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Viola (Kruckenberg) Schielke
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OVERVIEW

Donor: Viola (Kruckenberg) Schielke

Accession Date: 31 March 1996; 17 April 2006; July 2013

Collection Number: 136

Quantity: 0.50 linear feet + a textile

Summary: Nine German theology, hymnals, history, and education books, dating from 1903 to 1924; a German newsletter, *Volksblatt*, from 1958; and a hand-spun wool shawl, circa 1880s, which was made by Salome Kruckenberg in Alt-Elft, Bessarabia.

Languages: German

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- [Germans from Russia Food Pantry \(Recipes from Grandma's Kitchen, Volume II\)](#)
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BIOGRAPHY

Viola (Kruckenberg) Schielke was born on May 7, 1940 to Henry & Clara (Unrath) Kruckenberg. Viola is from Beulah, North Dakota. Viola's grandmother, Salomina, was the

owner of the shawl, but she passed it on to her daughter, Clara, who later passed it on to her daughter, Viola. Salomina was born in 1888 at the Bessarabian German village of Paris, South Russia. As a newlywed, she immigrated to America in 1908 and raised seven children.

Viola (Kruckenberg) Schielke is a life member of Germans from Russia Heritage Society and has served on the GRHS Board of Directors for nine years in the past and continues to serve on their various committees. Viola is a self-taught family genealogist and has contributed many published articles and family history books.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The **Viola (Kruckenberg) Schielke Collection** consists of nine German books, dating from 1903 to 1924; a German newsletter, *Volksblatt*, from 1958; and a shawl, circa 1880s. The collection has been organized into three series: Book, Newsletter, and Textile.

The [Book Series](#) contains nine German language books from two different donations by the donor. The books are theology, hymnals, education, and history books. The books date from 1903 to 1924. Several of the books contain inscriptions. They include: “Gottlieb M. Fischer, Hebron, North Dakota” [2006.04.08]; “Emma Heihn, Beulah, North Dakota” [2006.04.11]; “Theodore Kundert, Underwood, North Dakota” [2006.04.16]; “Gotlib Gein” [2013.17.03].

The [Newsletter Series](#) is comprised of one newsletter, *Volksblatt*, number 19, 1958. The newsletter is four pages and was published in Liberty Corner, New Jersey by the Liberty Deaconry Publishers.

The [Textile Series](#) is made up of one shawl. The shawl/ blanket [Kanapee/ plachte-decke] is of hand-spun wool and hand-woven in vertical colored stripes. It was made by Salome Kruckenberg in Alt-Elft, Bessarabia. The shawl dates to the 1880s. The shawl originally belonged to Viola’s grandmother, Salomina. The blanket was passed down through the maternal side of the family from Salomina to her youngest daughter, Clara (Unrath) Kruckenberg. Clara presented the blanket to her daughter, Vi (Kruckenberg) Schielke. The GRHC number for the shawl is 1996.05, and the Emily P. Reynolds Historic Costume Collection number for the shawl is 1996.16.01.

SEPARATION RECORD

The shawl has been separated from the rest of the collection and is housed at the Emily P. Reynolds Historic Costume Collection on the NDSU campus. Advanced notice is requested for the viewing of this item.

BOX AND FOLDER LIST

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BOOK SERIES

1	Books 2006.04.02, 2006.04.08, 2006.04.11, 2006.04.13, 2006.04.15, 2006.04.16, 2006.04.18
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Erstes Lesebuch, Columbus, Ohio: (Ohio Synod) Druck des Lutherischen Verlag, circa 1922, pages 127. [2006.04.02]

Hofer, D.M. Die Hungersnot in Russland und Unsere Reise um die Welt. Chicago, Illinois: K.M.B. Publishing House, 1924, pages 575. [2006.04.08]

Luthers, Dr. Martin. Das Neue Testament and Die Psalmen. Stuttgart (Germany): Privilegesellschaft Wuerttemberg Bibelanstalt, circa 1905, pages 310. [2006.04.11]

Luthers, Dr. Martin. Das Neue Testament. Berlin, Germany: Britische and Auslaendische Bibelgesellschaft, 1903, pages 415. [2006.04.13]

Kirchengesangbuch. St. Louis, Missouri: Concordia Publishing House, circa 1922, pages 378. [2006.04.15]

Kirchengesangbuch. St. Louis, Missouri and Convention Publishing House, circa 1922, pages 520. [2006.04.16]

1/1	Books 2013.17.01 – 2013.17.03
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Unser Bund, eine erzaehlung aus Ober-Schwaben, Cleveland, OH: Deutsches Verlagshaus, 1877, pages 92 plus ads [2013.17.01]

Schuetze, R. Inschriften und Sinnbilder, Barmen: Hugo Klein, n.d., pages 51. Bookplateprinted: Eigenthum der Bibliothek der Deutsch. Ref. Emmanuel's Sonntags – Schule, Ede Saratoga und Schroeder Str. Baltimore, Md. [2013.17.02]

[no title] "Catechismus," pages 16; bound with Evangelischer Unterricht zur Confirmation, das ist die Taufbundeserneuerung mit der Christlichen Jugend vor dem ersten Genntz des heiligen Abendmahls in den

NEWSLETTER SERIES

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Volksblatt, no. 19, 1958

TEXTILE SERIES

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