

# **Cooper (Margaret) Papers**

# An inventory of Margaret Cooper at DC Public Library

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### **Summary Information**

**Repository:** Stage

**Title:** Margaret Cooper Papers

**ID:** 133

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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.

### **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

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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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#### **Administrative Information**

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### **Collection Inventory**

Series 1		
Title/Description	Instances	
Newspaper Clippings, 1972-1998	Box 1	Folder 1
Queen Esther Household of Ruth, 1927-1983	Box 1	Folder 2
Environment, 1977	Box 1	Folder 3
Community (1 of 2), 1978-1998	Box 1	Folder 4

Community (2 of 2), 1969-1996	Box 1	Folder 5
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
Third Baptist Church Bulletins, 1993-1997	Box 2	Folder 8
Third Baptist Church Bulletins, 1983	Box 2	Folder 9
Christian Endeavor Night Tickets, 1954	Box 2	Folder 10
Certificates/Awards/Nominations (1 of 4), 1954-1998	Box 2	Folder 11
Certificates/Awards/Nominations (2 of 4), 1954-1998	Box 2	Folder 12
Certificates/Awards/Nominations (3 of 4), 1954-1998	Box 2	Folder 13
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
Buttons, undated	Box 3	Folder 3
Marjorie Webster Junior College, 1965-1966	Box 3	Folder 4
Certificates of Appreciation, 1981-1987	Box 3	Folder 5
Certificate of Election, 1989	Box 3	Folder 6
Photographs (1 of 2), undated	Box 4	Folder 1
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Stickers, undated	Box 4	Folder 3
Programs, 1949-1997	Box 4	Folder 4
Speeches, 1976	Box 4	Folder 5
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DC Statehood, undated	Box 4	Folder 7
Song Lyrics, undated	Box 4	Folder 8
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Newsletters and History, 1983-1989	Box 4	Folder 11
Salutes and Tributes to Margaret Cooper, undated	Box 4	Folder 12
Greeting Cards, 1964-1994	Box 4	Folder 13
The Standard Leadership Curriculum and Course Card of Recognition, 1955-1991	Box 4	Folder 14
Fauntroy Calender and Business Card, 1982	Box 4	Folder 15
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Diamond Award from United to Serve America, 1992	Box 5	Folder 2
DC Department of Public Works Posters, undated	Box 5	Folder 3
Crime Solvers Posters, undated	Box 5	Folder 4
Office of the Mayor DC Proclamation, 1991	Box 5	Folder 5
DC Council Resolution, 1990	Box 5	Folder 6
DC Council Resolution, 1989	Box 5	Folder 7
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