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# **Guide to the Laura K. and Valerian Lada-Mocarski Papers**

**GEN MSS 616**



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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** GEN MSS 616

**CREATOR:** Lada-Mocarski, Laura K. (Laura Klots), 1902-1997

**TITLE:** Laura K. and Valerian Lada-Mocarski papers

**DATES:** 1796–1985

**BULK DATES:** 1933–1985

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 5.46 linear feet (8 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The collection consists of material created and accumulated by Laura K. Lada-Mocarski and Valerian Lada-Mocarski, stemming from their collecting activities and relating particularly to their book collection, which they donated to the Beinecke Library. Material includes bibliographies, notes and lists of books, valuation information, personal and professional correspondence, photographs, and printed material.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b.      box

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Bequest of Laura K. Lada-Mocarski, 1997.

## Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Conditions Governing Use

The Laura K. and Valerian Lada-Mocarski papers is the physical property of the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Yale University. Literary rights, including copyright, belong to the authors or their legal heirs and assigns. For further information, consult the appropriate curator.

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## Preferred Citation

Laura K. and Valerian Lada-Mocarski Papers. General Collection, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Yale University.

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## Processing Information

This collection received a basic level of processing, including rehousing and very minimal organization. Descriptive information is drawn in large part from information supplied with the collection and from an initial survey of the contents. Folder titles appearing in the contents list below are often based on those provided by the creator or previous custodian. Titles have not been verified against the contents of the folders in all cases. Otherwise, folder titles are supplied by staff during initial processing.

This finding aid may be updated periodically to account for new acquisitions to the collection and/or revisions in arrangement and description.

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## Laura K. Lada-Mocarski (1902-1997) and Valerian Lada-Mocarski (1898-1971)

Laura K. (or Polly) Lada-Mocarski was a bookbinder and book preservation advocate, who in later life invented the PolyCase, a box-like plastic exhibition case for rare books, documents, and artifacts.

Valerian Lada-Mocarski was a commercial banker and scholar who collected rare books, particularly volumes about Alaska and travelers in Russia before 1750.

The Lada-Mocarskis were married in Paris in 1924, and settled in New York City after World War II. They moved to New Haven after Valerian's retirement in 1960. While in New Haven, Valerian compiled a bibliography of his collection and advised the Yale University Library on its collection of Russian books. Polly lectured on bookbinding at Yale and helped establish programs in bookbinding and related arts in New York and New Haven.

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## Scope and Contents

The collection consists of material created and accumulated by Laura K. Lada-Mocarski and Valerian Lada-Mocarski, stemming from their collecting activities and relating particularly to their book collection, which they donated to the Beinecke Library. Material includes bibliographies, notes and lists of books, valuation information, personal and professional correspondence, photographs, and printed material.

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## Arrangement

The collection is organized into two series: I. Bibliographic Material, and II. Personal Papers.

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## Collection Contents

### Series I: Bibliographic Material

(6 boxes)

b. 1	Lada-Mocarski, Valerian: Bibliography of books on Alaska published before 1868 <i>7 Folders</i>	1967-1981
b. 1	Bibliography <i>13 Folders</i>	1959-1970, undated
b. 1	Bibliographic National	1961-1963, undated
b. 1	Book bills, also some art	1961-1970
b. 1	Books in Russian	undated
b. 2	Cards	undated
b. 3	Cards	undated
b. 4	Catalog of books we have with their valuations	1970-1971
b. 4	Herberstein material #1 Rerum Moscoviticarum: microfilm	1985 July
b. 4	Sigmund von Herberstein <i>4 Folders</i> See also: Oversize, Box 7	undated
b. 4	Lenin <i>4 Folders</i>	1967, undated
b. 4	Miscellaneous	1961-1983, undated
b. 4	Notes <i>3 Folders</i>	undated
b. 4	Questions for Beinecke Valerian Lada-Mocarski's books	undated
b. 4	Traveler's prices	1966-1970
b. 4	Valerian Lada-Mocarski's books notes <i>5 Folders</i>	undated
b. 5	Valerian Lada-Mocarski's books notes <i>14 Folders</i>	1933-1971, undated
b. 5	Various lists of books made at various times	undated

**Series II: Personal Papers***(1 box)*

b. 6	Goldstone, Herman and Neuman, John von: Planning and coding of problems for an electronic computing machine	1945
b. 6	Graventix, Jean: De la mageste imperiale de tontes de russies...manuscript	1796 Jun 19
b. 6	Untitled manuscript, memorandum, in French concerning the dynastic problems raised by Philip V's renunciation of his claim to the French throne	undated
b. 6	Correspondence: birthday card	undated
b. 6	Correspondence: Larry Dowler	1971-1981
b. 6	Correspondence: Yale	1971
b. 6	Correspondence	1961-1971, undated
b. 6	Nouvelle carte des decouvertes faites par des vaisseaus russes...map, facsimile	undated
b. 6	<a href="#">Photographs</a> <i>6 Folders</i>	undated
b. 6	Switzerland and military papers <i>5 Folders</i>	1944-1945
b. 8	Material removed from cataloged printed items	1936-1947 and undated

## Oversize

b.7

Herberstein

undated

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## **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.

### **Subjects**

Book collecting  
Book collectors

### **Geographic Names**

Alaska -- Bibliography  
Russia -- Bibliography

### **Genres / Formats**

Photographs

### **Names**

Lada-Mocarski, Laura K. (Laura Klots),  
1902-1997  
Lada-Mocarski, Valerian, 1898-1971

### **Contributors**

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