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Cooper, Bettie Minette

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**Extent**

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Bettie Minette Cooper

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## Biographical or Historical Information

Bettie Minette Cooper is active at all levels in the community. She has been President of the Cultural Alliance of Greater Hampton Roads, The Virginia Symphony (1986-1988), and Ohef Sholom Temple, the Chair of the Norfolk Commission on the Arts and Humanities and Vice President for Virginians for the Arts. She is currently serving as the President of Young Audiences of Virginia and as a national board member for Young Audiences, Inc. and on the board of the Future of Hampton Roads. She also sings in the Virginia Symphony Chorus.

Minette Cooper is equally involved in education. She is currently a Trustee of Virginia Wesleyan College and a board member for the Institute for Southern Jewish Life in Jackson, Mississippi. She has been a Trustee of the Chrysler Museum, a board member of the Upward Bound Program at Norfolk State University, Director of the YWCA of South Hampton Roads and Director and Officer of the Jewish Community Center of Tidewater.

In this collection are programs for the Virginia Squires, an American Basketball Association team that formed in 1970 and lasted until the National Basketball Association-American Basketball Association merger in 1976. The Squires were founded in 1967 as the Oakland Oaks, a charter member of the ABA. The team colors were green and gold. The Oakland Oaks basketball team played in the American Basketball League in 1962 and was owned by Pat Boone. Boone sold the team to Washington, D.C. lawyer Earl Foreman, who moved the team to Washington for the 1969-70 season as the Washington Caps. Merger talks with the NBA were already underway, but a major stumbling block was the presence of the Caps in Washington. Baltimore Bullets owner Abe Pollin wanted to move his team to Washington, but didn't want the Caps there. The other ABA owners persuaded Foreman to move the Caps for the second time in as many seasons. Foreman decided to make the Caps a regional franchise, the Virginia Squires. The team would be based in Norfolk, and also played home games in Hampton, Richmond and Roanoke. However, Roanoke was dropped from the list of "home" cities after only one season. The Squires are most famous for having Julius Erving (Dr. J) on the team from 1971 to 1973.

Note written by Mel Frizzell

**Scope and Contents**

# scope and contents

The bulk of the collections consists of Virginia Squires basketball programs, as well as Minette Cooper's correspondence and directories related to civic organizations such as Young Audiences of Virginia, Virginia Symphony, Chevra T'helim, Inc., and Hampton Roads Center for Civic Engagement.

## Keywords

Civic leaders--Virginia--Norfolk  
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Young Audiences of Virginia  
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## Description of Subordinate Components

### Box 1

**Unit ID** Box 1

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/5364

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

#### **Folder 1: Virginia Squires Program-Squires vs. Memphis Pros**

**Unit ID** Folder 1

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/5365

**Unit Date** 1970

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

#### **Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 1, Virginia Squires Program-Squires vs. Memphis Pros, 1970, Minette Cooper Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

#### **Folder 2: Virginia Squires Program-Squires vs. Denver Rockets**

**Unit ID** Folder 2

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/5366

**Unit Date** 1971-1972

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

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[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 2, Virginia Squires Program-Squires vs. Denver Rockets, 1971-1972, Minette Cooper Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

#### **Folder 3: Virginia Squires Program-Squires vs. Pittsburgh Condors**

**Unit ID** Folder 3

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/5367

**Unit Date** 1971-1972

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 3 (folder)

#### **Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 3, Virginia Squires Program-Squires vs. Pittsburgh Condors, 1971-1972, Minette Cooper Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Folder 4: Virginia Squires Program-Squires vs. Indiana Pacers****Unit ID** Folder 4**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/5368**Unit Date** 1971-1972**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)**Container** 4 (folder)**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 4, Virginia Squires Program-Squires vs. Indiana Pacers, 1971-1972, Minette Cooper Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Folder 5: Virginia Squires Program-Squires vs. Floridans****Unit ID** Folder 5**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/5369**Unit Date** 1971-1972**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)**Container** 5 (folder)**Preferred Citation**

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**Folder 6: Virginia Squires Program-Squires vs. New York Nets****Unit ID** Folder 6**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/5370**Unit Date** 1971-1972**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)**Container** 6 (folder)**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 6, Virginia Squires Program-Squires vs. New York Nets, 1971-1972, Minette Cooper Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Folder 7: Virginia Squires Program-Squires vs. Kentucky Colonels****Unit ID** Folder 7**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/5371**Unit Date** 1971-1972**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)**Container** 7 (folder)**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 7, Virginia Squires Program-Squires vs. Kentucky Colonels, 1971-1972, Minette Cooper Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Folder 8: Virginia Squires Program-Squires vs. Denver Rockets****Unit ID** Folder 8**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/5372**Unit Date** 1971-1972**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)**Container** 8 (folder)

**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 8, Virginia Squires Program-Squires vs. Denver Rockets, 1971-1972, Minette Cooper Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Folder 9: Virginia Squires Program-Squires vs. Utah Stars**

**Unit ID** Folder 9

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/5373

**Unit Date** 1971-1972

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 9 (folder)

**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 9, Virginia Squires Program-Squires vs. Utah Stars, 1971-1972, Minette Cooper Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Folder 10: Virginia Squires Program-Squires vs. New York Nets**

**Unit ID** Folder 10

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/5374

**Unit Date** 1971-1972

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 10 (folder)

**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 10, Virginia Squires Program-Squires vs. New York Nets, 1971-1972, Minette Cooper Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Folder 11: Virginia Squires Program-Squires vs. New York Nets**

**Unit ID** Folder 11

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/5375

**Unit Date** 1971-1972

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 11 (folder)

**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 11, Virginia Squires Program-Squires vs. New York Nets, 1971-1972, Minette Cooper Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Folder 12: Virginia Squires Basketball Magazine**

**Unit ID** Folder 12

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/5376

**Unit Date** 1973

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 12 (folder)

**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 12, Virginia Squires Basketball Magazine, 1973, Minette Cooper Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Folder 13: Virginia Squires Program-Squires vs. Indiana Pacers**

**Unit ID** Folder 13

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/5377

**Unit Date** 1973-1974

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 13 (folder)

**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 13, Virginia Squires Program-Squires vs. Indiana Pacers, 1973-1974, Minette Cooper Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Folder 14: Virginia Squires Program-Squires vs. Kentucky Colonels**

**Unit ID** Folder 14

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/5378

**Unit Date** 1973-1974

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 14 (folder)

**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 14, Virginia Squires Program-Squires vs. Kentucky Colonels, 1973-1974, Minette Cooper Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Folder 15: Virginia Squires Program-Squires vs. Carolina Cougars**

**Unit ID** Folder 15

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/5379

**Unit Date** 1973-1974

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 15 (folder)

**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 15, Virginia Squires Program-Squires vs. Carolina Cougars, 1973-1974, Minette Cooper Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Folder 16: Virginia Squires Program-Squires vs. San Antonio Spurs**

**Unit ID** Folder 16

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/5380

**Unit Date** 1973-1974

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 16 (folder)

**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 16, Virginia Squires Program-Squires vs. San Antonio Spurs, 1973-1974, Minette Cooper Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Folder 17: Virginia Squires Courtside Magazine**

**Unit ID** Folder 17

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/5381

**Unit Date** 1975-1976

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 17 (folder)

**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 17, Virginia Squires Courtside Magazine, 1975-1976, Minette Cooper Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

## **Folder 18: Correspondence of Minette Cooper**

**Unit ID** Folder 18

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/5382

**Unit Date** 2013-2018

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 18 (folder)

### **Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 18, Correspondence of Minette Cooper, 2013-2018, Minette Cooper Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

## **Folder 19: Young Audiences of Virginia and Young Audience Documents**

**Unit ID** Folder 19

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/5383

**Unit Date** 1952, undated

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 19 (folder)

### **Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 19, Young Audiences of Virginia and Young Audience Documents, 1952, undated, Minette Cooper Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

## **Folder 20: Virginia Squires Program-Squires vs. Utah Stars**

**Unit ID** Folder 20

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/83643

**Unit Date** 1973-1974

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 20 (folder)

### **Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 20, Virginia Squires Program-Squires vs. Utah Stars, 1973-1974, Minette Cooper Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

## **Folder 21: Virginia Squires Program-Squires vs. New York Nets**

**Unit ID** Folder 21

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/83644

**Unit Date** 1974-1975

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 21 (folder)

### **Processing Information**

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### **Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 21, Virginia Squires Program-Squires vs. New York Nets, 1974-1975, Minette Cooper Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

## **Folder 22: Virginia Squires Programs**

**Unit ID** Folder 22

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/83645

**Unit Date** 1975-1976

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 22 (folder)

**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 22, Virginia Squires Programs, 1975-1976, Minette Cooper Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Scope and Contents**

Contains programs for games against the Denver Nuggets, Kentucky Colonels, and New York Nets.

**Box 2**

**Unit ID** Box 2

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/85335

**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)

**Hampton Roads Civic Organizations Binder**

**Unit ID** Item 1

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/85336

**Unit Date** circa 1998-2012

**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)

**Preferred Citation**

Hampton Roads Civic Organizations Binder, circa 1998-2012, Box 2, Minette Cooper Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Scope and Contents**

Contains a binder of directories and other information related to various civic organizations in Hampton Roads including the Virginia Symphony, Hampton Roads Center for Civic Engagement, and the Cultural Alliance of Hampton Roads.