
A Russian in Georgian England: an Anonymous still Unidentified

It is customary to trumpet one's discoveries rather than one's failures, but the confession of failure offered here is nonetheless intended as a sincere tribute to an outstanding scholar of eighteenth-century Russia and also as a challenge to Natal'ia Dmitrievna to provide the answer that has hitherto escaped me. Seventy years young, she has the time, the talent and the intuition to do so – and I trust she will, before she embarks on her own visit next year to the shores of never-foggy Albion.

It is over thirty years since I first found the reference to the *Putevye zapiski russkogo vo vremia puteshestviia po Anglii* (a) and was subsequently able to visit the Lenin Library to examine the notebook that contained them. (b) It is a diary, written in French, of a visit to England from 23 July, when the author left

(a) *Ukazatel' vospominanii, dnevnikov i putevykh zapisok XVIII-XIX vv.* (M., 1951), p. 174

(b) RGB, F. 183, Inostrannaia literatura, № 1673.