Georgina M. Cooper copybook and poetry scrapbook
1866-1900
(bulk dates 1866-1871)

Abstract: This nineteenth-century copybook and scrapbook was kept by student (and later teacher) Georgina Maria Cooper of Hollandsville, Delaware. It contains pages of copied phrases completed when Cooper was in school, poetry clippings, copied lists of deaths and marriages in Kent County, Delaware, and a list of her students in 1871.
Descriptive Summary

Identification: MSS 097, Item 095
Creator: Penny, Georgina Maria Cooper, 1850-1902.
Title: Georgina M. Cooper copybook and poetry scrapbook
Inclusive Dates: 1866-1900
Bulk Dates: bulk dates 1866-1871
Extent: 1 v. (187 p.) ; 30 cm.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

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Biographical Note

Georgina Maria Cooper (alternately spelled Georgiana, Georgianna, or Georgeanna) was born in 1850 to Ezekiel and Louise Cooper of Sussex County, Delaware. She had at least one sibling, Susan E. Cooper. In the 1870s, Cooper began work as a school teacher in School District No. 29, Hollandsville, Delaware. She married Robert Penny and moved to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, prior to the mid 1880s. Georgina died in Philadelphia on March 10, 1902, at the age of 52.

Sources:
Further biographical information derived from the collection.
Scope and Content Note

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Georgina Cooper began writing in the copybook in 1866, when she was a schoolgirl, and included lines copied for penmanship, sums, "miscellaneous exercises," rhymes, biblical verses, and dialogs "spoken by girls and boys at Ebenezer Church." Numerous deaths and marriages are copied from the *Delaware Republican*, a Kent County, Delaware, newspaper. On January 1, 1871, Georgina Cooper listed herself as teacher and identified her pupils for School District No. 29 in Hollandsville, Delaware. In the later 1870s, Cooper continued her copy work with essays, poems, and hymns from camp meeting books. By 1885, her address was Pine Street, Philadelphia, and her gathered poems and essays were copied from the *Atlantic Monthly* or clipped from various newspapers.

Laid into the copybook is a mailed invitation to an October 7, 1900, reunion of M.E. Mariners' Bethel Sabbath School, addressed to Cooper's husband, Robert Penny. The book is in poor condition with loose, frayed pages.
Selected Search Terms

**Personal Names**

Penny, Georgina Maria Cooper, 1850-1902.

**Topical Terms**

Education--Delaware--History--19th century.

Religious life--United States--History--19th century.

**Geographic Names**

Hollandsville (Del.)

Sussex County (Del.)

**Form/Genre Terms**

Clippings (information artifacts)

Commonplace books.

Invitations.

Poems.

Scrapbooks.

**Occupation**

Students.

Teachers.

**Related Materials in this Repository**

This item forms part of MSS 097 Diaries, Journals, and Ships' Logs collection.

**Publication Note**
Detailed Description of the Collection

Georgina M. Cooper copybook and poetry scrapbook, 1866-1900 [Item 095]

1 vol.