Inventory of the George Herbert Ryden papers

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Abstract: Correspondence, reports, personal documents, photographs, and memorabilia, relating to relief activities in the Crimea during the Russian Civil War. Includes correspondence with Grand Duchess Ol'ga Aleksandrovna.
Physical Location: Hoover Institution Archives
Creator: Ryden, George Herbert, 1884-1941

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Biographical Note
George H. Ryden (1884-1941) was an American National Red Cross worker in Russia from 1918 to 1920. A native of Kansas City, he interrupted his academic career to serve with the American Expeditionary Forces in Italy during World War I, was with the Red Cross in the southern Russian city of Novorossiisk in 1920, seeking to aid refugees during the civil war that followed the Russian Revolution. While there, he played a key role in helping the family of Grand Duchess Olga Alexandrovna, the sister of the recently murdered Czar Nicholas II, escape to Turkey and subsequently to Europe. Ryden, a historian, later became the state archivist of Delaware.

Scope and Content of Collection
Correspondence, reports, personal documents, photographs, and memorabilia, relating to Red Cross relief activities in the Crimea during the Russian Civil War. Includes correspondence with Grand Duchess Ol'ga Aleksandrovna.
The twenty-three letters and postcards from the Grand Duchess were written from Denmark between 1923 and 1929. Several of these postcards contain reproductions of her paintings, which Ryden helped sell in the United States during the 1920s and 1930s.
In addition to the correspondence with Olga Alexandrovna, Ryden's papers contain a variety of documents pertaining to Red Cross operations in the Crimea and southern Russia, including correspondence, reports of visits to orphanages and hospitals, and financial records. Ryden and his colleagues received a number of honors from White Russian Army commanders, and his papers contain documents concerning honors and medals that he and his colleagues were awarded, including Ryden's honorary membership in the Kuban Cossacks, and medals that were bestowed on him by Generals Denikin and Wrangel. Following his service with the Red Cross, Ryden visited Denmark in 1921 to meet once again with Olga Alexandrovna, as well as with her mother, the empress dowager Mariia Feodorovna, who expressed her gratitude to Ryden with an inscribed photograph that read "In gratitude for what you did for my daughter," and signed simply "Marie." Ryden's academic career and interest in history are also represented in correspondence with the academic institutions that he attended, student transcripts, and certificates of membership from various state historical societies.

Subjects and Indexing Terms
American National Red Cross.
International relief.
Soviet Union--History--Revolution, 1917-1921--Civilian relief.

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