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Introduction and Provenance

In December 1993, Dr. Hugh W. Cunningham, a former professor of journalism at the University of Florida, donated two distinct newspaper collections to the Special Collections room of the USF St. Petersburg library. The bulk of the newspapers document events following the November 1963 assassination of John F. Kennedy. A second component of the newspapers examines the reaction to Richard M. Nixon's resignation in August 1974. This finding aid will assist the researcher who wants to peruse issues in the Nixon Resignation Newspaper Collection.

Restrictions/Preservation Note

The acidic paper often used on printing presses has promoted the rapid physical deterioration found in some titles of this collection. To prevent further damage to the Nixon Resignation Newspaper Collection, refrain from placing any additional stress on the paper fibers by folding or creasing newspapers, or by exposing them to light for an extended period of time. Please report any tears or other damage so library staff may take appropriate preservation or conservation measures. While no restrictions limit access to the newspapers, library staff will evaluate photocopying requests on an individual basis to ensure the long-term preservation of this unique collection.

Scope and Contents

The 49 individual issues represented in this collection occupy 3 storage boxes and represent a broad geographic diversity of newspaper accounts from 22 states and the District of Columbia on Friday, 9 August 1974. This collection serves as an excellent primary source for a "slice-of-life" analysis. By examining these newspapers as cultural artifacts, the researcher may study journalistic reactions to Nixon's resignation (i.e., compare the amount of space different newspapers devoted to news of Nixon's departure), as well as evaluate the relationship between this "headline" story and other articles that appear in the paper.

Container Listing Box 1

State	City	Title	
Florida	Cocoa	<i>Today</i>	
	Daytona Beach	<i>Daytona Beach Morning Journal</i> <i>Morning Journal (Volusia County Ed.)</i>	
	Fort Lauderdale	<i>Sun-Sentinel</i>	
	Jacksonville		<i>Florida Times-Union (regular edition)</i> <i>Florida Times-Union (final edition)</i>
		Orlando	<i>Sentinel Star (two copies)</i>
	Sarasota	<i>Sarasota Herald-Tribune</i>	
	Tampa	<i>Tampa Tribune</i>	
	West Palm Beach	<i>The Palm Beach Post</i>	
	Alabama	Birmingham	<i>Birmingham Post-Herald</i>
		Montgomery	<i>The Montgomery Advertiser</i>
Alaska	Anchorage	<i>Anchorage Daily News</i>	
Total Issues in Box 1:		14	

Box 2

State	City	Title
Arizona	Phoenix	<i>The Arizona Republic</i>
	Tucson	<i>The Arizona Daily Star</i>
California	Alameda	<i>Alameda Times-Star</i>
	Pasadena	<i>Star-News</i>
	Long Beach	<i>Independent</i>
	San Bernadino	<i>The Sun-Telegram</i>
	San Francisco	<i>San Francisco Chronicle (partial copy)</i>
	San Jose	<i>San Jose Mercury</i>
	Connecticut	Hartford
Norwich		<i>Norwich Bulletin</i>
Waterbury		<i>Waterbury Republican</i>
Wilmington		<i>The Morning News</i>
District of Columbia	Washington	<i>The Washington Post</i>
Illinois	Springfield	<i>The State Journal-Register</i>
Indiana	Fort Wayne	<i>The Journal-Gazette</i>
	Indianapolis	<i>The Indianapolis Star</i>
	Muncie	<i>Muncie Star</i>
Total Issues in Box 2:		17

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Box 3

State	City	Title
Iowa	Des Moines	<i>The Des Moines Register</i>
Kansas	Wichita	<i>The Wichita Eagle</i>
Kentucky	Lexington	<i>Lexington Herald</i>
Louisiana	New Orleans	<i>The Times-Picayune</i>
Massachusetts	Worcester	<i>Worcester Telegram</i>
Minnesota	Duluth	<i>Duluth News-Tribune</i>
	Minneapolis	<i>Minneapolis Tribune</i>
Mississippi	Natchez	<i>Natchez Democrat</i>
New Jersey	Atlantic City	<i>The Press</i>
	Newark	<i>The Star-Ledger</i>
New Hampshire	Manchester	<i>Manchester Union Leader</i>
New York	Rochester	<i>Democrat and Chronicle</i>
	Syracuse	<i>The Post-Standard</i>
North Carolina	Asheville	<i>The Asheville Citizen</i>
	Fayetteville	<i>The Fayetteville Times</i>
Pennsylvania	Philadelphia	<i>The Philadelphia Inquirer</i>
Texas	Austin	<i>The Austin American-Stateman</i>
	Dallas	<i>The Dallas Morning News</i>
Total Issues in Box 3:	18	