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Descriptive Inventory

MSS 403 COOK, Elizabeth Charlotte

5 boxes. 46 folders. 502 items. 1939-1950. Originals.

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Elizabeth Cook, a native of Mt. Eden, Kentucky, earned a bachelor's degree in education from Western Kentucky State Teachers College in 1941. After graduation she moved back to Mt. Eden and taught grade school and later high school. She was a member of the Baptist church and was noted for her strong faith.

COLLECTION NOTE

This collection consists almost exclusively of letters written by young men to Elizabeth Charlotte Cook, when she attended Campbellsville College, Campbellsville, Kentucky, 1939-1940, and then Western Kentucky State Teachers College, Bowling Green, Kentucky, 1940-1944. Three men who wrote her frequently: Arless Bowman, Jonnie Eadens, and Alfred L. Mattos. Arless Bowman enlisted on January 1942 in the Marine Corps. Elizabeth and Alfred L. Mattos were good friends and he wrote her about 60 letters. Richard Johnson and Elizabeth grew up in Mt. Eden together, although he was a few years her senior. Richard was in the Army from 1942 to 1943, and in 1943 he became a prisoner of war in Germany. Roy H. Gunter, a friend of Elizabeth from home, was in the military from 1941 to 1942; he wrote her about 60 letters. John Garner and Elizabeth were old classmates. He was in the army from 1940 to 1945, serving a portion of his time in France. Samuel E. Vance was in the military from 1942 to 1944 and was stationed in the South Pacific Islands. This collection also includes several Christmas and Valentine cards.

All the letters were removed from envelopes and numbered and then sorted and placed in acid-free folders alphabetically by the correspondent.

SHELF LIST

BOX 1	**Correspondence**	**1939-1950**	**134 items**
Folder 1	Inventory		
Folder 2	Letters from Bert (no surname Included)	Sept. 1947-May 1948	2 items
Folder 3	Letters from Arless Bowman	Jan. 1941-Nov. 1941	16 items
Folder 4	Letters from Arless Bowman	Jan. 1942-Dec. 1942	12 items
Folder 5	Letters from Arless Bowman	Feb. 1943-Nov. 1943	11 items
Folder 6	Letters from Arless Bowman	Feb. 1944-Nov. 1948	15 items
Folder 7	Letters from William M. Bryan	April 1950-Nov. 1950	2 items
Folder 8	Letters from Colby Nelson Cowherd	June 1940-Jan. 1941	4 items
Folder 9	Letters from Charles R. Dish	March 1950	1 item
Folder 10	Letters from Cesar Dominiques	July 1943	1 item
Folder 11	Letters from John Garner (School notes)	1939-1940	7 items
Folder 12	Letters from John Garner	June 1940-May 1945	14 items
Folder 13	Letters from Jonnie L. Eadens	April 1948-June 1948	12 items
Folder 14	Letters from Jonnie L. Eadens	June 1948-Aug. 9, 1948	8 items
Folder 15	Letters from Jonnie L. Eadens	Aug. 13, 1948-Oct. 9, 1949	15 items

Folder 16	Letters from Bill Gaddie	June 1939- Jan. 1943	14 items
BOX 2	**Correspondence**	**1939-1944**	**101 items**
Folder 1	Letters from Roy H. Gunter	June 1941- April 1942	18 items
Folder 2	Letters from Roy H. Gunter	May 1, 1942- May 31, 1942	14 items
Folder 3	Letters from Roy H. Gunter	June 3, 1942- June 28, 1942	11 items
Folder 4	Letters from Roy H. Gunter	July 1, 1942- Oct. 1942	13 items
Folder 5	Letters from Edward Ray Hardesty	Dec. 1939- Jan. 1940	2 items
Folder 6	Letters from Richard Johnson	Feb. 1942 July 1942	11 items
Folder 7	Letters from Richard Johnson	July 1942- Oct. 1942	13 items
Folder 8	Correspondence with Richard Johnson	Jan. 30, 1943 Nov. 5, 1944	16 items
Folder 9	Letters from Harry L. (no surname included)	May 1943- July 1943	3 items
BOX 3	**Correspondence**	**1946-1947**	**163 items**
Folder 1	Letters from Alfred L. Mattos	Jan. 1946- Sept. 1946	16 items
Folder 2	Letters from Alfred L. Mattos	Oct. 1946	22 items
Folder 3	Letters from Alfred L. Mattos	Nov. 1946	16 items
Folder 4	Letters from Alfred L. Mattos	Dec. 1946	15 items

Folder 5	Letters from Alfred L. Mattos	Jan. 1947- Feb. 1947	19 items
Folder 6	Letters from Alfred L. Mattos	March 1947	16 items
Folder 7	Letters from Alfred L. Mattos	April 1947	17 items
Folder 8	Letters from Alfred L. Mattos	May 1947- June 1947	16 items
Folder 9	Letters from Alfred L. Mattos	July 1947- Nov. 1947	26 items
BOX 4	**Correspondence**	**1948-1949**	**28 items**
Folder 1	Letters from Alfred L. Mattos	Feb. 1948- April 1948	13 items
Folder 2	Letters from Alfred L. Mattos	May 1948- June 1949	15 items
BOX 5	**Correspondence**	**1938-1950**	**76 items**
Folder 1	Letters from Charles R. Ottim(?)	Feb. 1945- April 1945	3 items
Folder 2	Letters from Paul E. Owen	Aug. 1949- Feb. 1950	5 items
Folder 3	Letters from H. W. Spencer	Sept. 1942- Dec. 1942	12 items
Folder 4	Letters from Samuel E. Vance	March 1942- April 1942	4 items
Folder 5	Letters from Samuel H. Vance	July 1941- Nov. 1942	11 items
Folder 6	Letters from Samuel H. Vance	Feb. 1943 Sept. 1943	19 items
Folder 7	Letters from Samuel H. Vance	Oct. 1943- Dec. 1943	14 items

Folder 8	Letters from Samuel H. Vance	Jan. 1944 March 1944	5 items
Folder 9	Letters from Joseph M. Weiss	April 1944- June 1944	2 items
Folder 10	Scrapbook belonging to Cook	Oct. 1938- Dec. 1939(?)	1 item

BIBOLIOGRAPHIC RECORD

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Letters written by various male friends, many in military service during World War II, to Elizabeth Charlotte Cook while she was in school at Campbellsville College, Campbellsville, Kentucky and Western Kentucky State Teachers College, Bowling Green, Kentucky. Some of the letters are of a courtship nature.

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