SUMMARY INFORMATION

Title: Roger R. Varin Papers  
Accession: #2013-073  
Creator: Varin, Roger R., 1925-2017  
Physical Description: 0.21 linear ft. (3 folders)  
Languages: Collection material in English.  
Processed by: The collection was processed by Julia Cowart in 2018.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Acquisition:  
Furman English professor Gilbert Allen submitted the initial manuscript to this collection in 2013. The author donated the second manuscript in 2015.

USING THE COLLECTION

Access Restrictions: None.

Preferred Citation: [Identification of item], Roger R. Varin Papers, Acc. 2013-073, Special Collections and Archives, Furman University, Greenville, S.C.

Biographical Sketch:  
Roger R. Varin was born in Bern, Switzerland, in 1925. He received his B.A. in business administration from City College, Bern, and his Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of Bern. He was a research fellow at Harvard University. Varin chiefly worked with fiber chemistry, as a research associate at E. I. dePont de Nemours & Company; director of research at Riegel Textile Corporation; and founder and CEO of Varinit Corporation, Greenville, S.C., manufacturers of specialty fiber products, and Varinit SA, Geneva, Switzerland, traders in specialty fiber products and services. Writing poetry was one of many hobbies.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The correspondence included with this collection indicates that Varin initially shared his poetry with Furman’s Gilbert Allen in 2002, and again in 2013. Since Varin had been living in South
Carolina since 1962, Allen suggested his poetry be included in Furman’s South Carolina Poetry Archives. As the manuscript’s title suggests, Varin’s poetry is written about his world travels. The 2015 version of his manuscript is an illustrated version. The short article from the *Swiss American Historical Society Review* is about his Roger R. Varin school Papers, 1932-1945 collection at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

**Related Material:**

- Roger R. Varin school papers #4700, Southern Historical Collection, The Wilson Library, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. [http://finding-aids.lib.unc.edu/04700/]

**COLLECTION INVENTORY**

Folder 1. Manuscript, “Travels and Travails”

Poems in order:

- Up North? Down East!, October 1994
- Oregon Coast 1991
- Costa Rica 1995
- Sailing the Leewards 1999
- TCS Flight AMM-52
- Europe 2000
- In Kiwi-Land *á trois*, 2006
- Annemarie, 2010

Folder 2. Correspondence, 2013

Folder 3. Article, “Another Swiss Émigré Down South,” by Dr. Roger R. Varin, photocopy [fixed to inside cover of *Swiss American Historical Society Review*, vol. 47 no. 1, February 2011]

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Folder 4. Manuscript, “Travels and Travails” [illustrated version]

Poems in order:

- Annemarie
- Up North? Down East!, 1994
- Oregon Coast 1991
- Costa Rica 1995
- Sailing the Leewards, 1999
- Europe 2000
- In Kiwi-Land *á trois*, 2006
- Journey to History’s LOST CITIES, 1999: TCS Flight AMM-52