
Register of the Dora Gabensky papers

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Abstract: Correspondence, bulletins, newsletters, reports, pamphlets, serial issues, certificates, and photographs relating to Bulgarian literature and culture; Bulgarian émigré activities; activities of various anti-communist organizations, including the Bulgarian National Front, the Anti-Bolshevik Bloc of Nations, and the Assembly of Captive European Nations; and political participation of Bulgarian and other ethnic Americans in the Republican Party through the National Republican Heritage Groups (Nationalities) Council.

Physical Location: Hoover Institution Archives

Creator: Gabensky, Dora, 1905-

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Biographical Note

Dora Gabensky was a Bulgarian-American writer and journalist. She worked for the Library of Congress in research and publishing for the Radio Free Europe Committee. In 1957 she founded the Association of Bulgarian Artists and Writers in Exile and established and edited the Bulgarian magazine *Lutch*, which was distributed to many countries.

In 1960 she organized her first Bulgarian political group - the Bulgarian American Republican Club of California after realizing that only through politics could they be heard in their fight against communism. Having been the Bulgarian delegate to the Captive Nations for over twenty years, she was a relentless fighter against communism.

Dora Gabensky was an active member of the Republican Party in California and has received numerous awards and recognitions for her contributions to the Party during her lifetime. She assisted in the election of Governor Ronald Reagan, including organizing a successful fundraiser for the Governor while serving as state chairman of the Bulgarian American Committee for Reagan-Bush. During presidential elections, Gabensky held the position of nationalities co-chairman in California. She was also very active in ethnic volunteer organizations within the Republican Party and served as Executive Vice President of the Southern California Republican Heritage Groups Council and as a chairwoman for the Los Angeles County Federation of Republican Women.

Scope and Content of Collection

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Of particular interest in the collection are the files concerning Dora Gabensky's activities in Bulgarian-American republican organizations. Also important are the materials of the Association of Bulgarian Artists and Writers in Exile.

Subjects and Indexing Terms

ACEN (Organization)

Anti-Bolshevik Bloc of Nations.

Bulgarian National Front.

National Republican Heritage Groups Council.
Republican Party (U.S. : 1854-)
Anti-communist movements--United States.
Bulgaria--Civilization.
Bulgarian literature.
Bulgarians--United States.
United States--Politics and government--1945-1989.

Family File 1921-1992

Scope and Contents note

Includes certificates, identification cards, immigration documents, membership cards, correspondence, and other materials relating to the life and career of the Gabensky's family.

Box 7	1921-1950
Box 8	1939-1975
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Box 23	1947-1966
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Box 5	1977-1985
Box 31	1980
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Box 7	1987-1988
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Aleksiev, Ivan P. 1973-1977

Box 31	1973-1977
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Box 27	1977

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Altankov, Nikolay 1974

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Angeloff, Liuben 1985-1986

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Anguelov, N. 1975-1977

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Avedissian, M. 1968-1976

Bagarotto, Laura 1957-1972

Box 5 **1957-1968**

Box 36 **1969-1972**

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Bagarotto, Pier Luigi 1973-1975

Bankovski, Ivan M. 1961-1989

Box 17 **1961-1987**

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Box 31 **1980-1982**

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Barev, Ivan 1984-1987

Boyadjieff, Charisto 1972-1986

Box 31 **1972-1981**

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Butkoff, Vladimir 1963-1972

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Caleff, Renee (Irene Dolska) 1961-1967

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Christov, Milko 1973-1974

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Curtiz, Kitty 1976

Dimitrov, B. 1974-1981

Box 22 **1974-1981**

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Dimov-Bogoev, C. D. 1977-1981

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Box 19	1967-1971
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Box 36	1980
Box 23	1986-1987
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Drenikoff, Kyril 1963-1982

Box 17	1963-1980
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Ekimov, Vassil 1972-1974

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Encheff, S. 1967-1975

Box 36

Frank, Ella 1966-1979

Box 5

Gabensky, Ivanko 1961-1965

Scope and Contents note

Incoming letters

Box 40

Gaidarowa, R. 1951-1990

Box 22

Ganchev, Boris 1985

Box 5

Genchev, G. on behalf of King Simeon II of Bulgaria and his Queen Margarita 1958-1974

Scope and Contents note

Includes letters signed by the Roayl Family, clippings, printed matter, and photographs of family members.

Georgieff, James D. 1975-1987

Box 31	1975-1982
Box 23	1975-1987

Georgiev, Galina and Georgii 1966-1991

Box 36 **1966-1983**
Box 40 **1969-1975**
Box 46 **1991**

Box 22

Glukhov, Mikhail 1984-1985

Box 16

Harisan, Simeon O. 1960-1962

Jones, Bob O. 1974-1982

Box 22 **1974-1982**
Box 40 **1977-1980**

Ivanov, Ivan 1971-1976

Box 16 **1972-1976**
Box 31 **1971**

Box 23

Ivanov, Kiril 1974

Box 16

Kafalov, Ivan 1967-1968

Box 40

Katz, Miriam 1968-1972

Kermektschiev, Zlatka and Strachimir 1948-1986

Box 24 **1948-1986**
Box 40 **1963-1971**
Box 31 **1977-1981**

Box 23

Khasanov, Iziat 1960

King Simeon II 1975-1990

Scope and Contents note

See also: Correspondence: Genchev, G. on behalf of King Simeon II of Bulgaria and his Queen Margarita.

Box 27 **1975-1983**
Box 46 **1979-1990**

Scope and Contents note

Includes a photograph of the King inscribed to Gabensky.

Box 22 **1986-1987**

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Knudsen, Erika 1975-1978

Box 19

Kostov, Vladimir and Natal'ia 1978-1979

Kutchukov, Boris 1980-1988

Box 22 **1980-1983**
Box 31 **1981-1988**

Marinoff, Stefan 1980-1981

Box 23 **1980-1981**
Box 31 **1981**

Box 18

Mary Swift Forum 1954-1955

Box 22

Mechkuevski, Kiril 1968

Box 36

Miloncheva, Dina 1969-1988

Box 19

Mishaikova, N. 1947-1966

Box 40

Nicolaev, Boris 1968-1975

Box 16

Nicoloff, George 1950-1976

Nikoloff, Asparukh 1976-1977

Box 31 **1976**
Box 23 **1976-1977**

Box 22

Nizamoff, Christo N. 1985-1986

Box 23

Noeff, Georgi 1982-1987

Paprikoff, George 1960-1984

Box 19 **1960-1975**
Box 16 **1967-1984**
Box 46 **1971-1974**

Box 23

Panayotof, Panayot 1983

Box 19

Pavloff, Pavel 1979-1985

Peev, Krassimir 1981-1983

Box 22 **1982-1983**

Box 31 **1981-1982**

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Peyev (Peev), J. 1949-1966

Box 31

Petrov, Georgi 1976-1987

Box 19

Popoff, Christo 1969-1981

Popoff, E. 1974-1979

Box 23 **1974-1975**

Box 36 **1977-1979**

Box 40 **1974-1977**

Box 23

Prostov, Evgenii 1954

Queen Ioanna (Giovanna Elisabetta Antonia Romana Maria) 1959-1990

Box 22 **1959-1983**

Box 31 **1980-1981**

Box 46 **1990**

Radkova, Ivanka 1975-1985

Box 31 **1975-1985**

Box 19 **1984-1985**

Box 19

Robev, Ivan 1969-1970

Russewa, Milka 1981-1983

Box 36 **1981-1982**

Box 22 **1982-1983**

Box 23

Schekoff, Todor 1985-1987

Scott, Ludwig Arthur 1982-1987

Box 22 **1982-1987**

Box 35 **1983**

Semerdjiev, Peter 1977-1987

Box 5 **1977-1978**
Box 31 **1981-1987**
Box 21 **1981-1985**

Box 23

Semov, Simeon 1986-1987

Simeonov, Peter 1971-1980

Box 19 **1971-1972**
Box 23 **1973-1974**
Box 36 **1975-1980**

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Sumersky, S. 1972-1974

Box 36

Tabakov, George A. 1981

Todorov, Kosta 1984-1990

Box 22 **1984-1985**
Box 31 **1981-1985**
Box 46 **1987-1990**

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Tsanev, Vaniho 1972-1974

Tsvetkov, Nikolai 1965-1979

Box 31 **1965-1979**
Box 22 **1967-1968**

Box 19

Velkov, James 1978-1979

Wagner, Maria 1961-1991

Box 31 **1961-1981**
Box 23 **1985-1986**
Box 46 **1991**

Box 46

Wassilev, Atanas 1989

Wassileff, Ivan 1955-1992

Box 36 **1955-1981**
Box 40 **1984-1985**
Box 23 **1984-1986**

Box 46 **1991-1992**

Box 40

Wassiliewa, Tania Atanas 1969-1978

Box 23

Waltscheff, Diniter 1982-1983

Zhivkov, Evgenii 1947-1986

Box 19 **1947-1986**

Box 22 **1981-1983**

Box 31 **1982-1983**

Writings 1949-1976

Radio scripts, poems, and notes in the first year of emigration 1949-1965

Scope and Contents note

Includes correspondence and printed matter.

Box 8 **1949-1965**

Box 9 **1956-1964**

Box 7

Za teb" Rodino 1976

Subject File 1934-1992

Box 42 **American-Bulgarian Center Sts. Cyril and Methodius 1990**

Scope and Contents note

Includes printed matter.

American-Bulgarian League 1955-1970

Scope and Contents note

Quarterly publications

Box 14 **1955-1970**

Box 1 **1956-1957**

Box 30 **1959-1962**

Box 33

American European Strategy Research Institute 1981-1982

Scope and Contents note

Printed matter

Box 15

American Rally for Free China 1979

Scope and Contents note

Printed matter

Americans for Freedom of Captive Nations 1976-1988

Scope and Contents note

Includes proposals, correspondence, and newsletters.

Box 32 **1976**
Box 48 **1970-1971**
Box 42 **1988**

Box 10

Assembly of Captive European Nations 1960-1966

Scope and Contents note

Includes minutes, radio scripts, correspondence, and printed matter.

Association of Bulgarian Writers and Artists in Exile 1952-1990

Scope and Contents note

Novels, poems, and articles submitted for publication. Includes correspondence and printed matter.

Box 32 **1952-1981**
Box 13 **1963-1970**
Box 1 **1965-1977**
Box 28 **1966-1988**
Box 22 **1977-1082**
Box 21 **1971-1987**
Box 12 **1973**
Box 9 **1979-1984**
Box 14 **1984-1985**
Box 41 **1985-1990**

Bulgarian-American Cultural Educational Society of Los Angeles 1948-1983

Scope and Contents note

Includes activity reports, historical notes, and printed matter.

Box 15 **1948-1983**
Box 14 **1974-1972**

Bulgarian-American Republican Club of California 1960-1987

Scope and Contents note

Includes correspondence, minutes, outline of activities, and printed matter.

Box 2 **1960-1987**
Box 9 **1970-1981**
Box 16 **1970-1982**
Box 10 **1971-1972**
Box 46 **1971-1973**

Box 32

Bulgarian-Americans for Coldwater-Miller 1964-1965

Scope and Contents note

Includes correspondence, declarations, and printed matter.

Bulgarian emigration and other captive nations 1934-1992

Scope and Contents note

Includes correspondence, notes, and printed matter.

Box 53	1934-1991
Box 30	1954-1986
Box 25	1956-1978
Box 15	1959-1975
Box 1	1960-1983
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Box 13	1967--1987
Box 5	1969-1971
Box 8	1972-1986
Box 19	1972-1988
Box 52	1984-1992

Bulgarian Eastern Orthodox Church 1948-1991

Scope and Contents note

Includes correspondence and printed matter.

Box 13	1948-1987
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Box 48	1971-1991
Box 15	1981-1985
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Bulgarian National Agrarian Union (in Exile) 1960-1987

Scope and Contents note

Includes statements and printed matter.

Box 12	1960-1987
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Bulgarian National Council 1960-1970

Scope and Contents note

Includes declarations, memoranda, correspondence, notes, and printed matter.

Bulgarian National Front 1949-1990

Scope and Contents note

Includes correspondence, notes, and printed matter.

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Box 53	1968
Box 33	1969
Box 46	1971-1989
Box 23	1975-1981
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Box 37	1983-1988
Box 13	1983-1987
Box 16	1986
Box 41	1988-1989
Box 41	1987-1990

Box 1

Bulgarian Liberation Day 1970-1978

Scope and Contents note

Includes program, correspondence, notes, and printed matter.

Bulgarian Studies Association 1971-1990

Scope and Contents note

Includes correspondence, newsletters, and directory.

Box 1	1979-1987
Box 45	1985-1992
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Box 1

Bulgarian Studies Group 1971-1977

Box 9

California Committee for the Re-election of the President 1972-1984

Scope and Contents note

Includes correspondence and official invitation to the 1981 inauguration of Ronald Reagan as a President of the United States.

Box 46

California Republican Nationalities Council 1973

Box 7

Diplomatic documents on Bulgaria in 1944 1965-1967

Scope and Contents note

Includes radio scripts, clippings, and correspondence.

Federation of Republican Women, Los Angeles County 1971-1984

Scope and Contents note

Statements, appeals, correspondence, and printed matter.

Box 9 **1971-1981**
Box 10 **1972-1979**
Box 6 **1974-1981**
Box 15 **1975-1984**

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Free Bulgarian Center 1989-1991

Scope and Contents note

Printed matter

Box 10

Freedom Federation 1977-1987

Scope and Contents note

Includes correspondence and printed matter.

Box 10

Heritage Groups for the Re-election of the President 1972-1973

Box 45

Immigration History Research Center 1990-1991

Scope and Contents note

Includes an annual report and other printed matter.

Box 3

Lady's Committee "Rodina" 1952-1959

Scope and Contents note

Includes minutes of meetings, resolutions, statements, appeals, annual reports, and correspondence.

Box 48

Los Angeles County Republican All-American Nationality Council 1971-1972

The MacGahan American-Bulgarian Foundation 1978-1990

Box 32 **1978-1979**
Box 33 **1978-1988**
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National Federation of Republican Women 1988-1989

Scope and Contents note

Includes correspondence and certificates.

National Republican Heritage Groups (Nationalities) Council 1971-1990

Box 48 **1971-1989**
Box 39 **1979-1980**
Box 16 **1980-1983**

Box 10

Republican National Committee 1977-1979

Scope and Contents note

Includes correspondence, membership, and Certificate of Appreciation.

Box 2

Women's International Exposition, Inc. 1961-1965

Scope and Contents note

Includes correspondence and program.

Photographs 1908-1989

Dora Gabensky 1908-1989

Scope and Contents note

Photographs depicting Gabensky's family and friends, as well as Gabensky's participation in a special ceremonies and events.

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Box 62 **Bulgarian Community and Culture Association "Rodina" 1953-1966**
Box 62 **Bulgarian-American Republican Club of California 1971-1982**
Box 62 **National Republican Heritage Groups (Nationalities) Council 1977-1982**

Box 62

His Majesty Tsar Simeon of Bulgaria with his family 1964-1986

Printed Matter 1951-1992

Scope and Contents note

Includes Bulgarian and foreign periodical issues, books, and pamphlets,

General 1951-1990

Box 3 **1951-1974**
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Box 11 **1956-1985**
Box 29 **1957-1977**

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Box 45	1975-1979
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ABN Correspondence 1988-1992

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ACEN News 1966-1969

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American Bulgarian Review 1951-1957

Baltic Bulletin 1988-1992

Box 27	1988
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Borba 1960-1992

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Box 54	1982-1990
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Bugno Oko 1975-1976

Bulgarian Press Survey, Radio Free Europe 1969-1990

Box 33	1969
Box 55	1981-1982
Box 26	1984-1988
Box 6	1987-1988
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Box 56	1989-1990
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Bulgarian Review 1961-1990

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Biuletin na B"lgarskata Liga za Pravata na Choveka 1973-1975

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B"desheche 1989-1991

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B"Igarska korona 1991

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B"Igarski pregled 1954-1956

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Box 14 **1967-1972**

Box 2 **1976-1978**

Box 7

Chrez Edinstvo k"m Svoboda 1968-1970

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Demokratiia 1990-1991

Edin" Zavet" 1958-1961

Box 12 **1958-1960**

Box 27 **1960-1961**

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Iztok 1980-1987

Box 63

Khristiian demokratiia 1990

Box 30

Khristianski glas 1984-1988

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Law Library publications , Library of Congress 1976-1978

Makedonska Tribuna 1966-1992

Box 29 **1966-1989**

Box 13 **1971-1988**

Box 12 **1975-1987**

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**Mesechen" Osvemiteln" Biuletin" na Kantselariata na Negovo Velichestvo Tsaria
1962-1967**

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Box 12	1965-1967

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Nachalo 1990

Nash P"t 1980-1990

Box 27	1980-1988
Box 43	1988-1990

North Atlantic Assembly: The Bulletin 1985-1988

Box 13	1985-1987
Box 30	1986-1988

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Pismo ot B"lgariia 1991-1992

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Podkrepa 1990

Box 63

Prelom 1992

Radio Vaticana 1984-1992

Box 45	1984-1992
Box 30	1988

Situation Report, Radio Free Europe Research 1949-1989

Box 15	1949-1985
Box 33	1952-1988
Box 11	1966-1968
Box 15	1968-1985
Box 25	1980-1985
Box 42	1982-1989
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Sofia News 1990

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Svoboda 1977-1989

Box 27	1976-1988
Box 2	1977
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Svoboden Narod 1981-1991

Box 27 **1981-1987**

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Box 29

Svobodna i Nezavisima B"lgariia 1969-1984

Svobodno Zemledelsko Zname 1981-1989

Box 27 **1981-1988**

Box 44 **1988-1989**