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Descriptive Summary

Title: Theodore Gorbacheff Collection,
Date (inclusive): [ca. 1932-ca. 1959]
Collection number: RCHIVES GORBACHEFF 1
Creator: Gorbachev, Feodor
Extent: Number of containers: 2 boxes
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Biographical Sketch

Mr. Gorbacheff came to America with a group of refugee students from Russia in 1922. He settled in New York and married Miss Fay Bell, a dance and ballet instructor. In May, 1931, he received a B.A. degree in music from U.C. Berkeley, and in May, 1932 he was granted the M.A. degree; his thesis was a musical composition entitled "The Russian Liturgy, for mixed men's and women's chorus a capella."

Mr. Gorbacheff established his music studio at 1904 Milvia (corner of Hearst) in Berkeley, and taught privately for many years. During the years 1938-39 he studied music at Columbia University. He was widely known throughout the Bay Area in the 1930's, 40's, and 50's as a choral conductor. Among those groups he was associated with were: the Russian Saint
Nicholas Church choir in San Francisco, the SVEA Glee Club in Oakland, the Berkeley Men’s A Capella Choir, the Serbian Singing Society choir and many others. He was knighted by King Gustav Adolph VI of Sweden in March, 1966 for his contributions toward furthering Swedish culture in the Bay Area. As of January, 1983, he lives in a rest home in Berkeley.

**Scope and Content**

Collection includes musical compositions, programs, notebooks, and other memorabilia.

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