

1902

Invitation addressed to Mr. Andrew Ingles and Family

City (Radford)
The German Club
Of
St. Albans School

At its
Final German
Wednesday Evening, June Fourth

In the
Assembly Hall
Nineteen hundred and two

September 30, 1902
Childress, Va.

My dearest Kit,

I hope you will pardon my not writing sooner, but you know how very lazy I am about writing. I enjoyed my visit to your folks so much but I always do enjoy a visit to my "river kin."

Well our teacher has come and gone! She could not stand us poor white folks. She taught a week and said she could not teach any longer on account of ill health. She was not well while here. I am so sorry about it as I think she would have been a splendid teacher and she played beautifully.

I don't know what we are to do about a teacher: you know most of them that are any good have places now.

Laura Ingles' teaching surprised me more than anything that has happened lately. I would not have been much more surprised to hear that you or Julia were up there teaching. They all like her very much as teacher though.

Have you started to school yet and have your boarders gone? I am real mad at you for not coming to see me. Did you go to the St. Albans reception and how about Bryce...have you seen him? In saw in the Advance that "Squinty" has returned. Of course you are perfectly delighted at that. Have you and Stickney had an encounter yet?

By the way I saw Margaret Wade's beau in Christiansburg the other day and his arms were swinging just like winding blades. I looked and looked for Zachariah but did not even get a glimpse (is that the way to spell it?) of his smiling countenance.

Effie Harvey is visiting at Uncle Millard's. Will and I went over to see her and she was mighty sweet and pleasant. She will be there until after the fair.

We all spent the day with Aunt Essie Saturday. Of course she had a house full of company and lots of good things to eat. Her cook left Saturday evening and is to be married this week to a Mr. Thomas Clark that lives somewhere near you all. Aunt Essie is in a "peck of trouble" over it as she doesn't know where she can find anyone to stay with her and then she is not very well either. Cousin Elrica is still there and Miss Williamson, the public school teacher, is boarding with them also. Bess Shelburne, Mrs. Roop, is "mother" now!

Kit, write to Mr. Frank Cassell. I think you stand some chances of winning the twenty dollars. Tell Elrica to come and stay with us some 0- it will be good for her. Now Honey come to see me real soon as you get this.

With lots and lots of love to each and every one of you...
I am your loving cousin,

Margaret Trollinger [1st cousin]

Postcard 1902

My dear Kittie:

I have not forgotten you as you may have reason to think but I have been sick and so very busy. I have thought about you often and tried to write and send you this card to let you know I still love you and think of you often and often I wish I could see you right now. Do write to me and tell me all about your silver. I will write you a letter as soon as I can. My love to your mother and father and all the rest, and especially yourself.

Lucretia Irwin...

July 21, 1902
Lexington, VA

My dear Kit,

Your nice letter certainly deserved better treatment than I have given it. I wanted to write at once and tell you how much I enjoyed it but have waited to see if it could be possible for me to accept your kind invitation. The longer I wait the dimmer the prospect becomes, so I will not wait any longer for I can see now that it will not be possible for me to come home this summer. I should love to get to see you in your sweet home and have certainly enjoyed my stays with you – but will have to decline another visit until Mother gets stronger. I am not willing to have her as weak as she is and then it will confine Mary so – for we never leave her alone. I take her for a drive nearly every morning. She comes home very tired.

I have thought about you very often this spring and [more] especially before and after commencement. Tom and John often asked about you and John said he was going to send you his picture. I do not expect either one of them back next year. Nettie Smith asks for you. I rarely see any of the other girls. You remember little _____do you not? Well he went over to see Denise Shields in a very extreme way the other day and asked her to marry him. She accepted him and he is radiant. We thought we were going to have that little brother at home some this summer – his to here and that is all has left early in the month and now I do not know when he will be back. I am glad you all do not want to give him up. How are the water melons this year? We enjoyed the little glimpse of Miss Ingles in June but it was a very short glimpse we had. I hope you are all feeling well and happy. When are you coming to see me again I wish you would come this summer can't you before you start to school. I am a regular farmer you should see my garden and flowers. Do write to me soon Kittie and I will not treat you badly dear again. I have been feeling so badly all the spring that I had hardly been able to get through my regular duties – and they have been _____ and many. Have you been reading this summer? Mary is just starting _____ as pictures if there are any good ones that I think you might like we'll send _____ but I think they are mostly George (Elliott?). Julia is going to cut his curls off so want some pictures of him before the _____.

We are all in deep distress in this part of town over losing the Smiths – think of it! They expect to move to Staunton early in the fall to live! I do not know what we will do without them. Mr. Smith goes there to teach – I wish you were here to take a drive with me this evening – It is a perfect evening. Give my love to all your dear ones and know that though I am so long distant it is not because I do not love you. I do and believe me always your true friend. Now write to me very soon. I do so much enjoy your letters – I do hope your dear mother is better.

Give her my best love.

???? [Lutie Irwin?]

July 29, 1902
Christiansburg

Dear Miss Kittie:

Your nice little letter received, which was very much appreciated of course. I am glad you enjoyed the bananas. Why did you think had forgotten you? I will assure you I have not, how could I? I think it is too bad that you have to be ruled by your older sister and Mama that they will not allow you to correspond with me. May I ask you the reason? I cannot tell you just when I can bring Mary and Margaret up, but will let you know a few days before hand. Christiansburg is very dull at this time. Can you not come down and help us to put a little life in the town? I think your "smiling face" would revive things very much. I will see you get back all right and let you take Mary and Margaret back with you. Will Trollinger is in town today, as it is court day. I think it is too bad that he would not take you to the dance. I would have done so with the greatest of pleasure you know, but as a rule brothers and cousins generally would rather take someone else, but, of course, I am not that way!

When are you coming up to Capt. S ____? I will bring this to a stop. Hoping to see and hear from you soon. You will have to excuse this note for I have written it and Stella Childress talking to me all the time.

Good bye.

I remain, your friend

Eugene A. Smith [1st cousin]

August 6, 1902
Riner, Va. (Christiansburg)

Dear Miss Kathi:

The girls want to come up to see you the last of this week and I guess I will "have" to bring them. You can look for us Saturday evening or Sunday sometime if nothing prevents. If it should "rain" you need not look for us. That is at the time stated, which I hope it will not do. Now if this is not agreeable for you at this time, do not hesitate to say so for we can come some other time.

By the way I never got any answer to my last letter. What is the matter my little girl? Afraid of "_____" (Mama and Papa) but Margaret has been out here for three or four days – went home this morning, which I was sorry to see - as she is such a "fine girl."

Goodbye,

Eugene A. Smith [1st cousin]

P.S.

Give Miss Mary and Miss Elrica my regards, and tell Miss Elrica I have the finest little fellow down here for her. A.E.S.

Envelope addressed to Miss Anna Belle Martin – Dublin, Virginia

C/O Mr. David Cloyd

Dear Anna Belle:

I am going to Lewisburg to School and as I hear that you are up to Mr. Cloyd's I thought that perhaps you would stay there until time for the school to open then would let me go when you do. If you do, won't you please let me know when you are going and let me go with you?

If it won't suit your plans for me to go with you don't worry about me for I can go alone. Hoping to hear from you soon, I am your friend,

Kittie Ingles

Dublin, Virginia R.F.D.

August 29th

December 6, 1902
Hill and Dale (Dublin)

Dear Kitty –

I am so sorry that I have not been able to return your call but it has been impossible – First I went to the McGavocks for a few days intending to go when I came back but Lizzie was taken sick while I was away and has not been able to get out until the last few days when the weather was so bad that we could not think of the walk.

But I certainly appreciate your coming to see me when I already owed you all a visit from the last time I was here. Please thank Mrs. Ingles for her kind invitation and tell her why I have not been able to thank her myself.

Give my love to cousins Julia Barclay, Mary and Shack.

I hope you will come to Lexington soon so that I can go to see you.

Lovingly,

Elizabeth Barclay

P.S.

Dear Kit,

Please give the veil to Elrica with my humblest apologies for having kept it so long. I forgot to give it to you when you were here the other day. I am so sorry I couldn't bring it over but she has told you why I couldn't.

Yours,

E. Barton

Postal Card

Miss Kittie Ingles
R.F.D. Dublin, Va.

Radford, Va.
April 22, 1903

Dear Kittie,

Lutie's address is 611 St. Paul St.

Baltimore, Md.

Your friend,

L.W. Irwin [minister at Radford Presbyterian Church]