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### Description

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### Keywords

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### Disciplines

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## **Guide to the Papers of Thomas Yost Cooper**



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## **MS – 113 Papers of Thomas Yost Cooper**

(19 boxes + 14 oversized+ 1 card catalog, 12.83 cubic feet)

Inclusive Dates: 1868-1966

Bulk Dates: 1900-1966

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### **Provenance:**

Schmucker Memorial Library received the papers of Thomas Yost Cooper in 1967.

### **Biography:**

Thomas Yost Cooper was born on April 22, 1884 in Del Rio, Texas. He graduated from Hanover High School in Hanover, PA in 1900, from the Phillips Andover Academy in Andover, MA in 1902, and from Harvard University in 1906 with an A.B. in Agriculture. He worked for a time on the family farm before serving as city editor of the *Hanover Evening Sun* in Hanover, PA until 1949. Cooper wrote a volume of poetry, entitled *Wren's Nest: a Fairytale in Verse and Other Poems*, which was published in 1929. He collected rare and first edition copies of books for years and in 1965 he donated his collection of over 1,600 items to the college in honor of his parents, Dr. Moses and Mrs. Kate Miller Cooper. The collection includes books, magazines, newspapers, musical scores, and author correspondence. In 1966, Cooper added theatre programs from productions in the 1890s to the collection.

Cooper established an endowment so the College could purchase literature and American history texts. He was a fan of Marlene Dietrich, the famous German movie star and singer who came to Hollywood in the 1930s; a portion of the collection is made up of newspaper clippings and articles related to her and movies she appeared in. Thomas Yost Cooper died on July 24, 1967. Cooper's father, Dr. Moses Cooper, emigrated to the U.S. from Germany. He trained as a doctor at Georgetown College (before it became Georgetown University) and served as an Acting Assistant Surgeon in various military forts in Texas and New Mexico in the late 1870s and early 1880s.

### **Scope and Content Notes:**

This collection gives insight into the life of Thomas Yost Cooper and his parents, Dr. Moses and Mrs. Kate Miller Cooper. It says a great deal about Cooper's personal interests, especially the Pennsylvania Dutch, writing, reading, movies, and Marlene Dietrich. The collection also demonstrates the work involved in writing for and editing a local newspaper.

### **Series Description:**

The collection is divided into 12 different series: I. Family History, II. Moses and Kate Miller Cooper's Papers, III. Education, IV. Correspondence, V. Photographs, VI. Book Collections, VII. Hobbies, VIII. Personal Items, IX. Manuscripts, X. Research, XI. *Hanover Sun* Materials, XII. Other Newspapers, and XII. Hanover and Local History.

### **Box 1:**

1-1 Finding Aid and Biographical Information

**Series I – Family History**

1-2 Manuscripts and Correspondence (much in German), 1868-1902 with gaps

1-3 Family Tree and Records

1-4 Envelopes from Family-Related Inquires, 1909-1919 with gaps

**Series II – Moses and Kate Miller Cooper's Papers**

1-5 Album (in German and French, 1859-1861) and newspaper clippings

1-6 Civil War Scrapbook of newspaper clippings

**Box 2:**

2-1 Moses Cooper Medical and Military Documents and Correspondence

2-2 Moses Cooper's Surgeon Diary, 1876-1881

2-3 Notebooks from Moses and Kate Miller Cooper

2-4 Official Documents-Insurance, Land Acquisition

**Box 3:**

3-1 Organizational Documents

3-2 Miscellaneous

**Series III – Education**

3-3 Artifacts-ink blotter and pin

**Box 4:**

4-1 Schoolwork, Miscellaneous and Harvard

4-2 *The Phillips Andover Mirror*. Andover, Massachusetts. October, November, and December, 1900; February, March, June, October, November, and December, 1901; February, March, April, May, and June, 1902.

**Box 5:**

5-1 Phillips Academy. *Phillips Academy Alumni Directory*. Andover, Massachusetts. July 1947.

5-2 Phillips Academy and Harvard Pamphlets and Miscellaneous Phillips Academy.

Note: There is a Hanover High School Class of 1900 Scrapbook in oversized storage. Please see Thomas Yost Cooper – Scrapbooks and Miscellaneous Hobbies, Box 33 in MS Oversize 6/B/6.

**Series IV – Correspondence**

5-3 Personal Correspondence, 1900-1966 with gaps, some undated

5-4 Professional Mail (Stocks, Insurance, etc.), 1909-1956 with gaps, some undated

**Box 6:**

6-1 Organization Correspondence, 1912-1964 with gaps, some undated

6-2 Requests and Submissions Correspondence, 1919-1965 with gaps, some undated

6-3 Library Correspondence, 1929-1966 with gaps

6-4 Greeting Cards

**Box 7:****Series V – Photographs**

7-1 Personal and Portraits

7-2 Professional, Scenery, and Post Cards

7-3 Postcard Scrapbook

**Box 8:****Series VI. Book Collections**

8-1 Library Donations

Note: There is a card catalog of the books Cooper donated. Please see Thomas Yost Cooper – Card Catalog, Box 27 in MS Oversize 6/B/4.

8-2 Dime Novel Club

8-3 Miscellaneous

Note: There is a group of Children's Books that Cooper donated. Please see Thomas Yost Cooper – Children's Books, Box 34 in MS Oversize 6/B/6.

**Series VII. Hobbies**

8-4 Memorabilia from European Tour, September-October 1953

8-5 European Tours – Newspaper Articles, 1929, 1930, 1953

**Box 9:**

9-1 Movies

Note: Some of these items are in oversized storage. Please see Thomas Yost Cooper – Motion Picture Press Books, Boxes 20-26 in MS Oversize 6/B/1-4.

9-2 Comics

9-3 Gardening

9-4 Bird Watching

9-5 Cruise Programs

**Box 10:**

10-1 Marlene Dietrich

Note: some of these items are in oversized storage. Please see Thomas Yost Cooper – Marlene Dietrich Collection, Boxes 29-32 in MS Oversize 6/B/5-6.

10-2 Stamp Collecting

10-3 Currency Collection

10-4 German Magazines

**Box 11:**

11-1 High School and College Humor Magazines

11-2 Miscellaneous

Note: There are three scrapbooks, *Our Country: A Pictorial History of the United States in Four Parts – Part 1: 1492-1783*, and *Our Country: A Pictorial History of the United States – Part Five: 1949-1950*, both from sections of the *Philadelphia Inquirer*. Please see Thomas Yost Cooper – Scrapbooks and Miscellaneous Hobbies, Box 33 in MS Oversize 6/B/6.

**Series VII – Personal Items**

11-3 Diary 1899 with transcript

11-4 Diary 1900

11-5 Newspaper Announcements (Marriages, Retirements, Deaths) and Remembrance Cards

**Box 12:**

12-1 Miscellaneous

**Series VIII. Manuscripts**

12-2 Handwritten Prose, Letters, and Plays

**Box 13:**

13-1 Handwritten Poetry

13-2 Handwritten Final Copies

13-3 Typed Prose

13-4 Typed Poetry, some from *The Wren's Nest*

**Box 14:**

14-1 German Poetry

14-2 Miscellaneous Notes

14-3 *Piggy Pork*

14-4 *The Wren's Nest*

**Box 15:**

15-1 Pfaff Materials

15-2 Miscellaneous Notebooks

**Box 16:**

**Series IX. Research**

16-1 Charles Fisher, much in German

Note: some of these items are in oversized storage. Please see Thomas Yost Cooper – Charles Fisher Materials, Box 28 in MS Oversize 6/B/5.

16-2 Kanan Sprenkle and Mary Leader

16-3 Oyster Dredging, Witchcraft, and Sandwich Glass

16-4 Poems, Sayings, etc. some in German

16-5 Miscellaneous

**Box 17:**

**Series X – *Hanover Sun* Materials**

17-1 Ledger Book, 1915

17-2 *Evening Sun* Style Guide

17-3 *Hanover Sun* Articles-A Place in the Sun

17-4 *Hanover Sun* Articles-Hanover Schools and Businesses

17-5 *Hanover Sun* Articles-Hanover Events and History

17-6 *Hanover Sun* Articles-People

17-7 *Hanover Sun* Articles-General History

17-8 *Hanover Sun* Articles-Miscellaneous

**Box 18:**

**Series XI. Other Newspapers**

18-1 Hanover, Germany Newspapers, 1845, 1846, 1850, 1856

18-2 Hanover, PA Newspapers, 1876, 1891, 1905

**Series XII. Hanover and Local History**

18-3 Newspaper Clippings

18-4 Revised Articles

18-5 Mt. Olivet Cemetery

**Box 19:**



19-1 Government  
19-2 Publications  
19-3 Religious and Arts Programs  
19-4 Community Events Programs  
19-5 Local History- Miscellaneous

**For More Information About the Papers of Thomas Yost Cooper:**

Please see MusCat for the books he donated to the college.

Please also see Thomas Yost Cooper – Motion Picture Press Books, Boxes 20-26, MS Oversize 6/B/1-4; Thomas Yost Cooper – Card Catalog, Box 27, MS Oversize 6/B/4; Thomas Yost Cooper – Charles Fisher Materials, Box 28, MS Oversize 6/B/5; Thomas Yost Cooper – Marlene Dietrich Collection, Boxes 29-32, MS Oversized 6/B/5-6; Thomas Yost Cooper – Scrapbooks and Miscellaneous Hobbies, Box 33, MS Oversize 6/B/6; Thomas Yost Cooper – Children’s Books, Box 34, MS Oversize 6/B/6.

**Motion Picture Press Books**

**Box 20:**

Abe Lincoln in Illinois  
Abraham Lincoln  
Adventures of Marco Polo, The  
Adventures of Mark Twain, The  
Adventures of Robin Hood, The  
After Tonight  
Air Raid Wardens  
Alexander’s Ragtime Band  
Algiers  
Alice in Wonderland  
Allegheny Uprising  
Allergic to Love  
All that Money Can Buy  
Amazing Mrs. Holliday, The  
American Romance  
And Now Tomorrow  
Andy Hardy’s Blonde Trouble  
Andy Hardy’s Double Life  
Andy Hardy’s Private Secretary  
Anthony Adverse  
Are Husbands Necessary?  
Arizona

Arizona Whirlwind  
Arrowsmith  
Arsenic and Old Lace  
Assignment in Brittany  
Bad Girl  
Bathing Beauty  
Barbary Coast Gent  
Beachcomber, The  
Bells of Capistrano  
Between Two Worlds  
Big Street, The  
Blonde Fever (2 copies)  
Blonde Venus  
Blossoms in the Dust  
Bowery to Broadway  
Brigham Young  
Bright Eyes  
Bring on the Girls  
Buffalo Bill

**Box 21:**

Cabin in the Sky  
Caravan  
Career Girl  
Cavalcade  
Chaser, The  
Chocolate Soldier, The  
Chu Chin Chow  
Cisco Kid Returns, The  
Claudia  
Clock, The  
Cobra Woman  
Coming Out Party  
Connecticut Yankee, A  
Conspirators, The  
Constant Nymph, The  
Courtship of Andy Hardy, The  
Crime by Night  
Cuban Love Song, The  
David Copperfield  
Desire (2 copies)  
Destiny  
Destry Rides Again  
Detective Kitty O'Day

Devil is a Woman, The  
Diamond Horseshoe  
Dinner at Eight  
Docks of New York  
Double Indemnity  
Doughgirls, The  
Dragon Seed  
Du Barry was a Lady  
Dumbo  
Eight Girls in a Boat  
Enter Arsene Lupin  
Eskimo  
Experiment Perilous  
Falcon in Mexico, The  
Fantasia  
Flame of New Orleans, The  
Flesh and Fantasy  
Follow the Boys  
Foreign Affair, A  
Forever and a Day  
Four Daughters  
Frenchman's Creek

**Box 22:**

Garden of Allah, The  
Gaslight  
Gentleman Jim  
Geronimo  
Gildersleeve's Bad Day  
Glass Key, The  
God is My Co-Pilot  
Going My Way  
Goin' to Town  
Golden Earrings  
Gone with the Wind  
Goodbye, Mr. Chips  
Good Earth, The  
Grand Central Murder  
Grand Hotel  
Grapes of Wrath, The  
Great Moment, The  
Green Pastures  
Guardsman, The  
Guest in the House

Gulliver's Travels  
Guy Named Joe, A  
Gypsy Wildcat  
Hail the Conquering Hero  
Hangover Square  
Have a Heart  
Heaven Can Wait  
Heavenly Days  
Henry Aldrich Gets Glamour  
Here Come the Co-Eds  
Here Come the Waves  
Her Primitive Man  
Hers to Hold  
His Butler's Sister  
Hitler Gang, The  
H. M. Pulham, Esq.  
Hold Back the Dawn  
Holiday Inn  
Hollywood Canteen  
Hotel Berlin  
Holy Matrimony  
Home in Indiana  
Hop Along Cassidy Enters  
Horn Blows at Midnight, The  
Hotel for Women  
Human Comedy, The  
Hunchback of Notre Dame, The  
Hurricane, The  
Idaho  
I Married a Witch  
In Old Oklahoma  
In Society  
In the Meantime Darling  
Invisible Man's Revenge, The  
It Ain't Hay  
It's a Great Life

**Box 23:**

Jack London  
Janie  
Joe and Ethel Turp Call on the President  
Journey for Margaret  
Journey into Fear  
Judge Hardy and Son

Jungle Princess  
Jungle Woman  
Kansas City Kitty  
Keep Your Powder Dry  
King of the Cowboys  
Kings Row  
Kismet  
Kitty Foyle  
Knight without Armor  
Ladies Courageous  
Lady in the Dark  
Lady is Willing, The  
Lady of the Tropics  
Lake Placid Serenade  
Lassie Come Home  
Lazy River  
Letter of Introduction  
Life begins at Eight-Thirty  
Life of Emile Zola, The  
Little Foxes, The  
Little Women  
Long Voyage Home  
Look Who's Laughing  
Lost Angel  
Love Finds Andy Hardy  
Loves of Edgar Allen Poe, The  
Mad About Music  
Madame Butterfly  
Madame Curie  
Magnificent Ambersons, The  
Maisie Goes to Reno  
Main Street after Dark  
Make Your Own Bed  
Man in Half Moon Street, The  
Manpower  
Mark of Zorro, The  
Marriage is a Private Affair  
Maryland  
Mask of Dimitrios, The  
Mayerling  
Meet Me in St. Louis  
Meet Miss Bobby Socks  
Midsummer Night's Dream, A  
Mikado, The  
Miracle of Morgan's Creek, The  
Mission to Moscow

Molly and Me  
Moon and Sixpence, The  
Moonlight and Cactus  
Moonlight Sonata  
Morning Glory  
Mr. Bug Goes to Town  
Mr. Skeffington  
Mrs. Parkington  
Music for Millions  
Mutiny on the Bounty  
My Best Gal  
My Friend Flicka  
My Pal, Wolf  
My Sister Eileen  
Mystery of Marie Roget, The

**Box 24:**

National Barn Dance, The  
National Velvet  
Naughty Marietta  
Nevada  
None but the Lonely Heart  
North Star, The  
Of Mice and Men  
Oh, What a Night  
Once Upon a Time  
Our Hearts were Young and Gay  
Pearl of Death, The (Sherlock Holmes)  
Peck's Bad Boy  
Peter Pan  
Phantom Lady  
Pied Piper, The  
Pinocchio  
Pittsburg  
Practically Yours  
Prelude to War  
Pride of the Yankees, The (2 copies)  
Princess and the Pirate, The  
Princess O'Rourke  
Private Life of Henry VIII, The  
Private Lives of Elizabeth and Essex  
Public Enemy, The  
Pygmalion (2 copies)  
Random Harvest

Rasputin and the Empress  
Reap the Wild Wind  
Reunion in Vienna  
Rio Rita  
Rome Express  
Romeo and Juliet  
Roughly Speaking

**Box 25:**

Sagebrush Law  
Saludos Amigos (Hello Friends)  
Scarface  
Scarlet Claw, The (Sherlock Holmes)  
Scarlet Empress, The  
Secret Command  
See Here, Private Hargrove  
Sequoia  
Sergeant York  
Seven Sinners  
Seventeen  
Shanghai Express  
Sherlock Holmes and the Secret Weapon  
Sherlock Holmes Faces Death  
Sherlock Holmes in Washington  
Short Subjects Showmanship (not a movie; a collection of articles about short films)  
Sign of the Cross  
Silence  
Singing Hill, The  
Sky's the Limit, The  
Snow White and the Seven Dwarves  
Somewhere I'll Find You  
Song of Bernadette, The (2 copies)  
Song of Songs, The  
Song of Texas  
Song to Remember, A  
So Proudly We Hail  
Spoilers, The  
Squaw Man, The  
Stage Door Canteen  
Stagecoach (2 copies)  
Stage Fright  
Stardust on the Stage  
State of the Union  
Steamboat Round the Bend  
Step Lively

Storm Over Lisbon  
Stormy Weather  
Story of Dr. Wassell, The  
Strange Affair  
Strange Interlude  
Sunday Dinner for a Soldier  
Suspect, The  
Suspicion  
Swamp Water  
Swanee River  
Sweet Rosie O'Grady  
Swiss Family Robinson  
Tall in the Saddle (2 copies)  
Tarzan Triumphs  
Tennessee Johnson  
That Certain Age  
That Hamilton Woman  
They Got Me Covered  
They Knew What They Wanted  
They Shall Have Music  
Thin Man Goes Home, The  
This is the Life  
This Man's Navy  
Three-Cornered Moon  
Three is a Family  
Thousands Cheer  
Thunderhead: Son of Flicka  
Thundering Hooves  
Till We Meet Again  
Tobacco Road  
Together Again  
To Have and Have Not  
Tomorrow the World  
Tonight and Every Night  
Torrid Zone  
Trocadero  
True to Life  
Tunisian Victory  
Twilight on the Prairie  
Two-Faced Woman  
Under-Pup, The  
Uninvited, The

**Box 26:**



Vanishing Virginian, The  
Victoria the Great  
Watch on the Rhine  
Waterloo Bridge  
We Live Again  
We're Going to be Rich  
What a Life  
White Cargo  
White Cliffs of Dover, The  
White Savage  
Winged Victory  
With Byrd at the South Pole  
Without Love  
Witness for the Prosecution  
Woman in the Window, The  
Yank at Eton, A  
Yankee Doodle Dandy  
You Can't Take it with You (2 copies)  
Young Mr. Lincoln  
Young Mr. Pitt, The  
Young Tom Edison  
You Were Never Lovelier

## **Card Catalog**

### **Box 27:**

Index cards containing bibliographic information on the books Cooper donated to Schmucker Memorial Library in 1965

## **Charles Fisher Materials**

### **Box 28:**

Letter in German labeled "Received November 3, 1812 of Elizabeth Yeocum, administrator of the estate of Henry Yeocum, deceased five shillings and three pence in full Abraham McKinney"  
Certificate dated August 10, 1810 verifying that Christian Fisher had permission to own and operate a house of entertainment and serve liquor in his home in Northumberland County, PA

## **Marlene Dietrich Collection**

**Box 29:**

*Shanghai Express* Lobby Display Cards  
Photos of Dietrich, many from *Shanghai Express*  
*Blonde Venus* Lobby Display Cards  
*The Song of Songs*  
*The Devil is a Woman*  
Clippings from *The Devil is a Woman* Motion Picture Press Book  
*Desire* 1936 with Gary Cooper  
Dietrich-July 1936  
*The Garden of Allah* 1936  
Clippings from an unlabeled envelope  
*Knight without Armor* 1937  
*Angel* 1937  
Clippings found inside 1937 *News-Week*  
*Destry Rides Again* 1939  
Dietrich 1936-1939

**Box 30:**

*The Seven Sinners* 1940  
*The Flame of New Orleans* 1941  
*Manpower* 1941  
Dietrich *The Lady is Willing* 1942  
*The Spoilers* 1942  
*Pittsburg* 1942  
*Kismet* 1944  
Dietrich-Variou (Newspaper clippings)  
Clippings from an unlabeled envelope  
Marlene Dietrich War Years 1941-1945  
Clippings from an unlabeled envelope  
Dietrich 1945  
*A Foreign Affair* Lobby Display Cards (1948)  
Dietrich 1948-1949  
Dietrich 1950-1952

**Box 31:**

Photos of Marlene Dietrich from *Photoplay Magazine*  
Mats of Marlene Dietrich  
Printing "Cuts" Hanover Sun  
Paramount and Universal Studios Photos 1935, 1936, 1939, 1948  
Scrapbook Pages (from one scrapbook)  
Scrapbook Pages (from a different scrapbook)

### **Box 32:**

Scrapbook Pages

Magazines with covers or articles about Dietrich

Multi-page articles of Marlene Dietrich

Single page articles of Marlene Dietrich

Photos of Marlene Dietrich from newspapers

Marlene Dietrich Souvenir Record

Note: Some other materials concerning Marlene Dietrich are located in Cooper's Motion Picture Press Book Collection

## **Scrapbooks and Miscellaneous Hobbies**

### **Box 33:**

One Hanover High School Class of 1900 Scrapbook

Three scrapbooks full of colorful advertisements, religious sayings, flower depictions, and cards

DeLand, Clyde O. *Our Country: A Pictorial History of the United States in Four Parts – Part 1: 1492-1783*. A section of the *Philadelphia Inquirer*. January 18, 1949.

Triangle Publications. *Our Country: A Pictorial History of the United States – Part Five: 1949-50*. A section of the *Philadelphia Inquirer*. February 28, 1950.

## **Children's Books**

### **Box 34:**

Cox, Palmer and E. Veale. *Busy Brownies*. Philadelphia: *Philadelphia Inquirer* Company, 1896.

Cox, Palmer and E. Veale. *Cock Robin and Other Stories*. Philadelphia: *Philadelphia Inquirer* Company, 1896.

Dickens, Charles, Charlotte M. Brame, and W. A. Peters. *Stories*. Compiled by Thomas Yost Cooper. Vol. 2.

Garis, Howard R. *Uncle Wiggily's Auto Sled*. Newark, NJ: Charles E. Graham and Co., 1931.

Hugo, Victor. *The History of a Crime*. Compiled by Thomas Yost Cooper.

Purdham, Betty Mae. *Followers of Jesus*. Philadelphia: Lutheran Church Press, 1966.

*Child's First Book*. New York: McLoughlin Bros.

*The Drill of the ABC Army*.

*Little Dolly's Story Book*. New York: Thomas Nelson and Sons.

*Little Red Riding Hood*.

*The Night before Christmas or A Visit of St. Nicholas*. New York: McLoughlin Bros., 1888.

*The Three Bears*. New York: McLoughlin Bros., 1888.