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Collection Summary

Title: Yudin Collection of Russian-American Company Records

Span Dates: 1783-1946

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1783-1830)

ID No.: MSS46870

Collector: I[illegible]din, G. V. (Gennadii Vasil'evich), 1840-1912

Extent: 150 items; 3 containers; 1 linear foot; 2 microfilm reels

Language: Collection material in Russian with English, with some German

Repository: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Abstract: Official letters, work reports, tariff and cargo registers, ships' journals, accounts of exploratory expeditions, and other papers relating to the exploration and colonization of Alaska and Siberia by the Russian-American Company (Rossiiskoi-amerikanskai[a] kompanii[a]).

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

People

I[illegible]din, G. V. (Gennadii Vasil'evich), 1840-1912, collector.

Rezanov, Nikolaï Petrovich, 1764-1807.

Shelikhov, G. I. (Grigorii Ivanovich), 1747-1795.

Organizations

Rossiiskoi-amerikanskai[a] kompanii[a]. Yudin collection of Russian-American Company records. 1783-1946.

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Places

Alaska--Colonization.

Alaska--Discovery and exploration.

China--Commerce--Russia.

Japan--Commerce--Russia.

Portugal--Commerce--Russia.

Russia--Commerce--China.

Russia--Commerce--Japan.

Russia--Commerce--Portugal.

Siberia (Russia)--Colonization.

Siberia (Russia)--Discovery and exploration.

Occupations

Collectors.

Administrative Information

Provenance

The Yudin Collection of Russian-American Company Records was purchased by the Library of Congress in 1907. An addition was given by Sergius Yakobson in 1970.

Processing History

The Yudin Collection of Russian-American Company Records was arranged and described in circa 1975. The finding aid revised in 2011.

Copyright Status

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The Yudin Collection of Russian-American Company Records is open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Microfilm

A microfilm edition of these papers is available on two reels. Transcripts of much of this collection are available in *Alaska University, Alaska History Research Project, Documents Relative to the History of Alaska*, vol. 3, which itself is available on microfilm in the Microform Reading Room of the Library, shelf no. 10,612. A print copy is in the Manuscript Reading Room reference collection, call no. F901.A37. Consult reference staff in the Manuscript Division concerning availability for purchase or interlibrary loan. To promote preservation of the originals, researchers are required to consult the microfilm edition as available.

Preferred Citation

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Scope and Content Note

The Yudin Collection of Russian-American Company Records spans the years 1783-1946, with the bulk from 1783 to 1830. The collection contains official letters, work reports, tariff and cargo registers, ships' journals, accounts of exploratory expeditions, and other papers relating to the exploration and colonization of Alaska and Siberia by the Russian-American Company (Rossiiskoi-amerikanskaii kompanii). Also included is material relating to the company's contacts with the Japanese, Chinese, and Portuguese. Individuals mentioned include Nikolai Petrovich Rezanov and G. I. Shelikhov. The material is chiefly in Russian.

Arrangement of the Papers

The collection is arranged by topic or subject.

Container List

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