

**Roanoke Public Libraries  
Virginia Room  
Virginia Cooper Papers**

**Collection Description:**

**Repository:** Roanoke Public Libraries, Virginia Room

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**Title:** Virginia Cooper Papers

**Physical Characteristics:** 3 document storage cases.

**Donated by:** Virginia Cooper

**Arrangement:** The papers are arranged in the original order in which Virginia Cooper organized the collection. Box 1 consists of family files for William Faris and son, Benjamin Faris. Box 2 consists of files on various Farises of Virginia. Box 3 consists of files on the Evans Family.

**Creator:** Virginia Cooper

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**Scope and Content:**

The Virginia Cooper papers consist of records, publications and research notes pertaining to Revolutionary War patriot William Faris of Cumberland and Roanoke Counties, Virginia, son Benjamin Faris and their families. The collection includes information relating to the families of their wives with surnames Weissenburger, Baldwin, Petty, Garwood, Watkins, and Evans. Additional Farises are documented in census, deeds, land grants, tax lists, wills, vital and court records from Bedford, Botetourt, Campbell, Fluvanna, Franklin, Goochland, Halifax and Henry counties.

**Container List:**

**Box 1**

Folder 1: Faris, William, Census & Deeds

Folder 2: William Faris/Margaret Weissenburger Children

Christopher Faris (b. 1793, d. 1872)

Nancy Faris (b. 1795, d. 1874)

Thomas Faris (b. 1797, d. \_\_ )

Benjamin Faris (b. 1800, d. 1872)

Martin Faris (b. 1802, d. bef 1859)

Hannah Faris (b. 1805, d. aft 1880)

John Faris (b. 1809, d. 1869)

Elijah Faris (b. 1811, d. 1867)

Elias Faris (b. 1819, d. aft 1900)

Jeremiah Faris (b. 1822, d. 1887)

Allen Faris (b. 1830, d. aft 1879)

- Folder 3: Faris, Benjamin, Chronological Profile
  - Folder 4: Will & Settlement
  - Folder 5: Deeds
  - Folder 6: Court case – Lee vs. Watkins (3<sup>rd</sup> wife)
  - Folder 7: Marriages (Baldwin, Petty/Garwood, Watkins)
  - Folder 8: Census Records
- Folder 9: Benjamin Faris/Amelia Baldwin (1<sup>st</sup> wife) Children
  - Elizabeth Margaret (b. 1924 – d. 1908)
  - William George (b. 1828 – d. 1905)
  - Thomas Baldwin (b. 1829 – d. 1911)
  - Sarah Frances (b. 1831 – d. 1922)
- Folder 10: Benjamin Faris/Mary Petty Garwood (2<sup>nd</sup> wife) Children
  - Mary John (b. 1841 – d. 1920)
  - Johnson Petit (b. 1843 – d. 1911)
  - Nancy M. (b. 1845 – d. 1891)
  - James M. (b. 1847 – d. 1919)
  - Smith Patrick (b. 1852 – d. 1924)
- Folder 11: Baldwin, Amelia L. – Baldwin Family
- Folder 12: Petty, Mary (Garwood, Faris) – Petty Family
- Folder 13: Watkins, Elizabeth

## Box 2

- Folder 1: Faris – Farises in Virginia
- Folder 2: Faris, Benjamin (b. 1740 – d. \_\_)
- Folder 3: Faris, William (b. \_\_ – d. 1745)
- Folder 4: Faris, Martin (b. 1762 – d. \_\_)
- Folder 5: Faris, Jacob (b. 1762 – d. \_\_)
- Folder 6: Faris Records – Campbell County, VA
  - Folder 7: Cumberland County, VA – Census
  - Folder 8: Cumberland County, VA – Deeds
  - Folder 9: Cumberland County, VA – Court Records
  - Folder 10: Cumberland County, VA – Tax Lists
  - Folder 11: Cumberland County, VA – Vital Records
  - Folder 12: Cumberland County, VA – Wills & Inventories
  - Folder 13: Botetourt County, VA
  - Folder 14: Fluvanna County, VA
  - Folder 15: Goochland County, VA
  - Folder 16: Other Virginia Counties

## Box 3

- Folder 1: Evans, William Riley (1824 - \_\_\_\_)

Folder 2: Evans, Mary Jane Brown, wife of William Evans (1823 - \_\_\_\_)  
Folder 3: Evans daughters – search of Catholic records for orphans of William Evans.  
Folder 4: Evans, William R. – Washington County, VA  
Folder 5: Evans, William R. – Confederate Service Records  
Folder 6: Evans, Sarah J. (1844 - \_\_\_\_)  
Folder 7: Evans, Robert (1867 - \_\_\_\_)  
Folder 8: Evans, Martha F. (1850 - \_\_\_\_)  
Folder 9: Evans, Elizabeth (1853 - \_\_\_\_)  
Folder 10: Evans, Nancy Adelia (1855 – c.1901)  
Folder 11: McCarty, Calvin Morgan (1809 – 1881)  
Folder 12: Evans, Lucinda H. (1857 - \_\_\_\_)  
Folder 13: Evans, Georgianna (1860 - \_\_\_\_)  
Folder 14: Tolley, Caroline (1842 – 1919)  
Folder 15: Evans, Virginia Florence (1861 - 1948)  
Folder 16: Evans, Abraham, Jr. (1800 – 1860)  
Folder 17: Evans, Abraham, Sr. (1765 – 1848)