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Collection Summary:

Title: Mr. and Mrs. Paul R. Cooley Sr. Civil Rights Era Newspaper Collection

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Biographical Information:

Mr. Paul Robert Cooley Senior and Mrs. Viola Green Cooley are natives of Greenbrier County, West Virginia; Mr. Cooley was from Lewisburg, West Virginia and Mrs. Cooley was from Ronceverte, West Virginia. Residing in the historical Maple Street district of Lewisburg, they had three children, Paul R. Cooley Junior, Maurice Cooley, and Janice Cooley. The family was very active in their church at Mount Tabor Baptist, where Paul served as a deacon and Viola held several leadership roles. Mr. Cooley was a recognized and longstanding Lewisburg and Greenbrier County community activist, served on the City Council of Lewisburg for decades, and was employed at the Greenbrier Resort for over 30 years. Mrs. Cooley, retired from the Federal Reformatory for Women (Alderson, WV), and also founded and facilitated the Greenbrier Valley Breast Cancer Support Group for many years. Maurice and Janice Cooley were both graduates of Marshall University and they wanted students to be able to research and see these pieces from such an important and memorable time in our nation's history.

Scope and Content:

This collection contains six newspapers from West Virginia, Virginia, and New York documenting historic events that occurred during the Civil Rights Movement, specifically during the March on Washington on August 29, 1963 and the events that occurred after the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on April 4, 1968.

Processing Notes:

Language used in this finding aid remains original to the newspaper articles themselves, meaning that language contained within this finding aid may use language that is now deemed inappropriate or unacceptable

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 - ii. Freedom Men Meet with the President
 - iii. 200,000 Cry: Emancipation Now!
 - iv. A Day-Long Spiritual At the Capital
 - v. Marchers Roar Victory Vow
 - vi. Capitol Stuff
 1. The Voices of the Little People Are Heard
 2. There is More Than One Embarrassed Prophet
 3. It Was A Gathering of the Most Respectable
 - vii. Their Best Foot Was Forward: Throngs Carried Placards and a Purpose
 - viii. 200,000 in Washington Demand Action Now
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 - xi. On the Hill, March Leaders Get Pledges on Key Rights Provisos
 - xii. Jailbirds See It On TV
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2. *New York Mirror. August 29, 1963. Based in New York City, New York.*

- a. Prominent Articles include:
 - i. Rail Bill Ok'd, JFK Set to Sign
 - ii. 200,000 in March
 - iii. President Urges Spur on 'Equality for All'
 - iv. Big Crowd in Happy Mood
 - v. Write us a letter: Don't Shoot, We're Equal!
 - vi. The March is Monumental

3. *The Charleston Gazette*. August 29, 1963. Based in Charleston, West Virginia

- a. Prominent Articles include:
- i. 200,000 March for Jobs and Freedom
 - ii. Demonstrators Demand Abolition of Racial Bias
 - iii. Only Four Arrests Mar March
 - iv. Russ Reaction Moderate: Western Europe Watches March
 - v. Congress Untouched—Physically, Politically
 - vi. 28 Negro Pupils Enroll in Baton Rouge School
 - vii. March Transportation Handling Held Flawless
 - viii. Jackie Robinson Nixes Barry
 - ix. Professional Unit Opposes Segregation in Hospitals

4. *The Afro-American*. September 7, 1963. Based in Richmond, Virginia.

- a. Prominent Articles include:
- i. They Came, They Marched, They Sang
 - ii. This Remarkable Photo Was Made From AFRO Helicopter at 600 Feet
 - iii. On Hallowed Ground Rev King Spoke to the World
 - iv. Trains Rolled In Every 11.5 Minutes
 - v. Only Three Arrested; All White
 - vi. Morgan Staff Members Join the Line of March
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 - xx. The Text of Dr. King's Moving Address
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5. *The Charleston Daily Mail*. April 8, 1968. Based in Charleston, West Virginia.

- a. Prominent Articles include:
 - i. Thousands Set to Resume King's March in Memphis
 - ii. Tense Calm Grips Riot-Swept Cities
 - iii. 5 Ex-Nazis Given Terms
 - iv. In Wake of King Murder, Pope May Speed Racism Document
 - v. Black Panther Vs. Police: One Dead, 3 Shot in Oakland Fight
 - vi. Evans-Novak Report: A Single Phone Call From Unknown Source
 - vii. Time for America to Wake Up: 2,000 Attend Rite Memorializing King
 - viii. Negroes Blocking Kentucky College
 - ix. Letter Sent to Widow of Slain Rights Leader
 - x. Racial Strife Reaction: 'We Told You So.' So. Africans Echo
 - xi. Thousands Eulogize King During Day of Mourning
 - xii. Gunplay Climaxes Peace Sermon: Estranged Man Slain After Murder of Three in Church
 - xiii. Conflicts Riot, Fire Building in Hagerstown

6. *The Charleston Daily Mail*. April 9, 1968. Based in Charleston, West Virginia.

- a. Prominent Article Titles Include:
 - i. Dr. King Funeral Draws Thousands
 - ii. LBJ, Advisors Plan Strategy on Peace Talks
 - iii. 61,000 Troops Deployed to Curb Racial Flare-ups
 - iv. Mrs. King Speaks And Leads 19,000 in Memphis Parade
 - v. Wheeling Youths Stage Protests
 - vi. Exploiting of King Murder Laid to Democrats in Conn.
 - vii. Special Day, King Stamp Being Sought
 - viii. Wesley, Star at S.J. Picks Morris Harvey
 - ix. Nationwide Tribute Paid Slain Dr. King