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# Content Description

Over 200 letters exchanged between Milton Kerrick and Maude Howdershell from 1908 through the 1930's. Both lived in Alexandria, Virginia and most of the letters are personal in nature as Kerrick actively courted Howdershell during this time. Kerrick was openly expressive in his love for the more reserved Howdershell. On October 8, 1919 the two were married, but their love letters continued as Kerrick was often away with his work for the Southern Railroad Company. There are also some letters addressed to Maude and their daughter, Elizabeth, from various friends written after Milton had passed away in 1941.

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# Custodial History

Letters from the Maude A. Howdershell and Milton F. Kerrick papers, Mss. Acc. 2009.481, were integrated with MS 00239. Both accessions were purchases. It was established that the contents of the Mss. Acc. 2009.481 collection were a continuation of the letters between the two individuals. Letters from Mss. Acc. 2009.481 are marked as such in the Scope at the folder level.

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## Correspondence

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/269927

**Unit Date** 1908 August-November

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

**Language** English

**Scope and Contents**

Letters exchanged between Maude Howdershell and Milton Kerrick.

### **Correspondence**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/270732

**Unit Date** 1909 January-August

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

**Language** English

### **Scope and Contents**

Letters exchanged between Maude Howdershell and Milton Kerrick. Two letters sent by Milton indicate his employment with the railroad. The February 28, 1909 letter is written on Washington and Southwestern Limited Southern Railway stationary. The August 2, 1909 letter is written on New York-New Orleans Limited stationary.

### **Custodial History**

The letter from Kerrick to Howdershell, August 8, 1909, originated from Acc. 2009.481.

### **Correspondence**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/270733

**Unit Date** 1910 April-July

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 3 (folder)

**Language** English

### **Scope and Contents**

Letters exchanged between Maude Howdershell and Milton Kerrick. In the April 21, 1910 letter, Milton mentions that he is now a full fledged Knights Templar.

### **Custodial History**

The letter from Kerrick to Howdershell, April 21, 1910, the letter from Maude to Milton, May 24, 1910, letter from Kerrick to Howdershell, May 27, 1910, the letter from Kerrick to Howdershell, June 11, 1910, and the letter from Kerrick to Howdershell, July 5, 1911, all originated from Acc. 2009.481.

### **Correspondence**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/270734

**Unit Date** 1910 August-December

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 4 (folder)

**Language** English

### **Scope and Contents**

Letters exchanged between Maude Howdershell and Milton Kerrick. The November 4, 1910 letter mentions little Ralph's illness and by December, another letter describes that they were now free from a quarantine ban.

### **Custodial History**

The letter from Howdershell to Kerrick, August 3, 1910, letter from Kerrick to Howdershell, September 27, 1910 (1913?), letter from Kerrick to Howdershell, November 4, 1910, and the letter from Kerrick to Howdershell, November 30, 1910, all originated from Acc. 2009.481.

### **Correspondence**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/270735

**Unit Date** 1911 January-June

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 5 (folder)

**Language** English

### **Scope and Contents**

Letters exchanged between Maude Howdershell and Milton Kerrick. In the June 3, 1911 letter, Milton

describes he marched with the Knights Templar to the White House to be received by President Taft.

### **Custodial History**

The letters from Kerrick to Howdershell dated January 14, 1911 and April 17, 1911 originated from Acc. 2009.481.

### **Correspondence**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/270736

**Unit Date** 1911 July-October

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 6 (folder)

**Language** English

### **Scope and Contents**

Letters exchanged between Maude Howdershell and Milton Kerrick. Maude sends her condolences on the death of Milton's brother in the August 27, 1911 letter.

### **Custodial History**

The letter from Howdershell to Milton, September 22, 1911, and the letter from Kerrick to Howdershell, October 28, 1911, originated from Acc. 2009.481.

### **Correspondence**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/270737

**Unit Date** 1911 November-December

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 7 (folder)

**Language** English

### **Scope and Contents**

Letters exchanged between Maude Howdershell and Milton Kerrick. Maude discusses the recovery of her sister from an illness and of being weighed for the first time in a long while. In the November 22, 1911 letter, Milton apologizes for his recent unbecoming behavior and asks her to remind him to be prudent and temperate in his affections for her.

### **Custodial History**

The letters from Kerrick to Howdershell dated November 16, 1911, November 22, 1911, and December 28, 1911, all originated from Acc. 2009.481. The letters from Howdershell to Kerrick dated November 20, 1911 and December 26, 1911, also originated from Acc. 2009.481.

### **Correspondence**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/270738

**Unit Date** 1912 January-February

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 8 (folder)

**Language** English

### **Scope and Contents**

Letters exchanged between Maude Howdershell and Milton Kerrick. Milton is always openly affectionate in his letters; however, in the February 10, 1912 letter, he writes a particularly passionate letter declaring his love for Maude and desire to marry her. He encloses a pressed flower, as well.

### **Custodial History**

The letter from Milton Kerrick to Maude A. Howdershell, January 9, 1912, originated from Acc. 2009.481.

### **Correspondence**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/270739

**Unit Date** 1912 March-April

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 9 (folder)

**Language** English

### **Scope and Contents**

Letters exchanged between Maude Howdershell and Milton Kerrick. In the March 20, 1912 letter, Milton expresses his appreciation for a hankerchief that Maude made for him, as well as his opinion that a suffragette wouldn't have had the time to make a hankerchief since she would be "busy trying to be a man".

### **Correspondence**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/270740

**Unit Date** 1912 May-June

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 10 (folder)

**Language** English

### **Scope and Contents**

Letters exchanged between Maude Howdershell and Milton Kerrick.

### **Correspondence**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/270741

**Unit Date** 1912 July-August

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 11 (folder)

**Language** English

### **Scope and Contents**

Letters exchanged between Maude Howdershell and Milton Kerrick. In the July 4, 1912 letter, Milton asks Maude what she thinks of the Democratic presidential nominee and that he is "tickled at the selection of Mr. Wilson".

### **Custodial History**

The letter from Milton Kerrick to Maude Howdershell, July 22, 1912, originated from Acc. 2009.481.

### **Correspondence**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/270742

**Unit Date** 1912 September-December

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 12 (folder)

**Language** English

### **Scope and Contents**

Letters exchanged between Maude Howdershell and Milton Kerrick. In the November 4, 1912 letter, Milton writes that he is "going to put one in for Wilson bright and early and he is going to be elected, too". He encloses two autumn leaves.

### **Correspondence**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/270743

**Unit Date** 1913 January-February

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 13 (folder)

**Language** English

### **Scope and Contents**

Letters exchanged between Maude Howdershell and Milton Kerrick. Maude writes of the books she recently read, "Their Yesterdays" and "The Shepherd of the Hills". Milton replies that he will share his new book, "Cease Firing" by the "awfully suffragette" Miss Mary Johnson, with Maude and her sister, Lucile.

**Correspondence****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/270744**Unit Date** 1913 March-April**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 14 (folder)**Language** English**Scope and Contents**

Letters exchanged between Maude Howdershell and Milton Kerrick. Milton writes that he "is 40 today but I don't feel any different than when I was twenty" in the March 13, 1913 letter.

**Custodial History**

The letter from Maude Howdershell to Milton F. Kerrick, April 8, 1913, originated from Acc. 2009.481.

**Correspondence****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/270745**Unit Date** 1913 May-June**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 15 (folder)**Language** English**Scope and Contents**

Letters exchanged between Maude Howdershell and Milton Kerrick. Maude chides Milton that maybe he found some new love to marry, but also tells him that she is too busy to see him.

**Custodial History**

The letter from Milton Kerrick to Maude To Howdershell, June 8, 1913, originated from Acc. 2009.481.

**Correspondence****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/270746**Unit Date** 1913 August-September**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 16 (folder)**Language** English**Scope and Contents**

Letters exchanged between Maude Howdershell and Milton Kerrick. Maude shares neighborhood news of planting potatoes, how little Ollie Clark knocked his elbow out of place from a fall, of a friend's visit, and of breaking a colt. She asks about taking a trip with Milton and others to Colonial or Chesapeake Beach.

**Correspondence****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/270747**Unit Date** 1913 October**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 17 (folder)**Language** English**Scope and Contents**

Letters exchanged between Maude Howdershell and Milton Kerrick. In the October 5, 1913 letter, Milton writes that he was "initiated in mystic shrine last night, some more masonry" and discusses his engagement in other Knights Templar activities. In the October 14, 1913 letter, Maude shared news of her home, of canning apples and preparing preserves and that "little Frances is three years old today". On October 24, 1913, Milton describes how Vice President Marshall and his wife rode Milton's train from Washington to Danville, and back again yesterday. He writes that "they look very democratic and plain folks".

**Correspondence**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/270748

**Unit Date** 1913 November-December

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 18 (folder)

**Language** English

**Scope and Contents**

Letters exchanged between Maude Howdershell and Milton Kerrick. Milton tells her will be catch the train with Fred and Ellie and will be seeing her for Christmas dinner.

**Custodial History**

The letter from Maude Howdershell to M. F. Kerrick, November 4, 1913, and the letter from Milton Kerrick to Maude Howdershell, November 20, 1913, originated from Acc. 2009.481.

**Correspondence**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/270749

**Unit Date** 1914 January-February

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 19 (folder)

**Language** English

**Scope and Contents**

Letters exchanged between Maude Howdershell and Milton Kerrick. In a lover's quarrel, Maude writes in response to hearing that Milton expressed interest in Louise with his "splendid compliments", so Rob gave her a beautiful bracelet. On February 1, 1914, Maude tells of the fire at Minnie and Mr. Clarks's last week, in which every building was burned. On February 6, 1914 Milton asks Maude to attend a banquet as his guest. Milton also writes, February 16, 1914, that his brother Walter has disappeared.

**Correspondence**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/270750

**Unit Date** 1914 March-April

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

**Language** English

**Scope and Contents**

Letters exchanged between Maude Howdershell and Milton Kerrick. On March 13, Milton's 41st birthday, he writes that he received a smallpox vaccination, since there is so much smallpox everywhere.

**Correspondence**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/270751

**Unit Date** 1914 May-June

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

**Language** English

**Scope and Contents**

Letters exchanged between Maude Howdershell and Milton Kerrick. On May 4, 1914, Maude waxes on about the change of seasons and of "Maying" in the woods to gather violets, dogwood blossoms, and wild honeysuckle. On June 1, she writes that her mother is in bed with a sprained ankle and describes how a lightning strike killed a cow that was like a pet. Milton invites her to join him, Beverly, and Lucile, and him on a moonlight ride.

**Correspondence****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/270752**Unit Date** 1914 August**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 3 (folder)**Language** English**Scope and Contents**

Letters exchanged between Maude Howdershell and Milton Kerrick. Milton has been sick and neglected to write for three weeks. Maude writes of the hot weather which makes cooking unpleasant, of playing at night by aid of automobile lights, and of little Frances growing so fast.

**Correspondence****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/270753**Unit Date** 1914 September-October**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 4 (folder)**Language** English**Scope and Contents**

Letters exchanged between Maude Howdershell and Milton Kerrick. Maude writes that she hasn't seen the comet that Milton spoke of, but that she is enjoying the beautiful moonlit night. On October 12, Milton writes that the only independent life is as a farmer and that he doesn't blame any girl for not marrying a railroad man for they are always unsettled.

**Custodial History**

The letter from Maude Howdershell to Mr. M. F. Kerrick, September 4, 1914, originated from Acc. 2009.481.

**Correspondence****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/270754**Unit Date** 1914 November-December**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 5 (folder)**Language** English**Scope and Contents**

Letters exchanged between Maude Howdershell and Milton Kerrick. In the November 29, 1914 letter, Milton describes his Thanksgiving celebration and meeting fellow Masons and friends of his father's, who was also a Mason. He tells Maude in the December 20, 1914 letter that Fred was appointed Junior Steward in the Andrew Jackson Lodge and will eventually become a Worshipful Master. Milton was once asked to accept the same appointment, but he declined.

**Custodial History**

The letter from Maude Howdershell to M. F. Kerrick, December 14, 1914, originated from Acc. 2009.481.

**Correspondence****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/270755**Unit Date** 1915 January-February**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 6 (folder)**Language** English**Scope and Contents**

Letters exchanged between Maude Howdershell and Milton Kerrick. Maude mentions the sudden passing of Mr. Cassidy from pneumonia and her sorrow for his family.

**Custodial History**

The letters from Maude Howdershell to M. F. Kerrick, January 14, 1915 and February 1, 1915, originated from Acc. 2009.481.



**Correspondence**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/270756

**Unit Date** 1915 March-April

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 7 (folder)

**Language** English

**Scope and Contents**

Letters exchanged between Maude Howdershell and Milton Kerrick. Milton writes about Lucile's dental work, of Fred being an officer and his attendance at the Lodge, and of Milton going to a Shrine meeting at the Willard Hotel. Maude tells him of family news.

**Custodial History**

The letters from Maude Howdershell to M.F. Kerrick, March 29, 1915 and April 6, 1915, originated from Acc. 2009.481.

**Correspondence**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/270757

**Unit Date** 1915 May-June

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 8 (folder)

**Language** English

**Scope and Contents**

Letters exchanged between Maude Howdershell and Milton Kerrick. Maude tells Milton she is too busy to see him on certain dates. Milton invites Maude to a banquet at Mount Vernon and Maude replies that she isn't sure about attending.

**Custodial History**

The letter from Maude Howdershell to M.F. Kerrick, May 6, 1915, originated from Acc. 2009.481.

**Correspondence**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/270758

**Unit Date** 1915 August

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 9 (folder)

**Language** English

**Scope and Contents**

Letters exchanged between Maude Howdershell and Milton Kerrick. Maude writes of the weather and family. In the August 8, 1915 letter, Maude apologizes for treating Milton badly, despite how good he is to her. Milton shares news of friends, tells Maude he much he misses and loves her, and fancies that they are looking at the same moon.

**Correspondence**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/270759

**Unit Date** 1915 September

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 10 (folder)

**Language** English

**Scope and Contents**

Letters exchanged between Maude Howdershell and Milton Kerrick. Maude writes of canning apples, the Harvest moon, and breaking a colt. Milton writes that he is glad that Maude loved his last letter. In a display of hopefulness, he writes "many a woman has fallen in love with the manuscript of many a man and afterwards fallen in love with the man himself".

**Correspondence**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/270760

**Unit Date** 1915 October

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 11 (folder)

**Language** English

**Scope and Contents**

Letters exchanged between Maude Howdershell and Milton Kerrick. Maude writes of church gatherings and the Baptist preacher, Mr. Payne.

**Correspondence**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/270761

**Unit Date** 1915 November-December

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 12 (folder)

**Language** English

**Scope and Contents**

Letters exchanged between Maude Howdershell and Milton Kerrick. Milton continues to profess his unending love and his belief that Maude may love him as evidenced by her "look and somewhat evasive answer". Maude comments on the weather and the potato harvest.

**Correspondence**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/270762

**Unit Date** 1916 January-April

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 13 (folder)

**Language** English

**Scope and Contents**

Letters exchanged between Maude Howdershell and Milton Kerrick. On April 23, 1916, Maude writes that it is a cold Easter Day. She wishes she owned a Ford of her very own. Milton later replies that he and Fred may try out a Chevrolet. Their letters discuss the price of gasoline, Shriner's meetings, and how much Milton misses her.

**Correspondence**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/270763

**Unit Date** 1916 May-June

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 14 (folder)

**Language** English

**Scope and Contents**

Letters exchanged between Maude Howdershell and Milton Kerrick. The May 4, 1916 letter has portions excised from the body of the text. Maude describes Mr. Payne's sermons as well as children who have measles.

**Correspondence**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/270764

**Unit Date** 1916 July-October

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 15 (folder)

**Language** English

**Scope and Contents**

Letters exchanged between Maude Howdershell and Milton Kerrick. Milton has bought his Ford and describes getting the vehicle stuck in mud. He apologizes to Maude for his wrong behavior and promises to

be a better Christian man. Maude tells Milton that she was invited to a young man's masquerade party at his house and that she'll go if Milton doesn't come visit.

### **Custodial History**

The letter from Maude Howdershell to M. F. Kerrick, July 11, 1916, originated from Acc. 2009.481.

### **Correspondence**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/270765

**Unit Date** 1916 December

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 16 (folder)

**Language** English

### **Scope and Contents**

Letters exchanged between Maude Howdershell and Milton Kerrick. On December 7, 1916, Milton's Ford requires work and he writes that to keep up with the "Jones", he needs new tires. Maude writes of the work ahead of her now that they've killed hogs. Milton expresses his longing and affection for Maude and they make arrangements for him to come out to the house.

### **Correspondence**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/270766

**Unit Date** 1917 January

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 17 (folder)

**Language** English

### **Scope and Contents**

Letters exchanged between Maude Howdershell and Milton Kerrick. In the January 9, 1917 letter, Milton explains the car troubles that prevented him from visiting her. He asks if she stayed up for the eclipse of the moon. On January 17, 1917, he describes the "soldier boys" who arrived today and were given a standing ovation by the crowd welcoming them home.

### **Correspondence**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/270767

**Unit Date** 1917 February

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 18 (folder)

**Language** English

### **Scope and Contents**

Letters exchanged between Maude Howdershell and Milton Kerrick. On February 13, 1917, Milton is sick with a "cold that settled into the muscles of my back" and unable to visit. In her reply on February 15, 1917, Maude expresses concern over Milton's illness and explicitly tells him how much she loves and misses him.

### **Correspondence**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/270768

**Unit Date** 1917 March-April

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 19 (folder)

**Language** English

### **Scope and Contents**

Letters exchanged between Maude Howdershell and Milton Kerrick. On March 1, 1917, Maude ardently professes her love. In the March 2, 1917 letter, Milton writes of the inaugural crowds coming into Washington by train. Their letters discuss the snowy weather, bad roads, and various friends' illnesses. Milton suggests that marrying will prevent him from being sent to war since the President will call for single men first.

**Correspondence****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/270769**Unit Date** 1917 May-August**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)**Container** 1 (folder)**Language** English**Scope and Contents**

Letters exchanged between Maude Howdershell and Milton Kerrick. On May 9, 1917, Milton writes about Bessie undergoing an operation. As the letters continue, the couple continues to express their love and devotion in a more serious manner.

**Correspondence****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/270770**Unit Date** 1917 September-November**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)**Container** 2 (folder)**Language** English**Scope and Contents**

Letters exchanged between Maude Howdershell and Milton Kerrick. Milton writes of his admiration for Maude. He pleads forgiveness for being bad and believes his Christian faith will support his better behavior. In the November 8, 1917 letter, Milton describes his happiness since he asked Maude to marry him and she agreed.

**Custodial History**

The letter from Milton Kerrick to Maude Howdershell, October 15, 1917, originated from Acc. 2009.481.

**Correspondence****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/270771**Unit Date** 1918 January**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)**Container** 3 (folder)**Language** English**Scope and Contents**

Letters exchanged between Maude Howdershell and Milton Kerrick. On January 1, 1918, Milton celebrates the one year anniversary of Maude giving her sweet self to him, promising him her love. He believes God will bless their love and grant them happiness.

**Correspondence****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/270772**Unit Date** 1918 February-March**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)**Container** 4 (folder)**Language** English**Scope and Contents**

Letters exchanged between Maude Howdershell and Milton Kerrick. Milton and Maude muse about the cold winter weather and discuss arrangements to see one another each week.

**Correspondence****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/270773**Unit Date** 1918 April-May**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)**Container** 5 (folder)**Language** English**Scope and Contents**

Letters exchanged between Maude Howdershell and Milton Kerrick. Maude celebrates the beautiful spring. She laments the wasted years where she withheld her love from Milton despite his pleas.

### **Correspondence**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/270774

**Unit Date** 1919 June-July

**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)

**Container** 6 (folder)

**Language** English

### **Scope and Contents**

Letters exchanged between Maude Howdershell and Milton Kerrick. The June 4, 1919 letter written by Milton is on Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen letterhead. On June 7, 1919, Maude alludes to Milton meeting with her father, Bill, likely to discuss marriage. She later writes of how she is looking forward to their wedding that fall.

### **Custodial History**

The letter from Maude Howdershell to M. F. Kerrick, June 17, 1919, originated from Acc. 2009.481.

### **Correspondence**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/270775

**Unit Date** 1919 August-October

**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)

**Container** 7 (folder)

**Language** English

### **Scope and Contents**

Letters between Maude and Milton, as well as from various friends and family. Maude shares tidbits from home, such as misplacing her grape juice recipe and of two men diagnosed with typhoid. She inquires about her sister Lucile and Beverly. The folder also includes letters of congratulations on Maude and Milton's October 8, 1919 wedding.

### **Custodial History**

The letters from Maude Howdershell to M.F. Kerrick, August 22, 1919 and August 25, 1919, originated from Acc. 2009.481.

### **Correspondence**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/270776

**Unit Date** 1920 August 5

**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)

**Container** 8 (folder)

**Language** English

### **Scope and Contents**

A single letter from Maude to Milton in which she writes how much she misses him. She mentions Lucile's bad heart, subsequent doctor visit, and expresses concern for her health.

### **Correspondence**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/270777

**Unit Date** 1932 March-November

**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)

**Container** 9 (folder)

**Language** English

### **Scope and Contents**

The contents consist of an Easter card (March 1932) and a letter from Milton to Maude (November 16, 1932).

**Correspondence**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/270778

**Unit Date** 1960 December

**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)

**Container** 10 (folder)

**Language** English

**Scope and Contents**

Letter from Catherine Crandall, Clearwater, Florida, to Bette and Maude Kerrick, Alexandria, Virginia.

**Correspondence**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/270779

**Unit Date** 1968 May-December

**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)

**Container** 11 (folder)

**Language** English

**Scope and Contents**

Contents include a letter and news clippings addressed to Betty Kerrick, a Christmas letter from "Emily and Bill" of San Francisco, California, and an irate letter from George Flanagan to Gerald Turner, who was a relative of Maude Kerrick.

**Correspondence**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/270780

**Unit Date** 1969 July-December

**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)

**Container** 12 (folder)

**Language** English

**Scope and Contents**

Contents include an announcement card from the law firm Spencer, Whalen and Graham, a letter from "Norma and Roger" to Bette and Maude, and a letter to Betty from "Doris and Bill", Birmingham, Michigan.

**Correspondence**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/270781

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)

**Container** 13 (folder)

**Language** English

**Scope and Contents**

The letters contained herein consist of correspondence between Maude and Milton, but lack an obvious date. Two letters from Milton are written on Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen letterhead. A Valentine Day's Card to "My Wife" from Milton is also included.

**Custodial History**

The two undated letters from Milton Kerrick to Maude Howdershell on Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen letterhead originated from Acc. 2009.481.

**Milton Kerrick and Maude Howdershell Letters Addition**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/578667

**Unit Date** 1911-1921

**Scope and Contents**

Sixty-three letters sent between Milton Fristoe Kerrick and Maude Amanda "Betty" Howdershell. Kerrick worked as a Railway Baggage Master in Alexandria, VA for the Southern Railway Company. Howdershell and Kerrick were married in October 1919. The letters sent between the couple range from before and after the marriage. Topics include work, daily life, and romance. Letters are written on "Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen" stationery.

**Milton to Maude**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/578531

**Unit Date** 1911-1918

**Mixed Materials** Milton Kerrick and Maude Howdershell Letters Box 1

**Container** 1 (Folder)

**Extent** 0.1 Linear FeetOne letter sized folder.

**Milton to Maude**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/578532

**Unit Date** 1919

**Mixed Materials** Milton Kerrick and Maude Howdershell Letters Box 1

**Container** 2 (Folder)

**Extent** 0.1 Linear FeetOne legal sized folder.

**Milton to Maude**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/578533

**Unit Date** 1920-1921

**Mixed Materials** Milton Kerrick and Maude Howdershell Letters Box 1

**Container** 3 (Folder)

**Maude to Milton**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/578534

**Unit Date** 1918-1920

**Mixed Materials** Milton Kerrick and Maude Howdershell Letters Box 2

**Container** 4 (Folder)

**Extent** 0.1 Linear FeetOne legal sized folder

**Maude to Milton**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/578535

**Unit Date** Undated

**Mixed Materials** Milton Kerrick and Maude Howdershell Letters Box 2

**Container** 5 (Folder)