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BASIL M. BENSIN

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

1881 January 30 (O.S.) Born, Russia

1912 M. S., Agricultural Sciences, University of
Minnesota
Returned to Russia

1913 Author, Izuchenie zasukhoustoichivvykh ras sel'sko-
khoziaistvennykh rastenii

1923 Author, Sel'skoe khoziaistvo i kooperatsiia v S.-
Amerikie

1924 Author, Shkola i sel'skoe khoziaistvo

1930 Arrived in the United States

1945-1948 Agronomist, Alaska Agricultural Experiment Station
Instructor, University of Alaska

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

BASIL M. BENSIN PAPERS

Basil M. Benzin (Vasilii Mitrofanovich Benzin) was an agricultural expert active in Russia (to 1920), Czechoslovakia (1921-1930) and the United States (1910-1912 and 1930 to his death). The collection includes his written works on various aspects of agronomy and its economic organization, as well as a file of unique materials on the history of Russian Sokol organizations in Europe and the United States (SUBJECT FILE/Athletic clubs). Also interesting are the files on his son's (Igor Bensen) career as an engineer for General Electric and inventor of flying contraptions (BIOGRAPHICAL FILE/Family file/Bensen, Igor, and PHOTOGRAPHS/Bensen, Igor).

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| | 22 | "Problems of Agricultural Microclimatology in Alaska," <u>Farthest North Collegian</u> , 1950 March. Printed copy |
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