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Description

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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:

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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.