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**Finding Aid to the  
Dr. Elvire Necker-Eberhardt  
Collection  
2000.03, 2010.07, & 2012.23, & 2014.01**

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## OVERVIEW

**Donor:** Dr. Elvire Necker-Eberhardt

**Accession Date:** 5 June 2000; 21 July 2010; & 13 September 2012; & 13 January 2014

**Collection Number:** 115

**Quantity:** 0.25 linear feet

**Summary:** Nine school related photographs from Bessarabia in the 1920s; miscellaneous materials, sixteen books, and a textile. The collection dates from the 1920s to 2006.

**Languages:** English & German

### Links:

- [Dr. Elvire Necker-Eberhardt Collection photographs on the NDSU Institutional Repository \(DSpace\)](#)
- [Dr. Elvire Necker-Eberhardt Collection book listing](#)
- [Gift of Bessarabian Cross-Stitch Apron of Erika Böttcher \(textile donation to GRHC\)](#)
- [Elvire Necker-Eberhardt's Korner \(GRHS webpage\)](#)
- [Emily P. Reynolds Historic Costume Collection](#)

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## BIOGRAPHY

Dr. Elvire Necker-Eberhardt was born in Sofiewka, Bessarabia. She received her schooling in Germany. In 1960, she immigrated with her family to Alberta, Canada. She taught linguistics, French, and German at Laval University in Quebec City, Quebec and also at the Medicine Hat

College in Medicine Hat, Alberta. Dr. Elvire Necker-Eberhardt is married to Albert Necker, and they reside in Medicine Hat, Alberta.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT

The **Dr. Elvire Necker-Eberhardt Collection** consists of school related photographs from Bessarabia in the 1920s; miscellaneous materials, books, and a textile. The majority of the collection is undated, except for the photographs which are from the 1920s and two loose items date to 1984 and 2006. The collection has been arranged into four series: Photograph, Loose Material, Book, and Textile.

The [Photograph Series](#) contains nine images: four photographic postcards, three small photographic prints, and two cards with images printed on them. All of the images are from Bessarabia and date to the 1920s. The photographic postcards (2012.23.01-04) are of schoolgirls in Bessarabia, most of the girls are unidentified. Only one girl is identified in the images: Frieda Heier. The three small prints are busts of three girls in school uniforms, which are dark uniforms with white collars. The two cards both have an image of a school on them. One has an image of a boys school and the other has a girls school.

The [Loose Materials Series](#) is comprised of miscellaneous items that were found in the books that were donated as part of the collection. The series has clippings; booklets; first, second, and third place ribbons from the Medicine Hat Exhibition & Stampede; and an obituary of Jakob Kempf, dating to 2006. Also included is the 1940 Dorfplan [city or village plan] of Elvire's home village, Sofiewka which is located in Bessarabia.

The largest series in the collection is the [Book Series](#), which has sixteen books in the German language. Most of the books were published from the 1970s to the 1990s. These books have been cataloged and placed with the GRHC Library. (A complete listing of the cataloged books can be found in the Links section above or at the Separation Record below).

The [Textile Series](#) consists of one apron. It is 24 inches wide by 23 inches long. It ties behind the waist. It also has cross-stitch, 1-1/2 inch folded/raised pleat, two on each side, and the entire border is 4 1/2 inches wide. The design was created by Else Tiede, mother of Erika Wolf, of Kulm, Bessarabia. Erika Wolf, now Bötcher, of Magdeburg, Germany gave this apron to Elvire Necker-Eberhardt. This item is located at the Emily P. Reynolds Historic Costume Collection on the NDSU campus. (The EPRHCC number for this item is 2000.02.01).

## SEPARATION RECORD

Donated along with the archival materials of the Dr. Elvire Necker-Eberhardt Collection were many books. These items were separated from the rest of the collection, cataloged, and placed within the GRHC Library. (A complete listing of the Dr. Elvire Necker-Eberhardt Collection books can be found here:

<http://library.ndsu.edu/tools/dspace/load/?file=/repository/bitstream/handle/10365/22751/Cataloged%20Books%20%28for%20DSpace%29.pdf?sequence=1> )

The apron donated in 2000 has also been separated from the rest of the collection. It is housed at the Emily P. Reynolds Historic Costume Collection on the NDSU campus. Advance notice is requested for the view of this item.

## **BOX AND FOLDER LIST**

<b>Box/Folder</b>	<b>Contents</b>
<b>1/1</b>	Finding aid, detailed inventory, and initial inventory

### **PHOTOGRAPH SERIES**

<b>1/2</b>	<b>Photographs 1-3</b>
	2012.23.01 Photographic postcard of 31 schoolgirls and their teacher, circa 1920s
	2012.23.02 Photographic postcard of 10 schoolgirls holding flowers, circa 1920s
	2012.23.03 Photographic postcard of Frieda Heier wearing a white dress and holding flowers, circa 1920s
<b>1/3</b>	<b>Photograph 4</b>
	2012.23.04 Photographic postcard of a group by railcars, 1926
<b>1/4</b>	<b>Photographs 5-7</b>
	2012.23.05 Image of an unidentified schoolgirl, circa 1920s
	2012.23.06 Image of an unidentified schoolgirl, circa 1920s
	2012.23.07 Image of an unidentified schoolgirl, 1926
<b>1/5</b>	<b>Photographs 8-9</b>
	2012.23.08 Image of a boys high school in Bessarabia, circa 1920s
	2012.23.09 Image of a girls high school in Bessarabia, circa 1920s

## **LOOSE MATERIAL SERIES**

<b>1/6</b>	Alexander-Stift
<b>1/7</b>	Booklets
<b>1/8</b>	Clippings
<b>1/9</b>	“Landsmannschaft der Bessarabiendeutschen E.V.”, 1984
<b>1/10</b>	Obituary – Jakob Kempf, 2006
<b>1/11</b>	Ribbons – Medicine Hat Exhibition & Stampede
<b>1/12</b>	Dorfplan for Sofiewka

## **BOOK SERIES**

<b>GRHC Library</b>	16 books
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## **TEXTILE SERIES**

<b>EPRHCC</b>	Apron [2000.03]
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