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**Creator:** Thomas Cooper Society

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**Administrative Information:**

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**Scope and Contents Note:**

The Thomas Cooper Society represents an important partnership between the University of South Carolina libraries and the wider community. The Thomas Cooper Society promotes access to materials in the Irvin Department of Rare Books and Special Collections as well as sponsors a variety of lectures, exhibits, and authors throughout the year. The papers here reflect the activities and goals of the Thomas Cooper Society from 1988-2012. The most recent years have yet to be added to the collection as they are kept by the Thomas Cooper Society for administrative purposes. The content provided by the Thomas Cooper Society, from here on out to be known as TCS, is broken down by fiscal years. The folders were
kept in their original order and with their original titles, which were provided by the TCS.

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**Container List**

**Box 1**

**1980s**

July 1988- June 1989

- TCS Correspondence

July 1989- June 1990

- TCS Board
- Bylaws
- Minutes and Agendas
- Correspondence
- Book Collecting Award

**1990s**

July 1990- June 1991

- TCS Memberships
- Correspondence Donors and Gifts Finances

July 1991- June 1992

- TCS Board
- Agenda
- Correspondence
- Donors and Gifts Finances
- Book Collecting Award

July 1992- June 1993

- TCS Board
- Constitution and Bylaws
Program Committee
Membership Committee
Memberships
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and Agendas Correspondence (2
folders) Finances and Budgets

July 1993- June 1994
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Program Committee
Memberships
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Check Authorizations Finances
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Box 2
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Program and Publicity Committee
Memberships (3 folders)
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Literary Information
Newspapers
The South Carolina Council of Teachers of English
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Meetings, Agendas, and Minutes
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Box 3
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  Annual Luncheon Max Childers, April 25, 1996 (2 folders)
  Writers on Main and W. S. Merwin
  W. S. Merwin (4 folders)

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July 1998- June 1999
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July 1999- June 2000
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Constitution and Bylaws
Program Committee
Meetings, Agendas, and Minutes
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Guest Speakers
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Book Collecting Awards
Annual Fall Dinner, Philip Furia, October 19, 1999

Box 4: 1990's

Audio Visual Materials
  George Garrett, cassette tape
  John Jakes April 24, 1992, cassette tape
  Award, Bradbury, Brochure, floppy disk
  Cooper McPherson Program, floppy disk
  Plimpton Program, floppy disk
  Signature: Dickey, Mason, Mould, floppy disk
  Signature: Pattersons and Williams, floppy disk

Education Foundation Project
TCS Ex Libris
Ex Libris Distribution Lists (3 folders)
F. Scott Fitzgerald
Matthew J. Bruccoli (2 Folders)

Other Friends and Publications (10 folders)
  Bibliotheca, Chapter 1, Chronicle, Duke University Library,
  Ex Libris, Focus, Friends of Dartmouth, Friends of Illinois, Friends of Florida
  State University, Kent State
  Fly Leaf (3 folders)
  Friends of Lily Library, Friends Line, Friends of Princeton, Friends of UCSB
  Friendscript, Georgetown University, In the Library, Jarl Insider, Library
  Directions
  Library Friends, Library Notes, Libraries Newsletters, Literati, Lumieres,
  Messenger
  New York Public Library, Newsletter from Fondren, Newsletter of Delaware,
  Newsletter of East Tennessee
  Penn State, Perspectives, The Record, RUL Report, UCSD Library, Year End
  Review

Other Friends and Publications Books and Pamphlets (5 folders)
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USC Foundation
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**2000-2012**

**July 2000- June 2001**
- TCS Board and Constitution
- Membership Committee Program
- Committee Correspondence
- Meeting, July 27, 2000
- Meeting, October 17, 2000
- Meeting, January 25, 2001
- Meeting, April 26, 2001
- Minutes for the Annual General Meeting, May 24, 2001
- Finances
- Brochures
- Endowments
- Book Awards (2 Folders) Dinner,
  September 15, 2000
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- Writers Festival: William Styron, March 21, 2001
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**July 2001- June 2002**
- TCS Board Presidents
- Report Program
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- Meetings, Agendas, and Minutes
- Correspondence
- Finances (3 Folders)
- Endowments
- Dr. Ronald Baughman Memorial
- Fall Luncheon Ray Bradbury, August 20, 2001
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  Memberships and Mailing Lists
  Correspondence
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  Meeting, October 28, 2010
  Meeting, January 27, 2011
  Meeting, March 15, 2011
  Annual General Meeting, April 21, 2011

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  Memberships and Mailing Lists
  Correspondence
  Finances
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  Meeting, November 3, 2011
  Meeting, February 9, 2012
  Meeting, April 20, 2012

**Oversize**
Thomas Cooper Society Medal Sketches, c 1995