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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Rare Book and Manuscript Library
<b>Creator:</b>	Robinson, Geroid Tanquary, 1892-1971
<b>Title:</b>	Geroid Tanquary Robinson papers
<b>ID:</b>	4079585
<b>ID:</b>	MS#1073
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1915-1965
<b>Physical Description:</b>	33 linear feet 79 boxes 2 oversize boxes
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English .

### Preferred Citation

Identification of specific item; Date (if known); Geroid Tanquary Robinson papers; Box and Folder; Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Columbia University Library.

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## Biographical / Historical

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Geroid T. Robinson, 1892-1971 (Columbia A.M. 1922; Ph.D. 1930) professor of Russian history at Columbia University. He was born Rodney G. Robinson in Virginia; after marrying Clemens Tanquary in 1921 he took her surname as his middle name. He had hoped to be a journalist and writer, and was on the staff of THE DIAL and THE FREEMAN from 1919 to 1924. From 1925 to 1927 he did doctoral research in the Soviet Union, which resulted in his only book RURAL RUSSIA UNDER THE OLD REGIME (1931). During World War II he was chief, USSR Division, Research and Analysis Branch, OSS. From the 1920s onward, Robinson taught in the History Department at Columbia University and was involved in the developing field of Russian studies. From 1946 to 1951 he was the first head of Columbia's Russian Institute. In 1950 he became Seth Low Professor of History and retired in 1960.

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## Summary

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Correspondence, manuscripts, notes, documents, subject files, photographs, art works, and printed materials. This collection covers the entire span of his life, although by far the greatest part relates to his activities as a professor from the 1930s to the 1960s. Among the correspondents are many important figures in American Russian studies or Columbia University; there are also many letters from his wife, Clemens T. Robinson, and Lewis Mumford. Manuscripts by Robinson include his "Rural Russia under the Old Regime" lectures, notes, speeches and essays, and also miscellaneous pieces (essays, reviews, poems, stories, plays, etc.) that he wrote while he was an aspiring young journalist and writer in the 1910s and 1920s. Manuscripts by others consist of student theses, papers, books and reports that were given him for review or comment. Subject files deal with such topics as his service in World War I; Columbia University (especially the Libraries and the History Department); and various aspects of academic life and Russian studies. Almost nothing in the collection has any bearing on his government service during World War II; items from the war years concern personal affairs or scholarship. There are photographs of Robinson and his wife; family photographs from the late 19th and early 20th centuries; and Russian scenes. Art works include items by Clemens T. Robinson. Among the printed materials are two books inscribed by Mumford to Robinson.

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## Arrangement

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Selected materials cataloged; remainder arranged.

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## Administrative Information

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### **Revision Description**

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### **Restrictions on Access**

The following boxes are located off-site: Boxes 2-80. You will need to request this material at least three business days in advance to use the collection in the Rare Book and Manuscript Library reading room.

### **Conditions Governing Access**

There is no Box 77 in the collection; it appears that the number was skipped during processing as there is no Box 77 in the original container list for the collection.

### **Restrictions on Access**

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### **Immediate Source of Acquisition**

Papers: Source of acquisition--Various. Method of acquisition--Gift.

### **Ownership and Custodial History**

Bequest of Geroid T. Robinson, 1971.

### **Ownership and Custodial History**

Transfer from S.I.A. Library, 1977, 1986 & 1989.

### **Processing Information**

Papers Entered in AMC 11/28/90.

## Accruals

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- World War, 1914-1918
- Soviet Union -- Civilization
- Soviet Union -- History
- Albums (books)
- Clippings (Information Artifacts)
- Drawings (visual works)
- Essays
- Illustrations
- Lectures
- Photographs
- Poems
- Reports
- Reviews (documents)
- Scripts (documents)
- Sketchbooks
- Speeches (documents)
- College teachers
- Journalists
- Scholars
- Sovietologists
- Bakhmetev, B. A. (Boris Aleksandrovich)
- Dewey, John, 1859-1952
- Donovan, William J (William Joseph), 1883-1959
- Eisenhower, Dwight D (Dwight David), 1890-1969
- Harriman, W. Averell (William Averell), 1891-1986
- Humphrey, Hubert H. (Hubert Horatio), 1911-1978
- Knopf, Alfred A., 1892-1984
- MacLeish, Archibald, 1892-1982
- Marcuse, Herbert, 1898-1979
- Mumford, Lewis, 1895-1990
- Shotwell, James T., 1874-1965
- Van Doren, Carl, 1885-1950
- Wilder, Thornton, 1897-1975

- Columbia University

## Collection Inventory

### Series I: Correspondence

#### Subseries I.1: Cataloged Correspondence

Title/Description	Instances
Bakhtmeteff, Boris A.	box 1
Beard, Charles A.	box 1
Beard, Mary	box 1
Burns, Arthur Francis	box 1
Canby, Henry	box 1
Dewey, John	box 1
Donovan, William J.	box 1
Druzhinin, N.P.	box 1
Dulles, Allen W.	box 1
Eisenhower, Dwight David	box 1
Fedotoff-White, D. (Dimitrii)	box 1
Harriman, William Averell	box 1
Herter, Christian A.	box 1
Humphrey, Hubert Horatio	box 1
Johnson, Alvin S.	box 1
Karpovich, Mikhail Mikhailovich	box 1
Knopf, Alfred A.	box 1
Lie, Trygve	box 1
Macleish, Archibald	box 1
Malone, Dumas	box 1
Marcuse, Herbert	box 1
Menotti, Gian Carlo	box 1
Mumford, Lewis	box 1
Perkins, Maxwell	box 1
Savitskii, Petr Nikolaevich	

	box 1
Shapley, Harlow	box 1
Shotwell, James T.	box 1
Van Doren, Carl	box 1
Wilder, Thornton	box 1

### Subseries I.2: Uncataloged Correspondence

Title/Description	Instances
A - C	box 2
Charles - G	box 3
H - Library	box 4
Lo - Petrovich	box 5
R - Simmons	box 6
T - Z	box 7

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### Series II: Manuscripts and Other Writings by G.T. Robinson

Title/Description	Instances
Rural Russia Under the Old Regime	box 8
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Rural Russia Under the Old Regime	box 10
Rural Russia Under the Old Regime	box 11
Rural Russia Under the Old Regime	box 12
Rural Russia Under the Old Regime	box 13
Diaries and Notebooks	box 14
Lectures on Soviet Social Thought	box 15
A - S	
An Amended Strategy for South Vietnam	box 16
Class Notes from History of Philosophy, 1916-1917	box 16
"Communism", 1955	box 16
<b>Scope and Contents</b>	
Lecture at Army War College	
Essays (Early Writings)	



	box 16
The Ideological Combat	box 16
"The Kremlin and the Communization of the Colonial World"	box 17
"Mechanical Invention and the Totalitarian State"	box 17
Miscellaneous Early Writngs	box 17
<b>Scope and Contents</b>	
Includes school papers	
"An outline of the History of France"	box 17
Poems	box 17
<u>Physical Description</u> : 2 folders	
Reviews on Russian Affairs	box 17
"The Russian Government and the Village Commune in the Legislation of 1906-1910"	box 17
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<u>Physical Description</u> : 4 folders	
"Stalin's Vision of Utopia: The Future Communist Society"	box 18
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Bergson, Abram. Rand Corp Reports <u>Physical Description</u> : 2 folders	box 39
Bernaut, Elsa and Ruggles, M.J. "Soviet Collective Leadership"	box 39
British Reports on the USSR, 1954	box 39
Chapman, Janet G. "Regional Structure of Soviet Retail Prices"	box 39
Clarke, Gilmore D. Sonnets	box 39
Dallin, Alexander. "Red Star on Military Affairs, 1945-1952"	box 40
Fedotoff-White, Dmitrii D. "Certain Outcomes of Lenin's Philosophy"	box 40
Garthoff R.L. "The Role of the Military in Recent Soviet Politics"	box 40
Joravsky, David "Soviet Marxism & the Philosophy of Natural Science, 1922-1929"	box 40
Low, Alfred D. "Lenin"	box 40

McNeal, Robert H. "Stalin on the Question of Nationality"	box 40
Mathes, W.L. "The Views of J.V. Stalin on Communist Party Unity"	box 40
Mosely, Philip S. "The Story of the Zadruga"	box 40
Nimitx, Nancy. "A Dollar Index of Soviet Coal Output 1927/28-1937"	box 41
Randall Francis B. "The Major Prophets of Russian Peasant Socialism"	box 41
<u>Physical Description</u> : 3 folders	
Rush, Myron. "Khrushhev and the Political Crisis of June, 1957"	box 41
Shapiro, Leonard. "The Communist Party of the Soviet Union: Its Origins and Development" (Draft)	box 42
Shtepa, K.F. "Vospitanie Partiinykh Kadrov V SSSR"	box 41
Smith, G.B. "The Progressive Block in the Russian State Duma"	box 41
Towster, Julian. Translation of the Proceedings of the 14th CPSU Congress	box 41
Towster Julian. Translation of the Proceedings of the 15th CPSU Congress	box 41
Tucker, R.C. "Forces for Change in Soviet Society"	box 41
Vernadsky, George. "Church and State in the Time of Nikon"	box 41
Yakobson, Sergius. "Report on the Survey of European Slavic Collections", 1953	box 41

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Arden House Conference, "Continuity and Change in Russian and Soviet Thought", 1953-1955 <u>Physical Description</u> : 5 folders	box 44
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Course Bibliographies <u>Physical Description</u> : 2 folders	box 46
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History Department, 1928-1960s <u>Physical Description</u> : 18 folders	box 48
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