

### 1: Sarah Ferguson reveals how she really felt about Camilla missing Princess Eugenie's royal wedding

*The Duchess Disappeared has ratings and 4 reviews. Anne said: When the imperious Duke of Strathannock suddenly summons his eight-year-old, orphaned.*

Grand Duchess Anastasia in Grand Duchess Anastasia in a formal portrait taken in When Anastasia was born, her parents and extended family were disappointed that she was a girl. They hoped for a son who would be heir apparent to the throne. Tsar Nicholas II went for a long walk to compose himself before going to visit Tsarina Alexandra and the newborn Anastasia for the first time. Anastasia, known as "the breaker of chains" [5] because, in honor of her birth, her father pardoned and reinstated students who had been imprisoned for participating in riots in St. Petersburg and Moscow the previous winter. They slept on hard camp cots without pillows, except when they were ill, took cold baths in the morning, and were expected to tidy their rooms and do needlework to be sold at various charity events when they were not otherwise occupied. Most in the household, including the servants, generally called the Grand Duchess by her first name and patronym, Anastasia Nikolaevna, and did not use her title or style. She was occasionally called by the French version of her name, "Anastasia", or by the Russian nicknames "Nastya", "Nastas", or "Nastenka". Other family nicknames for Anastasia were "Malenkaya", meaning "little one" in Russian, [8] or "schwipsig", meaning "merry little one" [9] or "little mischief" [10] in German. Young Anastasia was a vivacious and energetic child, described as short and inclined to be chubby, with blue eyes [11] and strawberry-blonde hair. Gibbes, Gilliard, and ladies-in-waiting Lili Dehn and Anna Vyubova described Anastasia as lively, mischievous, and a gifted actress. Her sharp, witty remarks sometimes hit sensitive spots. As a child, she would climb trees and refuse to come down. Hallie Erminie Rives, a best-selling American author and wife of an American diplomat, described how year-old Anastasia ate chocolates without bothering to remove her long, white opera gloves at the St. The two girls shared a room, often wore variations of the same dress, and spent much of their time together. The four girls sometimes signed letters using the nickname OTMA, which was derived from the first letters of their first names. The Grand Duchess suffered from painful bunions, which affected both of her big toes. She hid under the bed or in a cupboard to put off the massage. Olga Alexandrovna said she believed all four of her nieces bled more than was normal and believed they were carriers of the hemophilia gene, like their mother. His mother and one sister, identified alternatively as Maria or Anastasia, were carriers. Therefore, had Anastasia lived to have children of her own, they might have been afflicted by the disease as well. Anastasia and her siblings were taught to view Rasputin as "Our Friend" and to share confidences with him. Anastasia, her sisters and brother Alexei were all wearing their long white nightgowns. The Mother of God was always occupied with flowers and needlework. Nicholas asked Rasputin to avoid going to the nurseries in the future. She took her story to other members of the family. Tyutcheva said the children had been taught not to discuss Rasputin with her and were careful to hide his visits from the nursery staff. Vishnyakova said the empress refused to believe her account of the assault, and insisted that "everything Rasputin does is holy. You appeared to me today in a dream. I am always asking Mama when you will come I think of you always, my dear, because you are so good to me Mordvinov recalled that the young women were in a gloomy mood and seemed to sense the political upheaval that was about to be unleashed. The two teenagers, too young to become Red Cross nurses like their mother and elder sisters, played games of checkers and billiards with the soldiers and tried to lift their spirits. Felix Dassel, who was treated at the hospital and knew Anastasia, recalled that the grand duchess had a "laugh like a squirrel", and walked rapidly "as though she tripped along. There was a man who loved her without having seen her but knew her very well. And she heard of him also. He never could tell her that he loved her, and now she was dead. But still he thought that when he and she will live [their] next life whenever it will be that Letters from Demidova to Tegleva gave the instructions. I tried to get out, but was roughly pushed back into the carriage by the sentry. I came back to the window. Tatiana Nikolayevna came last carrying her little dog and struggling to drag a heavy brown valise. It was raining and I saw her feet sink into the mud at every step. Nagorny tried to come to her assistance; he was roughly pushed back by one of the commissars According to the blouse the hand must have belonged either to

the Grand Duchess Marie or Anastasia. They could not see me through their windows, and this was to be the last glimpse that I was to have of any of them! She and other members of the household performed plays for the enjoyment of their parents and others in the spring of 1917. I told the sisters about it so many times yesterday that they got quite fed up, but I could go on telling it masses of times. One could simply shout with joy. She was mischievous and, I think, rarely tired. She was lively, and was fond of performing comic mimes with the dogs, as though they were performing in a circus. According to some accounts, at one point Anastasia became so upset about the locked, painted windows that she opened one to look outside and get fresh air. A sentry reportedly saw her and fired, narrowly missing her. She did not try again. They reported that Anastasia and her family, contrary to custom, fell on their knees during the prayer for the dead, and that the girls had become despondent and hopeless, and no longer sang the replies in the service. Noticing this dramatic change in their demeanor since his last visit, one priest told the other, "Something has happened to them in there. They helped the women scrub the floors and whispered to them when the guards were not watching. Anastasia stuck her tongue out at Yakov Yurovsky, the head of the detachment, when he momentarily turned his back and left the room. Execution of the Romanov family Grand Duchesses Maria and Anastasia making faces for the camera in Tsarskoye Selo, around 1918. After the Bolshevik revolution in October, Russia quickly disintegrated into civil war. The Reds knew Yekaterinburg would fall to the better manned and equipped White Army. When the Whites reached Yekaterinburg, the imperial family had simply disappeared. The most widely accepted account was that the family had been murdered. This was due to an investigation by White Army investigator Nicholas Sokolov, who came to the conclusion based on items that had belonged to the family being found thrown down a mine shaft at Ganina Yama. According to the note, on the night of the deaths the family was awakened and told to dress. They were told they were being moved to a new location to ensure their safety in anticipation of the violence that might ensue when the White Army reached Yekaterinburg. After several minutes, the guards entered the room, led by Yurovsky, who quickly informed the Tsar and his family that they were to be executed. The Tsar had time to say only "What? Demidova survived the initial onslaught, but was quickly stabbed to death against the back wall of the basement, while trying to defend herself with a small pillow she had carried into the sub-basement that was filled with precious gems and jewels. The corsets thus served as a form of "armor" against the bullets. Anastasia and Maria were said to have crouched up against a wall, covering their heads in terror, until they were shot down by bullets, recalled Yurovsky. However, another guard, Peter Ermakov, told his wife that Anastasia had been finished off with bayonets. As the bodies were carried out, one or more of the girls cried out, and were clubbed on the back of the head, wrote Yurovsky. At least ten women claimed to be her, offering varying stories as to how she had survived. Anna Anderson, the best known Anastasia impostor, first surfaced publicly between 1919 and 1920. She contended that she had feigned death among the bodies of her family and servants, and was able to make her escape with the help of a compassionate guard who noticed she was still breathing and took sympathy upon her. The final decision of the court was that Anderson had not provided sufficient proof to claim the identity of the grand duchess. Anderson died in 1948 and her body was cremated. DNA tests were conducted in 1991 on a tissue sample from Anderson located in a hospital and the blood of Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, a great-nephew of Empress Alexandra. They were buried under the names Anastasia and Maria Nikolaevna. Helena Petrovna said she did not recognize the girl and the guard took her away. A few days after they had been murdered, the German government sent several telegrams to Russia demanding "the safety of the princesses of German blood". Russia had recently signed a peace treaty with the Germans, and did not want to upset them by letting them know the women were dead, so they told them they had been moved to a safer location. Utkin also told the White Russian Army investigators that the injured girl, whom he treated at Cheka headquarters in Perm, told him, "I am the daughter of the ruler, Anastasia. White Army investigators later independently located records for the prescription. Soloviev also found young women willing to masquerade as one of the grand duchesses to assist in deceiving the families he had defrauded. Yakov Yurovsky demanded that the guards come to his office and turn over items they had stolen following the murder. There was reportedly a span of time when the bodies of the victims were left largely unattended in the truck, in the basement and in the corridor of the house. Some guards who had not participated in the murders and had been sympathetic to the grand duchesses

were reportedly left in the basement with the bodies. The grave had been found nearly a decade earlier, but was kept hidden by its discoverers from the Communists who were still ruling Russia at the time. The grave only held nine of the expected eleven sets of remains. Forensic expert William R. Russian scientists contested this conclusion, however, claiming it was the body of Maria that was missing. The Russians identified the body as that of Anastasia by using a computer program to compare photos of the youngest grand duchess with the skulls of the victims from the mass grave. They estimated the height and width of the skulls where pieces of bone were missing. American scientists found this method inexact. Photographs taken of her standing beside her three sisters up until six months before the murders demonstrate that Anastasia was several inches shorter than all of them. This is the last known photograph of Anastasia. The account of the "Yurovsky Note" indicated that two of the bodies were removed from the main grave and cremated at an undisclosed area in order to further disguise the burials of the Tsar and his retinue, if the remains were discovered by the Whites, since the body count would not be correct. Searches of the area in subsequent years failed to turn up a cremation site or the remains of the two missing Romanov children.

### 2: Grand Duchess Anastasia Nikolaevna of Russia - Wikipedia

*The Duchess Disappeared (The Eternal Collection) "How to Be a Good Creature: A Memoir in Thirteen Animals" by Sy Montgomery "This is a beautiful book – essential reading for anyone who loves animals and knows how much they can teach us about being human."*

Posted in Aviation , Disasters , Famous news stories , Historical articles , History , Mystery on Thursday, 10 May Click on any image for details about licensing for commercial or personal use. This edited article about the Duchess of Bedford originally appeared in Look and Learn issue number published on 5 July A picture history of Woburn Abbey, home of the Duke and Duchess of Bedford, showing the flying Duchess, bottom, right of centre Supposing your grandmother, or the grandmother of one of your friends, suddenly announced that she was going to learn to fly. Much as we take airplanes for granted nowadays very few of us, let alone elderly ladies, ever learn to be pilots. So you can imagine what a fuss there was nearly fifty years ago when, at the age of sixty, the Duchess of Bedford, grandmother of the present Duke of Bedford, took up flying. And the even greater fuss there was some years later when she took off in her de Havilland Gypsy plane one day, disappeared, and was never seen again. Back in the s, airplanes were not the smooth-travelling, streamlined affairs that they are today. Flying them was still an adventure. It was the age of pilots who set off across the world in tiny planes with cans of extra petrol stacked behind them, and little more than hope in their hearts and determination in their minds, to guarantee that they would land safely somewhere on the other side – in India, in Australia, in America. It was the age of the pioneers and the trailblazers. Flights like these helped to pave the way for the airliners of the future. The men and women who made them were dedicated to flying, to proving that there was no part of the world which could not be reached by air. And at sixty, the Duchess of Bedford, this remarkable woman with a rich husband and a famous name, a great house at Woburn Abbey in Bedfordshire, and other homes in various parts of the country, decided that she was going to join them. For eleven years, from until , she flew all over the world. At first she went as a passenger with experienced pilots. Then, when she was sixty-two, she started to learn to fly herself. At sixty-five she became a fully-qualified pilot. Barnard, already famous as a long-distance flyer, she made record-breaking flights to India and back, to South Africa and back. Most of all she loved flying alone. By the time she was seventy-one – eleven years after she first became interested in flying – she had nearly two hundred hours of solo flying to her credit. The, one afternoon in March, , she took off by herself from the airfield she had made in the grounds of her home at Woburn Abbey and was never seen again. It was a simple little flight that she planned to take. Recorded in her log book when she took off were hours and 5 minutes of solo flying. She planned to fly to Cambridge and back by a route which should have taken about an hour, and would have enabled her to enter up her two hundredth hour in the air by herself. When she did not get back by dusk her husband, the Duke, notified the police, and search parties were organized over the course she should have taken. Next day planes joined in. Nothing was found until over a week later when four small pieces of her plane – just big enough to identify – were washed up from the sea on the east coast. Nothing else was ever found. Why did this quite wonderful and brave old lady who, by then, was a very experienced pilot, go off the course she had planned, and disappear into the sea? In those days before World War II, the Duchess and her husband were still immensely rich, but there were many calls on their money. For example, they maintained at their own expense a complete hospital for the people of Woburn and district – there was no National Health Scheme then as there is now. It cost a lot of money, and apart from flying it was one of the main interests of the Duchess. A few days before she took off on her last flight her husband told her that the expense of the hospital was becoming too much of a drain and that he could no longer afford it. Did she make a mistake? We shall never know for certain, but if you ever get the chance to visit Woburn Abbey, which is now open to the public, look out for the model of the plane in which she made her record flights, and think of a very gallant grandmother.

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