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Summary Information

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| Repository: | Stage |
| Title: | Margaret Cooper Papers |
| ID: | 133 |
| Date [inclusive]: | 1927-1997 |
| Physical Description: | 15 cubic feet; 5 boxes |
| Language of the Material: | English |
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| Abstract: | Margaret Cooper was a community activist in the Shaw neighborhood of Washington, DC who worked on numerous projects with various organizations including the Shaw Area Project Committee, Junior Christian Endeavor, Boy Scouts of America, War on Rats, Federation of Civic Associations, and the United Planning Organization. Cooper also served on the Advisory Neighborhood Commission for fifteen years and was one of the first ANC commissioners for the Shaw neighborhood. The Margaret Cooper Papers range from 1927-1997 and contain certificates, DC Council resolutions, newspaper clippings, photographs, programs, and speeches. |

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Biographical / Historical

Margaret Cooper was born in Warrington, Virginia on August 8, 1900. She attended Martha Washington Vocational School and played saxophone and trumpet. Cooper was known to the Shaw neighborhood as "Mother Cooper." She worked as a Registered Nurse at George Washington University Hospital for fifteen years. Cooper was very active as a member of the Third Avenue Baptist Church in Washington, DC. She worked as an activist in the Shaw neighborhood on numerous projects with various organizations such as the Shaw Project Area Committee, Junior Christian Endeavor, Boy Scouts of America, War on Rats, Federation of Civic associations, and the United Planning Organization. Cooper also served on the Advisory Neighborhood Commission for fifteen years and was one of the first

ANC commissioners for the Shaw neighborhood. Before her death in at the Hartland Health Center in Hyattsville, Maryland, Cooper had lived in a house on Warren Street, NW since 1917.

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Scope and Contents

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| Environment, 1977 | Box 1 | Folder 3 |
| Community (1 of 2), 1978-1998 | Box 1 | Folder 4 |

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| Shaw Community/ANC, 1982-1998 | Box 1 | Folder 6 |
| Scouts, 1976-1989 | Box 1 | Folder 7 |
| Correspondence, 1956-1997 | Box 1 | Folder 8 |
| DHCD Housing Programs, 1990 | Box 1 | Folder 9 |
| Africare, 1983 | Box 1 | Folder 10 |
| Christian Endeavor Songs, undated | Box 2 | Folder 1 |
| Lott Carey Baptist Herald, 1998 | Box 2 | Folder 2 |
| New Samaritan Baptist Church, 1986 | Box 2 | Folder 3 |
| Payne Memorial African Methodist Church Annual Conference Program, 1968 | Box 2 | Folder 4 |
| The Baptist Sunday Union of Washington and Vicinity, undated | Box 2 | Folder 5 |
| Third Baptist Church Bulletins, undated | Box 2 | Folder 6 |
| Third Baptist Church Bulletins, 1965-1968 | Box 2 | Folder 7 |
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| Christian Endeavor Night Tickets, 1954 | Box 2 | Folder 10 |
| Certificates/Awards/Nominations (1 of 4), 1954-1998 | Box 2 | Folder 11 |
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| Certificates/Awards/Nominations (4 of 4), 1954-1998 | Box 2 | Folder 14 |
| Dues Cards and Donation Envelope, undated | Box 3 | Folder 1 |
| Mid City Tenants Action Council - Urban Renewal Area, undated | Box 3 | Folder 2 |
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| Marjorie Webster Junior College, 1965-1966 | Box 3 | Folder 4 |
| Certificates of Appreciation, 1981-1987 | Box 3 | Folder 5 |
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| Programs, 1949-1997 | Box 4 | Folder 4 |
| Speeches, 1976 | Box 4 | Folder 5 |
| Constitution of the Third Baptist Church, undated | | |

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| Fauntroy Calender and Business Card, 1982 | Box 4 | Folder 15 |
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