

# Kibler, Vinda Elizabeth Letters

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### Unit ID

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1920-1924

### Language

English French

### Extent

0.42 Linear Feet 1 letter size Hollinger box

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## **Scope and Contents**

Letters written to Vinda Elizabeth Kibler, also called Kitty or Elizabeth, between 1917-1924, while she was at Bridgewater College in Rockingham County (1917-1922), the State Teacher's College in Harrisonburg (1923), and at her teaching post in Front Royal, Virginia (1923-1924). Most letters are from her mother and father on their small farm in Woodville, Rappahannock County, Virginia. Also included are a number of letters from other relatives, businesses, and a pen pal in France.

Topics found in the letters include church happenings, town gossip, health, gardening, farm animals, farm work, weather, crops, and concern for Kibler's health and provisioning. Pressed flowers, yellow pansies, were found in two of the letters.

## **Keywords**

Letters (correspondence)

Virginia--Social life and customs--20th century

Farm life

French language

Parent and child

Women college students

Women--Education--Virginia--History

## **Arrangement of Materials:**

Series 1 are letters from Kibler's parents, arranged in chronological order. Series 2 contains letters from other family members and from non-family members, arranged by author, then chronologically.

## **Description of Subordinate Components**

**Series 1: Letters sent to Vinda E. Kibler by her parents****Unit ID** id240447**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/227956**Unit Date** 1917-1924**Scope and Contents**

Letters sent by Kibler's parents during her time at Bridgewater College in Rockingham County, VA and at the State Teacher's College in Harrisonburg, VA. Subsequent letters discuss her new career teaching in Front Royal, VA. Topics generally include farm life, local gossip, family news, and concern that Kibler has enough money, is getting enough food, and is healthy.

**Letters by her parents****Unit ID** id240810**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/227958**Unit Date** May 1917-October 1920**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 1 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Letters describe weather, local happenings, and farm work. One letter from 1919, posted to Luray, VA. No correspondence from 1918.

**Letters by her parents****Unit ID** id240811**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/227959**Unit Date** November 1920- January 1921**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 2 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Letters discuss winter illnesses, farm work, and personal finance.

**Letters by her parents****Unit ID** id240812**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/227960**Unit Date** February 1921-May 1921**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 3 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Letters discuss finances, farm life, and an eye injury Vinda Kibler sustained while ice skating. Also included is a pre-printed letter of reference.

**Letters by her parents****Unit ID** id240814**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/227961**Unit Date** May 1921-November 1921**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 4 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Letters discuss sending fried chicken through the mail, farm chores, and Vinda's wardrobe.

**Letters by her parents****Unit ID** id240816**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/227962**Unit Date** January 1922-April 1922**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 5 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Letters discuss a "lady preacher" that came to town, the weather, family visits, and farm work.

**Letters by her parents****Unit ID** id240820**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/227963**Unit Date** April 1922-June 1923**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 6 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Letters discuss finances, influenza, farm work.

**Letters by her parents****Unit ID** id240823**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/227964**Unit Date** July 1923-August 1923**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 7 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Letters describe wardrobe, other daughter June's worsening health, farm life. Also included is a letter of permission for Vinda to be absent overnight from school.

**Letters by her parents****Unit ID** id240828**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/227965**Unit Date** October 1923-February 1924**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 8 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Letters discuss weather, farm chores, and fashion.

**Letters by her parents****Unit ID** id240832**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/227966**Unit Date** March 1924-August 1924**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 9 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Letters discuss weather, farm chores, Vinda's new job teaching school in Front Royal.

**Series 2: Letters sent to Vinda E. Kibler by others****Unit ID** id240834**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/227957**Unit Date** 1917-1924**Scope and Contents**

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### **Letters by other family members**

**Unit ID** id240836

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/227967

**Unit Date** 1917-1924

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 10 (Folder)

#### **Scope and Contents**

Letters are from aunt and cousin and discuss farm life and family news, sent from locations in Virginia and Missouri.

### **Letters by non-family members**

**Unit ID** id240837

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/227968

**Unit Date** 1921-1924

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 11 (Folder)

#### **Scope and Contents**

Letters are from a photographer and Kibler's French penpal.