

**Title:** Woman's Christian Temperance Union Collection

**Reference Code:** Mss-2139

**Inclusive Dates:** 1886 – 1974

**Quantity:** 0.8 cu. ft.

**Location:** ER, Sh. 211  
OS SM "W" (2 items)

**Abstract:** The First Milwaukee W.C.T.U. was organized in December 1886. The group primarily focused on promoting the benefits of temperance, but it was also involved in other issues of concern to women—suffrage, drug abuse and morality in the schools.

**Scope and Content:** Records consist of minutes, pamphlets, publications, programs, reports and periodicals of national, state and local unions.

**Access and Use:** No restrictions

**Language:** English

**Notes:** Collection revised by Kevin Abing, May 23, 2000.

**Arrangement:**

<b>Folder Heading</b>	<b>Box #</b>	<b>File #</b>
Historical Information <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- "The Story of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Wisconsin, 1874-1974" by Ethel Cornwell</li><li>- "The Woman's Crusade" by Grace Clifford Howard</li><li>- "The American Way: 'The Temperance Reformation' of 1813-55" by Ernest Gordon</li><li>- "Early History of 1st Mil. W.C.T.U." (Handwritten copy), 1923</li><li>- Brief, handwritten 50th History, First Milwaukee W.C.T.U.</li><li>- "Prohibition in Early Wisconsin," by Joseph Schafer</li></ul>	1	1
First Milwaukee W.C.T.U. Minutes, Dec. 13, 1886 - Jan. 26, 1890	1	2
First Milwaukee W.C.T.U. Minutes, Sept. 9, 1940 - May 9, 1960	1	3
Periodicals <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- World's W.C.T.U. <i>White Ribbon Bulletin</i>, 1931, 1963, 1968-1970</li><li>- <i>The Motor</i>, 1933, 1935, 1952, 1968-1970</li><li>- <i>The Union Signal</i>, 1968-1969, 1971</li><li>- <i>The National Prohibitionist</i>, 1911, 1941</li><li>- <i>The Forward Press</i>, 1941</li><li>- <i>The Challenge</i>, 1957</li></ul>	1	4

Calendars/Programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- First Milwaukee W.C.T.U., 1905-1937 (not inclusive)</li> <li>- Lathrop W.C.T.U., 1912-1913</li> <li>- Willard W.C.T.U., 1900-1901, 1917-1918</li> <li>- W.C.T.U. of Milwaukee County, 1903-1904</li> <li>- W.C.T.U., Waukesha, 1912-1913</li> <li>- W.C.T.U., Central Union (Madison), 1904-1905</li> <li>- Los Angeles Central W.C.T.U., 1911-1912</li> </ul>	1	5
Convention Reports/Programs/Addresses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- W.C.T.U., Milwaukee County, 1947-1948</li> <li>- W.C.T.U. of Wisconsin, 1902, 1915, 1933-34, 1938, 1940</li> <li>- National W.C.T.U., 1905, 1911-1912, 1933, 1935</li> <li>- World's W.C.T.U., 1928</li> <li>- Southern California W.C.T.U., 1905</li> </ul>	1	6
Miscellaneous Pamphlets	1	7
W.C.T.U. Publications	1	8
Miscellaneous Publications (most on prohibition)	2	9
Programs, 1911-1969	2	10
Clippings, 1937-1969	2	11
Frances Willard Related Material	2	12
Miscellaneous W.C.T.U. Material <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Membership cards, pledge cards, Loyal Temperance Legion cards</li> <li>- Constitution, Milwaukee-Waukesha W.C.T.U.</li> <li>- W.C.T.U. Films List</li> <li>- Address, 1949</li> <li>- Correspondence, 1960, 1970</li> </ul>	2	13
<b>OVERSIZE MATERIAL</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	
2 posters, "Reach the Heights, Don't Be tied Down"	OS SM "W"	
<b>PHOTO: See Oversize Photo #569</b>		