

# Guide to the Boris Novikoff Papers

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 1467

**CREATOR:** Novikoff, Boris

**TITLE:** Boris Novikoff papers

**DATES:** 1934-1936

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 0.5 linear feet (1 box)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The papers consist of letters from Helene Novikoff to her son Boris, while he was employed by the Gold Coast Selection Trust Limited, a gold mining company, in West Africa. The almost daily letters, written in Russian by Helene Novikoff from her home in England, concern her health, finances, and routine activities.

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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

Received with another purchase from Charles Apfelbaum, 1987.

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Boris Novikoff Papers. Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library.

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## Scope and Contents

The Boris Novikoff Papers consist of letters from Helene Novikoff to her son Boris, while he was employed as a general assistant by the Gold Coast Selection Trust Limited, a gold mining company in West Africa. The almost daily letters in Russian from Helene in Middlesex, England to Boris in the area of Dunkwa (in present day Ghana) concern Helene Novikoff's health, finances, and routine activities. In the letters she frequently expresses anxiety about her son's welfare. At the end of the papers there are a few items of memorabilia and printed matter relating to the Gold Coast Selection Trust Limited and notes concerning the geology of West Africa.

The Yale University Library received the Boris Novikoff Papers with another purchase from Charles Apfelbaum in 1987.

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## Arrangement

Arranged by record type.

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## Collection Contents

Correspondence		
b. 1, f. 1 - 11	Novikoff, Helene	1934-1935
b. 1, f. 12	Miscellaneous	1935
b. 1, f. 13	Geological notes	undated
b. 1, f. 14	Personal memorabilia	1934-1936

## **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**

Families  
Mothers and sons  
Russians

### **Geographic Names**

Great Britain -- Emigration and immigration --  
Biography

### **Names**

Novikoff, Boris  
Novikoff, Helene

### **Corporate Body**

Gold Coast Selection Trust Limited