

A Guide to the Women's Christian Temperance Union of Virginia Papers

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Scope and Content

This collection consists of 365 items (3.5 Hollinger boxes, ca. 1.5 linear shelf feet), 1882-1958, papers of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union (Women's Christian Temperance Union) of Virginia, a women's organization whose purpose was to prevent the sale and consumption of alcohol in Virginia. The collection is arranged in three series: I. Correspondence and History File, II. Convention Programs and Proceedings, Publications, Photographs, Memorabilia, and Scrapbook, III. Bound Volumes and Printed Materials.

The correspondence includes letters to Amy C. Weech, Director of the Virginia Women's Christian Temperance Union Evangelistic Department and Mrs. Mrs. Walter [Maude] H. Page, Vice-President of the Virginia Women's Christian Temperance Union during the period in which the 18th amendment was repealed and includes a letter from Governor John Garland Pollard. The history file includes a Governor's Proclamation of Youth Temperance Education Week by Governor William A. Tuck. The major portion of the collection consists of minute books of state conventions and local union business meetings from 1882-1958. The scrapbook consists of Women's Christian Temperance Union literature produced by the Fair and Exhibits Department.

Organizational History

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Virginia was founded January 2, 1883, five years after the first local union was organized at Lincoln, Virginia. The object of the Women's Christian Temperance Union was to organize local unions throughout the state in order to eliminate liquor sales and production. The first efforts of the Women's Christian Temperance Union were to secure legislative adoption of the Local Option Law to enable localities to individually vote on the sale of liquor in each. The Virginia Women's Christian Temperance Union successfully agitated for the Scientific Temperance Instruction Law which mandated a temperance curriculum in state public schools. The Women's Christian Temperance Union worked for National Prohibition which occurred with the passage of the Eighteenth Amendment in 1920. Though dismayed by the repeal of Prohibition in 1933, the Virginia Women's Christian Temperance Union continued to work for temperance, especially among Virginia's youth, and broadened its reform program beyond temperance, taking stands against gambling, poor working conditions, and smoking through educational and legislative activities.

Alderman Library holdings include a variety of collections on the Virginia Women's Christian Temperance Union. Provenance: See individual accession numbers for provenance information.

Virginia Women's Christian Temperance Union State Presidents

Mrs. William H. Pleasants, 1883, Jan.-Oct.

Mrs. Rebecca D. Wilson, 1883-1866.

Mrs. William H. Pleasants, 1886-1888.

Mrs. R. H. Jones, 1888-1898.

Mrs. Howard M. Hoge, 1898-1938.

Mrs. Amy C. Weech, 1938-1942.

Mrs. Herbert W. Phillips, 1942-1950.

Mrs. Roy T. Jarrett, 1950-1958.

Container List

SERIES I: CORRESPONDENCE AND HISTORY FILE

Correspondence of Amy C. Weech>, Director, Va. Women's Christian Temperance Union Evangelistic Dept.

Unit Date 1930-1936, n.d.

Container Box 1

Correspondence of Mrs. Walter H. Page, Vice-President of Virginia Women's Christian Temperance Union

Unit Date 1935-1937, n.d.

Container Box 1

History File of Virginia Women's Christian Temperance Union

Unit Date 1882, 1905, 1917, 1937-1949, n.d.

Container Box 1

SERIES II: CONVENTION PROGRAMS AND PROCEEDINGS, PUBLICATIONS, PHOTOGRAPHS, MEMORABILIA, AND SCRAPBOOK

Convention Programs of Virginia Women's Christian Temperance Union

Unit Date 1903-1958

Container Box 1

Fifty-ninth Annual Convention of Virginia Women's Christian Temperance Union, Miscellaneous material, Report, Minutes

Unit Date 1941

Container Box 1

Sixtieth Annual Convention of the Virginia Women's Christian Temperance Union, Copy Proof of Report and Minutes

Unit Date 1942

Container Box 1

Publication: Union Signal(>National Women's Christian Temperance Union)

Unit Date 1912, 1915

Container Box 1

Local Union Directory, Pamphlets and Newsletter, Prize Essays

Unit Date 1943-1947, 1957, n.d.

Container Box 1

Photographs, Virginia Women's Christian Temperance Union

Unit Date 1895, 1936-1942, n.d.

Container Box 1

Memorabilia

Unit Date n.d.

Container Box 1

Women's Christian Temperance Union Scrapbook, prepared by Director of Fairs and Exhibits

Unit Date ca.1940-1942

Container Box 2

Material removed from Women's Christian Temperance Union Scrapbook

Unit Date ca.1940-1942

Container Box 2

Anti-Monroe Doctrine Society

Unit Date 1945-1948

Container Box 2

SERIES III: BOUND VOLUMES AND PRINTED MATERIAL

Bound Vol. 1: Minutes, Richmond, Virginia Women's Christian Temperance Union

Unit Date 1882-1885

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Bound Vol. 2: Minutes, Virginia Women's Christian Temperance Union Convention

Unit Date 1883

Container Box 2

Bound Vol. 3: Minutes, Virginia Women's Christian Temperance Union Convention

Unit Date 1887

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Bound Vol. 4: Minutes, Newport News, Virginia Women's Christian Temperance Union

Unit Date 1903-1906

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Bound Vol. 5: Minutes, Central Union, Women's Christian Temperance Union

Unit Date 1906-1908

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Bound Vol. 6: Minutes, Marshall/Woodward Union, Women's Christian Temperance Union

Unit Date 1906-1909

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Bound Vol. 7: Minutes, Woodard Women's Christian Temperance Union

Unit Date 1909-1910

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Bound Vol. 8: Minutes, Bridgewater, Virginia Women's Christian Temperance Union

Unit Date 1911-1917

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Bound Vol. 9: Minutes, Central Union (Roanoke, Virginia) Women's Christian Temperance Union

Unit Date 1912-1916

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Bound Vol. 10: Minutes, Charlottesville, Virginia Women's Christian Temperance Union

Unit Date 1936-1942

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Bound Vol. 11: Minutes, Charlottesville, Virginia Women's Christian Temperance Union

Unit Date 1942-1945

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Bound Vol. 12: Minutes, Elizabeth City-Warwick Bi-County Women's Christian Temperance Union

Unit Date 1942-1952

Container Box 3

Bound Vol. 13: Minutes, Tri-City Women's Christian Temperance Union

Unit Date 1957-1958

Container Box 3

Except from Memories of the Crusade by Mother Stewart

Unit Date 1889

Container Box 4

Statue of Miss Frances E. Willard (Proceedings of Dedication)

Unit Date 1905

Container Box 4

Virginia Call

Unit Date 1931-1939

Container Box 4

The Light-house: A History of Richmond-Henrico County Women's Christian Temperance Union 1882-1935

Unit Date 1938

Container Box 4

Reports and Minutes, Virginia Women's Christian Temperance Union Convention

Unit Date 1948

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