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Collection Summary

Title: Yudin Collection of Russian-American Company Records

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Collector: Iudin, G. V. (Gennadii Vasil'evich), 1840-1912

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Summary: Official letters, work reports, tariff and cargo registers, ships' journals, accounts of exploratory expeditions, and other records relating to the exploration and colonization of Alaska and Siberia by the Russian-American Company (Rossiisko-amerikanskai͡a͡ kompanii͡a͡), a fur trading company conducting trade with the Alaska Natives as well as the exploration and colonization chiefly of Alaska and the Pacific Coast of America. Founded in 1799 as the successor of the Shelikhov-Golikov Company, founded in 1783. Also includes material relating to the company's contacts with the Japanese, Chinese, and Portuguese. Individuals represented include Nikolai Petrovich Rezanov and G.I. Shelikhov. Collected by G. V. Iudin (Yudin).

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Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

People

Iudin, G. V. (Gennadii Vasil'evich), 1840-1912, collector.

Rezanov, Nikolai Petrovich, 1764-1807.

Shelikhov, G. I. (Grigorii Ivanovich), 1747-1795.

Organizations

Rossiisko-amerikanskai͡a͡ kompanii͡a͡. Yudin collection of Russian-American Company records. 1783-1946.

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Subjects

Alaska Natives.

Fur trade--Alaska.

Places

Alaska--Colonization.

Alaska--Commerce.

Alaska--Discovery and exploration.

China--Commerce--Russia.

Japan--Commerce--Russia.

Portugal--Commerce--Russia.

Russia--Commerce--China.

Russia--Commerce--Japan.

Russia--Commerce--Portugal.

Siberia (Russia)--Commerce.

Titles

Occupations

Collectors.

Provenance

The Yudin Collection of Russian-American Company Records was purchased by the Library of Congress in 1907. An addition was given by Sergius Yakobson in 1970.

Processing History

The Yudin Collection of Russian-American Company Records was arranged and described in circa 1975. The finding aid revised in 2011 and expanded in 2020.

Copyright Status

It is the researcher's responsibility to determine requirements of domestic copyright laws and international treaties and conventions.

Access and Restrictions

The Yudin Collection of Russian-American Company Records is open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Microfilm

A microfilm edition of these papers is available on two reels. Consult reference staff in the Manuscript Division concerning availability for purchase or interlibrary loan. To promote preservation of the originals, researchers are required to consult the microfilm edition as available.

Published Edition

Transcripts of much of this collection are available in Alaska University, Alaska History Research Project, Documents Relative to the History of Alaska, vol. 3, which itself is available on microfilm in the Microform Reading Room of the Library, shelf no. 10,612. A print copy is in the Manuscript Reading Room reference collection, call no. F901.A37.

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Preferred Citation

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Scope and Content Note

The Yudin Collection of Russian-American Company Records spans the years 1783-1946, with the bulk from 1783 to 1830. The collection contains official letters, work reports, tariff and cargo registers, ships' journals, accounts of exploratory expeditions, and other papers relating to the exploration and colonization of Alaska and Siberia by the Russian-American Company (Rossiisko-amerikanskai͡a kompanii͡a). Also included is material relating to the company's contacts with the Japanese, Chinese, and Portuguese. Individuals mentioned include Nikolai͡ Petrovich Rezanov and G. I. Shelikhov. The material is chiefly in Russian.

Arrangement of the Papers

The collection is arranged by topic or subject.

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BOX 1 REEL 1	Statement by Nikolai Rezanov concerning first settlement of Russians in America in 1741, circa 1790 (Letters from Matvei Lapatin to Grigorii Shelikhov. Irkutsk) Digital content available This statement declares that in 1741 Russian explorers not only discovered North America but also established a colony, thus preceding the British and Spanish claims to the same territory by some thirty to forty years.
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BOX 1 REEL 1	Credentials issued to Nikolai Rezanov by Russian-American Company, June 30, 1803 (Letters from Matvei Lapatin to Grigorii Shelikhov. Irkutsk) Digital content available These credentials authorized Rezanov, in the name of the Russian-American Company, to establish trade in any territory of the Asian, Indian, or American continents and to open credit with any commercial house.
BOX 1 REEL 1	Convention with Japan, 1804
BOX 1 REEL 1	Memo for a possible future convention with Japan. English summary with Russian autograph, 1804 (Letters from Matvei Lapatin to Grigorii Shelikhov. Irkutsk) Digital content available Written in Rezanov's own hand, this memorandum outlines a proposed Russo-Japanese agreement that would enable Russians to establish a fortified port on Matmai

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- (Hokkaido), or, failing that, unrestricted trade between the two nations. Japanese items of interest to the Russians were rice, tea, ink, seeds, silk, cotton, and manufactured goods. In return the Russians offered whale oil, furs, walrus tusks, iron tools, optical instruments, linen, and wool.
- BOX 1 REEL 1** List of Rezanov's papers, undated
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- [Digital content available](#)
- This list of Rezanov's personal papers compiled after his untimely death in 1807 reveals his breadth of culture and status as ambassador to Japan. Included are notebooks on the geography of Siberia; lexicons of the Japanese, Kuril, and native Alaskan languages; and diplomatic letters.
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- In July 1806, shortly before his premature death, Nikolai Rezanov composed a set of secret instructions for Baranov. Dividing his testament into observations on the present state of the colony and advice for the future, Rezanov recommended improvements in ship building and the training of crews, the establishment of an agricultural colony in New Albion (Northern California), the creation of a permanent Russian population, the introduction of a regional currency, and the erection of schools and medical facilities.
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- BOX 1 REEL 1** Report to Alexander I by Rezanov with list of 34 men who want to remain in America, 1806, Feb. 15, AHD v. 3, 186-188
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- BOX 1 REEL 1** Extract from logbook of the ship *Yunona*, 1806
- BOX 1 REEL 1** Extract from Logbook of the ship *Yunona* during voyage from Novoarkhangel'sk to California and back. California. Signed by Lt. Khvostov, from Jan. 24, 1806 to June 9, 1806
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- In 1806 Rezanov sailed with the *Iunona [Juno]* from Novoarkhangel'sk to Northern California in search of arable land to supply food for the Russian colony. The logbook kept by Lieutenant Khvostov records the historic meeting between Rezanov and the leaders of the Spanish presidio in San Francisco and the exploratory mission by the Russians to establish a fort at Bodega Bay.
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- This report documents the abuse that Rezanov suffered at the hands of the crew of the *Neva* on his voyage from St. Petersburg to Kamchatka in 1805. Jealous of his status as ambassador of the emperor and plenipotentiary representative of the Russian-American Company, the ship's officers threatened to kill Rezanov, who remained in his cabin for most of the trip.
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	Beginning with the intentions of Catherine II to promote diplomatic and trade relations with Japan, this report to the board of directors of the Russian-American Company summarizes the main episodes in relations between Russia and Japan from 1792 to 1812. In particular it is concerned with the failure of Rezanov to force a trade agreement with Japan in 1804-1807, the punitive missions of Nikolai Khvostov and Gavriil Davydov against the Japanese settlements on Sakhalin and the Kuril Islands in 1807, and the on-going efforts to rescue the Russian naval officer Vasilii Golovnin, who was captured by the Japanese in 1811.
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BOX 2 REEL 1	<p>Letter from Nikolai Rezanov to Count Iurii Alexandrovich Neledinskii-Meletskii. Yakutsk, Nov. 5, 1806 (Copies of correspondence to Nikolai Rezanov before his departure for trip around the world)</p> <p>Digital content available</p> <p>In this draft of a letter to Count Neledinskii-Meletskii, who had just been appointed to supervise Russian trade with China, Rezanov reports on his arrival in Siberia following his stay in Alaska. He also writes of his trip to Northern California and the importance of establishing a permanent Russian presence there.</p>
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BOX 2 REEL 1	<p>Copy of letter by Alexander I to Nikolai Rezanov, Apr. 28, 1805 (Copies of correspondence to Nikolai Rezanov before his departure for trip around the world)</p> <p>Digital content available</p> <p>In this letter, Alexander I expresses the hope that the Rezanov's embassy to Japan was successful and reaffirms his wish that Rezanov travel to Russian America in order to reorganize the colony.</p>
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BOX 2 REEL 1	<p>Report concerning conversion tables for Russian and foreign weights and measures, Mar. 1814 (Copies of correspondence to Nikolai Rezanov before his departure for trip around the world)</p> <p>Digital content available</p> <p>This draft of a letter, probably from the board of directors of the Russian-American Company to the ministry of Commerce, commends the comparative tables of weights and measures prepared by a bookkeeper in the department of Foreign Trade.</p>
BOX 2 REEL 1	Siberian objects sent to Moscow University, undated
BOX 2 REEL 1	<p>Register of objects sent to Moscow University from Eastern Siberia and the Pacific (after 1806). (Copies of correspondence to Nikolai Rezanov before his departure for trip around the world)</p> <p>Digital content available</p> <p>The objects appearing on this list were most likely collected by Iurii Lisianskii on his voyage around the world on the <i>Neva</i> between 1804 and 1806. It includes a shaman's dress and drum from Yakutsk, wooden ceremonial objects from Polynesia, taro root and a coconut from Hawaii, and a whaler's dart and air bladder from Kodiak Island.</p>
BOX 2 REEL 1	Treaty between Alexander I and Ferdinand VII of Spain, 1812, Nov. 11
BOX 2 REEL 1	<p>Treaty between Alexander I and Ferdinand VII of Spain. In Russian and French, Nov. 11, 1812 (Copies of correspondence to Nikolai Rezanov before his departure for trip around the world)</p> <p>Digital content available</p> <p>The treaty concluded on July 20, 1812 at Velikie Luki declared a permanent alliance between Spain and Russia and called for a common struggle against the emperor of the French (Napoleon) in case of war. It also sanctioned the restoration and promotion of trade between Russia and Spain. This treaty, however, would also hinder the efforts by the Russian-American Company to establish a permanent colony at Fort Ross in Spanish-held Northern California and complicate relations between the Russian governors of Alaska and the soon to be independent government of Mexico.</p>
BOX 2 REEL 2	Russian-American Co. to Lieutenant Kruzenstern, 1805, Apr. 29
BOX 2 REEL 2	<p>Copy of letter from the Russian-American Company to Lt. Kruzenstern. St. Petersburg. Apr. 29, 1805 (Copies of correspondence to Nikolai Rezanov before his departure for trip around the world)</p> <p>Digital content available</p> <p>Ivan Kruzenstern was commander of the <i>Nadezhda</i>, which traveled around the world in 1803-1806, carrying Nikolai Rezanov on his mission to Japan. In this letter the board of directors of the Russian-American Company acknowledges receipt of Kruzenshtern's report of August 20, 1804 about the disagreements that occurred during the voyage.</p>
BOX 2 REEL 1	List of papers, compiled by Rezanov (?), undated

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BOX 2 REEL 1	List of persons rewarded with orders, titles, ranks, & lands, probably compiled by Rezanov, circa 1800 (Copies of correspondence to Nikolai Rezanov before his departure for trip around the world)
	<p>Digital content available</p> <p>This list forms a social register of Rezanov's peers in Russian society.</p>
BOX 2 REEL 1	Description of Vodyanoi Ostrov, undated
BOX 2 REEL 1	Description of Vodianoi ostrov [Water Island], circa 1800 (Copies of correspondence to Nikolai Rezanov before his departure for trip around the world)
	<p>Digital content available</p> <p>Vodianoi ostrov was supposedly discovered in 1771 off the coast of Kamchatka, by Count Mauritius Augustus Benyovsky (1746-1786) a Hungarian-born Polish adventurer and memoirist. Exiled to Siberia by Catherine II, Benyovsky led a mutiny in Kamchatka and made his way to Madagascar via the Kuril Islands, Japan, and Macao.</p>
BOX 2 REEL 1	Description of an island near Svyatyi Mys, 1807, Nov. 11
BOX 2 REEL 1	Description of an island near Svyatyi Mys [Holy Cape], Nov. 11, 1807 (Copies of correspondence to Nikolai Rezanov before his departure for trip around the world)
	<p>Digital content available</p> <p>This is an extract of a description of Sviatoi Mys [Holy Cape] and islands in the vicinity as well as an account of hunting expeditions in the region.</p>
BOX 2 REEL 1	Contraband activities in Siberia and North America, circa 1812
BOX 2 REEL 1	Memorandum about contraband activities in Siberia and North America, [1812] (Copies of correspondence to Nikolai Rezanov before his departure for trip around the world)
	<p>Digital content available</p> <p>This is a rather harsh assessment of the activities of the sea captain and trader William Pigot who became involved in the fur trade in the Pacific between 1812 and 1820. As a British-born American, Pigot had trouble selling his furs in the closed ports of Russia and China.</p>
BOX 2 REEL 1	Reports of the Kamchatka commissioner, 1822
BOX 2 REEL 1	Excerpts from the reports of the Kamchatsk commissioner Nikolaev, 1822 (Copies of correspondence to Nikolai Rezanov before his departure for trip around the world)
	<p>Digital content available</p> <p>In his reports, Nikolaev, the local commissioner for the Russian-American Company, airs his grievances against the governor of Kamchatka, Petr Ivanovich Rikord, who was in favor of cultivating trade with foreign countries, including Japan.</p>
BOX 2 REEL 1	Complaints of Unalaska natives, 1789-1790
BOX 2 REEL 1	Complaints of the natives of Unalaska District, 1790 (Copies of correspondence to Nikolai Rezanov before his departure for trip around the world)
	<p>Digital content available</p> <p>Despite the intentions of Grigorii Shelikhov to create favorable relations between the Russian promyshlenniki and the native population of the Aleutian Islands, many of his fellow colonists became known for their brutality and coercive methods. In the "Complaints of the Natives of the Unalaska District" compiled between 1789 and 1790 for Russian government inspectors, we find a vivid depiction of the forced labor, severe</p>

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BOX 2 REEL 1	Memorandum by Voevodskii on conditions in Kamchatka; list of goods with prices, from 1795 (Copies of correspondence to Nikolai Rezanov before his departure for trip around the world) Digital content available Voevodskii was the town bailiff of Nizhe-Kamchatka. In 1794-1795 he prepared this report on agricultural conditions in Kamchatka, where Russian peasants had been settled since about 1740. He notes that further encouragement of the local cultivation of grain and the salt industry would result in substantial savings for the government.
BOX 2 REEL 1	Ukase of the ruling senate, 1788, and reply of the Russian-American Co.
BOX 2 REEL 1	Order of the Ruling Senate, #48, issued to Shelikhov and Golikov, 1788, Sept. 11, and their response, 1788, Sept. 11, AHD v. 3, 243-44. (Copies of correspondence to Nikolai Rezanov before his departure for trip around the world) Digital content available The first of these documents reflects Catherine II's determination to prevent a monopoly of the fur trade from being formed by Shelikhov and Golikov, as well as her refusal to grant a loan of 200,000 rubles and a company of 100 soldiers to their company. At the same time, Catherine shows her admiration for the merchants by her gifts of swords and medals bearing her image, and warns them not to enter into conflicts with the Chinese or other foreign powers. In the second document, Shelikhov and Golikov inform the Senate that they are in compliance with the orders of the government not to collect taxes from natives of the Aleutian islands.
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BOX 2 REEL 1	Remarks on criminals: Naplavkov, Popov and their accomplices, [1809] (Copies of correspondence to Nikolai Rezanov before his departure for trip around the world) Digital content available In 1809 a group of discontented colonists, led by an exiled convict, Vasilii Naplakov, and the son of a convict, Ivan Popov, formed a secret society in Novoarkhangel'sk with the intention of assassinating the governor, Alexander Baranov, seizing a ship, and taking all the women of the colony to the South Sea Islands to create a republic of their own. Upon learning of the plot, Baranov proceeded to investigate the affair and sent five of the most guilty to Kamchatka for prosecution.
BOX 2 REEL 1	Report on an expedition of Colonel Kozlov-Ugrenin, 1788-1789
BOX 2 REEL 1	Report on an expedition of Col. Kozlov-Ugrenin, 1789 (Copies of correspondence to Nikolai Rezanov before his departure for trip around the world) Digital content available This unsigned report of an agent of the Russian-American Company in Kamchatka describes the oppression of the native population by the military leader of an expedition there, Col Kozlov-Ugrenin in 1788-1789. The accuracy of this account has been questioned, as Kozlov-Ugrenin was known for his interest in the welfare of the Aleut people.
BOX 2 REEL 1	Reports from St. Catherine's Island, 1803-1804
BOX 2 REEL 1	Draft of report of Fedor Shemelin to Board of Directors of the Russian-American Company concerning behavior of naval officers toward Rezanov on his voyage of 1803, AHD v. 3, 247-8 (Reports by Fedor I. Shemelin from St. Catherine's Island) Digital content available In his account of the voyage of the Nadezhda from St. Petersburg to Kamchatka in 1803, Shemelin, an employee of the Russian-American Company describes the persecution he and Rezanov suffered at the hands of the naval officers on board, especially Count Fedor Ivanovich Tolstoi. In addition, he accuses them of disloyalty to the government, atheism, and debauchery.

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BOX 2 REEL 1	<p>Copy of order from Shemelin to Nikolai Korobitsyn, 1803, Dec. 15, AHD v. 3, 249 with copy of Korobitsyn's reply to Shemelin, 1803, Dec. 16, AHD v. 3, 249 (Reports by Fedor I. Shemelin from St. Catherine's Island)</p> <p>Digital content available</p> <p>In this order Shemelin requested that Korobitsyn, who was sailing on the <i>Neva</i>, forward his expense reports to the Company. In his reply, Korobitsyn rejects Shemelin's right to give him orders.</p>
BOX 2 REEL 1	<p>Report of Shmelin to the Board of Directors of the Russian-American Company from the Island of Santa Catharina, 1804, Jan. 8, AHD v. 3, 249 (Reports by Fedor I. Shemelin from St. Catherine's Island)</p> <p>Digital content available</p> <p>Shemelin reports that the new masts are ready for the <i>Neva</i> and that the ship will soon be sailing. He also reports that in order to save the stock of French brandy for trading purposes, he is going to supply the crew with local rum.</p>
BOX 2 REEL 1	<p>Register of bills for expenses in Copenhagen, Falmouth, and Santa Cruz, Sept. 1803 (Reports by Fedor I. Shemelin from St. Catherine's Island)</p> <p>Digital content available</p> <p>This list includes bills for food and drink for the crew, and repairs for nautical instruments.</p>
BOX 2 REEL 1	<p>Report on conversation between Shelikhov and an English traveler, undated</p>
BOX 2 REEL 1	<p>Report of a conversation between Grigorii Shelikhov and an English traveler, John Ledyard, probably incomplete, circa 1778, AHD v. 3, 250 (Reports by Fedor I. Shemelin from St. Catherine's Island)</p> <p>Digital content available</p> <p>Having joined Captain James Cook's third and final expedition around the world in 1776, John Ledyard (1751-1789) was eager to determine the possibilities of establishing a fur trade between the Northwest coast of America, China, and New England. Convinced of the importance of Russia in such trade, Ledyard took an interest in the activities of the traders whom he met at Unalaska in October 1778. Later he attempted to cross Russian and Siberia en route to the Pacific, but was arrested on unsubstantiated charges in Yakutsk and deported from Russia at the Polish border. In these notes, probably made after meeting Ledyard in Irkutsk in 1788, Grigorii Shelikhov admits that he sought to convince Ledyard of the extent of the Russian settlement of America, claiming, for example, that all the native people from Alaska to California had become Russian subjects.</p>
BOX 2 REEL 1	<p>Russian-American Co. to Moritz Berkh, 1812, July 8</p>
BOX 2 REEL 1	<p>Copy of letter from the Russian-American Company To Lt. Moritz Berkh. Krondshtadt. Ship "Neva", July 8, 1812 (Reports by Fedor I. Shemelin from St. Catherine's Island)</p> <p>Digital content available</p> <p>This letter informs Lieutenant Berkh that his ship is seaworthy for a trip around the world and that he is to select his crew as soon as possible for a departure in August.</p>
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BOX 2 REEL 1	Report to Nikolai Rezanov from Petr Filipov, Port Novo-Arkhangel'sk, Feb. 13, 1806 (Reports by Fedor I. Shemelin from St. Catherine's Island) Digital content available Petr Filipov reports to Rezanov that during his stay on Sitka he has collected and stuffed about sixty sea and land birds.
BOX 2 REEL 1	Contract for service, Lieutenant Fedor von Romberg, 1802, Oct. 26
BOX 2 REEL 1	Contract for service in North America between Lt. Fedor von Romberg and the Russian-American Company, 1802, Oct. 26, AHD, v. 3, 252 (Reports by Fedor I. Shemelin from St. Catherine's Island) Digital content available Von Romberg was an assistant to Captain Kruzenshtern. In this letter to the board of directors of the Russian-American Company he sets forth conditions he would like added to his contract with the company.
BOX 2 REEL 1	Report of the Russian-American Co., undated
BOX 2 REEL 1	Memorandum of the Russian-American Company, circa 1806, AHD v. 3, 252 (Reports by Fedor I. Shemelin from St. Catherine's Island) Digital content available This memorandum provides a description of what constitutes a share in the Russian-American Company.
BOX 2 REEL 1	Inventory of the Russian-American Co., circa 1815
BOX 2 REEL 1	Inventory of the Russian-American Company, circa 1815 (Reports by Fedor I. Shemelin from St. Catherine's Island) Digital content available This simple undated inventory lists the main territories, buildings, population, and capital under the control of the Russian-American Company about 1815. In the list are mentioned two churches, and the settlements at Kodiak Island, Novoarkhangel'sk, and Fort Ross (in California). There is also mention of an island to be purchased from the king of Hawaii.
BOX 2 REEL 1	Cover to "Package for the Moscow Secret Service," 1806, Apr. 20
BOX 2 REEL 1	Letter from Petr Golovachev to Fedor Shemelin, Apr., 1806, AHD, v. 3, 256 (Reports by Fedor I. Shemelin from St. Catherine's Island) Digital content available On April 25, 1806 Petr Golovachev committed suicide while serving aboard the Nadezhda. Prior to his death, Golovachev composed this letter and entrusted Shemelin with a package of personal papers to be handed to Rezanov and his relatives in Russia.
BOX 2 REEL 1	Report from Baranov, 1803, Feb. 15
BOX 2 REEL 1	Copy of Instructions from Alexander Baranov, Manager of the Kodiak Company, to Hunters, 1803, Feb. 15, AHD, v. 3, 254-55 (Reports by Fedor I. Shemelin from St. Catherine's Island) Digital content available In these instructions Baranov appeals to the Russian fur hunters in Alaska not to abandon their service to the company following the disastrous Kolosh uprising and the loss of men and furs at sea during the previous year. To those men who were willing to remain in service, Baranov held out the possibility of new conditions in their contracts that would permit them to becoming shareholders in the company.
BOX 2 REEL 1	Imperial ukase concerning articles forbidden for importation, 1793
BOX 2 REEL 1	Imperial decree concerning articles forbidden for importation [printed], Apr. 8, 1793 (Reports by Fedor I. Shemelin from St. Catherine's Island) Digital content available Following the French Revolution, Catherine II decided to forbid the importation of all sorts of manufactured and agricultural goods from France until such time as the monarchy

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	and social order were restored. Among the forbidden items were shoes, wines, beads, buttons, clocks, silk clothes, paper products, snuff-boxes, etc.
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BOX 2 REEL 1	St. Petersburg current prices (or preis-kurant), Feb. 29, 1811 (Reports by Fedor I. Shemelin from St. Catherine's Island) Digital content available The "St. Petersburg Current Prices" published by the department of trade of the ministry of finance listed the prices of Russian raw goods, quotations on foreign goods, and the exchange rate for rubles.
BOX 2 REEL 1	Report to tsar from Kozima, 1805
BOX 2 REEL 1	Letter from Kozma Ermolinskii to Rezanov, 1805, July 25, AHD v. 3, 257 (Reports by Fedor I. Shemelin from St. Catherine's Island) Digital content available In his letter, written at Nizhe-Kamchatka, Lieutenant Ermolinskii complains bitterly of the persecution he suffered at the hands of Major General Koshelev.
BOX 2 REEL 1	General Okhlesteshev, 1815
BOX 2 REEL 1	Note concerning General Okhlestiakov, 1815, May 26, AHD, v. 3, 257 (Reports by Fedor I. Shemelin from St. Catherine's Island) Digital content available This brief notes the promotion of Mikhail Okhlestiakov to the rank of colonel in the Preobrazhenskii regiment.
BOX 2 REEL 1	Travel journal of Peter Korsakovskii, 1818
BOX 2 REEL 1	Travel journal of Petr Korsakovskii, Sept. 10, 1818 (Reports by Fedor I. Shemelin from St. Catherine's Island) Digital content available In 1818 Petr Grigor'evich Korsakovskii (1799-1831) was given permission to explore the interior of Alaska in search of gold and the descendants of a crew of Russian men who had reportedly been stranded in Alaska in the seventeenth century. In this extract of his journal, Korsakovskii describes the hunting and weather conditions during September 1818 as well as the places and names of chiefs he encountered.
BOX 2 REEL 1	Cargo list for the <i>Beznocimov</i> , 1804
BOX 2 REEL 1	Cargo list by Beznosikov from an expedition to western provinces in China, 1804 (Reports by Fedor I. Shemelin from St. Catherine's Island) Digital content available
BOX 2 REEL 1	Report of the Orlovsk government, undated
BOX 2 REEL 1	Report of the Governor of Orlov chamber concerning land given to Osip Kozodavlev, undated (Reports by Fedor I. Shemelin from St. Catherine's Island) Digital content available
BOX 2 REEL 1	Note in English signed by John Main, undated
BOX 2 REEL 1	Note in English by John Main on the proper form of address for the Reverend William Coxe of Cambridge, undated (Reports by Fedor I. Shemelin from St. Catherine's Island) Digital content available John Main served as assistant to Dr. Carl Heinrich Merck during the overland expedition of Joseph Billings to Siberia in 1786. William Coxe (1747-1828) was an English traveler, historian, and clergyman. In 1778 and in 1785-86 Coxe traveled in Russia where he took an interest in the Russian exploration of the Pacific and America. In 1780 he published his Account of the Russian Discoveries between Asia and America and in 1787, A Comparative View of the Russian Discoveries with those made by Captain Cook and Clerke. Shelikhov's note in Russian at the bottom reads, "Make a copy and send it to Demidov. December 13."
BOX 2 REEL 1	Russian translations of Vancouver's travels, undated

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BOX 2 REEL 1	Excerpts of Russian translation of Vancouver's travels, undated (Reports by Fedor I. Shemelin from St. Catherine's Island) Digital content available George Vancouver (1757-1798) accompanied James Cook on his second and third voyages, and commanded an expedition of his own to the North Pacific between 1790 and 1794. This extract from volume three of his journal, <i>A Voyage of Discovery to the North Pacific Ocean and Round the World in the Years 1790-1795</i> , records Vancouver's impressions of Russian rule in America.
REEL 2 REEL 1	Map of St. Petersburg area, undated
BOX 2 REEL 1	Map of St.Petersburg area of Russia drawn by N.B., undated (Reports by Fedor I. Shemelin from St. Catherine's Island) Digital content available This map covers the northwestern part of European Russian.
BOX 2 REEL 1	Report of Captain Vailev, 1821
BOX 2 REEL 1	Report of Captain Vasil'ev concerning ship movements, June 24, 1821 (Reports by Fedor I. Shemelin from St. Catherine's Island) Digital content available Captain Ivan Iakovlevich Vasil'ev (1797-1838?) was a navigator and explorer in the service of the Russian-American Company. This memorandum records his meeting with V. S. Kramchenko who reported his discovery of a low, wooded island.
BOX 2 REEL 1	Siberian expenses, 1823, Nov. 8
BOX 2 REEL 1	Projected changes for reducing expenses in Siberia, Nov. 8, 1823 (Reports by Fedor I. Shemelin from St. Catherine's Island) Digital content available By 1823 the income made by the Russian-American Company was insufficient to support its various offices in Russia, Siberia, and America. Inspired, perhaps, by the recommendations of Rezanov, (see A copy of secret instructions by Nikolai Rezanov for Alexander Baranov), the author of this paper called for the reduction of company business and personnel in Irkutsk, Kiakhta, Okhotsk, and Iakutsk.
BOX 2 REEL 1	Petition from Yakut merchant, 1797, Nov.
BOX 2 REEL 1	Petition from a Yakut merchant Fedor Struchkov to the governor of Irkutsk Company, Nov. 2, 1797 Digital content available Writing in a single sentence, the author of this petition, Fedor Struchkov, proposed to organize a fur trading company that would hunt and explore around the Shantar Islands and the mouth of the Amur River.
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BOX 2 REEL 1	Tribes of the Irkutsk region, undated
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BOX 2 REEL 1	Death and burial of Admiral von Kruz, 1799
BOX 2 REEL 1	Report of the death and burial of Admiral Aleksandr Ivanovich von Kruz, [1799] Digital content available Kruz lived from 1731 to 1799.
BOX 2 REEL 1	Report concerning Thomas Vernon and Co., 1803
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BOX 2 REEL 1	Note concerning prikazchik Guznishchevskii, Kamchatka, 1808, Sept. 16, AHD, v. 3, 266 Digital content available Guznishchevskii was involved in a case of misuse of company funds at the Kamchatka office of the Russian-American Company.
BOX 2 REEL 1	Shares of the Russian-American Co., undated
BOX 2 REEL 1	Memorandum concerning shares of the Russian-American Company Digital content available This memorandum petitions the board of directors of the company to guarantee that shares in the company be universally accepted in government contracts as security deposits.
BOX 2 REEL 1	List of merchants to take part in the Tsar's Commerce College, undated
BOX 2 REEL 1	List of merchants appointed by the Emperor to take part in conferences at the ministry of commerce, undated Digital content available
BOX 2 REEL 1	Report from Okhotsk station concerning Japanese troubles, 1811
BOX 2 REEL 1	Report from the Okhotsk station concerning trouble with the Japanese, Nov. 8, 1811 Digital content available In August 1811 Lieutenant Captain Vasilii Mikhailovich Golovnin (1776-1831) was captured by the Japanese while he and his crew were making a survey of the central and southern Kuril Islands. In retaliation for the raids made by Khvostov and Davydov on Sakhalin (see Report from Stephan Ionovich Zhakarov), Golovnin was kept on Hokkaido (called here Matmai) until 1813. This memorandum recommends that in view of the difficulties with Japan, the next expedition to Sakhalin be diverted to Alaska in the following spring.
BOX 2 REEL 1	Surgeon of the 27th Artillery Brigade at Rovno (Poland?), in German, undated
BOX 2 REEL 1	Letter from surgeon of the 27th artillery brigade at Rovno [Rowno, Poland ?] in German, May 28, 1817 Digital content available
BOX 2 REEL 1	Contract with N. V. Borisov, 1804, May 7
BOX 2 REEL 1	Contract with Nikita V. Borisov, 1804, May 7, AHD, v. 3, 269 Digital content available This contract contains five clauses defining the typical duties of an employee of the Russian-American Company, including unconditional service wherever he might be sent. The salary was set at 500 rubles per year.
BOX 3 REEL 1	Achievements of the Russian-American Co., undated
BOX 3 REEL 1	Report of the achievements of the Russian-American Company with draft, undated Digital content available Although this document is undated and unsigned it has been attributed to Mikhail Buldakov (1766-1827?), the first director of the Russian-American Company, who vigorously defends the achievements of the company over a thirty-year period. He mentions not only the company's financial integrity but also its role in expanding the territory and influence of the Russian empire and the conversion of native peoples to Christianity.
BOX 3 REEL 1	Journal of hunting party, Shantar Islands, 1786, June 5-July 30
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- Pavel Sergeevich Lebedev-Lastochkin (d. 1800) was a onetime partner and then rival of Grigorii Shelikhov. Although he would later turn his attention to the Aleutian Islands and the coast of Alaska, until the 1780s Lebedev-Lastochkin attempted several trading and hunting expeditions to the Kuril and Shantar Islands.
- BOX 3 REEL 1** Note concerning suit of the Russian-American Company against the Lastochkin Company, after 1814, AHD, v. 3, 270
- [Digital content available](#)
- Following the death of Shelikhov in 1795, the rivalry between the various fur trading companies in Russian America escalated into violent confrontations among different factions, including the native Americans who had been severely exploited by all parties. Although the creation of the Russian-American Company in 1799 consolidated most of the companies, Lebedev-Lastochkin refused to join. Claims between the two companies continued even after Lastochkin's death in 1800.
- BOX 3 REEL 1** Irkutsk region, 1798
- BOX 3 REEL 1** Memorandum about Irkutsk region. With draft about food and prices, 1798
- [Digital content available](#)
- This memorandum, with corrections attributed to Nikolai Rezanov, discusses the questions relating to the cultivation of agriculture in the region around Irkutsk. As a remedy to the problem of rising prices of foodstuffs, the author proposes the elimination of taxes, promotion of free trade, permission for farmers to travel freely to market towns, etc.
- BOX 3 REEL 1** List of charts from Pilot Izmailov, circa 1795
- BOX 3 REEL 1** List of charts delivered from Pilot Izmailov from America, 1795, AHD, v. 3, 273; followed by an order from Natal'ia Shelikhova for maps of the Russian American colonies, after 1795, AHD, v. 3, 274-5
- [Digital content available](#)
- Gerasim Izmailov (1745-1795) was a talented seafarer and explorer who participated in numerous expeditions to Kamchatka and the Aleutian Islands. In October 1778 he encountered Captain Cook off the coast of Unalaska and provide him with valuable nautical and geographical information about the North Pacific. In the 1780s Izmailov's reputation was compromised by his extreme use of force during the Russian occupation of Kodiak Island.
- BOX 3 REEL 1** Letter from Ivan Bukharin regarding Okhotsk Port, 1806, Oct.
- BOX 3 REEL 1** Letter from Ivan Bukharin to [Nikolai Rezanov] regarding Okhotsk Port, Oct. 1, 1806
- [Digital content available](#)
- In reply to questions of Rezanov, here referred to only as Your Excellency, the commander of the port of Okhotsk, Ivan Bukharin, wrote a brief history of the settlement and the origins of the first expeditions to the Kuril and Aleutian Islands, followed by an account of present-day operations at the port and various statistics concerning the Russian personnel stationed there.
- BOX 3 REEL 1** Note regarding Ivan Bukharin's deeds, [1805]
- [Digital content available](#)
- The memorandum attached to the above letter accuses Bukharin of all sorts of improprieties, such as bribery, the whipping of a noblemen and a local chief, and the transport of luxury goods for his own use at government expense.
- BOX 3 REEL 1** Unidentified notes, abstract of Russian-French peace agreements, 1807, July 9
- BOX 3 REEL 1** Undated and unidentified notes concerning operations of the Russian-American Company, followed by an abstract of the peace treaty between France and Prussia made in July, 1807, AHD, v. 3, 280
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- BOX 3 REEL 1** Animals brought from Lima, Peru, undated

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BOX 3 REEL 1	Animals brought from Lima, Peru. With draft, from 1815 Digital content available Mentioned are llamas, vicuñas, and tortoises.
BOX 3 REEL 1	Trading rules received in Peking, China, by Shchegorin, undated
BOX 3 REEL 1	List of trading regulations received in Peking by Fedor Shchegorin, 1794, AHD, v. 3, 281 Digital content available Ivan Shchegorin was a citizen of Irkutsk who resided in Peking between 1781 and 1794 with the Russian religious mission. These regulations, which Shchegorin received from his colleague in Kiakhta on the Russo-Chinese border, were designed to guide Chinese merchants in their dealings with Russia.
BOX 3 REEL 1	Voyage to California, 1789
BOX 3 REEL 1	Report about a voyage to California. Madrid, Mar. 9, 1789 Digital content available In this letter the Russian ambassador in Madrid, Zinov'ev, reports that a Spanish packet-boat named St. Charles encountered a Russian settlement of 462 people under the 48°-49° parallel.
BOX 3 REEL 1	Gifts to the Imperial University at Dorpat, Estonia, 1808
BOX 3 REEL 1	Letter in German from the rector of Dorpat University expressing thanks for gifts to the university library and museum, 1808, Sept. 18, AHD, v. 3, 282 (Letters concerning gifts to the Imperial University at Dorpat) Digital content available
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BOX 3 REEL 1	Tables concerning taxes, gold, silver, money, etc., undated
BOX 3 REEL 1	Tables concerning taxes, gold, silver, money, etc., Oct. 3, 1797 (Letters concerning gifts to the Imperial University at Dorpat) Digital content available These tables provide a summary of the history of Russian gold and silver coinage for most of the eighteenth century, as well as rates of exchange for Russian and foreign coinage.
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BOX 3 REEL 1	Letter concerning the detention of the Portugese ship Pensamento Felix, 1803, June 24, AHD v. 3, 287. (In French with Russian translation.) (AHD v. 3 p. 287) Digital content available The authors of this letter, the merchants Roversi and Gontales, protest the detention in St. Petersburg of the ship Pensamento Felix on which their goods are stored. This letter was most likely addressed to Rezanov (see item #107).
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	In his letter Buldakov describes his physical condition following a debilitating stroke and requests the board of directors of the Russian-American Company to hold an election for a new director. In the attached opinion, written between 1801 and 1812, Buldakov argues against the proposal of certain shareholders that the headquarters of the board of directors be moved from St. Petersburg to Irkutsk.
BOX 3 REEL 1	Privileges of the Russian-American Co., undated
BOX 3 REEL 1	An opinion concerning the necessity of expanding the privileges of the Russian-American Company, (Declarations of the Russian-American Company) Digital content available This opinion, which is unfinished and unsigned, recommends that in order to improve the reputation of the Russian-American Company, it should be allowed to incorporate imperial emblems in its documents and insignia and that its officers be given government ranks with proper titles and uniforms. The opinion also recommends that food rations for company employees be established along government lines and that the company be provided with an armed ship in Russian America.
BOX 3 REEL 1	Miscellaneous letters, 1800, undated
BOX 3 REEL 1	Letter from Rezanov to Boris Latstsano, 1800, Oct. 25, AHD, v. 3, 292 (Miscellaneous letters) Digital content available Boris Latstsano was governor general of Irkutsk.
BOX 3 REEL 1	Letter from Boris Latstsano, governor of Irkutsk, to the board of directors of the Russian-American Company, 1800, Aug. 27, AHD, v. 3, 292 (Miscellaneous letters) Digital content available This letter addresses the complaints of a citizen of Suzdal, Petr Kutyshkin, against Golikov and Shelikhov.
BOX 3 REEL 1	Petition of Petr Kutyshkin to Alexander I, 1800, June 29, AHD, v. 3, 292-94 (Miscellaneous letters) Digital content available In his petition Kutyshkin claims that even though he was a founding member of the Golikov-Shelikhov company he has been deprived of his rightful shares in its profits.
BOX 3 REEL 1	List of subscribers to Kutyshkin's company, 1779, AHD, v. 3, 294-95 (Miscellaneous letters) Digital content available This list of names shows the terms under which Kutyshkin and other merchants formed a fur company with Ivan Golikov.
BOX 3 REEL 1	Letter from procurator-general of the Senate to the governor-general of Irkutsk, Boris Latstsano, 1800, July 9, AHD, v. 3, 295 (Miscellaneous letters) Digital content available This letter concerns the approval of the request by a merchant of Irkutsk to establish a textile factory for the manufacture of sailcloth.
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- Ivan Kozhevin was the great-grandson of the priest Ioann Kozhevin who accompanied the Russian mission to China in 1721 and later settled in Siberia. As a highly trained cartographer and translator of the Tungus and Yakut languages, Ivan Kozhevin participated in expeditions to the regions of Okhotsk, Iakutsk, and Irkutsk. In this petition he requests that he be paid a salary still owed to him and that his great-grandfather's lands be returned to his family.
- BOX 3 REEL 2** Register of Kozhevin's invoices and expenses, 1812
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- Among his many services, Kozhevin lists various charts and maps that he made for Rezanov and Count Rumiantsev.