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**Cooper Family Papers**  
**Collection Number: 130 THL**

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**PROCESSING INFORMATION:** Processed by Bee McDowell, November 18, 2025.

**ACCESSION NUMBER(S):** 2024.062 THL

**EXTENT:** 0.21 linear feet

**CREATOR:** Cooper family

**DATE:** 1904-1966

**EXISTENCE AND LOCATION OF ORIGINALS:** Remains with donor.

**EXISTENCE AND LOCATION OF COPIES:** The scrapbook and photographs are available digitally within our collection.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT:** This collection contains records of the Cooper family in Winchester, VA. It includes records for four generations of the Cooper family, including Thomas Jefferson Cooper (1853-1933), Joseph Edwin Cooper (1853-1922), John Lewis Cooper (1878-1917), William Ewing Cooper (1876-1957), Clarke Thomas Cooper Sr. (1903-1957), Katherine G. Montague (1904-1987), and Clarke Thomas Cooper Jr. (1929-2017). It includes photocopied records of deeds, scrapbooks, correspondence, obituaries, and photographs.

Most of the materials concern Clarke T. Cooper Sr., and Clarke T. Cooper Jr., both of whom were prominent businessmen in the Winchester area.

**BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL:** The Coopers are a local Winchester family that are associated with multiple businesses operating out of Winchester. These include a Tailor business—John R. Cooper (1820-1916), A wholesale grocery, W.E. Cooper & Sons (and alternate names)—associated with William Ewing Cooper (1876-1957), Thomas Jefferson Cooper (1853-1933), and Clarke Thomas Cooper Sr. (1903-1957), General Oil Company in Winchester—associated with Clarke T. Cooper Sr., and an architectural firm called Cooper and Auerbach —associated with Clarke Thomas Cooper Jr (1929-2017).

The Coopers were also prominent in Winchester cultural and religious groups such as the Cavalry Baptist Church, Christ Episcopal Church, the Winchester Exchange Club, the Winchester Golf Club, the Henry Evans Home for Children, and the board of directors of the local Apple Blossom Festival.

**RELATED MATERIAL:** 1771 WFCHS, *W.E. Cooper & Son Records*. This collection contains records on William Ewing Cooper and his son Clarke Thomas Cooper Sr., W.E. Cooper & Son wholesale, a local grocery wholesale distribution business in Winchester VA. Other names of the company include Cooper and Barr, Cooper and Company, Cooper Brothers Grocery, and T.J. Cooper and Sons.

**IMMEDIATE SOURCE OF ACQUISITION:** Gift of Katherine Cooper Hoffman

**CONTAINER LIST:**

**BOX 1**

Cooper Family Property Records & Deeds, 1904-1940

Scrapbook, Apple Blossom Festival, 1925

Winchester Golf Club, Stock Certificates, Clarke T. Cooper Sr., 1929 1950

Clarke T. Cooper Sr., Correspondence, 1917-1957

Clarke T. Cooper Sr., Obituary & Memorial, 1957

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