

# A Guide to the Alice Virginia Kellam Scrapbook, 1923-1925 SC 0182

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## Descriptive Summary

**Unit ID**

SC 0182

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1923-1925

**Language**

English

**Abstract**

This collection consists of one scrapbook compiled during Miss Kellam's enrollment in professional courses at the State Normal School for Women in Harrisonburg, Virginia, between the years 1923 and 1925.

**Creator**

Kellam, Alice Virginia

**source**

Suter, Scott Hamilton

**source**

eBay (Firm)

**Extent**

0.2 cubic feet 1 box

**Repository**

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## Administrative Information

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**Acquisition Information**

Purchased on eBay in October 2005.

**Processing Information**

The scrapbook was cleaned and remains intact. Preservation recommends that dismantling and contents migration be considered for long-term storage due to the inherent instability of the materials. The scrapbook exhibits some losses from light and insect activity, most likely moth damage to the wool felts.

In order to streamline the process of applying collection numbers, Special Collections staff completed a large-scale renumbering campaign in 2017-2018. **This collection was previously cataloged as SC 5004.**

**Preferred Citation**

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## Bio/Historical Information

Alice Virginia "Ginnie" Kellam from Cheriton, Virginia in Northampton County is listed as a sophomore in the 1924 *Schoolma'am* and in the junior class roll in the 1925 *Schoolma'am*. The June 1925 Commencement program lists her as graduating from the "Professional Courses." Miss Kellam was a member of the Alpha Literary Society, the Choral Club, the Racquet Tennis Club, the Athletic Association, and the YWCA. Her inscription in the yearbook reads, "Of softest manner, unaffected mind, Lover of peace, and friend of humankind." Miss Kellam was the daughter of Mr. Clyde Kellam, also of Cheriton, Virginia.

## Scope and Content

The Alice Virginia Kellam Scrapbook, 1923-1925, consists of one 8 3/4" x 15" x 2 1/2" scrapbook requiring 2.63 linear inches of storage space. The scrapbook is purple felt with orange script lettering "Memories" and an "HTC" (Harrisonburg Teacher's College) insignia stitched in orange felt and bound together with purple cotton cord. Contents of the scrapbook are mounted on black paper pages and consist of cards and letters from friends and family, newspaper clippings, class schedules, Constitution and By-laws of the Student Association, and the Student Handbook from 1923-1924.

Of particular interest to education students might be Miss Kellam's Training School Criticism Book with numerous entries from her professors critiquing her student teaching abilities. Also unique to the collection is a small address book which served multiple purposes as address book and daily log with such entries as "Fun at large." The small booklet also features a code deciphering section presumably for passing notes during class of which there are examples in the scrapbook. Ephemera within the scrapbook are flora, party favors and ribbons, candy wrappers and cigarettes, locks of hair presumably from the "bob" craze, as well as tickets and programs to campus and local events. A substantial program entitled "Trail Riders of the Rockies"

by Colonel Philip A. Moore is also present. Also of local historical interest are several postcards of downtown Harrisonburg including the Kavanaugh Hotel, the B&O Railroad Station, and general views of the city.

## Keywords

Scrapbooks -- Virginia -- Harrisonburg

Virginia -- History, Local

Scrapbooks

State Teachers College at Harrisonburg (Harrisonburg, Va.) -- History

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## Bibliography

*The Schoolma'am*, 1924. Harrisonburg (Va.): State Normal School for Women *The Schoolma'am*, 1925.  
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## Arrangement

The scrapbook remains bound and the original order was retained.

## Description of Subordinate Components

### **Alice Virginia Kellam Scrapbook**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/9545

**Unit Date** 1923-1925

**Mixed Materials [1000885928]** 1 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)