Register of the Alexander Yvanoff (Aleksandr Efimovich Ivanov) Papers

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Abstract: Memoirs, correspondence, and photographs, relating to the Russian Civil War, Russian émigré life in the Philippines, and guerrilla activities in the Philippines during World War II.
Creator: Yvanoff, Alexander, 1896-1973
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Location of Originals
Originals in: Museum of Russian Culture, San Francisco.
Biography
Yvanoff was born in Kazan' on 20 January 1896. As an ensign (praporshchik) in the Russian army in 1917, he witnessed the collapse of the front, and returned to Kazan', where he joined the anti-Bolshevik army in 1918. He remained with the Whites till his evacuation from Vladivostok with Admiral Iu. K. Stark’s flotilla in October 1922. A fluke of fate left him stranded in the Philippines (instead of continuing on to the United States as had been his intention), and there he remained, working as a logger, surveyor, and miner.
During the Second World War, he fought with guerrilla forces against the Japanese, and spent the post-war years locating and defusing bombs and landmines left in the Philippines. Yvanoff died in Zamboanga on 25 January 1973. He described his life in a memoir entitled "From Kazan to Zamboanga," recorded by Ann Evans, the wife of a mining engineer for whom Yvanoff had worked.

1896
January 20 Born, Kazan', Russia
1917 Ensign (Praporshchik), Russian Army
1922 Left Vladivostok for the Philippines
1930 Married Petronila Brown
October 6
1941-1945 Fought the Japanese in the Philippines in a guerrilla unit
1973 Died, Zamboanga, Philippines
January 25
Scope and Content Note
The piece de resistance of this collection is Yvanoff's memoir, "Kazan' to Zamboanga," detailing his family history, participation in the Russian Civil War in Siberia and the Far East, evacuation to the Philippines and life there, including participation in anti-Japanese guerrilla warfare during World War II.
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Russia.
Russians--Philippines.
Soviet Union--History--Revolution, 1917-1921.
Soviet Union.
World War, 1939-1945--Philippines.
World War, 1939-1945.

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**Box 1**

**Biographical File, 1969-1976**

Scope and Contents note
Article about Yvanoff, with related correspondence, and clippings

**Correspondence, 1967-1973**

Scope and Contents note
Arranged alphabetically by name of correspondent

**Writings, 1972**

Scope and Contents note
Memoirs entitled "Kazan' to Zamboanga"

**Photographs, 1957-1973**

Scope and Contents note
Eleven prints depicting Yvanoff and family members

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**Biographical File, 1969-1976**

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*Article about Yvanoff from Sunburst magazine, , with associated correspondence 1976*

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**Clippings**

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*About Yvanoff*

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*On various subjects with notes and commentary by Yvanoff*
CORRESPONDENCE, 1967-1973

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Bourret, W., 1973 and undated

Box/Folder 1 : 5

Evans, Hugh and Ann, 1967-1973

General note

See also WRITINGS

Scope and Contents note

Much of the correspondence relates to Ann Evans' typing and editing of Yvanoff's memoirs.

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Soviet Union. Posol'stvo (Japan), 1971

WRITINGS, 1972

General note

See also CORRESPONDENCE/Evans, Hugh and Ann

Scope and Contents note


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Holograph (incomplete)

Typescript

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Rough draft, with Yvanoff's corrections

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Final draft

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PHOTOGRAPHS, 1957-1973

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