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THE PHOTOS OF SERGEY PROKUDIN-GORSKY

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Born in Murom, Russia (near Moscow), in 1863 and educated as a chemist, Sergei Mikhailovich Prokudin-Gorskii devoted his career to the advancement of photography. He studied with renowned scientists in St. Petersburg, Berlin, and Paris. His own original research yielded patents for producing color film slides and for projecting color motion pictures.

Around 1907, Prokudin-Gorskii envisioned and formulated a plan to use the emerging technological advancements that had been made in color photography to systematically document the Russian Empire. Through such an ambitious project, he intended to educate the school children of Russia with his "optical color projections" of the vast and diverse history, culture, and modernization of the Empire. Outfitted with a specially equipped railroad car-darkroom provided by Tsar Nicholas II, and in possession of two permits that granted him cooperation from the Empire's bureaucracy and access to restricted areas, Prokudin-Gorskii documented the Russian Empire from 1909 through 1915. He conducted many illustrated lectures of his work. His assistants are sometimes credited on prints seen in other collections.

Prokudin-Gorskii left Russia in 1918, after the Russian Revolution, and eventually settled in Paris where he died in 1944.

Go The library of Congress Website (www.LOC.gov) do a search for Prokudin-Gorsky. Look through the hundreds of photos that are provided. Find one that interests you. Copy and paste it into a Word document. Resize the photo to where it fills up only a small (1/5th) portion of the page.

If you don't have Internet access I have attached several of his images on the next page.

