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Summary Information

Repository:	Rare Book and Manuscript Library
Title:	Franklin Sciacca Collection of Russian Imperial artifacts
ID:	13793035
ID:	BA#0644
Date [inclusive]:	1629-2000
Physical Description:	5 Linear Feet 1 document box; 3 record cartons; 1 shoe box; 1 tube; 1 oversize folder
Language of the Material:	Russian .

Preferred Citation

Identification of specific item; Date (if known); Franklin Sciacca Collection of Russian Imperial Artifacts; Box and Folder; Bakhmeteff Archive; Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Columbia University Library.

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Content Description

The collection consists of approximately 100 items. This includes twenty five authentic 18th century imprints from the Lavra's famous printing house (1734-1794); rare Old Believer imprints; 19th century reprints of 18th century Pochaev imprints; 11 late 19th/early 20th century Pochaev imprints; and two 17th century Muscovite imprints, a Mineia sluzhebnaia (1629), and a Psalmyr' (1646). Also included are 19th and early 20th century minor graphics, lacking serial issues (including issues of USSR in Construction designed by El Lissitsky), color lithographs, original drawings, and stereopticon slides.

This is probably one of the more significant collections of early imprints to come available in recent memory.

In the 1990s, the NYPL received the Bishop Basil Shereghy Collection, which included seven Pochaiv imprints, dated 1768-1814. Only one duplicates an item in the Sciacca gift.

For background on the complementary NYPL holdings, see: "Preface," Church Slavonic, Glagolitic, And Petrine Civil Script Printed Books In The New York Public Library: A Preliminary Catalog. Described By Irina V. Pozdeeva, Moscow State University Catalogued By Zora Z. Kipel, The New York Public Library. (Marina Del Rey: The New York Public Library, & Charles Schlacks, Jr., 1996), pp. [vi]-xi.

Elsewhere in OCLC, aside from NYPL holdings, I located a total of 17 Pochaiv/Pochaev imprints, of which the greatest concentrations were found at Toronto (four), Harvard's Houghton (3), and the British Library (2). Other holding libraries with single items include the V & A, Newberry, Ohio State, Cambridge, Alberta, Manitoba, and Stanford.

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Franklin Sciacca, 2019.

Accruals

Materials may have been added to the collection since this finding aid was prepared.
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Controlled Access Headings

- Artifacts (object genre)
- Coins
- Porcelain (material)