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Abstract: Correspondence, speeches and writings, financial records, printed matter, and photographs, relating to Russian choirs in the United States.
Creator: Ignat'ev, Semen Dmitrievich, 1891-1974
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Biography
S. D. Ignat'ev was born near the town of Ostrov, Pskovskaia guberniia, on 25 January 1891 (O. S.). While in the White army in South Russia, he married Aleksandra Ivanovna Kozlova, thus cementing his association with the Kuban' Cossacks. Evacuation to Gallipoli was followed by several years in Bulgaria.
A musician by training, he formed a chorus and musical ensemble of émigré Kuban' Cossacks around 1926, touring with them across Europe through the 1940s. During these years, he lived primarily in Germany, and in one of his writings describes his experiences in Berlin in 1945. The Second World War brought about the dissolution of the Kuban' Cossack Chorus. In 1950, Ignat'ev moved to Sweden (where he found employment mounting specimens for the botanical department of the Swedish Museum of Natural History), and then in 1955 to San Francisco, changing his musical venue to conducting church choirs (his education included the Pskov seminary, where he received a thorough grounding in liturgical music). Ignat'ev died in San Francisco in May 1974
Scope and Content Note
Semen Dmitrievich Ignat'ev was well-known as a composer and conductor of the Kuban' Cossack Chorus, and later of church choirs. This collection consists mainly of materials relating to these activities. Other subjects include autobiographical writings dealing with his experiences on Gallipoli in the early 1920s and in Berlin in 1945, as well as writings, subject files and printed matter relating to Russian Orthodox liturgical music. Some of the correspondence is with relatives in the Soviet Union.
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Subjects and Indexing Terms
Russians -- United States
Choral societies -- United States
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Biographical File 1910-1972

Address Book
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 1: 1.

Articles about or mentioning Ignat'ev
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 1: 2.

Congratulatory notes honoring Ignat'ev and his chorus
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 1: 3.

Contract
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 1: 4.

Family file -- Aleksandra Ignat'eva
Identity Papers
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 1: 5.

School Records
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 1: 6.

Identity Papers
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 1: 7. Includes naturalization and marriage certificates, residence, work and travel permits.

Letters of recommendation for Ignat'ev
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 1: 8.

Program of musical production involving S. D. and A. I. Ignat'ev
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 1: 9. Includes photographs.

School Records
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 1: 10.

Scrapbook
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 1: 11. Includes correspondence and autographs.

Miscellany
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 1: 12.
CORRESPONDENCE 1926-1976

General note
See also BIOGRAPHICAL FILE/Scrapbook.

Scope and Contents note
Includes correspondence to and from Ignat'ev's wife, Aleksandra Ivanovna

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Greeting cards 1941-1970
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 1 : 13.

Letters 1948-1975
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 1 : 14.

box 2

Postcards 1926-1970

General
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 2 : 1.

Family
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 2 : 2.

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Unidentified 1964-1970 and undated
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 2 : 3.

Alekseev, Pavel I. 1962-1964 and undated
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 2 : 4.

Anna, Igumen'ia 1959-1965 and undated
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 2 : 5.

Arnemann (?), Vera 1960-1968
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 2 : 6.

Associazione Femminile Italiana 1929
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 2 : 7.

Barankeev, Ivan 1963-1971
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 2 : 8.

Baskakova, L. 1959
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 2 : 9.
Benigsen, Elena Ivanovna 1960-1967
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 2 : 10.

Bogolepov, Aleksei Aleksandrovich 1961-1970
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 2 : 11.

Boiarintsev, M. 1961
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 2 : 12.

Brandt, Guido 1928-1930
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 2 : 13.

Cedergren, A. and G. 1952-1964
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 2 : 14.

Chub, I. A. 1970-1971
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 2 : 15.

Degtiarev, Mikhail Pavlovich 1956-1971
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 2 : 16.

Frömke, Natalia 1963-1965
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 2 : 17.

Funk, A. 1963-1964
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 2 : 18.

Gartong, Marianna 1960
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 2 : 19. Includes letter from Gartong to Archbishop Ioann of San Francisco, 1964

Gavrilov, Petr E. 1970
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 2 : 20.

Germany (Federal Republic, 1949-). Generalkonsulat (San Francisco) 1964
Ioann, Archbishop of San Francisco 1946
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 3 : 1.
Ioann (Pommer), Archbishop of Latvia 1931
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 3 : 2.

Iur'eva, M. 1937
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 3 : 3.

Ivanov, Boris I. 1970 and undated
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 3 : 4.

Kiut (?), N. D. [1929]
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 3 : 5.

Koshlakov, M., Rev. 1942-1976
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 3 : 6.

Koshlich, Georgii Pavlovich 1941-1970
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 3 : 7.

Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 3 : 8.

Kramarevskaiia, V. 1959-1969
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 3 : 9.

Krivosheev, A. 1961-1965
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 3 : 10.

Kvartirova, A. and M. 1969 and undated
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 3 : 11.

Ladinskii, Leonid, Rev. 1970-1971
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 3 : 12.

Langlet, Nina 1961-1973
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 3 : 13. Includes poem by Valdemar Langlet

Leoussoff, Kseniia 1955
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 3 : 14.
Levitov, M. 1971-1974
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 3 : 15.

Lubimtsev, M. and S. 1953-1970 and undated
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 3 : 16.

Mantulin, Valentin N. 1969
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 3 : 17.

Mikhailichenko, Vasilii Stepanovich 1963
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 3 : 18.

Ob"edinenie russkikh natsional'nykh organizatsii v Germanii 1936-1937
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 3 : 19.

Obshchestvo byvshikh dieiatelei Imperatorskago rossiiskago krasnago kresta v Germanii 1940
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 3 : 20.

Olen', I. 1955-1961
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 3 : 21.

Petrenko, N. 1970-1971
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 3 : 22.

Petrova, Lidia 1960-1963
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 3 : 23.

Pol', V. 1961-1962
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 3 : 24.

Polozhenskii, Sergei, Rev. 1942-1972
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 3 : 25.

Sakharov, D. 1936-1961
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 3 : 26.

Scholuch, A. 1965
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 3 : 27.
Sergiia, Matushka 1968 and undated
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 3 : 28.

Smolenskii, Sergei A. 1961-1970
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 3 : 29.

Snarskaia, Liubov Ivanovna 1940-1968 and undated
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 3 : 30.

Timashev, A. 1937-1960
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 3 : 31.

Tolstaia, M. 1954-1962
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 3 : 32.

Ugriumov, Aleksei Ivanovich 1967-1968
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 3 : 33. Includes related letter by A. Pliushkova

Ustinova, Ritta 1973
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 3 : 34.

Varashkevich, Boris 1943
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 3 : 35.

Veiglas, Nikolai, Rev. 1968-1972
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 3 : 36.

Verevkina, Mariia 1964-1968
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 3 : 37.

Voronkova, S. 1960-1961
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 3 : 38. Includes related letter by unidentified correspondent

Zhdanov, Nikita Romanovich 1961-1970
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 3 : 39.

SPEECHES AND WRITINGS 1917-1966
General
**Register of the Semen Dmitrievich Ignat'ev papers**

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**reel 2**

**General**

Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 3 : 40. Includes various notes and miscellaneous writings, mainly relating to Russian church music, n.d. Holograph and typescript

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**reel 3**

**Letters to the editor 1966 and undated**

Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 3 : 41.

**Musical compositions**

**General**

**Copyrights to musical notes**
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 3 : 42.

**Miscellany**
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 3 : 43. Includes lists of notes for balalaika orchestras and similar material

"Dosug v dieistvuishchei armii: Niechto v rodie dnevnika," . 1917
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 3 : 44. Holograph

*S nami Bog 1966*
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 3 : 45. Printed copy

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**reel 4, reel 3**

**Poetry 1949-1962 and undated**
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 4 : 1-2 (reel 3) and Box/Folder 4 : 3 (reel 4). May include poems not authored by Ignat'ev, but which he set to music

"Adiutantik," n.d.
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 4 : 4. Holograph

"Bogoslovie v zvukakh," n.d.
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 4 : 5. Typescript

"D. S. Bortnianskii," n.d.
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 4 : 6. Typescript. Includes background materials and typed notes on Bortnianskii's operas

"Gallipoliiskii pamiatnik," n.d.
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 4 : 7. Notes and typescript
"Kniaz' Igor'," n.d.
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 4 : 8. Typescript

"O Glazunovie," n.d.
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 4 : 9. Background notes and holograph

"Palestrina," n.d.
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 4 : 10. Holograph

"Pamiatnik," n.d.
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 4 : 11. Printed copy (possibly from Chasovoi)

"Pskovitianka," n.d.
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 4 : 12. Typescript

Untitled reminiscences of N. V. Plevitskaia n.d.
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 4 : 13. Typescript

"Kratkoe rukovodstvo k prakticheskomu izucheniu Oktoikh ili Osmoglasnika," 1947
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 4 : 14. Typescript

"Ringaren," Katrineholms-Kuriren, , and Svenska Dagbladet 1953 December 22 1953 December 27
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 4 : 15. Printed copies

"Glinka," 1957
Notes and background materials
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 5 : 1-2.

Typescript
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 5 : 3.

"Khor Kubanskhikh kazakov u Gosudaryni-Imperatritsy," Russkaia zhizn 1958 November 25
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 5 : 4. Printed copy

"A. G. Rubinshtein," [1959]
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 5 : 5. Typescript
"Chistyi Chetverg v osazhdennom Berline," Russkaia zhizn' 1966 April 16
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 5 : 6. Typescript and printed copy

SUBJECT FILE 1927-1974
Scope and Contents note
Correspondence, notes, and printed matter

Church of the Transfiguration, Stockholm, Sweden
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 5 : 7.

Glück, Christian
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 5 : 8.

Haydn, Franz-Josef
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 5 : 9.

Holy Trinity Cathedral, San Francisco, California
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 5 : 10.

Kubanskii kazachii khor
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 5 : 11.

Liadov, A. K.
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 5 : 12.

Lissenko, Georg
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 5 : 13.

Obshchestvo russkikh veteranov Velikoi voiny, San Francisco, California
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 5 : 14.

Orthodox Eastern Church--Hymns
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 5 : 15.

Rakhmaninov, S. V.
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 5 : 16.

Religion
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 6 : 1.
Rimskii-Korsakov, N. A.
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 6 : 2.

Russkaia Pravoslavnaia Tserkov' (Orthodox Eastern Church)
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 6 : 3-6.

Serov, A. N.
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 6 : 7.

Voice
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 6 : 8.

Miscellany
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 6 : 9.

PRINTED MATTER 1898-1974
Scope and Contents note
Relates to Cossacks, Russian culture, military history and miscellaneous subjects

Bulletins
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 7 : 1.

Clippings
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 7 : 2-3.

Periodicals
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 7 : 4.

PHOTOGRAPHS (not microfilmed) c. 1910-1974
Scope and Contents note
Originals located at the Museum of Russian Culture; items were not microfilmed.

Albums
Scope and Contents note
Originals located at the Museum of Russian Culture; items were not microfilmed.
Photographs primarily of Ignat'ev and his ensemble on tour, family members, and miscellaneous events and places

Prints
Ignat'ev, Semen Dmitrievich
Scope and Contents note
Originals located at the Museum of Russian Culture; Items were not microfilmed.
box 9, folder 2  **Ignat'eva, Aleksandra Ivanovna**  
Scope and Contents note  
Originals located at the Museum of Russian Culture; items were not microfilmed.

box 9, folder 3-5  **Family photographs**  
Scope and Contents note  
Originals located at the Museum of Russian Culture; items were not microfilmed.

box 9, folder 6-7  **Kuban' Cossack Chorus and balalaika orchestra**  
Scope and Contents note  
Originals located at the Museum of Russian Culture; items were not microfilmed.

box 9, folder 8  
**Miscellany**  
**Group photographs, which may include Ignat'ev and his wife**  
Scope and Contents note  
Originals located at the Museum of Russian Culture; items were not microfilmed.

box 10, folder 1  
**Miscellany**  
Scope and Contents note  
Originals located at the Museum of Russian Culture; items were not microfilmed.

box 10, folder 2  
**Negatives (1 packet, 3 boxes and 7 booklets)**  
Scope and Contents note  
Originals located at the Museum of Russian Culture; items were not microfilmed.

box 10, folder 3  
**ARTWORK n.d.**  
Scope and Contents note  
Originals located at the Museum of Russian Culture; items were not microfilmed. One watercolor painting of a pastoral scene

box 10, folder 4  
**FINANCIAL RECORDS 1927-1974**  
Scope and Contents note  
Originals located at the Museum of Russian Culture; items were not microfilmed. Bank statements, receipts, financial calculations and other matter.