

Haverhill Woman's Christian Temperance Union Records, 1882-1937

Collection Summary

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Title:	Haverhill Woman's Christian Temperance Union Records
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Language(s):	Collection materials are in English.
Abstract:	The Haverhill Woman's Christian Temperance Union Records document the activities and financial transactions of this temperance organization.

Organizational History

The Haverhill Women's Christian Temperance Union (WCTU) was organized in Haverhill, Massachusetts, on 2 November 1882 when a number of women and some of the local clergymen met in the parlor of Center Church. After devotional exercises, Mrs. Barrett stated the purpose of the meeting and spoke of the work as it was carried on in other places. By the close of the meeting 75 people had agreed to join.

The Woman's Christian Union was founded in Cleveland, Ohio in November of 1874. It was a religious organization whose primary purpose was to combat the influence of alcohol on families and society. It was influential in the temperance movement, and supported the 18th Amendment. Local chapters, known as "unions", were largely autonomous though linked to state and national headquarters. Though its membership steadily declined following the passage of the Eighteenth Amendment in 1919, the WCTU continued to operate throughout the 20th century. It is not known when the Haverhill union disbanded.

Arrangement

Series 1. Administrative, 1882-1937

Series 2. Financial, 1918-1929

Series 3. Membership, 1894-1904, 1937

Scope and Content Note

The Haverhill Woman's Christian Temperance Union Records document the activities and financial transactions of this temperance organization. It has been organized into three series. Series one contains record books. Series two contains a check register. Series three contains two membership books, listing members' names and addresses. It also contains an issue of *The Massachusetts Issue*, a publication of the Massachusetts Anti-Saloon League.

Administrative Information

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Conservation Notes:	None.
Subjects:	Haverhill Woman's Christian Temperance Union Haverhill (Mass.)--Societies, etc. Massachusetts Anti-Saloon League Temperance--Societies, etc.--Massachusetts--Haverhill Woman's Christian Temperance Union Women--Societies and clubs

Collection Inventory

Series 1: Administrative, 1882-1937

This series contains record books for the organization, containing the minutes of meetings held.

<u>Folder Title</u>	<u>Container Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
Record book, 1882-1888	1	1
Record book, 1888-1893	1	2
Record book, 1893-1899	1	3
Record book, 1900-1903	1	4
Record book, 1904-1909	2	1
Record book, 1909-1914	2	2
Record book, 1915-1920	2	3
Record book, 1921-1927	2	4
Record book, 1928-1937	2	5

Series 2: Financial, 1918-1929

This series contains a check register for the organization.

<u>Folder Title</u>	<u>Container Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
Check register, 1918-1929	2	6

Series 3: Membership, 1894-1904, 1937

This series contains two membership books, listing members' names and addresses. It also contains an issue of *The Massachusetts Issue*, a publication of the Massachusetts Anti-Saloon League.

<u>Folder Title</u>	<u>Container Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
Membership books, 1894-1897, 1901-1904	2	7
<i>The Massachusetts Issue</i> [publication of the Massachusetts Anti-Saloon League], 1937	2	8