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**Finding Aid to the  
Elsie (Pahl) Gebhardt  
Collection  
2001.07**

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## OVERVIEW

**Donor:** Elsie (Pahl) Gebhardt

**Accession Date:** 18 May 2001

**Collection Number:** 062

**Quantity:** 1 textile item

**Summary:** One textile shawl, circa 1894

**Languages:** English

**Links:**

- [Wraps of Love: Shawls of Germans from Russia Immigrants](#)
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## BIOGRAPHY

William Pahl was born on December 18, 1895 in South Russia. Ottilia (Bader) Pahl was born on January 19, 1901 in North Dakota, to parents Gottfried and Karolina (Zahl) Bader. William Pahl married Ottilia Bader on March 29, 1919 in North Dakota. The couple had twelve children: Harold, Elsie, Otto, Lenora, Walter, Lloyd, Loren, Beulah, Norma, Alvin, Peal, and Dorothy. William Pahl died on February 1, 1988, at the age of ninety-two. Ottilia (Bader) Pahl died on May 24, 1986, at the age of eighty-five.

Elsie (Pahl) Gebhardt was born on January 19, 1920, in Dickey County, North Dakota, to parents William and Ottilia Pahl. On July 12, 1942, Elsie married Albert H. Gebhardt, and the couple had four children: Bonita, Sandra, Pamela, and Wayne. Albert Gebhardt died on October 29, 2005, at the age of eighty-seven. Elsie Gebhardt died on January 20, 2011, in Spokane, Washington, at the age of ninety-one.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT**

The **Elsie (Pahl) Gebhardt Collection** consists of one shawl. The shawl was worn by Elsie's mother, Ottilia Pahl. Karoline (Zahl) Bader made the shawl in 1894. She passed it to her daughter Ottelia (Bader) Pahl and then to Elsie (Pahl) Gebhardt. The shawl is a "Die Blachte" from the Germans from Russia heritage. It has a large, plaid design of green and red squares outlined in blue. The shawl is hand woven and has a fringe on one side with blue, green, black, and red synthetic yarn. The yarn appears to be a more recent addition. The shawl measures 29" x 75".

## **SEPARATION RECORD**

The Elsie (Pahl) Gebhardt Collection, 2001.07, is housed at the Emily P. Reynolds Historic Costume Collection, NDSU. Advanced notice is requested for the viewing of these items.

## **ITEM LOCATION LIST**

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