Register of the R. V. Polchaninov papers

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Location of Originals
Originals in: Museum of Russian Culture, San Francisco.
Biographical Note
R. V. Polchaninoff was born on 27 January 1919 in Novocherkassk, Russia, where his father served on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief of the White Army. He was evacuated with his family from Sevastopol to Constantinople (Istanbul) in November 1920, finally settling in Yugoslavia. There Polchaninoff finished his schooling and began studies in the law department of the University of Belgrade.
At the same time, he was active in the scouting movement, joining the Yugoslav Boy-Scouts in 1931, and later the Russian émigré Boy-Scouts and Sokols. During the Second World War, he was one of the leaders of the Russian underground Scouting movement. At the end of the war he organized a Russian émigré Boy-Scout unit in Niedersachswerfen (near Nordhausen, Germany) just days after the U.S. army liberated the town (11 April 1945). He continued this work among both Russian and Yugoslav displaced persons throughout the immediate post-war years.
In 1951, Polchaninoff settled in the United States, where he continued his scouting work, as well as taught in parochial schools and worked for Radio Liberty (from 1967 to 1983). He also wrote articles for American and émigré newspapers and journals, and published books and bulletins, as well as textbooks for parochial schools.

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<th>Year</th>
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<td>1919</td>
<td>Born, Novocherkassk, Russia</td>
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<td>1920</td>
<td>Evacuated to Yugoslavia</td>
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<td>1922-1942</td>
<td>Resident of Sarajevo, Yugoslavia</td>
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<td>1931</td>
<td>Joins Russian Boy Scouts</td>
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<td>1943</td>
<td>Marries Vlentina Petrovna Naumova while working in Pskov Orthodox Mission, Pskov, Russia</td>
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<td>1951</td>
<td>Arrives in the United States</td>
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<td>1981</td>
<td>Commences publishing Letopis' russkih zarubezhnykh periodicheskikh izdanii</td>
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Scope and Content Note
Rostislav V. Polchaninov was a prominent figure in the Russian scouting movement in exile. This collection contains his correspondence, writings and subject files, mostly connected to the Russian Boy Scouts and collecting Russian stamps. 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 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

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Russia.
Russians--United States.
United States.

BIOGRAPHICAL FILE 1941-1999
Clippings about Polchaninov

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Identity papers

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CORRESPONDENCE 1948-2000

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WRITINGS 1963-1995

Reel 1
"Razvedcheskaia pochta," catalog of Russian émigré Boy Scout stamps 1963
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Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 1 : 5. Typescript.

Newspaper columns 1977-1995
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 1 : 6.

RUSSIAN BOY SCOUTS FILE 1951-2000
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 1 : 7. Includes bulletins and orders of various branches and sub-groups of the Russian émigré scouting movement, some of them edited or published by Polchaninov.

PRINTED MATTER 1948-2000
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 1 : 8. Includes leaflets and bulletins edited and issued by Polchaninov, primarily relating to Russian émigré serials, collectibles, and art.