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1902-1931

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History of the Papers

In 1991, The A. Remizov and S. Remizova-Dovgello Papers were donated to the Amherst Center for Russian Culture by Thomas Whitney, Class of 1937.

There is internal evidence to suggest that Konstantin Solntsev, former owner of The Remizov Papers, incorporated Dixon's materials into the A. Remizov and S. Remizova-Dovgello Papers.

In 1994, both collections underwent archival appraisal according to modern archival standards. As a result The Dixon Papers were separated from the A. Remizov and S. Remizova-Dovgello Papers. The Dixon Papers are now a separate collection.

Description of the Papers

Scope and Content Note

The papers document the professional activities and personal life of Vladimir Dixon (1900-1929) and reflect his longtime friendship with Russian emigre writer Alexei Remizov and his wife Serafima Remizova-Dovgello.

Vladimir Dixon, son of a Russian mother and American father, was a talented engineer and poet. Dixon met Remizov's family in Paris while working there as a representative of the American sewing-machine company Singer and became a fervent admirer of Remizov's writings. Dixon considered himself to be Remizov's apprentice, and shared his first experiments in poetry and prose with Remizov and his wife. In 1927 Dixon founded the publishing house, Vol (Taurus), which was used to publish Remizov's and Dixon's writings.

The 1.25 linear feet of materials include: books, journals, notebooks, photographs, scrapbooks and writings documenting the life of V. Dixon. The material spans the dates 1902-1931, but the bulk of the collection covers the years 1923-1929.

There is internal evidence to suggest that Dixon's scrapbooks were compiled by A. Remizov after Dixon's death in December, 1929. These scrapbooks are similar to the Remizov and Dovgello-Remizova scrapbooks put together by A. Remizov during the 1940s. These scrapbooks were created by combining letters, stamps, photographs and clippings and document primarily Dixon's personal life. His professional life as a writer is better documented in the materials of his colleagues and his editors, one of whom was Alexei Remizov.

The most significant series in the papers is Series 1: **Personal Correspondence**, which consists of the scrapbooks made by A. Remizov in his traditional style adopting a great variety of nonliterary elements. This series contains Dixon's correspondence with A. Remizov and A. Remizova-Dovgello.

Series 2: **Correspondence: Stikhi I Proza**, is Dixon's friends and colleagues' (including Remizov) correspondence and reviews regarding Dixon's book Stikhi i proza published posthumously.

Series 3: **Writings**, contains V. Dixon published and unpublished manuscripts in holograph and typed forms, drawings, his book Listia published by the publishing house Vol, and Remizov's foreword to Dixon's Stikhi i proza.

Series 4: **Printed Materials** and Series 5: **Photographs** consist of journals and photographs.

Related Material: The Amherst Center for Russian Culture has information about V. Dixon, A. Remizov and S. Remizova-Dovgello beyond that found in this collection. Sources include: Z. Gippius and D. Merezhkovsky Papers, A. Remizov and S. Remizova-Dovgello Papers (in process), Union of Russian Writers and Journalists Abroad Records. Contact the Amherst Center for Russian Culture for further information.

Series Description

The **Vladimir Dixon Papers** are organized into five series:

1. **Personal Correspondence**, 1923-1929
2. **Correspondence:stikhi I Proza**, 1930-1931
3. **Writings**, 1917-1929
4. **Printed Materials**, 1931
5. **Photographs**, 1902-1930

Series 1, **Personal Correspondence**, 1923-1929, 0.5 linear feet, is the most extensive series in the papers. This series contains Dixon's outgoing correspondence primarily with A. Remizov and S. Remizova-Dovgello. The series consists of scrapbooks thought to be created by A. Remizov after Dixon's unexpected death in 1929 from the consequence of appendicitis. In order to preserve their original order this series is organized chronologically.

Series 2, **Correspondence; Stikhi I Proza**, 1930-1931, 0.8 linear feet, includes correspondence and reviews written and published after Dixon's death regarding his book Stikhi i proza. This scrapbook is organized chronologically and each correspondent is indexed.

Series 3, **Writings**, 1917-1929, 0.42 linear feet, includes Dixon's notebooks containing poems and essays; unpublished poems and manuscripts in holograph and typed form; Remizov's foreword and commentary to V. Dixon's posthumous book Stikhi i proza. This subseries is arranged alphabetically by title and type.

Series 4, **Printed Materials**, 1931, 0.8 linear feet, consists of two journals regarding anthroposophy (a system of mystical beliefs derived from theosophy).

Series 5, **Photographs**, 1902-1930, 0.16 linear feet, includes two photoalbums primarily with Dixon's own photographs and photos of his wife and son.

Vladimir Dixon Papers
 Series 1, **Personal Correspondence**, 1923-1929

<u>Box No.</u>	<u>Folder No.</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Description</u>
			<i>V. Dixon to A. Remizov 1923-1926 (Scrapbook 1):</i>
1	1	1923 Dec 6	
1	1	1923 Dec 28	
1	1	1924 Apr 16	
1	1	1924 May 4	
1	1	1924 Jun 4	
1	1	1924 Jun 9	
1	1	1924 Sep 15	
1	1	1924 Nov 16	
1	1	1924 Dec 1	
1	1	1924 Oct 6	
1	1	1924 Dec 22	
1	1	1925 Jan 20	
1	1	1925 Jan 26	
1	1	1925 Feb 14	
1	1	1925 Mar 12	
1	1	1925 Aug 10	
1	1	1925 Sep 1	
1	1	1925 Sep 11	
1	1	1925 Sep 18	
1	1	1925 Sep 24	

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<u>Box No.</u>	<u>Folder No.</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	1	1925 Oct 1	
1	1	1925 Oct 5	
1	1	1925 Oct 12	
1	1	1925 Oct 18	
1	1	1925 Nov 16	
1	1	1925 Nov 23	
1	1	1925 Oct 1	Literary agency New Syndicate to V. Dixon regarding A. Remizov's manuscripts
1	1	1925 Dec 8	
1	1	1925 Dec 15	
1	1	1926 Feb	
1	1	1926 Mar 26	
1	1	1926 Apr	
1	1	1926 Apr 7	
1	1	1926 Apr 14	
1	1	1926 May 19	
1	1	1926 May 26	
1	1	1926 Jun 21	
1	1	1926 Jul 8	
1	1	1926 Jul 12	
1	1	1926 Jul 20	
1	1	1926 Jul 26	
1	1	1926 Aug 2	

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<u>Box No.</u>	<u>Folder No.</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	1	1926 Aug 6	
1	1	1926 Aug 31	
1	1	1926 Sep 30	
1	1	1926 Oct 4	
1	1	1926 Nov 8	
1	1	1926 Nov 28	
1	1	1926 Dec 8	

*V. Dixon to A. Remizov 1927-1929
 (Scrapbook 2):*

1	2	1927 Jan 10	
1	2	1927 Feb 5	
1	2	1927 Feb 10	
1	2	1927 Feb 18	
1	2	1927 Mar 2	
1	2	1927 Mar 3	
1	2	1927 Mar 13	
1	2	1927 Mar 23	
1	2	1927 Mar 24	
1	2	1927 Mar 26	
1	2	1927 Mar 30	
1	2	1927 Apr 1	
1	2	1927 Apr 18	
1	2	1927 May 1	

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Series 1, **Personal Correspondence**, 1923-1929

<u>Box No.</u>	<u>Folder No.</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	2	1927 May 17	
1	2	1927 Jun 19	
1	2	1927 Jul 1	
1	2	1927 Jul 7	
1	2	1927 Jul 25	
1	2	1927 Aug 7	
1	2	1927 Aug 22	
1	2	1927 Aug 29	
1	2	1927 Aug 29	
1	2	1927 Sep 6	
1	2	1927 Sep 12	
1	2	1927 Sep 26	
1	2	1927 Oct 1	
1	2	1927 Oct 21	
1	2	1927 Nov 11	
1	2	1927 Nov 18	
1	2	1927 Nov 19	
1	2	1927 Dec 6	
1	2	1927 Dec 8	
1	2	1927 Dec 14	
1	2	1927 Dec 30	
1	2	1928 Jan 4	
1	2	1928 Apr 28	

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 Series 1, **Personal Correspondence**, 1923-1929

<u>Box No.</u>	<u>Folder No.</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	2	1928 May 19	
1	2	1928 May 23	
1	2	1928 Jul 7	
1	2	1928 Jul 17	
1	2	1928 Aug 5	
1	2	1928 Sep 5	
1	2	1928 Sep 30	
1	2	1928 Oct 19	
1	2	1928 Oct 26	
1	2	1928 Nov 11	
1	2	1928 Dec 25	
1	2	1929 Apr 8	
1	2	1929 Jul 9	
1	2	1929 Jul 12	
1	2	1929 Sep 10	
1	2	1929 Oct 24	
1	2	1929 Oct 24	

V. Dixon to S. Remizova-Dovgello, 1925-1926 (Scrapbook 3):

1	3	1926 Feb 15	
1	3	1926 Feb 20	
1	3	1925 Feb 22	
1	3	1926 Feb 26	

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 Series 1, **Personal Correspondence**, 1923-1929

<u>Box No.</u>	<u>Folder No.</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	3	1926 Mar 3	
1	3	1926 Mar 15	
1	3	1926 Mar 22	
1	3	1926 Mar 25	
1	3	1926 Mar 28	
1	3	1925 Jan 8	
1	3	1925 Jan 21	
1	3	1925 Jan 30	
1	3	1925 Feb 8	
1	3	1925 Feb 18	
1	3	1925 Mar 3	
1	3	1925 Mar 20	
1	3	1925 Mar 13	
1	3	1925 Mar 26	
1	3	1925 Apr 10	
1	3	1925 Apr 24	
1	3	1925 May 4	
1	3	1925 May 5	
1	3	1925 May 14	
1	3	1925 May 29	
1	3	1925 May 28	flyer
1	3	n.d.	2 photographs
1	3	1925 Sep 11	

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Series 1, **Personal Correspondence**, 1923-1929

<u>Box No.</u>	<u>Folder No.</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	3	1925 Oct 18	
1	3	1925 Oct 28	
1	3	1925 Nov 9	

V. Dixon to S. Remizova-Dovgello, 1925-1927 (Scrapbook 4):

1	4	1925 Nov 3	
1	4	1926 Apr 7	
1	4	1926 Apr 18	
1	4	1926 Apr 24	
1	4	1926 May 5	
1	4	1926 May 17	
1	4	1926 May 25	
1	4	1926 Jun 1	
1	4	1926 Jun 6	
1	4	1926 Jun 13	
1	4	1926 Jun 16	
1	4	1926 Jun 22	
1	4	1926 Jul 20	
1	4	1926 Aug 2	
1	4	1926 Aug 9	
1	4	1926 Aug 11	
1	4	1926 Sep 8	

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Series 1, **Personal Correspondence**, 1923-1929

<u>Box No.</u>	<u>Folder No.</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	4	1926 Sep 30	
1	4	1926 Oct 2	
1	4	1926 Oct 19	
1	4	1926 Oct 10	
1	4	1926 Oct 25	
1	4	1926 Nov 9	
1	4	1926 Nov 12	
1	4	1926 Nov 17	
1	4	1926 Nov 25	
1	4	1926 Dec 23	
1	4	1927 Jan 3	
1	4	1927 Jan 5	
1	4	1927 Jan 20	
1	4	1927 Jan 27	
1	4	1927 Feb 2	
1	4	1927 Mar 23	
1	4	1927 Mar 30	
1	4	1927 May 10	
1	4	1927 Jul 3	
1	4	1927 Jul 21	
1	4	1927 Jul 28	
1	4	1927 Aug 7	
1	4	1927 Aug 22	

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 Series 1, **Personal Correspondence**, 1923-1929

<u>Box No.</u>	<u>Folder No.</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	4	1927 Aug 30	
1	4	1927 Sep 11	
1	4	1927 Sep 11	
1	4	1927 Sep 22	
1	4	1927 Sep 29	
1	4	1927 Oct 1	
1	4	1927 Oct 5	

V. Dixon to S. Remizova-Dovgello, 1927-1928 (Scrapbook 5):

1	5	1927 Oct 10	
1	5	1927 Oct 20	
1	5	1927 Nov 2	
1	5	1927 Nov 5	
1	5	1927 Nov 22	
1	5	1927 Dec 22	
1	5	1927 Dec 29	
1	5	1928 Jan 10	
1	5	1928 Jan 11	
1	5	1928 Jan 17	
1	5	1928 Feb 9	
1	5	1928 Apr 1	
1	5	1928 Apr 18	
1	5	1928 Apr 20	

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Series 1, **Personal Correspondence**, 1923-1929

<u>Box No.</u>	<u>Folder No.</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	5	1928 May 2	
1	5	1928 May 4	
1	5	1928 May 8	
1	5	1928 May 15	
1	5	1928 May 24	
1	5	1928 Jun 7	
1	5	1928 Jun 9	
1	5	1928 May 30	
1	5	1928 Jun 13	
1	5	1928 Jun 18	
1	5	1928 Jun 27	
1	5	1928 Jul 11	
1	5	1928 Jul 17	
1	5	1928 Jul 26	
1	5	1928 Aug 2	
1	5	1928 Aug 24	
1	5	1928 Aug 12	
1	5	1928 Sep 17	
1	5	1928 Sep 30	
1	5	1928 Oct 29	
1	5	1928 Nov 2	
1	5	1928 Nov 25	
1	5	1928 Dec 6	

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 Series 1, **Personal Correspondence**, 1923-1929

<u>Box No.</u>	<u>Folder No.</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	5	1928 Dec 20	
1	5	1928 Dec 26	
<i>V. Dixon to S. Remizova-Dovgello, 1928-1929 (Scrapbook 6):</i>			
1	6	1928 Jan 4	
1	6	1929 Jan 8	
1	6	1928 Jan 11	
1	6	1929 Jan 16	
1	6	1928 Jan 24	
1	6	1929 Jan 26	
1	6	1929 Jan 29	
1	6	1929 Feb 3	
1	6	1929 Feb 7	
1	6	1929 Feb 16	
1	6	1929 Feb 20	
1	6	1929 Feb 27	
1	6	1927 Feb 27	
1	6	1929 Mar 4	
1	6	1929 Mar 9	
1	6	1929 Mar 19	
1	6	1929 Mar 23	
1	6	1929 Apr 8	V. Dixon to M. Tsitron
1	6	1929 Apr 9	M. Tsitron to V. Dixon

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Series 1, **Personal Correspondence**, 1923-1929

<u>Box No.</u>	<u>Folder No.</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	6	1929 Apr 13	
1	6	1929 Apr 21	
1	6	1929 Apr 26	
1	6	1929 Apr 24	
1	6	1929 May 3	
1	6	1929 Jul 4	
1	6	1929 Jul 12	
1	6	1929 Aug 2	
1	6	1929 Sep 8	
1	6	1929 Sep 25	
1	6	1929 Oct 4	
1	6	1929 Oct 8	
1	6	1929 Oct 14	
1	6	1929 Oct 24	
1	6	1929 Nov 13	
1	6	1929 Dec 4	
1	6	1929 Dec 5	
1	6	1929 Dec 11	
1	6	1929 Dec 14	
1	6	1929 Dec 17	Dixon's obituaries

Vladimir Dixon Papers
 Series 2, **Correspondence: Stikhi I Proza**, 1930-1931

<u>Box No.</u>	<u>Folder No.</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Description</u>
<i>Scrapbook 7:</i>			
1	6a	1931 Feb 14	Sutkus, A. to A. Remizov
1	6a	1931 Feb 14	Poggioli, R. to A. Remizov
1	6a	1930	5 reviews on V. Dixon's posthumous book <i>Stikhi i proza</i>
1	6a	1931 Jan 22	Vinaver, E. to A. Remizov
1	6a	1930 Dec 9	Struve, G. to A. Remizov
1	6a	n.d.	Struve, G. to A. Remizov
1	6a	1931 Jan 26	Unknown to A. Remizov
1	6a	1931 Jan 29	Kul'man, N. to A. Remizov
1	6a	1931 Jan 4	Unknown to S. Remizova-Dovgello
1	6a	1930 Dec 26	Ginger, A. to A. Remizov
1	6a	1931 Jan 7	Shakhovskaya, Z. to A. Remizov
1	6a	1931 Jan 6	Amfiteatrov, A. to A. Remizov
1	6a	1931 Jan 10	Anderson, P. to A. Remizov
1	6a	1931 Jan 20	Kartsevsky, S. to A. Remizov
1	6a	1930 Dec 19	Adamovich, G. to A. Remizov
1	6a	1930 Dec 17	Demidov, N. to A. Remizov
1	6a	1930 Dec 28	Peremilovsky, V. to A. Remizov
1	6a	1930 Dec 16	Osorgin, M. to A. Remizov
1	6a	1931 Jan 21	Rutenberg, V. to A. Remizov
1	6a	1931 Jan 21	Solovieva, N. to S. Remizova-Dovgello
1	6a	1930 Dec 26	Stern, S. to A. Remizov

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Series 2, **Correspondence: Stikhi I Proza**, 1930-1931

<u>Box No.</u>	<u>Folder No.</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	6a	1930 Dec 20	Biling, K. to A. Remizov
1	6a	1931 Jan 13	Golenishchev-Kutuzov, I. to A. Remizov
1	6a	1930 Dec 29	Bal'mont, K. to A. Remizov
1	6a	1930-1931	7 reviews on V. Dixon's posthumous book <i>Stikhi i proza</i>

Vladimir Dixon Papers
Series 3, **Writings**, 1917-1929

<u>Box No.</u>	<u>Folder No.</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Description</u>
Notebooks:			
1	7	1917 Jul 23 - 1918 Aug 30	Poetry and essays, (152 s*)
1	8	1918 Apr 12 - 1919 Dec 9	Poetry and essays, (200 s)
Manuscripts:			
1	9	1924 Jan 6	Draft of a poem, (1 s)
1	9	1924 Jan 17	Draft of a poem, (1 s)
1	9	1925-1926	31 unpublished poems, (35 s)
1	10	1925-1926	18 poems later published in V. Dixon's book <i>Listia</i> (Paris, 1927), (18 s)
1	11	1925-1927	2 short stories later published in V. Dixon's book <i>Listia</i> (Paris, 1927); <i>Rasskaz ob uchitele risovania</i> , (16 s); <i>Rasskaz o Mite</i> , (15 s)
1	12	1926 Mar	<i>Severnyie tsvety</i> , 14 poems [5 unpublished], (21 s)
1	13	1926	3 unpublished poems and drawings, (15 s)
1	14	1927	8 unpublished poems, (8 s)
1	15	1927	3 poems published in 1930s in Dixon's posthumous book, (3 s)
1	16	1927	12 poems and drawings, (12 s)
1	17	1927	<i>Merlin</i> , short story, (17 s)
1	18	1927	<i>Skazka</i> , fairy tale, (9 s)
1	19	1927	<i>O sviatykh pustynnikakh</i> , Lives of the Saints, (23 s)
1	20	1927	<i>Iskry</i> , 15 unpublished poems, (17 s)
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1	21	1927	<i>Bretonskie Sviatye</i> (Lives of the Saints), manuscript for typesetting with editorial corrections, (37 s)

Vladimir Dixon Papers
Series 3, **Writings**, 1917-1929

<u>Box No.</u>	<u>Folder No.</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	22	1927	<i>Bretonskie Sviatye</i> by V. Dixon in <i>Vestnik Russkogo Studencheskogo Khristianskogo Dvizhenia</i> , No. 8
1	23	1927	<i>Listia</i> by V. Dixon, (Paris, 1927), 71 p.
1	24	1929	Book design with V. Dixon's drawings (10 s)
1	25	1930	A. Remizov's foreword and commentary to V. Dixon's posthumous book <i>Stikhi i proza</i> , (17 s)
2	1	1930	<i>Stikhi i proza</i> by V. Dixon, published posthumous, manuscript for typesetting, (87 s)

Vladimir Dixon Papers
Series 4, **Printed Materials**, 1931

<u>Box No.</u>	<u>Folder No.</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Description</u>
2	2	1931 Feb 15	<i>Journal of Anthroposophy</i> , No. 7
2	2	1931 Mar 15	<i>Journal of Anthroposophy</i> , No. 11

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Series 5, **Photographs**, 1902-1930

<u>Box No.</u>	<u>Folder No.</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Description</u>
2	3	1902-1929	Dixon's family photo albums
2	4	1928-1930	Dixon's family photo albums