilia, like much of European royalty
- Russo-Japanese War, 1904-1905
- Bloody Sunday, 1905
- Introduction of the “holy man” (старец, starets or юродство, yurodstvo or even хлысты, khlysty) Grigori Rasputin, 1907
- World War I, 1914-1918
- Murder of Rasputin, 1916
Execution of the Romanov Family

- Following the Russian Revolution, the family was placed under house arrest at Tsarskoye Selo, St. Petersburg.
- Nicholas II abdicated the Russian throne on March 15, 1917.
- Alexander Kerensky, then the Minister of Justice of the Russian Provisional Government (only formed on March 2, 1917), had the family moved to Tobolsk, Siberia due to the increasing military threat of the Bolsheviks during the Russian Civil War.
  - This marks the shift from Russia’s involvement in WWI to focusing on their own brewing civil war.
  - Bolshevik Revolution of October 1917, family is now under their control.
- The family was moved to their final destination on April 30, 1918— the Ipatiev House in Yekaterinburg.
Tsarskoye Selo (Tsar’s Village), St. Petersburg
Ipatiev House (The House of Special Purpose), 1928
Ipatiev House (The House of Special Purpose)
Church on Blood in Honour of All Saints Resplendent in the Russian Land, Yekaterinburg
The night of July 16 to the morning of July 17, 1918
The Romanovs were led into the basement of the Ipatiev House and told to wait
Several minutes later, the guards came back and informed the family they were going to be executed
Nicholas only had time to say “What?” (Что? Chto?) before a volley of bullets began
All of the family was shot and then stabbed with bayonets due to the crown jewels and precious stones that were sewn into the women’s corsets
The bodies were carried out and taken to Ganina Yama (Ганина Яма), a 9 ft. deep mine shaft ~9 miles away from Yekaterinburg
They were dumped and then had acid poured on them
Reports of Alexei’s spaniel Joy also dying
Their remains were eventually buried in a wooded area outside Yekaterinburg
Imposters

Anastasia Romanov

B. June 18, 1901, Peterhof, St. Petersburg, Russia

D. July 17, 1918, Ipatiev House, Yekaterinburg, Russian SFSR

Anna Anderson

B. Dec. 16, 1896, modern-day Poland

D. Feb. 12, 1984, Charlottesville, Virginia, USA
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Answers

Executed by the order of the Ural Regional Soviet (Bolsheviks) alongside the rest of her family

They posed a threat to the Bolsheviks, who were still on unsteady ground due to the ongoing civil war + the Whites were moving ever closer to Yekaterinburg

Of course they wanted to get rid of them. Additional connection between the Tsar & God in the ROC. Execution order carried out by Bolshevik Yakov Yurovsky

She or possibly her sister Maria were buried with their brother Alexei. The executioners did their best to make sure the bodies weren’t found. “Yurovsky Note,” 1991, 1998, 2000, 2007.

For more information, please see here & here.