

# Victor F. Blakeslee and Irina Skariätina Papers

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## Collection Summary

Title: Victor F. Blakeslee and Irina Skariätina Papers

Span Dates: 1930-1944

ID No.: MSS48314

Creator: Blakeslee, Victor F. (Victor Franklin), 1898-1947

Creator: Skariätina, Irina

Extent: 20 items; 7 containers; 2.8 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

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

Abstract: Author and naval officer (Victor F. Blakeslee). Author (Irina Skariätina). Holograph and typewritten manuscripts of novels, short stories, and plays about the Russian revolution, the military, and other topics by Blakeslee and his wife, Irina Skariätina, the former Countess Wladimirovna Keller.

## 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

Blakeslee, Victor F. (Victor Franklin), 1898-1947.

Skariätina, Irina. Victor F. Blakeslee and Irina Skariätina papers. 1930-1944.

### Organizations

United States. Navy.

### Subjects

Fiction.

Warships.

### Places

Soviet Union--History--Revolution, 1917-1921.

### Occupations

Authors.

Naval officers.

## Administrative Information

### Provenance

The papers of Victor F. Blakeslee, author and naval officer, and Irina Skariätina, author, were given to the Library of Congress by Skariätina in 1947.

### Processing History

The collection was processed circa 1950 and reprocessed circa 1980. The finding was revised in 2010.

### Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Victor F. Blakeslee and Irina Skariätina is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

## Access and Restrictions

The papers of Victor F. Blakeslee and Irina Skariätina are 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.

## Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Victor F. Blakeslee and Irina Skariätina Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## Scope and Content Note

The papers of Victor Franklin Blakeslee (1898-1947) and Irina Skariätina (1898-1962) span the years 1930-1944. The collection consists of holograph and typewritten drafts of novels, short stories, and plays about the Russian revolution, the military, and other topics by Blakeslee and his wife, Irina Skariätina, the former Countess Wladimirovna Keller.

## Arrangement of the Papers

The collection is organized by type of writing and therein by title according to date of writing or publication.

# Container List

<i>Container</i>	<i>Contents</i>
BOX 1	Books
BOX 1	<i>A World Can End</i> , by Irina Skariätina. New York: J. Cape and H. Smith, [1931]
BOX 1	Holograph draft (5 folders)
BOX 1	Typescript (5 folders)
BOX 2	<i>A World Begins</i> , by Irina Skariätina. New York: H. Smith, 1932
BOX 2	Holograph drafts (5 folders)
BOX 2	Typescript
BOX 2	<i>First To Go Back</i> , by Irina Skariätina. Indianapolis: Bobbs-Merrill Co., [circa 1933]
BOX 2	Holograph draft (5 folders)
BOX 3	Typescript (4 folders)
BOX 3	<i>Little Era in Old Russia</i> , Irina Skariätina. Indianapolis: Bobbs-Merrill Co., [circa 1934]
BOX 3	Holograph draft (6 folders)
BOX 4	(1 folder)
BOX 4	Typescript (4 folders)
BOX 4	<i>New Worlds for Old</i> , Irina Skariätina and Victor F. Blakeslee. Indianapolis, Bobbs-Merrill Co., [circa 1935]
BOX 4	Holograph draft (6 folders)
BOX 5	(1 folder)
BOX 5	Typescript (3 folders)
BOX 5	<i>Tamara</i> , by Irina Skariätina. Indianapolis: Bobbs-Merrill Co., [circa 1942]
BOX 5	Holograph draft (6 folders)
BOX 6	(2 folders)
BOX 6	Typescript (6 folders)
BOX 6	<i>Fighting Ships of the U.S.A.</i> , by Victor F. Blakeslee. New York: Random House, [circa 1941] (2 folders)
BOX 7	"Skyroad to Russia," by Irina Skariätina, 1942-1943
BOX 7	Holograph draft (3 folders)

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BOX 7	Typescript (2 folders)
BOX 7	Miscellaneous writings
BOX 7	"My Russian Wife and Other Stories," by Victor F. Blakeslee, 1930-1931, undated (2 folders)
BOX 7	"S. O. Q." draft of play by Victor Blakeslee, 1937
BOX 7	Translation of Anton Chekhov's <i>The Cherry Orchard</i> , by Irina Skariätina, typescript, 1944