John J. Bayer Papers
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Collection Summary

Title: John J. Bayer Papers
Span Dates: 1928-1956
Bulk Dates: (bulk 1928-1938)
ID No.: MSS84701
Creator: Bayer, John J., 1887-1967
Extent: 85 items
Extent: 1 container
Extent: 0.2 linear feet
Language: Collection material in English
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
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Summary: Naval officer, engineer, and explorer. Diaries, general correspondence, autographs, photograph, and newspaper clippings documenting Bayer’s service as a member of the scientific corps on the City of New York (flagship) during the first Byrd Antarctic exploring expedition, 1928-1930.

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
Byrd, Richard Evelyn, 1888-1957--Correspondence.
Roosevelt, Franklin D. (Franklin Delano), 1882-1945--Correspondence.

Organizations
Byrd Antarctic Expedition.
City of New York (Ship)

Places
Antarctica--Discovery and exploration.

Occupations
Engineers.
Explorers.
Naval officers.

Provenance

The papers of John J. Bayer, naval officer, engineer, and explorer, were given to the Library of Congress by the Naval Historical Foundation in 2000.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of John J. Bayer is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of John J. Bayer are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.
Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, John J. Bayer Papers, Naval Historical Foundation Collection, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of John J. Bayer (1887-1967) span the years 1928-1956, with the bulk of the items concentrated in the period 1928-1938. The collection is comprised of diaries, correspondence, autographs, newspaper clippings, and a photograph. It consists mostly of letters to Bayer from Richard Evelyn Byrd in the immediate aftermath of the first Byrd Antarctic Expedition, 1928-1930. The letters reveal a strong friendship between Byrd and Bayer. The papers also include correspondence between Byrd and Franklin D. Roosevelt relating to Bayer, an album of autographs of crew members who served with Bayer on the City of New York (flagship), and two leather-bound handwritten diaries kept by Bayer containing accounts of his daily activities as engineering officer of the ship and of members of the crew and environmental challenges encountered by the expedition.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged by type of material.
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