

Moriah. N.Y. July 21<sup>st</sup> 1928

We're all so happy  
together here but  
miss you both more than I  
can say. I have derived  
such a beautiful spirit  
of co-operation & univer-  
sal sympathy & we can  
never be grateful enough  
that we were able to join  
the Colony. Mr. Sutro &  
I send greetings and  
are looking forward to  
your return cordially.  
Florentine S. Sutro

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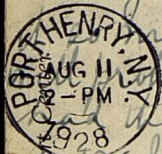
Prof & Mrs. Nicholas Roehrich  
Villa Hillside  
Darjeeling  
British India



THE MESSENGER

*Roerich Museum, New York*

Aug 11<sup>th</sup>



# ~~Post Card~~



As you see we are still here & like  
much that ~~probably stay~~ ~~all day~~ ~~the~~  
the most delightful time  
I can remember & it's been  
restful. I'm storing up  
Energy for next winter.  
Of course we speak of you & Mrs.  
every day & are following all  
your movements with keen inter-  
est. Your "in route" postal arrived  
yesterday - Mr. S. & send love to Prof.  
Mrs. Rockrich - Mrs. Lichtman -  
You. Cordially yours Florence S. Lurie

Grant  
Prof Rockrich  
Villa Hillside  
Darjeeling  
British India

Corona Mundi, International  
A.K. Carter





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March 4<sup>th</sup> 1929

My dear Prof. Roehrich

I cannot let this opportunity pass without sending you a word of greeting with Miss Lichtman, & to tell you how delighted we are that you are coming back to us. We have all missed you very much in spite of the able representatives you have here in America, who have all grown very dear to us. I am reading "Genghis Khan, The Emperor of all Men" by Harold Lamb. I wonder whether his descriptions cover the country you have been through - and its history - There are some very graphic and



interesting illustrations in the book.  
We are looking forward to your new  
book which Miss Grant tells me is to  
appear in a few weeks. I know it will  
be an Epoch making volume. It could  
not be anything else. I am so sorry Madame  
Roehrich will not be coming with you, but  
I hope that in another year she will also  
come back. I am looking forward to the  
time. To-day is Inauguration Day  
& we have a new President. We followed  
the exercises over the Radio & felt al-  
most as if we had been present in  
Washington.

Mr. Luth joins me in sending best  
regards to you, Madame Roehrich & the  
boys. Au Revoir. Cordially yours

Florentine S. Luth



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Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> 1931

My dear Prof. Roerich.

I was very much pleased and touched by your letter brought to me by Miss Lichtman. Your philosophy of life is so comforting & I have placed myself in that attitude. He had a beautiful summer in Hawaii & I have never known my husband to be so happy as he was on that whole trip - Five days after our return still in excellent spirits - he died suddenly. Just as he had always hoped and



and wished - and therefore I am  
consoled even though a partner-  
ship of 45 years leaves the surviving  
member - somewhat lonely -

There was a beautiful memorial  
service at the Ethical Society  
last night at which about 300  
of his friends were present & the  
beautiful sentiments expressed  
by those who spoke from the  
platform - including Felix  
Adler who knew us both from  
childhood and our parents  
before us, were a great solace  
to me - Lionel loved people



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and they loved him and I shall try to carry on in his spirit.

I am so sorry to hear that Madame Roerich is such a sufferer - I know what it must mean to you and the boys - But here again your philosophy will help you all to bear the trial -

Thank you again for your sympathetic words & believe me with greetings to Madame Roerich & you



sons

Cordially yours

Florentine S. Lutho



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Moriah. N.Y. July 30<sup>th</sup> 1932

My dear Prof. Rverich.

By the above you will see that I am again in Moriah where Mrs. Lichtman & I are having a beautiful visit with Mrs. Horsh. Moriah has so many pleasant memories, that I love to live them over again, even though I am without my helpmate, who is always with me in spirit even though not in the flesh. I keep in constant touch with you & Madame Rverich through the Horsh's, Lichtman's & Miss Grant, and also with the 'affairs of the Museum' which are gradually shaping themselves, & we all feel that ~~it~~ we will win the battle & emerge in triumph. I read enclosed article in "The Times" yesterday. You no doubt know all about this, but I know will be



pleased to realize that there is enough public interest that such an article should be published in a daily paper.

I am living alone now with a maid, in a very comfortable apartment overlooking Central Park at 72<sup>nd</sup> St. & can see the sun rise from my front terrace & the sun set from my rear windows. I keep myself exceedingly busy & lead a very full life, continuing my own numerous activities with the addition of many that Lionel was interested in. On Aug 1<sup>st</sup> I go to Williamstown to attend the sessions of the Inst. of Politics to learn more of world affairs than the newspapers send us -

My heartiest greetings to you & Indue. Roerich as well as your sons from

Cordially yours

Florence S. Lurie





## ROERICH MUSEUM

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Office of the Campaign Committees

May 4, 1933.

Professor Nicholas de Roerich,  
Naggar, Kulu,  
Punjab, British India.

My dear Professor de Roerich:

I suppose you have already received the report about our Art Auction which our committee arranged recently, and which was a very fine success. As we are planning another auction around next Christmas time, we would deeply appreciate it if you would be so kind as to give us some suggestions in regard to it.

Our Auction has been entirely based upon the donations from the artists, art collectors and friends of our Institution, who have been very gracious and generous indeed. Thus far we have not made so much, but we felt that we have made a good start by having clear proceeds of \$170, which we are donating to the Educational Fund of the Roerich Museum of which I am chairman.

Your guidance in this matter as well as in all our actions is looked upon by the members of my committee with most intense interest, and it is the aim of this committee to follow faithfully any advise you may give us on this subject.

I am sending you my very best personal greetings, and remain,

Most cordially yours,

Hendine S. Sutro



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February 17, 1936.

My dear Professor and Madam Roerich,

At last the Album has arrived and it is beautiful. I am deeply grateful to you for it.

I wish it were possible for you to come to New York because we need you so badly, but I understand that while that might not be feasible at the moment, your friends are doing everything in their power to help your cause. That the trial has been postponed until April is a good sign because it will give more time for obtaining important data. As soon as I can get sufficient evidence, I intend to sue Horch personally for the \$5,000.00 which I loaned him on his word of honor, and for which he made himself liable verbally. I did not realize at the time that he did not put his own signature on the note but stamped it with all other organizations connected and my lawyer says that does not make him personally liable. However, I am still pursuing the subject and we will surely be able to find a point of attack somewhere. You probably know that I was able to hold up a statement in the Times for a day until Mr. Sulzberger, the owner, was able to hear both sides of the question. Horch had seen him shortly before and had apparently convinced him that he was an angel and that everybody else was dishonest. I am glad to say I was able to change Mr. Sulzberger's mind. The <sup>news</sup> papers naturally are non-committal, but are very open-minded in their reports.



I suppose it is cold in the mountains where you are, but the weather here, as you may have heard, is so execrable that it is very well to be away from New York.

I hope you, ~~Madam~~ Madam Roerich, are feeling better. With kindest regards to your sons and yourselves and again with many thanks for the Album, I am

Cordially yours,

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June 21, 1938

My dear Professor and Madam Roerich,

Your letter of June 4th reached me this morning and I know I have been derelict in not answering your last letter, but I know that Sina writes you such full details that whatever I would say, would be repetition and I know that you understand when I do not write to you it is because I am very busy with many other matters.

I am enclosing a little editorial which appeared in last night's World-Telegram which I know will amuse you. Apparently other people are becoming wise to the matter that Ernst is not a little God. I have a feeling that it will not be long before Horch will meet his Waterloo, because as Sina has probably written you, the new Receiver who was appointed by Judge Rosenman, who is a friend of Ernst's, does not seem to be working in Ernst's favor, but seems to be unearthing some of Horch's dishonesties and naturally I am hoping that the débâcle will come soon.

I suppose you occasionally hear about the progress of the World's Fair in Long Island. They are going on at a very rapid pace and according to the plans it will probably be the most beautiful exposition ever held. It is now proposed to build a Temple of Religions by private enterprise and subscriptions. I am on the Committee and very much interested, but it was started as a more or less sectarian project. I think you know how I feel about that. In my heart I am truly religious as you are, but my religion is spiritual and my conscience is my God. I have tried to bring this thought to the originators and I believe they are beginning



to understand. The Temple will have no sectarian worship of any kind, but will be a haven of rest, peace and meditation. There is to be an organ with beautiful music, fine choruses, etc. It is to be surrounded by a garden with beautiful flowers and trees which must engender a spiritual feeling of reverence. I am in hopes that that ideal will be carried out. If not, I naturally will lose interest and so will many other people, but I have had the assurance of the heads that they understand that there are many people who feel as I do.

The peace organization upon which I spent so much time and money and gave so much of myself, has not turned out as I had hoped and so I have resigned as Chairman and left it in the hands of other people. I hope they will carry on satisfactorily. Of course I am as much interested in peace as I always was and there has been no dissention in our midst, only the Board was depending too much upon me and that is bad for any organization, so I retired and gave someone else a chance. Our old people's home goes on as always, with improvements all the time and our Board is now realizing that a home for well old people is not needed as much as a hospital for chronic invalids. You know we have old age pension for people over 65, and unless they want the companionship of other people, they do not care to go into a home, so we are rather outliving our usefulness in that direction, but we are considering building a hospital for chronic invalids over 65, so that is another activity.

My daughter is in Europe. I believe Sina must have written you that her husband died last September and as she had a very hard and sad year, I am glad she has gotten away from her responsibilities and as her daughter is married and her son is quite independent, she does not have to worry about them and she and her niece have thrown all care aside and have taken their car and are motoring around Europe. So far they have been in Holland, Belgium and France. They are making no special plans, but going just where and when the spirit moves them.



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So far I have made no summer plans and I will probably stay in New York as I did last year. It is hot everywhere, and my apartment is as cool as any other place and I am comfortable here.

I am still interested in the National Board of Review of Motion Pictures and go several times a week to previews. I regret to say that most of the pictures are not worth seeing and I am usually very much bored, but I have been on the Board for the last thirty years I feel a sort of loyalty towards it.

Sina probably told you that I have two paintings of Svedig's, which she was anxious to get out of her place for fear they might spoil. They are very beautiful and everyone admires them.

My next appointment is awaiting me, so I will have to stop. This letter sounds very personal but you get all the news concerning the controversy, so I thought you might like to know something about my doings, as I am always interested in yours.

With my very best wishes to you both and your sons, I am

Cordially yours,

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Sept. 19, 1938

My dear Professor Roerich,

Your letter came this week and I am answering it promptly because if I delay I won't get to my desk to answer it later. I also received a letter from Madam Roerich and I am not sure whether I answered it or not. However, if I did not, will you tell her how pleased I was to hear from her, because it is so rare to get a letter from her and I am doubly appreciative.

I am so sorry to hear that neither of you are well and I realize how difficult it would be for you to go elsewhere, though sometimes a change is beneficial. I spent the entire summer in New York, with the exception of two or three days, when I went up to see Dorothy Gordon in New Hampshire. It was terrifically hot as you know, but I managed to survive it and am none-the-worse for it. My daughter, who spent the summer in Europe, has returned and is spending three weeks with me while she is getting her apartment to rights, as she rented a new one for this fall. She did not see much disturbance while she was in Europe, though our papers give very exciting reports of the happenings, but what we have learned in the last two or three days of England and France's position, in asking Czechoslovakia to cede to Hitler is too horrible. Chamberlain has certainly sold out Czechoslovakia. That is a great trick of Britain to save their own hide no matter at whose expense. I have no idea what America's position will be in this terrible crisis, and while I see no reason why we should enter into the conflict, one never can tell what may be involved. The whole world is sitting on a volcano, whether



it is in personal affairs or in national and international affairs. The solution is so far away that one cannot prognosticate anything.

Sina writes you very fully of their doings and they are starting out very bravely. I have every hope that they will succeed. I saw their studio for the first time yesterday and it gives very good promise, and the little apartment she rented for herself and her mother is very bright and cheerful. I have no very great plans for the winter, but so many activities turn up all the time that my calendar is beginning to fill up very rapidly and before much time elapses, I will be in the midst of my activities as usual.

I wish I could write you more pleasant and encouraging news about the turn of events in the Museum matter, but everything is in status quo. My case against Horch is to be tried this coming month. Although I am absolutely in the right as you know, I have very little hope of winning the case because I suppose as usual politics will be involved, and I have no pull in that direction. However, I feel vindictive enough to wish to harass Horch and I hope it will give him a bad hour, which I know is not a very pious wish.

With kind regards to Madam Roerich and your sons, I am

Cordially yours,

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December 1, 1938

My dear Professor and Madam Roerich,

I have been wanting to write to you ever since I received your letter, but somehow New York is such a busy place that it really is difficult to get down to one's desk long enough to write a comprehensive letter. I wish I had some good news to tell you, but no doubt Sina has told you that the Court of Appeals has turned down the case without opinion and I do not know what can be done next. Yesterday there was a hearing before the State Tax Commissioner. I had contacted him before and told him that I did not think they were entitled to a refund on the taxation and asked him to let me know when the hearing would be held. It was held yesterday and I did not know about it until the evening before. I did manage to get hold of Sina and Frances and Mr. Fosdick. The other side had two lawyers there, one of them was Mr. Kramer whom you know, and the other, Mr. Shapiro, both representing Greenbaum, Wolff and Ernst. Of course, President Miller of the Tax Department gave no opinion. However, I called him up this morning and he was very amiable and cooperative, but he says he has nothing to do with the legal aspect and tells me he is making a thorough investigation of the rights which Horch claims he is entitled to. I cannot tell what the outcome of that will be. My own case has not yet come up, but it is on the calendar.

You have probably heard about the meeting which we had recently at the Art School in 57th Street and at which there were about twenty present. It was a very nice



sociable gathering.

I have had one or two copies of Flamma which is a very interesting publication and I want to thank you also for the review you sent me "Success", which is interesting and gives one "food for thought".

I spent two weeks with my daughter in her new apartment while mine was being repainted and redecorated, which has not been done in the seven years since I have been in my apartment, so it looks very fresh and nice now. We have had two very heavy snowstorms here within two days and the landscape in the park opposite my windows was really very beautiful, and now the snow is melting and dirty which is always the aftermath and is not so pleasant.

I think I have told you that I am at work on my second book, which is a continuation of the first and as I have so little time to devote to it, it is a slow process.

I am sorry that you are both not feeling well, and I can imagine that the worries you are having are the cause. I wish it were otherwise. There was a very nice couple here to see me - Peter Kerr and Mrs. Kerr, who are both studying art in Philadelphia. They came over to see your paintings which I have in my dining room and they were both very enthusiastic. They are members of the Philadelphia Roerich Society and naturally very much interested.

Our elections have come and gone and I am glad we have our Governor Lehman for the next four years. He is the best Governor we have ever had and so we hate to lose him.

The whole world is in such a turmoil now that it is difficult to be cheerful and I get daily appeals to give



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affidavits to Germans in distress. I have already given nineteen so far and most of them have come over to America penniless, so that is another obligation.

I am sorry this is such a cheerless letter, but that is the way the world moves.

My best greetings to you all.

Cordially yours,

*Florence S. Suto*

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