Language of Material: Multiple languages
Contributing Institution: Special Collections & Archives
Title: Alex D. Kennedy Collection
Creator: Kennedy, Alex D., 1930-
Identifier/Call Number: OCH.ADK
Extent: 1.64 linear feet
Date (inclusive): 1923-2002
Abstract: Alex D. Kennedy was born in Shanghai in 1930. He was the fourth son of Colonel Dimitry Vasilivich and Ekaterina Nikitichna Kochneff, and attended both the Public & Thomas Hanbury School and St. Francis Xavier's College in Shanghai. The collection contains items saved by Kennedy that relate to his experience living in Shanghai, and visiting China and Hong Kong multiple times later in life, including articles, brochures, a book of illustrations, postcards, maps, yearbooks, programs, newsletters, photographs and correspondence.
Language of Material: English, Russian, French, Chinese

Scope and Contents
The Alex D. Kennedy Collection consists of items relating to Kennedy's childhood in Shanghai as well as his continued interest in China and trips he and his wife took to Asia and Old China Hands Reunions. The collection is divided into three series: Shanghai Materials (1923-1949), Trips (1982-2002), and General China Information (1980-2000).

Series I, Shanghai Materials, consists of items from Kennedy's childhood growing up in Shanghai. This includes a photograph of his parents, greeting cards, and yearbooks, newsletters and photographs from multiple schools attended by Kennedy.

Series II, Trips, consists of materials from various vacations taken by Kennedy and his wife, including trips to Hong Kong, multiple cities in China, and the Old China Hands Reunion in Las Vegas in 1996. Materials in the series include postcards, itineraries, brochures, business cards, guidebooks, general information, programs, and maps.

Series III, General China Information, consists of print items collected by Kennedy related to Shanghai, China and Chinese culture in general. This includes multiple magazine and newspaper articles, notes, Chinese workbooks, and correspondence about a documentary on Jewish refugees in Shanghai.

Arrangement of Materials:
Series I: Shanghai Materials, 1923-1949
Series II: Trips, 1982-2002

Biographical Information:
Alex D. Kennedy, originally named Alex Kochneff, was born in Shanghai in 1930. He was the fourth son of Colonel Dimitry Vasilivich and Ekaterina Nikitichna Kochneff, who had fled to Shanghai in the wake of the Russian Revolution in 1921. Kennedy attended the Public & Thomas Hanbury School starting at the age of six, and transferred to St. Francis Xavier's College during World War II. After the war, the family left China for the Philippines, where as stateless Russians, they lived in a displaced persons' camp for almost two years. They were then able to travel to the United States, where they arrived in San Francisco in November of 1950. Kennedy became a naturalized U.S. citizen.

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Immediate Source of Acquisition
Alex D. Kennedy, 2010.

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Processing Information:
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Series I: Shanghai Materials, 1923-1949

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Box 1, Folder 6  Birthday and Christmas Cards
Box 2, Item 1  Album of Illustrations of Various Landmarks and Scenery Throughout China
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Folder 1, Item 4  In Uno - Public & Thomas Hanbury School for Boys Newsletter - Vol. 25 No. 3, 1944
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Series II: Trips, 1982-2002

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Box 1, Folder 12  Information about China from Eastern Journeys (Travel Company), ca. 2002
Box 3, Item 1  44 Blank Postcards of Beijing, The National Palace, Tiananmen, Ming Tombs, Temple of Heaven and the Forbidden City
Box 3, Item 2  2 Blank Postcards of Dalian, China
Box 3, Item 3  16 Blank Postcards of The Great Wall
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Folder 3, Item 1  Beijing Tourist Map, 1996
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Folder 3, Item 3  Hong Kong Guide Map
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Box 1, Folder 13  National Geographic, Vol. 158 No. 1 - Two Articles on Shanghai, July 1980
Box 1, Folder 14  "China - 50 Years Later" - Novoye Russkoye Slovo, 1933 October 24
Box 1, Folder 15  "Shanghai Surprise" - Atlantic Monthly, July 1988
Box 1, Folder 16  Condé Nast Traveler - Article on Shanghai, August 1994
Box 1, Folder 17  Correspondence about Documentary "The Port of Last Resort," 2000
Box 1, Folder 18  Chinese: 16 Cultural Activities for K-6 Children by Barbara Schubert and Marlene Bird
| Box 1, Folder 19 | Notes Written by Kennedy on Chinese Culture |
| Folder 4, Item 1 | "Many Tourists Miss 'Chinatown' in Shanghai" |
| Folder 4, Item 3 | "Ballard Finds No Flaws in Film Made From His Novel," *The Sunday Oregonian* (with written commentary from Kennedy), 1988 January 10 |
| Folder 4, Item 5 | *Chinatown Clatter* Vol. 1, 1996 |
| Folder 4, Item 6 | "Lunar New Year Offers Reasons to Celebrate," *The Sunday Oregonian*, 1999 February 7 |
| Folder 4, Item 8 | "Character Study: Chinese American Elders Reconnect With Their Culture by Learning Calligraphy," *The Oregonian*, 2001 December 11 |