

# Guide to the George Vernadsky Papers

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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 520

**CREATOR:** Vernadsky, George, 1887-1973

**TITLE:** George Vernadsky papers

**DATES:** 1929-1969

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 7.25 linear feet (18 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The papers consist of manuscript drafts of George Vernadsky's published books and articles on Russian history. Also included in the papers are photostats of documents used by Vernadsky in his research and writing.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gifts of George Vernadsky, Sergei Pushkarev, and Howard B. Gotlieb between 1957 and 1973.

## Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Preferred Citation

George Vernadsky Papers (MS 520). Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library.

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## Related Materials

George Vernadsky Papers, Bakhmeteff Archive, Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Columbia University.

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## Biographical / Historical

George Vernadsky was born in St. Petersburg, Russia, on August 20, 1887. He studied at Moscow University and received a Magister degree in Russian history from the University of St. Petersburg in 1917. He taught at universities in Russia and Czechoslovakia before emigrating to the United States and joining the Yale University faculty in 1927. He authored several volumes on the history of Russia. Vernadsky died on June 12, 1973 in New Haven, Connecticut.

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## Scope and Contents

The George Vernadsky Papers consist of manuscripts and typescripts for several of Vernadsky's published books and articles on Russian history. The papers also include photostats of documents used by Vernadsky in his research and writings. The materials represent only a small portion of Vernadsky's papers, the bulk of which are in the Bakhmeteff Archives in the Rare Book and Manuscript Library of Columbia University.

The papers, which include manuscripts, in chronological order, followed by the articles, which are also in chronological order. Manuscripts for Vernadsky's *The History of Russia*, a major work which was revised and reissued in several editions, comprise the majority of the papers. Included with the manuscripts for this title are research materials in the form of photostats of ancient Greek texts. At the end of the papers there is a manuscript for an autobiography of Vernadsky's life from his birth until 1917.

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b. 1, f. 1-15	<i>A History of Russia</i> English	1929
b. 2, f. 16-17	<i>A History of Russia</i> English	1930
b. 2, f. 18-24	Photostats	Undated
b. 3, f. 25-30	<i>Lenin: A Red Dictator</i> English	1931
	<i>A History of Russia</i>	
b. 3, f. 31-35	Volume 1: <i>Ancient Russia</i>	1943
b. 4, f. 36-41	Volume 1: <i>Ancient Russia</i>	1943
b. 5, f. 42-54	Volume 2: <i>Kievan Russia</i>	1947-1948
b. 6, f. 55-64	<i>The Origins of Russia</i> : manuscript	1959
b. 7, f. 65-76	<i>The Origins of Russia</i> : manuscript	1959
b. 8, f. 77-79	<i>The Origins of Russia</i> : manuscript	1959
b. 8, f. 80-89	<i>The Origins of Russia</i> : typescript	1959
	<i>A History of Russia</i>	
b. 9, f. 90-101	Volume 4: <i>Russia at the Dawn of the Modern Age</i>	1959
b. 10, f. 102-114	Volume 4: <i>Russia at the Dawn of the Modern Age</i>	1959
b. 11, f. 115-128	Volume 5: <i>Tsardom of Muscovy</i>	1969
b. 12, f. 129-140	Volume 5: <i>Tsardom of Muscovy</i>	1969
b. 13, f. 141-155	Volume 5: <i>Tsardom of Muscovy</i>	1969
b. 14, f. 156-169	Volume 5: <i>Tsardom of Muscovy</i>	1969
b. 15, f. 170-184	Volume 5: <i>Tsardom of Muscovy</i>	1969
b. 16, f. 185-200	Volume 5: <i>Tsardom of Muscovy</i>	1969
b. 17, f. 201-211	Volume 5: <i>Tsardom of Muscovy</i>	1969
	Articles	
b. 18, f. 212	"Brotherhood 'Prijutino'" (English) English	Undated
b. 18, f. 213-216	"Brotherhood 'Prijutino'" (Russian) English	Undated
b. 18, f. 217-221	"Eurasian Nomads and their Impact on Medieval Europe" English	Undated

b. 18, f. 222-223	"Ossetian Tale of Dada Mstislav" English	Undated
b. 18, f. 224	"Toxar, Tima, T'mutorkani" English	1956
b. 18, f. 225	"Century of Russian Foreign Policy" English	1961
b. 18, f. 226-227	"Chronological Outline of My Life, 1887-1917" (Russian) English	1969

## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Subjects**

Historians  
History -- Study and teaching

### **Geographic Names**

Soviet Union -- History

### **Genres / Formats**

Manuscripts (for publication)

### **Names**

Vernadsky, George, 1887-1973

### **Corporate Body**

Yale University -- Faculty