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JOHN L. H. FULLER
PAPERS, CA. 1840–1962

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 2 manuscript boxes, 1 roll of micro-film, 1 folder of photographs

COLLECTION DATES: 1840–1962

PROVENANCE: John L.H. Fuller, Indianapolis, IN, 30 June 1978

RESTRICTIONS: None

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RELATED HOLDINGS: Fuller, John L.H. *The Journal of John L.H. Fuller While in Russia, 1917*. General Collection: DK265.7 .F8 1999; Fuller, John L.H. *Letters & Diaries of John L.H. Fuller, 1917-1920*. General Collection: D921 .F8 2004

ACCESSION NUMBER: 1978.0625

NOTES:

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

John Louis Hilton Fuller was born in 1894 and grew up in Indianapolis. He graduated from Butler University and spent most of his life as a business man and insurance executive in the city.

From 1917 to 1920 he was a trainee with the international division of the National City Bank of New York. His first assignment was to the bank's Petrograd branch in September 1917, where he worked for nearly a year. In March 1918, he moved with the bank to Vologda, a city 250 miles northeast of Moscow, to which most of the foreign diplomatic corps in Russia had already retired.

He left Russia in early August 1918, a week after the diplomatic corps had been removed from Vologda to Archangel, and only a few days after the Russian government had declared war on the British and their allies who were in the process of occupying Archangel and Murmansk. After leaving Russia, he spent a year and a half working with the International Banking Corporation in Scandinavia and England.

Sources:

Materials in collection.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The bulk of the papers in this collection cover Fuller's years as a trainee with the National City Bank from 1917 to 1920. In the seventeen letters and journal from this period he wrote of conditions in Russia, reported on rumors regarding the progress of the Revolution and the fate of foreigners, and described the operations of the bank. There are forty-five letters and three journals from the year and a half after he left Russia in which he wrote mostly of his social life.

The visual materials are comprised of: a group portrait of the bank staff at Petrograd, a small portrait of Fuller, the start of a Bolshevik parade in Vologda, and Hungarian prisoners outside the Danish Consulate in Vologda.

There are eight letters regarding the career of his father, Hector Fuller, a reporter for *The Indianapolis News* and a columnist for *The Washington Herald*. Seven of the letters relate to Fuller's trip to the Far East in 1903–04 to cover the Russo–Japanese War.

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Staff of Petrograd Branch, National City Bank of New
York. Vologda, Russia, May 1918
[individuals identified on verso]

Photographs:
Folder 1

"Danish consulate, Hungarian Prisoners, officers &
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3. Select "Call Number" from the "Search In:" box.
4. Search for the collection by its basic call number (in this case, M 0112).
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