

A.A. COOPER COLLECTION INVENTORY
(MARCH 1988)

This collection is from the estate of Helen Cooper Mercer (Ft. Wayne, IN) and was donated to Loras College via her daughters, Margaret M. Steere, 15 Shelburne Rd., Wellesley, MA and Marion Casgar, Box 357, Chautauqua, NY. (3 boxes)

1. Holy Bible (A.A. Cooper family Bible?) w/obituaries and wedding announcements from Dubuque newspaper inserted inside. Published by Joseph Harding & Son, Philadelphia, 1859.
2. Copy of A Beautiful Lady: A Drama in Three Acts by Virginia Cooper Gilmore, New York: Exposition Press, 1954.
3. Copy of The Cooper Family of Maryland by F. William Cooper, Baltimore: Gateway Press, Inc., 1972.
4. Scrapbook of Virginia Cooper Gilmore (ca. 1920s) re: theater clippings
5. Scrapbook of Virginia Cooper Gilmore (ca. 1930s) re: theater clippings and programs
6. Scrapbook of poems, verse, and newspaper clippings from Dubuque Herald and other newspapers (compiled by Regina Cooper, 1890s)
7. Funeral record booklet of A.A. Cooper II (d. 1942) buried in Linwood Cemetery, Dubuque, Iowa
8. Color postcard of Julien Hotel (Dubuque, IA) (Owned by A. A. Cooper II)
9. Minute and Ledger book for the Dubuque Hotel Company (1923-1925) while under the ownership of A. A. Cooper II
10. Documents re: purchase of stock in Dubuque Hotel (Dec. 20, 1927) sold to Harold Hayes by A.A. Cooper II
11. Article re: Helen Cooper Mercer's trip around the world from the Mid-West Hotel Reporter (1935)

12. Passport of Helen H. Cooper (Jan. 22, 1935)
13. Passport of A.A. Cooper (March 19, 1935)
14. Playbill "Strictly Dishonorable" Cherry Lane Theater, Greenwich Village New York City, starring Paul & Virginia Gilmore
15. Playbill of various shows at summer stock of Paul & Virginia Gilmore Comedy Theater in Duluth, MN
16. Playbill "Angel Street" Gilmore Comedy Theater (Duluth, MN) (1953)
17. Graduation announcement of Helen H. Cooper (Dubuque High School, June 16, 1922)
18. Class of 1922 Dubuque High School 50 -year reunion photo belonging to Helen Cooper Mercer
19. Ad for slae of Julien Dubuque Hotel \$400,000 (1927)
20. Misc. clippings re: Julien Dubuque Hotel
21. Last Will & Testament of Georgia Hamilton Cooper (June 23, 1943)
22. Misc., letters to Helen Cooper Mercer from her friend Lucille Loetscher Cooley in Dubuque (1985)
23. Misc. typed manuscripts written by Virginia (Dean) Cooper Gilmore: "Dubuque Story", "Cooper Wagon", "End of the World", etc.
24. Misc. holograph (hand-written) manuscripts written by Virginia (Dean) Cooper Gilmore including a three-act play "A Doctor's Miracle"
25. Diary of travels abroad by Virginia Cooper Gilmore (ca. 1925) [spiral-bound]
26. Diary of travels of Helen Copoper Mercer (July 7, 1926 - Sept. 5, 1926) Leather encased.

27. Diary of Helen Cooper Mercer of trip abroad (Feb. 10-June 5, 1935)
28. Diary of Helen Hamilton Cooper (May 12, 1923-May 9, 1924) while at University of Wisconsin, Madison w/attached pencil and clasp
- 29..Pocket Bible belonging to George B. Hamilton (father of Georgia Hamilton Cooper). He came to Dubuque after 1860. Inscribed by his mother Elizabeth (Bessie) L. Hamilton, July 1842. Published by W.H. Merriam, MA, 1841.
30. A.A. Cooper II Signature album from Notre Dame University (1887)
31. 22 letters (1886) w/envelopes from Fr. Patrick J. Burke (St. Raphael's Cathedral, Dubuque, Iowa) to A.A. Cooper II at Notre Dame University.
32. Diaries of A.A. Cooper II: (all leather-encased) 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1890, 1891, 1895
33. Shoe box of picture postcards (Europe and U.S.) from Dr. & Mrs. Samuel Mercer (appraised value \$50)
34. Diary and account book of George B. Hamilton, Dubuque, Iowa (Sept. 1867 inscribed inside, leather-bound)
35. Certificate of graduation from Dubuque Public Schools and admission to High School for Georgia Hamilton (Jan. 31, 1885)
36. Diploma of Georgia A. Hamilton from Dubuque High School (June 23, 1887)
37. Diploma of A.A. Cooper II from University of Notre Dame (June 23, 1886)
38. Diploma of Helen Hamilton Cooper from Dubuque Academy of Music (June 6, 1922)
39. Diploma of Helen Hamilton Cooper from Dubuque High School (June 16, 1922)

40. Certificate of Proficiency Palmer Method writing for Helen Cooper (Jan. 21, 1918)
41. Certificate of Promotion from Franklin School (Dubuque) and admission to high school for Helen Hamilton Cooper (June 18, 1918)
42. 16 mm movie projector from Dr. Samuel Mercer (ca. 1950s)
43. 20 movie reels (16mm) of "home movies" from Dr. Samuel Mercer
44. 42 boxes of colored slides "vacation pictures" from Dr. Samuel Mercer
45. 14 Photo albums:
 - (a). Trip to Alaska (Totem Pole on front cover) 9 1/2" x 15" belonging to Virginia Cooper Gilmore
 - (b). Reminiscences of a Holiday in West Indies" (Green cover) 9 1/2" x 15" belonging to Helen Cooper Mercer
 - (c). Photographs of family (Paul Cooper) (Black cover) 11" x 15"
 - (d). Photos of family (Brown cover) 9" x 12 1/2"
 - (e). Misc. photographs (Leather cover) 9 1/2" x 14"
 - (f). Trip to Europe 10 1/2" x 14"
 - (g) Photos (carboard cover) 9" x 12 1/2"
 - (h). Photographs (album compiled by Dead Cooper Gilmore) (black cover, front cover off) 10 1/2" x 14"
 - (i). Paul Gilmore family album (black, folder-like cover) 11 1/2" x 12 1/2"
 - (j) Trip to Europe by Georgia B. Hamilton (ca. 1890s) (Plain black cover) 8 1/4" x 12 1/4"
 - (k) Photographs of family (black cover) 7" x 10"
 - (l) Trip to Alaska (1927) by Virginia Cooper Gilmore (leather cover) 7" x 9"
 - (m) Photos (leather cover with bear) 5 1/2" x 8"
 - (n) Picture-book (spiral bound) no-cover 4" x 5"
46. 286 Misc. individual photographs (framed and unframed) as listed below:

Inventory of A.A. Cooper Collection Photographs:

A.A. Cooper I
(3) 5 x 7

Mary Josephine Smith Cooper
(1) 5 x 7

A.A. Cooper II
(1) 5 x 7

Gergia B. Hamilton Cooper
5 1/2 x 7
2 1/2 x 4
(2) 8 x 10

A.A. Cooper III
(2) 6 x 10
7 x 11
(2) 5 1/2 x 9 1/2
3 1/2 x 3 1/2

A.A. Cooper IV
5 x 7
4 x 6

Jennifer Cooper
2 1/2 x 4

Helen Hamilton Cooper Mercer
7 x 10 1/2
6 1/2 x 9
(2) 8 x 10
(2) 7 x 9
(3) 4 1/2 x 6 1/2
5 x 7
(3) 3 1/2 x 5
(2) 4 x 6
(5) 8 x 10
3 x 4 1/2
(2) 8 x 11

Marion Mercer Casgar
8 x 10

Waller (?)
8 1/2 x 11

Mae Waller Long
7 x 9

Mary Alice Long
8 1/2 x 12

Charles Long
7 x 9

Kathryn Josephine Cooper (Katie J.)
7 x 10
4 1/2 x 6 1/2
3 x 4

Paul Gilmore
4 1/2 x 6 1/2
3 x 4
(9) 8 x 10

Paul Cooper Gilmore
6 x 8
5 x 7
4 x 6

Regfina Isabelle Cooper Gilmore (Dean or Virginia)
(5) 4 1/2 x 6 1/2
(3) 4 x 6
(4) 5 x 7
(2) 9 1/2 x 6
(8) 8 x 10
3 1/2 x 9 1/2
8 1/2 x 4 1/2
(2) 6 1/2 x 8 1/2
6 x 7
4 1/2 x 7 1/2
3 x 5
(5) 3 x 4
2 x 3
4 x 5 1/2

The Twins, Paul and Dean
5 1/2 x 6 1/2

(3) 5 x 7
 6 x 8
 3 x 3
 (5) 3 1/2 x 5 1/2
 8 x 10

Paul Gilmore and Dean

7 1/2 x 9 1/2
 (5) 8 x 10
 (4) 4 1/2 x 3
 (3) 3 1/2 x 2 1/2
 (4) 6 1/2 x 4 1/2
 9 x 12
 3 x 5
 7 x 9

Samuel Robertson Mercer

8 x 10

John Robert (Bert) Cooper Waller

9 1/2 x 11 1/2

Lucille Loetscher Cooley

5 x 7

California "Jack"

7 x 9

Minerva Hamilton Bell

4 x 6

Fred Bell, Sr. .

4 x 6

Inda & Robert Kuzmier's daughter

8 x 10

Father Bourke

4 x 6

Julie C. Cooper

(2) 3 1/2 x 3 1/2

Unidentified Individuals (8 photos)

Identified Group Photos: (2 or more persons) (68 photos)

Unidentified Groups (2 or more persons) (2 photos)

FRAMED PHOTOGRAPHS AND DOCUMENTS

(2) A.A. Cooper III

Dean Cooper
A.A Cooper III
Kathryn Cooper

Georgia H. Cooper

- (a) A.A. Cooper III
- (b) A.A. Cooper I
 - A. A. Cooper II
 - A.A. Cooper III
- (c) Helen Cooper Mercer

Series of 3 photos of A.A. Cooper II

"The Beloved Disciple" to Dean

1924 Document promoting A.A. Cooper to rank of Captain from the University of Wisconsin Corps of Cadets

1925 Document giving A.A. Cooper III a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture from the University of Wisconsin

1926 Document giving Helen Hamilton Cooper a Bachelor of Science degree from Univeersity of Wisconsin

Photo of 1925 graduating class from University of Wisconsin

Photo of 1926 graduating class from University of Wisconsin

MISC. PHOTOS (NOT OF PEOPLE):

(3) Redstone House in Dubuque (home of A.A. Cooper daughter)

The Helen Cooper Mercer home in Ft. Wayne, IN

William Neumannn cabin in Dubuque

Misc. street scene

(2) Greystone house in Dubuque (home of A.A. Cooper)

Greystone carriage house

Julien House Hotel in Dubuque

Vacation photo

(2) Cherry Lane Theater (Greenwich Village, NY)

Gilmore Comedy Theater (Duluth, MN.)

(20) River scenes and Eagle Point Park in Dubuque

(15) Billboard for Hotel Indiana in Ft. Wayne

Cooper Wagon (color)

RESTRICTED

A.A. COOPER III COLLECTION (RESTRICTED--CLOSED UNTIL YEAR 2013) (MARCH 1988)

Guardianship and legal documents re: A.A. Copper III (Dec. 4, 1956) Allen County, State of Indiana Superior Court

Report of Sheriff Harold Zeis on personal mission to return A.A. Cooper III from Hot Springs, AK to Ft. Wayne, IN (May 14, 1954)

Guardianship assests report (ca. 1964)

Letter from Richard Goshorn, Lincoln National Bank (Ft. Wayne, IN) to Dr. S.R. Mercer (June 10,1966) re: A.A. Cooper III guardianship

Letter from Helen Cooper Merecer to Richard Goshorn (Lincoln National Bank) (Aug. 18, 1966) re: distribution of funds to A.A. Cooper IV

Letter from Dr. Jerome M. Schneck, Menninger Sanitarium, Topeka, KS to Dr. S.R. Mercer (Ft. Wayne, IN) re: medical condition of A.A. Cooper III (March 14, 1944)

Letter from attorney Phil McNagny (Ft. Wayne, IN) to Dr. S.R. Mercer re: A.A. Cooper III guardianship (June 10, 1952)

Letter from A.A. Cooper III to parents A.A. Cooper II (in Dubuque, IA) from Grand Hotel in Paris, France (Aug 3 1926?)

Letter from A.A. Cooper III to parents A.A. Cooper II (in Dubuque) from Hotel Continental, Lucerne, France (Aug. 9, 1926?)

Letter from A.A. Cooper III to parents A.A. Cooper II (in Dubuque) from aboard the ocean liner Laplander (July 14, 1926)

Letter from A.A. Cooper III to Helen Cooper Mercer (Ft. Wayne, IN) from Edgewater Beach Hotel, Chicago (May 27, 1945)

2 letters from A.A. Cooper III to Helen Cooper Merecer from Richmond State Hospital (Richmond, IN) both censored by hospital officials (Aug. 18, 1955 and Nov. 10, 1955)