

Archives and Manuscript Collections in the USSR

Finding aids on microfiche



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This unique, pioneering collection for libraries and researchers makes available rare and vital finding aids, including archival guides, manuscript catalogues, and other basic reference literature located in the USSR.

The ready availability of adequate finding aids and related reference materials is a prime necessity for any research involving archival materials. The need is even greater in the case of the Soviet Union, particularly for foreign scholars. Because of the complexities of travel and visa arrangements and the necessity of advance requests for materials to be consulted, researchers must carefully plan their work and determine the exact location of the materials they seek.

Such preparation is no easy task, given the relative paucity of published details about holdings in the Soviet Union, and given the difficulties of finding copies of those guides and catalogues that have appeared. But now, thanks to the possibility of microfiche editions and their correlation with the bibliographical framework of my published directory of Soviet archives, researchers can more easily acquaint themselves with the vast archival resources in the USSR. The Soviet Union accordingly becomes the first major country in the world whose published archival guides, manuscript catalogues, and other related reference materials are brought together in a single systematized bibliographical framework and readily available in relatively inexpensive microfiche editions.

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Printed directories

The selection of the finding aids is based on the series of directories by Dr. Patricia Grimsted:

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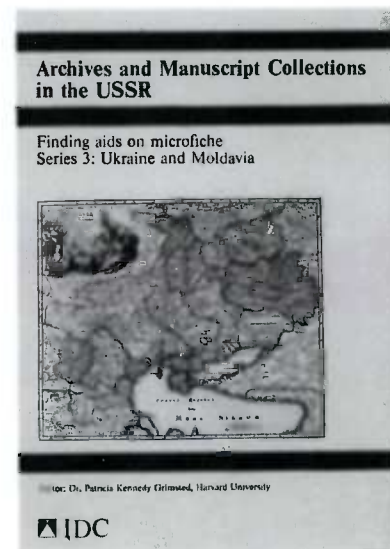
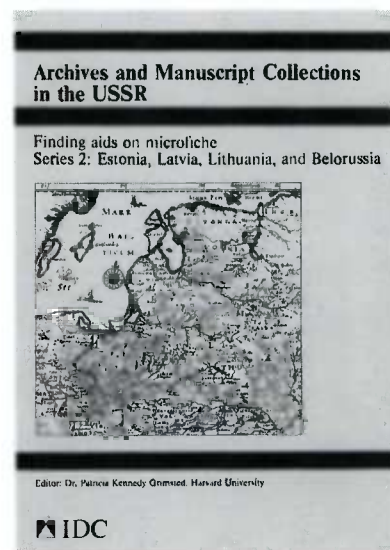
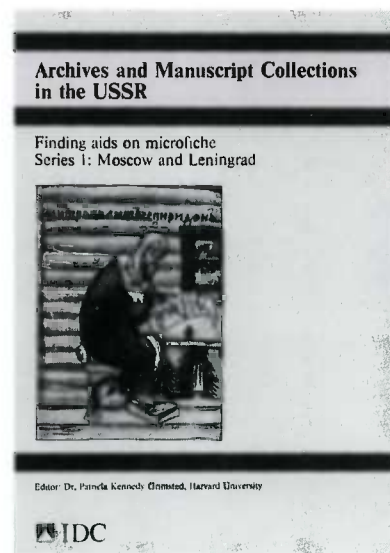
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2. *Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Belorussia*. Princeton University Press, 1981.
3. *Ukraine and Moldavia*. Princeton University Press, 1988.

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