Register of the Alex N. Kniazeff (Aleksei Nikolaevich Kniazev) Papers

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Biography
Born at Tsitsikhar station on the Chinese Eastern Railway on 5 August 1909, where his father, an army engineer officer, was stationed, Kniazev spent the first half of his life in China. As his father was transferred to Manchuria station, where he was commandant during the Russian Civil War, and later to Harbin, where he was assistant commandant, A. N. Kniazeff moved with him, graduating from American Methodist College in Harbin in 1927. From 1927 to 1933 he was a student at Harbin Polytechnic Institute, receiving his baccalaureate degree in electrical and mechanical engineering. Simultaneously, he completed a training course at the Russkii Obshchevoinskii soiuz military academy in 1934.
Following his graduation, he moved to Tientsin, where he worked as an engineer for a number of companies until 1945, when he was forced to escape to Shanghai. He was interned at Tubabao refugee camp until January 1951, when he finally arrived in San Francisco. From 1952 to 1955 he was an instructor at the Army Language School in Monterey until he was able to secure employment closer to his field of specialization, first as an instrumentation designer for Bechtel Corporation (1955-1958), and then at Pacific Gas and Electric Company until retirement (1958-1974).
As a member of the Russian boy scouts since 1922 in Harbin, he rose to become Chief Russian Scout of St. George's Knights (Natsional'naia organizatsiia russkikh skautov). Kniazeff died in San Francisco in 1993.
1909
August 5 Born, Tsitsihar, China
1933 Degree, Electrical and Mechanical Engineering, Harbin Polytechnic Institute, Harbin, China
1935-1948 Engineering and administrative positions, Kailan Mining Administration, Tientsin, China
1941 April Scoutmaster, Tientsin, China
27 Married Eugenia Smikovska
1949-1951 General Consulting Engineer, International Refugee Organization, Tubabao, Samar, Philippines
1952-1955 Instructor of Russian, U. S. Army Language School, Monterey, California
1955-1958 Instrumentation Designer, Bechtel Corporation, San Francisco, California
1959 Scoutmaster, National'naia organizatsiia rossiiskikh skautov (St. George's Knights)
1993 Died, San Francisco, California
Scope and Content Note
This collection consists of correspondence, clippings and other matter reflecting Kniazeff's involvement in various émigré organizations. He was a member of the San Francisco Trans-Baikal Cossacks' Stanitza and of the Harbin Polytechnic Alumni Association, and senior scoutmaster of the Natsional'naia Organizatsiia Russkikh Skautov (National Organization of Russian...
Scouts, or St. George's Knights, as it was incorporated in California). Most of the collection relates to the history of the Russian Boy Scout movement abroad, particularly for the period 1963-1975. Detailed processing and preservation microfilming for these materials were made possible by a generous grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities and by matching funds from the Hoover Institution and the Museum of Russian Culture. The grant also provides depositing a microfilm copy in the Hoover Institution Archives. The original materials remain in the Museum of Russian Culture, San Francisco, as its property. A transfer table indicating corresponding box and reel numbers is available at the Hoover Institution Archives.

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**Subjects and Indexing Terms**

Natsional'naia organizatsiia russkikh skautov.
Boy Scouts.
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United States.

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Scope and Contents note  
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Scope and Contents note  
Consists of correspondence, orders, minutes, publications and other materials, arranged alphabetically by physical form |
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Consists mainly of materials relating to the organizations Kniazeff was involved in, arranged alphabetically by name of organization, and therein by physical form |
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Includes calendars, clippings, leaflets, programs and issues of periodicals, arranged alphabetically by physical form |
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Box 1

**BIOGRAPHICAL FILE, 1918-1977**

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**General - "Personal file," 1930-1977**  
Scope and Contents note
Material has not yet been described.

Includes awards, certificates, commendations, diploma and other documents relating to Kniazoff's education, employment and social activities

Family

Kniazev, Nikolai Ivanovich

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Identity papers, 1918-1949

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Writing entitled “Plotnichnoe iskusstvo,” n.d.

Scope and Contents note
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Scope and Contents note
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Scope and Contents note

Guides, handbooks and documents relating to their organization, 1965-1970

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Material has not yet been described.

Includes clippings, personal correspondence and other forms of material

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Publications.

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Listed alphabetically by title

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Programma na 3-ii i 2-oi razriady, n.d.
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Typescript

Russkie skauty, 1909-1969, 1969

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Typescript

Scope and Contents note
Consists of materials collected by Kniazeff. May include material not present in published edition

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Printed copy

Box/Folder 11 : 6

Skautenok, #4 (1963) - 9 (1965)

Scope and Contents note
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Scope and Contents note
Typescript

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Writings of scoutmaster E. Orlova.

Scope and Contents note
Typescript

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SUBJECT FILE, 1926-1989

American-Russian San Francisco Bay Region Credit Union.

Scope and Contents note
Clippings, correspondence, financial statements, reports, printed matter and other materials relating to this organization's activities

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**CORO Corporation (Consolidated Real Estate Opportunities Corporation).**

**Scope and Contents note**
Consists of incoming and outgoing correspondence, financial statements, annual and semi-annual reports and other materials

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Material has not yet been described.

1972-1989

**Obshche-kazachii soiuz v g. San Frantsisko (All Cossack's Union of San Francisco).**

*Scope and Contents note*

Includes material pertaining to other Cossack organizations

**General**

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*Scope and Contents note*

Includes *Kazachii klich*, #1 (March 1954) and *Kazak*, #176-192 (1963-1964, incomplete)

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**Russian Center, San Francisco (Russkii Tsentr)**

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**Russian Community Club, Inc., San Mateo, California (Russkii Obshchestvennyi Klub)**

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**Russkaia Pravoslavnaia Tserkov' (Orthodox Eastern Church, Russian).**

*Scope and Contents note*

Includes award presented by Archbishop Viktor of China to G. M. Ivanov, 1940 October 12

Box/Folder 16 : 2
Material has not yet been described.

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**Society of Russian Veterans, San Francisco (Obshchestvo russkikh veteranov Velikoi voiny).**

**Scope and Contents note**

Includes typed draft of B. B. Filimonov's "Bot'ba v Zaural'e," 1935, published serially in the Society's journal, *Viestnik Obshchestva veteranov Velikoi voiny*, correspondence relating to its publication and author, and other materials for publication in the journal, as well as documents relating to the organization's other activities.

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**Box/Folder 16 : 3**

**Trans-Baikal Cossacks’ Stanitza of San Francisco**

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**Scope and Contents note**

Includes issues of *Nash vestnik* (Tubabao), 1951 and *Kharbinskoe vremia*, #17 (1941).

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**Box/Folder 18 : 1-3**

**Periodicals.**

**Scope and Contents note**


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**Programs.**

**Scope and Contents note**

Mostly from San Francisco in the 1950s-1960s, but some from Russia, 1917 and possibly earlier - musical evenings, balls and school productions.
Material has not yet been described.