

VAN AUKEN PAPERS
LOIS BADGER VAN AUKEN PAPERS

- Provenance:** Box 1 contains the gift of the Estate of Martha Van Auken Sumption, Lois Van Auken's daughter. Boxes 2-6 contain correspondence papers donated by the Estate of Andrew Kaser, student and friend of Martha Van Auken Sumption.
- Ownership:** Reed College owns the Lois B. Van Auken Papers.
- Access:** Please consult the Special Collections Librarian at Reed College.
- Size:** 6 Manuscript Boxes, or 3 linear feet.
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Biography

Lois Badger was born April 1, 1893, in Chicago, Illinois, but spent most of her school years in Denver, CO. She moved to Oregon in 1914, graduating from Reed College in 1918, where she studied German and French.

She worked as a teacher in Klamath Falls, and married Earl David Van Auken on January 21, 1922. They had a daughter, Martha Sumption, who was a school teacher in Klamath Falls. Martha died in 2010.

Lois Van Auken was a homemaker, as well as a member of the American Association of University Women.

Lois Badger Van Auken died in Portland, Oregon on September 6, 1992.

Scope and Content

The Lois Badger Van Auken Papers contain a collection of Van Auken's Reed College class assignments including a German 31 Class Notebook, as well as notes from Biology and English classes.

The Papers also include correspondence relating to Lois' personal life, including letters to and from her fiancé Earl David Van Auken, family members, and other friends. Included in some letters are newspaper clippings, photographs, cards, or miscellaneous Reed College information.

Additionally, the papers include correspondence with Martha Sumption. They are primarily personal letters between Martha and Wesley Sumption.

Miscellaneous files include undated correspondence, telegrams, commencement information and exams from Psychology 22, French 22, and Education 31.

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