Collection Summary
Title: Victor F. Blakeslee and Irina Skariätina Papers
Span Dates: 1930-1944
ID No.: MSS48314
Creator: Blakeslee, Victor F. (Victor Franklin), 1898-1947
Creator: Skariätina, Irina
Extent: 20 items
Extent: 7 containers
Extent: 2.8 linear feet
Language: Collection material in English
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
LC Catalog record: https://lccn.loc.gov/mm76048314
Summary: Author and naval officer (Victor F. Blakeslee). Author (Irina Skariätina). Holograph and typewritten manuscripts of novels, short stories, and plays about the Russian revolution, the military, and other topics by Blakeslee and his wife, Irina Skariätina, the former Countess Wladimirovna Keller.

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

Organizations
United States. Navy.

Subjects
Fiction.
Warships.

Places
Soviet Union--History--Revolution, 1917-1921.

Titles
Victor Franklin Blakeslee papers

Occupations
Authors.
Naval officers.

Provenance
The papers of Victor F. Blakeslee, author and naval officer, and Irina Skariätina, author, were given to the Library of Congress by Skariätina in 1947.

Processing History
The collection was processed circa 1950 and reprocessed circa 1980. The finding was revised in 2010.
Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Victor F. Blakeslee and Irina Skariätina is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Victor F. Blakeslee and Irina Skariätina 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, Victor F. Blakeslee and Irina Skariätina Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Victor Franklin Blakeslee (1898-1947) and Irina Skariätina (1898-1962) span the years 1930-1944. The collection consists of holograph and typewritten drafts of novels, short stories, and plays about the Russian revolution, the military, and other topics by Blakeslee and his wife, Irina Skariätina, the former Countess Wladimirovna Keller.

Arrangement of the Papers

The collection is organized by type of writing and therein by title according to date of writing or publication.
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5 folders |
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