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Acknowledgments

THIS GUIDE HAS BEEN PREPARED upon the suggestion of Hennadii Boriak, former Deputy Director General of the State Committee on Archives of Ukraine, and upon my own wish to make Harvard University Library's unique Ucrainica collections better known and available to scholars of Ukrainian studies worldwide. The annotated descriptions in this guide were compiled while I was working as the Petro Jacyk Bibliographer for Ukrainian Collections at the Ukrainian Research Institute and the Harvard College Library, Harvard University. The guide builds on the bibliographic research conducted in 1998 by Stepan Zakharkin, a former student of the Harvard Ukrainian Summer Institute. Most of the material presented in this guide was acquired since the formation of the Committee on Ukrainian Studies in 1968. While fundraising to establish three endowed professorships in Ukrainian studies in the Departments of History and Slavic Languages and Literatures and in the Ukrainian Research Institute, the Committee on Ukrainian Studies issued an appeal to private book and manuscript collectors either to donate or to help purchase library materials that would benefit research and instruction in Ukrainian studies. The appeal was answered enthusiastically by the Ukrainian-American community, who made their private collections available to the Harvard University Library either through gift or through sale. Donors, by separate financial contributions, as well as by the establishment of endowed book funds, also made possible the purchase of library materials. The development of the Ukrainian collection at the Harvard University Library could not have taken place without the hundreds, if not thousands, of generous gifts from individual donors and the many endowed book funds established by private individuals. Their immeasurable contribution to Ukrainian studies is much appreciated.

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