

Guide to the Vladimir Samarin (Sokolov) Correspondence

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TITLE: Vladimir Samarin correspondence and other papers

DATES: 1945-1988

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 1.47 linear feet (4 boxes)

LANGUAGE: Materials chiefly in Russian. Materials created and collected by Alexander M. Schenker in English.

SUMMARY: Incoming (508 letters, signed) and carbons of outgoing (127 typescript letters) correspondence, mostly regarding Russian émigré publications, literary and church affairs. Includes the typescript of Samarin's "Front v tylu (Bol'shevistskoe podpol'e v zaniātykh nemtsami oblastiakh SSSR, 98 p., 1951), page-proofs of works by Ivan Alekseevich Bunin with annotations by Bunin, and materials created and collected by Alexander M. Schenker relating to Samarin's trial.

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

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VLADIMIR SAMARIN (SOKOLOV)

Vladimir Samarin was born Vladimir Dmitrievich Sokolov March 2, 1913 in the central Russian city of Orel. In 1936, despite some troubles encountered due to his family's bourgeois background, he completed the local Institute and commenced a career teaching Russian literature in Voronezh.

Under German occupation in 1942-1944 Samarin wrote for the newspapers *Rech* (based in Orel) and *Volia naroda*. Upon arriving at a camp for displaced persons (DPs) in post-war Germany he continued his journalistic calling in new émigré publications. In addition to contributing anti-communist commentaries and short-stories to various journals, he was editor of *Put'* (1946-1949) and *Posev* (1949-1951) and a prominent member of the anti-communist Natsional'no-trudovoi soiuz (NTS). In 1951, Samarin emigrated to the United States, where he worked for a while as a copy-editor for the Chekhov Publishing House in New York. He continued to write for émigré journals such as *Grani* and *Vozrozhdenie*, and for the newspapers *Novoe russkoe slovo* and *La pensée russe*. In 1964, Samarin published his first collection of stories, *Peschanaia otmel'*, which was followed by *TSvet vremeni* (1969), *Teni na stene* (1972) and *Teplyi mramor* (1976). In 1972, Samarin collected his travel sketches into the book *Dalekaia zvezda*. That same year, he published in English an impassioned account of the Russian Orthodox Church under Soviet rule, *Triumphant Cain. An Outline of the Calvary of the Russian Church*.

Samarin was a lecturer of Russian language at Yale University from 1959. In 1976, the Soviet propaganda organ "Sowjetisches Heimland" called attention to his wartime activities as a collaborationist journalist. He subsequently resigned his position at Yale and was deported to Canada, where he died on January 19, 1992. Samarin is buried at Novo-Diveevo cemetery in Spring Valley, New York.

Scope and Contents

[Series I: Correspondence](#) includes letters to Samarin from Russian émigré literateurs and church figures and a significant quantity of his replies. Of particular note are letters from G. V. Adamovich, G. V. Ivanov, A. F. Kerensky, Archimandrite Konstantin (Zaitsev), N. O. Losskii, Nikolai Vladimirovich Narokov, Aleksandra L'vovna Tolstaia and B. K. Zaitsev. The main topics of discussion are political developments in the USSR, major events in émigré literary life and the worsening schism between the Russian Orthodox Church outside Russia and what became the Orthodox Church in America.

[Series II: Other Papers](#) includes a long essay and an obituary by Samarin, and also corrected proofs by I. A. Bunin, apparently preserved from Samarin's days at the Chekhov Publishing House. Also present are papers created and collected by Alexander M. Schenker relating to Samarin's trial.

[December 1985 Acquisition](#) includes letters to Samarin from Russian professors, publicists, historians, poets, writers--some of the third emigration--as well as nevozvrashchenets, the Russian term for citizens of the USSR who refused to return to their country from the trips.

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Series I: Correspondence, 1948-1976

	LETTERS RECEIVED	1948-1976
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b. 1, f. 3	Anastasii (Gribanovskii), Metropolitan	1955-58
b. 1, f. 4	Andreevskii, B.	1959-63
b. 1, f. 5	Argus, Mikhail Konstantinovich Pseudonym of M. K. Aizenshtadt	1965-70
b. 1, f. 6	Belinkov, Arkadii	1969 Aug 30
b. 1, f. 7	Dalin, D.	1951 Feb 16
b. 1, f. 8	Domogatskii, Boris	1965-67
b. 1, f. 9	Gazdanov, Gaito	1971 June 4
b. 1, f. 10	Grinberg, Roman Nikolaevich	1965-68
b. 1, f. 11	Ivanov, Georgii Vladimirovich	1952 Nov 3
b. 1, f. 12	Kerensky, Alexander	1954-67
b. 1, f. 13	Konstantin (Zaitsev), Archimandrite	1967-71
b. 1, f. 14	Kravchenko, Viktor	1951 Nov 17
b. 1, f. 15	Lebedev, Fedor Tarasovich Includes Tsentral'noe politicheskoe ob'edinenie politicheskikh emigrantov	1957-63
b. 1, f. 16	Losskii, Nikolai Onufrievich	1958 Mar 31
b. 1, f. 17	Maksimov, Sergei Sergeevich Pseudonym of S. S. Pashin	1949-55
b. 1, f. 18	Margolin, Iulii	1970 Mar 11
b. 1, f. 19	Mozhaiskaia, Ol'ga Nikolaevna	1970-73
b. 1, f. 20-21	Narokov, Nikolai Vladimirovich	1949-69
b. 1, f. 22	Neledinskii, E. N.	1955
b. 1, f. 23	Nikolaevskii, Boris Also spelled Nicolaevsky	1949
b. 1, f. 24	Ol'shanskii, B.	1953-54

LETTERS RECEIVED (continued)

b. 1, f. 25	Possev-Verlag Includes A. Svetlanin	1962 Feb 20
b. 1, f. 26	Nikon (Rklitskii), Archbishop	1975 Dec 1
b. 1, f. 27	Savin, Valerian Luk'ianovich Includes <i>Sovremennik</i>	1964-66
b. 1, f. 28	Sikorsky, Igor Ivanovich	1957-58
b. 1, f. 29	Solonevich, Ivan Luk'ianovich	1948-53
b. 1, f. 30-34	Tolstaia, Aleksandra L'vovna	1962-76
b. 1, f. 35	Ugriumov, Aleksei Ivanovich Pseudonym of A. I. Pliushkov	1964-68
b. 1, f. 36	Vodov, Sergei Akimovich Includes <i>La pensée russe</i>	1964-66, n.d.
b. 1, f. 37	Weinbaum, Mark Includes <i>Novoe russkoe slovo</i>	1971 Dec 8
b. 1, f. 38	Zaitsev, Boris Konstantinovich	1956-72
b. 1, f. 39	Zenzinov, Vladimir Mikhailovich	1949 Jan 24
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b. 1, f. 42	Anastasii (Gribanovskii), Metropolitan	1955 Aug 31
b. 1, f. 43	Argus, Mikhail Konstantinovich	1965
b. 1, f. 44	Belinkov, Arkadii	1969
b. 1, f. 45	Ivanov, Georgii Vladimirovich	1952
b. 1, f. 46	Kerenskii, Aleksandr Fedorovich	1959-63
b. 1, f. 47	Lebedev, Fedor Tarasovich Includes TSentral'noe politicheskoe ob"edinenie politicheskikh emigrantov	1959-60
b. 1, f. 48	Losskii, Nikolai Onufrievich	1958
b. 1, f. 49	Maksimov, Sergei Sergeevich Pseudonym of S. S. Pashin	1955 Oct 30
b. 1, f. 50	Mozhaiskaia, Ol'ga Nikolaevna	1973 Jan 20
b. 1, f. 51	Narokov, Nikolai Vladimirovich	1954-69

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b. 1, f. 52	Savin, Valerian Luk'ianovich Includes <i>Sovremennik</i>	1964-69
b. 1, f. 53	Sikorsky, Igor' Ivanovich	1957
b. 1, f. 54	Ugriumov, Aleksei Ivanovich Pseudonym of A. I. Pliushkov	1964 Mar 30
b. 1, f. 55	Vodov, Sergei Akimovich Includes <i>La pensée russe</i>	1960-64
b. 1, f. 56	Weinbaum, Mark Includes <i>Novoe russkoe slovo</i> and Literaturnyi fond	1964-72
b. 1, f. 57	Zaitsev, Boris Konstantinovich	1956-72
b. 1, f. 58	Zurov, Leonid Fedorovich	1968-71

Series II: Other Papers, 1951-1988

BUNIN, IVAN ALEKSEEVICH		
b. 1, f. 59	<i>Mitina liubov'. Solnechnyi udar</i> : proof pages, corrected	1953
b. 1, f. 60	<i>Vesnoi v Iudee</i> : proof pages, holograph additions	1953
SOKOLOV-SAMARIN, VLADIMIR DMITRIEVICH		
b. 1, f. 61	"Front v tylu (Bol'shevistskoe podpol'e v zaniatykh nemtsami oblastiakh SSSR)": typescript	1951
b. 1, f. 62	Untitled speech on Nikolai Vladimirovich Narokov: typescript	1969 Oct 23
SCHENKER, ALEXANDER M.		
b. 2, f. 63	Correspondence	1976-1988
b. 2, f. 64	Deposition	1983
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b. 2, f. 67	Newspaper clippings, Russian (photocopies)	1980-1986
b. 2, f. 68	Yale Daily News	1976-1985
b. 2, f. 69	Miscellaneous printed material	1976-1983
b. 2, f. 70	Loose notes and other papers	1976 and undated

December 1985 Acquisition, 1945-1986*0.63 linear feet (2 boxes)*

Three hundred thirty-seven letters to Samarin from Russian professors, publicists, historians, poets, writers--some of the third emigration--as well as nevozvrashchenets, the Russian term for citizens of the USSR who refused to return to their country from the trips.

Gift of or purchase from from Vladimir Samarin, approximately December 1985.

Accompanied by a typescript list (in Russian) and signed by Samarin, dated December 20, 1985.

List includes names of correspondents and quantities of letters from each.

Original order retained.

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b. 3, f. 4	Filippov, Boris 40 letters	1961-1980
b. 3, f. 5	Morshen, Nikolaĭ 27 letters	1965-1980
b. 3, f. 6	Berezov, Rodion 15 letters	1965-1979
b. 3, f. 7	Andreev-Khomiakov, Gennady 46 letters	1952-1983
b. 3, f. 8	Kurganov, I. A. (Ivan Alekseevich) 70 letters	1962-1978
b. 3, f. 9	Struve, Gleb 50 letters	1963-1981
b. 3, f. 10	Sechkarev, Vsevolod 2 letters	1973-1974
b. 3, f. 11	Greene, Militsa 6 letters	1975-1981
b. 3, f. 12	Poltorat'skiĭ, N. P. (Nikolaĭ Petrovich) 10 letters	1975-1979
b. 3, f. 13	Alekseev, V. 2 letters	1973

b. 3, f. 14	Kryzhitskiĭ, S. P. 9 letters	1973-1978
b. 3, f. 15	Paganut's't's'i, P. 4 letters	1981
b. 3, f. 16	Grebenshchikov, V. I. 2 letters	1963-1970
b. 3, f. 17	Klimov, A. É. 6 letters	1978-1981
b. 3, f. 18	Petrov, V. N. 6 letters	1958-1965
b. 3, f. 19	Ermolaev, Herman 20 letters	1963-1977
b. 3, f. 20	Pushkarev, S. G. (Sergeĭ Germanovich) 10 letters	1977-1983
b. 3, f. 21	Ulianov, N. I. 4 letters	1962-1986
b. 3, f. 22	Andreyev, N. E. (Nikolay Efremovich) 9 letters	1953-1979
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b. 3, f. 24	Hlybinny, Uladzimer 9 letters	1972-1978
b. 3, f. 25	Sumbatov, V. 7 letters	1970-1979
b. 3, f. 26	Klenovskii, D. 5 letters	1969-1973
b. 3, f. 27	Ansteĭ, Ol'ga 2 letters	1962, undated
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b. 3, f. 30	Gorbov, I. N. 20 letters	1963-1970

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b. 3, f. 32	Veĭdle, V. 1 letter	1970
b. 3, f. 33	Bol'shukhin, Iur. (Iuriĭ) 8 letters	1960-1968
b. 4, f. 1	Kuznet's'ov, Anatoliĭ 9 letters	1970-1975
b. 4, f. 2	Maksimov, Vladimir 4 letters	1975-1976
b. 4, f. 3	Korzhavin, N. (Naum) 4 letters	1975
b. 4, f. 4	Panin, Dimitriĭ Mikhaĭlovich 10 letters	1974-1976
b. 4, f. 5	Paramonov, B. M. 2 letters	1980-1981
b. 4, f. 6	Elagin, I. V. 4 letters	undated
b. 4, f. 7	Burkin, I. A. 11 letters	1963-1977
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b. 4, f. 16	Pomerantsev, Kirill 12 letters	1965-1980
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b. 4, f. 19	Siniavskii, A. 2 letters	1973-1975
b. 4, f. 20	Fedoseev, A. P. (Aleksandr, Petrovich) 2 letters	1975-1977
b. 4, f. 21	Vladimirov, L. 2 letters	1973-1974
b. 4, f. 22	Robsman, Viktor Ia. 5 letters	1957-1977
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b. 4, f. 24	Barmine, Alexandre 9 letters	1962-1979
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b. 4, f. 26	Schakovskoy, Zinaïda 4 letters	1970-1972
b. 4, f. 27	Piroshkova, V. A. 14 letters	1970-1976
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b. 4, f. 30	Sologub, A. A. 4 letters	1973
b. 4, f. 31	Obolenskii, S. S. (Sergeï Sergeevich) 9 letters	1973-1979

b. 4, f. 32	Delianich, A. (Ariadna) 4 letters	1977-1980
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Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Preferred Titles

Novoe russkoe slovo
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Geographic Names

Russia -- Emigration and immigration

Subjects

Authors, Russian
Poets, Russian

Names

Adamovich, Georgii, 1892-1972
Aldanov, Mark Aleksandrovich, 1886-1957
Anastasii, Metropolitan, 1873-1965
Andreev-Khomiakov, Gennady
Andreyev, N. E. (Nikolay Efremovich), 1908-1982
Anstei, Ol'ga, 1912-1985
Barmine, Alexandre
Belavina, Nonna, 1915-2004
Belinkov, A. (Arkadii), 1921-1970
Berberova, N. (Nina), 1901-1993
Berezov, Rodion, 1896-1988
Bobrova, Èlla, 1911-2012
Bol'shukhin, I'U'r. (I'U'rii)
Bunin, Ivan Alekseevich, 1870-1953
Chinnov, Igor'
Delianich, A. (Ariadna)
Ermolaev, Herman
Fedoseev, A. P. (Aleksandr Petrovich)
Filippov, Boris, 1905-1991
Gazdanov, Gaito, 1903-1971
Greene, Militsa
Hlybinny, Uladzimer, 1910-1995
Il'inskiï, Oleg
Ivanov, Georgii, 1894-1958
Kerensky, Aleksandr Fyodorovich, 1881-1970
Klimov, A. È.
Konstantin, Archimandrite
KorzHAVIN, N. (Naum), 1925-2018
Kovalevsky, Pierre, 1901-1978
Kruzenshtern-Peteret's, I'U'.

Ktorova, Alla, 1926-
Kurganov, I. A. (Ivan Alekseevich)
Kuznet's'ov, Anatoliï
Legkai'a, Iraida, 1932-
Losskii, N. O. (Nikolai Onufrievich), 1870-1965
Maksimov, Vladimir, 1930-1995
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Nart's'issov, Boris
Nicolaevsky, Boris I., 1887-1966
Obolenskiï, S. S. (Sergei Sergeevich), 1908-1980
Paganut's't's'i, P.
Panin, Dimitriï Mikhaïlovich, 1911-1987
Panin, Gennadiï Gennadievich
Pereleshin, Valeriï
Poltorat's'kiï, N. P. (Nikolai Petrovich), 1921-1990
Pomerant's'ev, Kirill
Pushkarev, S. G. (Sergei Germanovich), 1888-1980
Rafal'skiï, Sergei, 1895-1981
Rzhevskii, Leonid, 1905-1986
Samarin, Vladimir
Schakovskoy, Zinaïda, princesse, 1906-2001
Schenker, Alexander M., 1924-
Setchkarev, Vsevolod, 1914-1998
Sikorsky, Igor Ivan, 1889-1972
Sokolova, Tat'i'a'na Georgievna
Struve, Gleb, 1898-1985
Tauber, Ekaterina
Terapiano, I'U'rii, 1892-1980
Tolstoy, Alexandra, 1884-1979
Veïdle, V., 1895-1979
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Zait's'ev, Boris, 1881-1972
Zenzinov, V. (Vladimir), 1880-1953
Zurov, Leonid, 1902-1971

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