Nakata and Stevens papers

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Descriptive Summary
Title: Nakata and Stevens papers
Dates: 1938-2002
Collection Number: Consult repository
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Abstract: The Nakata and Stevens papers date from 1938. The key item within the collection is an original manuscript titled “A Hero to His Valet” by Yoshimatsu Nakata, transcribed by Barry Fox Stevens. From 1907 to 1915, Jack London and his wife, Charmian, employed Nakata as their valet. In the 1930’s, Stevens, a psychologist and author, met Nakata in Hawaii, where he was practicing dentistry. She worked with him to document his recollections of the Londons. The manuscript was sent to Charmian London and returned with margin notes and suggested changes. After the death of Barry Fox Stevens, this version of the manuscript was stored in an attic and eventually discovered by her family. The article was published posthumously in 2000 in the Jack London Journal. The Nakata and Stevens papers include drafts of the final article. Also included are papers relating to the publication of the article and copies of some of Nakata’s personal photographs.
Language of Material: English
Access
Collection is open for research by appointment.
Publication Rights
The library can only claim physical ownership of the collection. Users are responsible for satisfying any claimants of literary property.
Preferred Citation
Nakata and Stevens papers. Sonoma State University Library
Acquisition Information
Donated by Susan Daniels, daughter of Barry Stevens, 2002.
Scope and Content of Collection
This collection contains 20 folders. The materials are organized in a total of two boxes.
Indexing Terms
Stevens, Barry Fox, 1902-1985.
Nakata and Stevens Papers Inventory