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Abstract

The Blue Ridge Springs Correspondence contains two letters, a small note, and seven postcards. The seven postcards dated 1910-1942 are addressed to Elizabeth "Bettie" Gross (1875-1964) of Bedford County and her husband William "Bill" Gross (1865-1946), a merchant from Bedford County. The letters and the note are from Lucy M. Thomas (1865-1933), of Bedford County, Virginia, to Joseph Ferries (1865-1955), a farmer in Blue Ridge Springs, Botetourt County, Virginia. Thomas and Ferries later married in Bedford County, Virginia, in 1907. Bettie Gross and Joseph Ferries were siblings.

Creator

Gross, Bettie, 1875-1964

Creator

Gross, Bill, 1865-1946

Creator

Ferries, Joseph, 1865-1955

Creator

Thomas, Lucy M., 1865-1933

Extent

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Biographical Note

Elizabeth "Bettie" Virginia Ferries (also Ferris) Gross (1875-1964) of Bedford County, Virginia, married William "Bill" Gross (1865-1946), a grocery store merchant from Bedford County. They lived in Blue Ridge Springs for a time before they moved to Troutville, where they later died. Bettie had an older brother named Joseph Ferries (also Ferris) (1865-1955), a farmer originally from Bedford County. Joseph married Lucy M. Thomas (1865-1933) in Bedford County in 1907. Joseph owned a farm in Blue Ridge Springs, Botetourt County, Virginia, and he lived there until his death in 1955.

External Sources:

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Scope and Content

This collection contains seven postcards to Elizabeth "Bettie" Gross and her husband William "Bill" Gross in Blue Ridge Springs, Botetourt County, Virginia. These postcards dated 1910-1942 are from various family

members on general topics of health and vacations. One undated postcard that addressed Bettie as "Sister" mentions a fear of travelling due to the flu. This collection also contains two letters and a smaller note from Lucy M. Thomas of Bedford County, Virginia, to Joseph Ferries(?), a farmer in Blue Ridge Springs. The letters dated 1895 and 1905 also discuss general topics of health. In the 1895 letter, Lucy tells Joseph Ferries that she heard small pox was in Blue Ridge. Also included in the 1895 letter and in the smaller note are romantic newspaper clippings.

Keywords

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Description of Subordinate Components

Postcards to Elizabeth 'Bettie' and William 'Bill' Gross

Unit Date 1910-1942

folder 1

Letters and note from Lucy M. Thomas to Joseph Ferries(?)

Unit Date 1895, 1905

folder 1