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# Guide to the Samuel Northrup Harper Papers 1891-1943



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## **Descriptive Summary**

<b>Identifier</b>	ICU.SPCL.HARPERSN
<b>Title</b>	Harper, Samuel Northrup. Papers
<b>Date</b>	1891-1943
<b>Size</b>	20.5 linear feet (81 boxes)
<b>Repository</b>	Special Collections Research Center University of Chicago Library 1100 East 57th Street Chicago, Illinois 60637 U.S.A.

**Abstract** Samuel Northrup Harper (1882 -1943), professor of Russian Language and Institutions at the University of Chicago, was the first American to devote an academic career to the study of Russia. As the foremost American expert during the Revolution of 1919 and the early years of the Soviet regime played a unique role in interpreting events in Russia to those who made, or influenced, American policy.

## **Information on Use**

### **Access**

The collection is open for research.

### **Citation**

When quoting material from this collection, the preferred citation is: Harper, Samuel Northrup, [Box #, Folder #], Special Collections Research Center, University of Chicago Library

### **Biographical Note**

Samuel Northrup Harper was born on April 9, 1882, in the Morgan Park section of Chicago. He was the eldest son of William Rainey Harper who, several years later, became the first president of the new University of Chicago. His mother, Ella Paul Harper, was the daughter of Dr. David Paul, president of Muskingum College in Ohio.

From his earliest youth Samuel Harper was influenced by academics and scholars. Professors from abroad were often guests in his father's home. It is not surprising therefore that he was drawn to an academic career, or that his field of specialization should be a foreign nation. Harper

### **Scope Note**

Consisting of correspondence, notes, diaries, memoranda, reports, translations of Russian sources and general memorabilia (about 40,000 pieces), the collections was partially organized into thirteen sections when it was received by the Library. Its basic scheme has been retained.

Series I: Correspondence

The correspondence is arranged chronologically. A partial index of significant correspondents is available.

Series II: Notes, Diaries, and Interviews

Series III: Lectures and Lecture Notes

Series IV: Articles, Reports, and Translations Collected by SNH

Series V: Articles by HARPER

Series VI: The Sisson Documents

Series VII: Reports to the State Department

Series VIII: Translations for the State Department

Series IX: Translations from the Russian Religious News Service

Series X: Exceptional Laws of Tsarist Russia

Series XI: Documents in Russian

Series XII: Selected Material for Memoirs

Series XIII: Miscellaneous

**Related Resources**

The following related resources are located in the Department of Special Collections:

<http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/spcl/select.html>

Samuel Harper Collection of Russian Pamphlets

**Subject Headings**

- Harper, Samuel N. (Samuel Northrup), 1882-1943
- Bakhmetev, B. A. (Boris Aleksandrovich)
- Crane, Charles Richard, 1858-1939

- Henderson, Loy W. (Loy Wesley), 1892-1986
- Hoover, J. Edgar (John Edgar), 1895-1972
- Karpovich, Michael, 1888-1959
- Kerner, Robert Joseph, 1887-1956
- Pares, Bernard, Sir, 1867-1949
- Pasvolsky, Leo, 1893-1953
- Sisson, Edgar
- Sorokin, Pitirim Aleksandrovich, 1889-1968
- Stolypin, Petr Arkad&#697;evich, 1862-1911
- Tolstoy, Leo, graf, 1828-1910
- Russia -- History -- 1904-1914
- Soviet Union -- History -- Revolution, 1917-1921
- Soviet Union -- History -- 1917-1936
- Soviet Union -- Foreign relations -- United States
- United States -- Foreign relations -- Soviet Union
- Diaries
- Photographs

## **INVENTORY**

### **Series I: Correspondence**

Harper's earliest letters were written to his father at the age of nine when he, his mother, his brother Paul, and Mrs. (George?) Goodspeed were on a trip to Europe in 1891-92. But the correspondence remains occasional until Harper, at eighteen, worked as a guard in the American Pavilion of the Paris Exposition of 1900. From that time on it is possible to follow his career through his letters with some continuity, especially during his frequent trips abroad. Having never married he lived with his mother until her death in 1942, only a few months before his own. The most complete and intimate account of his interest, opinions, and aspirations is expressed in his letters to her.

Between 1891 and 1899 there are only four letters. Thereafter, counting letters, telegrams, and postcards, there is a fairly steady increase from eight items in the 1900 to eighty-nine items in 1913. In 1914, reflecting to some degree the new interest in Russia occasioned by the war, there is a sudden jump to one hundred and eighty items with the rate of increase rising rapidly and culminating with about one thousand and fifty items in 1918, Harper's first and busiest year with the State Department and also the year of his work on the Sisson documents. Beginning in 1919 there is a gradual decline, which does not level off until 1929, after which the yearly average varies between four and five hundred items.

In connection with his work for the State Department, and also in his correspondence with the Institute of Current World Affairs (founded in 1925), Harper received as enclosures many letters and copies of letters written by or to figures of prominence. In the spring of 1917 he began to keep, as a regular practice, carbon copies of his own outgoing mail. The numbers mentioned above include these letter-enclosures and copies of outgoing mail as well as all types of incoming correspondence.

The arrangement used in this section is chronological. Letters which are dated according to both the old and the new styles (O. S. and N. S. ) are filed according to the new style, or Gregorian calendar. When only one date is indicated it is presumed to be the Gregorian or new style.

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**Series II: Notes, Diaries and Interviews**

There is significant overlap among the three types of material contained in this section. They are all notes of one kind or another - the primary records of Harper's eighteen trips to Russia and forty-three years study of Russian affairs, mainly in his own hand (except for a few interviews in the years, later on half sheets of typing size (5 1/2 x 8 1/2")).

The notes, which are distinguished from the diaries because they have no chronological arrangement, are of two kinds. Those of sufficient length and coherence are listed in the inventory by their main topics. Those which are too disjointed or fragmentary to make their enumeration practical or their description by a single term or phrase possible are referred to as "miscellaneous. "

The diaries are the dated, chronological records of Harper's travels in the Russian provinces before 1915; later he used the form to make notes in Petrograd and Moscow as well. They contain not only his observations and comments on people, places, events, and institutions, but also random notations - such as names, addresses, personal accounts-and many interviews, usually with unnamed person, on the subject of local conditions. In the inventory the diaries are referred to as "travel" or "diaries" depending on whether they record trips through the provinces or deal with events or issues in the political centers of Petrograd or Moscow.

Finally, there are the longer interviews, often with well known political figures but also with people designated simple "policeman," "priest," "student," etc. In cases where no legible name or designation of the person interviewed has been provided by Harper, the interview is referred to by its main topic.

Almost never verbatim, the interviews are paraphrases, or translations from the Russian, of the original conversations. As the value of such material is to a great extent dependent on the way in which it was collected, the following passage from Pares' Foreword to *The Russia I Believe In* is pertinent:

We worked out a procedure of our own. We visited anyone who took a prominent part in the hectic life of that time-but never as interviewers; and as all confidences were respected, he would tell us his whole story-how he started, his views, his objects, and the part he had played. Usually, we went together; one of us handled the conversation, and the other committed it to memory;

and the results we always recorded before we went to bed. Usually the work of each of us is recorded in the handwriting of the other...Suppose we were seeing, say, the fifth person present at some historical meeting; we could ourselves suggest corrections in his account, so that it was almost as if we were helping him to revise his memoirs before they appeared in print. ...But he [Harper] was also more practical than I, particularly in the tracing and capturing of out-of-the-way materials of political history, which we hunted up over the country. [Harper, op. cit. , p. , vii. ]

The material in this section is arranged chronologically based on the date of its composition in so far as this could be determined. When no date is recorded on an item the year of its composition, and its sequence within that year, have been estimated by examining its contents, and a question mark has been placed after the year. Because of its extremely diverse nature, as pointed out in the preceding paragraphs, the user should not assume that the headings used in the inventory reflect the entire contents of each envelope or folder.

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The largest class of material collected here consists of copies of reports from American embassies and legations in Finland, the Baltic States, Turkey, and the Balkans. Based largely on translations from the Soviet press, they are addressed to the Secretary of State and were passed on to Harper for study in his capacity of special assistant in the Russian Division. Another large class are other translations and resumes of Russian sources—laws, decrees, speeches, and editorials—some of which may have been made by Harper himself. Finally, there are clippings of articles from Western magazines and newspapers on the subject of Russia and Bolshevism.

The arrangement used in this section is by subject, in alphabetical order, and within the subject by chronological sequence. The categories used were established for the most part by Harper and correspond roughly to those in Series VIII, "Translations for the State Department 1918-1922." [About half of the material here was unfilled when the collection was received by the University of Chicago Library. As some of the unfilled items did not readily fit into the original categories, a few new ones were added to accommodate them. ]

Because of the overlapping nature of many of the categories the user may have to search under more than one heading to find the material he is looking for. In such a search the following examples and explanations may be helpful.

When the subject of an item clearly falls within the scope of an established category, it is, obviously, filed there. But there are numerous cases in which the subject of an article or speech may be difficult to narrow down. For example, the title of an editorial in Pravda of October 10, 1923, "The Peasant Reserve of the International Proletarian Revolution," might suggest that it be filed under "World Revolution," a conventional term of Communist dialectic used by Harper as a category, or under "Agriculture," which Harper uses very broadly to include everything from food shortages (but not famine) to life in the villages. However, a close scrutiny of the article in question reveals that it is about neither revolution nor the peasantry per se but the International Peasant's Conference held in the Kremlin in October of 1923. It is therefore filed under "Communist Party, International Activities. "

As stated above, priority of filing is given to the subject of an item. A speech by Stalin about Trotski is filed under "Trotski. " Directives from the Supreme Soviet regarding railways are filed under "Railways. " On the other hand, when an item treats more than one subject it is filed under its source. A speech in which Stalin speaks of foreign affairs, social problems, and trade, is filed under "Stalin. " But to this general rule there are two qualifications. 1) The institutional source is preferred to the personal. If Stalin's speech was delivered at a meeting of the Ninth Congress of the Third International, it is filed under "Communist Party, Third International. " 2) If the sum of the topics discussed in a single item such as a newspaper article or report fits under one of the general headings such as "General Conditions" or "Revolution and Civil War," it is filed there. These, and a few other very general categories, have been used to prevent and unmanageable proliferation of headings.

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**Series IX: Translations from the Russian Religious News Service**

The existence of a number of drafts in this section suggests that Harper may have been the translator of at least a portion of these articles from the Soviet Press that appear to have been distributed by the Russian Religious News Service which operated out of an office at 347 Madison Avenue in New York City. The first third of the material here, under the sub-heading "Religion," concerns the Soviet campaign to suppress religion in Russia. The rest, under the sub-heading, "General," are articles of general interest, all written with a view to Marxist edification. The arrangement used in this section is a rough chronological order by year, with some subject grouping.



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### **Series X: Exceptional Laws of Tsarist Russia**

The notes contained in this section deal with the special extra-legal discretionary powers which were invested in the Tsarist police and administration "to safeguard the political order and public

peace. " Harper apparently intended this to be the subject of a dissertation. [See the copy of a letter of recommendation from Maxim Kovalevsky (n. d. ), Box 1, f. 13. ] Though he never wrote a dissertation he did publish an article on "Exceptional Measures in Russia" in the Russian Review. [Box 59, f. 18. ]

The headings and organization of this section have been preserved as Harper left them except that seven items which did not bear headings have been assigned them based on an examination of their contents. It should be noted that because of the discursive nature of some of this material the headings used are only rough indications of the contents.

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**Series XI: Documents in Russian Collected by Harper**

Harper was particularly intent on ferreting out documents of historical significance during his sojourns in Russia. [Harper, *op. cit.*, p. viii.] Before the Revolution his many acquaintances in the opposition parties helped him acquire numerous documents relating to the activities of their parties or of other dissident groups. As there was no question of publishing these under

the circumstances of repression prevailing at the time it is possible that some of the documents contained here provide information unavailable elsewhere.

Some are handwritten, such as the "Private Conference of Zemstvo Representatives in St. Petersburg, November 6-9, 1904" included in the "Kazan newsman's diary"; [Box 73, f. 3. ] others, like the transcript of the Peterhof Conference (July 19-20, 1905) are carbon copies of typescript; a few are typescript originals, such as the "Accusation Against fifty-five members of the Social Democratic Party. " [Box 73, f. 6. ]

In addition to the type of material mentioned above, this section also contains government committee reports, both Tsarist and Soviet, teaching plans, course outlines and syllabuses on the subject of Soviet political education; excerpts from Russian newspapers and T. A. S. S. press releases; Tsarist and Bolshevik broadsides and circulars; Tsarist émigré publications; and certain other diverse items such as a typescript copy of Tolstoy's, "The Destruction of Hell and its Restoration. " [ Box 73, f. 1] The index to this collection, arranged by both subject and title, lists some 1, 500 entries. Dating from both the Tsarist and the Soviet periods, they deal with almost every political and social issue of the times. Harper acquired many of them through his connection with the State Department which received material confiscated as subversive by the United States Post Office.

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The Bolsheviks and the Don Basin"; "Russia and the Future"; "Program to Help Russian Students Abroad"; Release from the Russian Press Agency in Constantinople; "Proposal on Political Revisions"; Selections from Rostov newspapers (1919)

**Box 74****Folder 4**

Documents found on Kotlarov (1919)

**Box 74****Folder 5**

"Declaration of the Union of Russian Socialists in New York"; "Plan of Liberation of Russia from the Bolsheviks"; "The Red Labor Army," (1920)

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Instructions for teachers of Russian (1920)

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Program of a Russian theater production, Paris (1920)

**Box 74****Folder 8**

Speech by Lenin; "excerpts from the Record of the Russian Nationalistic Committee"; "Propaganda messages sent out by the Soviets, July 1-August 22"; "From the Bureau of Printings; The Plenipotentiary Representative of the Russian Union of Federal Socialist Republics in Estonia"; Bulletins from the Bureau of Printing #220, #224, and #229; Broadsides and circulars (1921)

**Box 74****Folder 9**

Review of, "The Red Terror in Russia" by S. P. Mel'gunov; "First Meeting of the V. C. I. K. " (1922)

**Box 74****Folder 10**

"Survey of People's Ownership in Russia" #16-18; Letter from Patriarch Tikhon; "Press censorship"; Broadsides and circulars (1923)

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**Folder 11**

"Survey of People's Ownership in Russia" #19; "The Economic Committee of Professor Prokopovich of the Zemgora Cultural Enlightenment Department," bulletins #8, #9, and #10; Broadsides and circulars (1924)

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**Folder 12**

Teaching plan-history; "Program for Soviet Party School #1 for the Course 'The History of the Russian Communist Party and Comintern (in Connection with the Foundation of Leninism) and the History of Class Struggle (in Connection with the History of Agrarian Relations and Peasant Movements)'" (1925)

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**Folder 13**

"Network of Soviet Party Schools"; "The Economic Committee of Professor Prokopovich of the Zemgora Cultural Enlightenment Department," bulletins #31 and #41; "Explanatory Letter of the Program 'Politprosvetrabota' for Soviet Party School"; Program for the course "The R. L. K. S. M. in the Countryside"; Reports by Soviet Students; Syllabuses; "Program of Economic Geography for Soviet Party Schools" (1926)

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**Folder 14**

"Moscow State Commission on Learning by Onlookers and Listeners at the Art Department of the Gubpolitprosvet"; "The Organization of Agricultural Propaganda in Soviet Russia, "Resolution from the First Meeting of the C. B. Yu. M on the Report by Comrade Rakhman on the Growth of Pioneer Organizations in the U. S. S. R. "; Broadsides and circulars (1926)

**Box 75**

**Folder 1**

"Report on the Paris Center of Resistance of the Union of Young Russians"; "Economics and Economic Politics in the U. S. S. R. ," Report on Political Economics"; "The Theory of Proletarian Revolution"; Speech given by K. S. Elita-Vil'chouskiy of the Union of Young Russians; Speech by Prince Audrey Vladimirovich; Speech given by A. L. Kazen-Bek at a banquet of the Society of Young Russians in Paris; Broadside (1929)

**Box 75**

**Folder 2**

"The Education of National Minorities in the U. S. S. R"; "On Dialectical and Historical Materialism"; "Monthly Summary of the Main Conference of the Union of Young Russians"; "The Monarchist's Herald"; Excerpts from a Berlin newspaper; "A Religious Debate Organized by the All-Union Society of Cultural Relations with Foreigners"; Broadsides and circulars; Production schedules (1930)

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**Folder 3**

Broadsides and circulars (1931-1932)

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"The Political-Administrative Divisions of the U. S. S. R. " (1936)

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T. A. S. S. press releases (1939)

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"Report of the Chairman of S. N. K. of the U. S. S. R. and of the People's Commissar of Foreign Affairs Comrade V. M. Molotov on the U. P. Session of the Highest Council of the U. S. S. R. on the Foreign Policies of the Government of the U. S. S. R. "; T. A. S. S. press releases (1940)

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**Folder 7**

T. A. S. S. press releases (1941)

**Series XII: Selected Material For the Memoirs and Drafts**

At his death on January 18, 1943, Harper left the manuscript of his memoirs through the year 1936 and for a period in 1941-1942. Mr. Ronald Thompson, one of Harper's students, selected from Harper's papers notes and correspondence with which to continue the story from the beginning of 1937 until the end of his life. This section contains the notes selected by Thompson as well as Harper's manuscript memoirs and the drafts of their published version, *The Russia I Believe In*, edited by his brother Paul V. Harper, with the assistance of Thompson. The correspondence which was contained in this section has been refilled in Series I.

*The Russia I Believe In* ends its account of Harper's career in June 1941. The importance of this section to anyone interested in Harper is that it contains, in manuscript, memoirs for 1941-1942, and, in the earlier drafts of *The Russia I Believe In*, information which does not appear in the book. In Thompson's prefatory notes, the first item in the following inventory, there is no suggestion that the last nineteen months of Harper's life would be omitted from the book, nor any indication as to why they were.

The organization used in this section is chronological. The chapters referred to are the drafts of those in *The Russia I Believe In*.

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Prefatory note by Ronald Thompson

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Drafts from correspondence (1918)

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Memoirs-work for the State Department, 1) Protocols of the Wise

- Men of Zion, 2) Sisson Documents (1918-1922)

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Drafts of Chapter XIV

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Rebuff at Munich (1938)

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Three Slavic diplomats (1939)

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London and Warsaw (1939)

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Turkey (1939)

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Moscow on the eve

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War and international relations (1941)

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Miscellaneous (1941-1942)

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Selected but unused notes (1937-1941)

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Last published address (1942)

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Notes for last talk (1943)

**Series XIII: Miscellaneous**

Collected here are calling cards of Harper's friends and acquaintances, engagement and address books, postcards, and photographs. No attempt has been made to order the calling cards. The

engagement and address books that are dated are arranged chronologically. The postcards, most of which have not been used, are ordered according to the subjects of their illustrations. The photographs are also grouped according to the nature of their subjects (landscapes, portraits, etc. ). Both the postcards and the photographs pertain largely to Russia. Other postcards, photographs, and negatives of photos in this collection are located in the S. N. Harper collection of Russian pamphlets (DK246 . S2 Rare).

### **Subseries 1: Calling cards**

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Calling cards

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### **Subseries 4: Photographs**



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River and water front scenes

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People

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Portraits

**Box 80**

Miscellaneous postcards and lantern slides from Russia, pre- and post-Revolutionary

**Box 81**

Book of photographs of Moscow. Turn of the 19th century

### **Subseries 5: Broadsides and circulars**

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