Overview of the Collection

Collection Title: Nina Shestakoff Collection
Dates: 1927-1949
Identification: OCH/NSC
Creator: Shestakoff, Nina, 1919-2013
Physical Description: 2.29 linear feet
Language of Materials: English
Repository: Old China Hands Archives

Abstract: Nina (Deniakin) Shestakoff was born in 1919, and moved to Shanghai from Russia with her family, where her father worked as a lighthouse keeper for multiple lighthouses in China. Shestakoff attended boarding school at both the St. Joseph Convent and the St. Francis School for Girls. The collection consists of copies of photographs and photocopied family albums from the 1930s and 1940s, along with descriptions of the photographs provided by Shestakoff. Also included in the collection is a painting done by Shestakoff of the Pei-Yu-Shan lighthouse off the China coast, where her father was the lighthouse keeper.

Biographical Information:
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Genre/Form of Material:
Paper records
Photographic material

Processing Information:
Jessica Geiser, 2013

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Scope and Contents
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Box 1, Folder 1
Black Portfolio - Photocopies and Descriptions, 1927-1949

Box 1, Folder 2
Shanghai - Nanking - Tientsin & Peking Railroad Photographs and History, ca. 1930-ca. 1939

Box 1, Folder 3
Shestakoff's Mother's Lighthouse Photograph Album - Photocopies and Descriptions, 1932-1951

Box 1, Folder 4
Steno-Typist Academy Group Photograph, 1938

Box 1, Folder 5
Miscellaneous Photographs and Descriptions

Box 2, Item 1
Painting of Pei-Yu-Shan Lighthouse done by Shestakoff, 1938