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Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Bowling Green, Kentucky (MSS 344)

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ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY

The Woman’s Christian Temperance Union of Bowling Green was formed as an auxiliary of the Kentucky Woman’s Christian Temperance Union, which was in turn an auxiliary of the National Woman’s Christian Temperance Union. The objective of the organizations, as stated in the bylaws of the Kentucky Woman’s Christian Temperance Union, is “to educate public sentiment up to the standard of total abstinence [from alcohol], to train the young, rescue the fallen, and secure the perfect enforcement of the prohibition law.”

COLLECTION NOTE

This collection consists of correspondence, membership and financial records of the Woman’s Christian Temperance Union of Bowling Green dating primarily from 1950-1962. Some materials of the Kentucky Woman’s Christian Temperance Union and the National Woman’s Christian Temperance Union are also included.


Folder 5 contains correspondence from the Kentucky Woman’s Christian Temperance Union as well as another state organization, the Temperance League of Kentucky, from 1952-1953. The correspondence consists largely of calls for political action, notices of conferences and workshops, and informational materials. A copy of the National Woman’s Christian Temperance Union program guide for 1951-1952 is also present.

Folder 6 contains membership, financial, and dues information for the Bowling Green organization from 1951-1962, including correspondence with the Kentucky Woman’s Christian Temperance Union. Folder 7 contains further membership information from 1951.

Folder 8 contains annual convention minutes of the Kentucky Woman’s Christian Temperance Union from 1951, 1953, 1958, 1960, 1961 and 1962. Folder 9 contains material relating to the state and national organizations, including the National Woman’s Christian Temperance Union.
Temperance Union’s 75th anniversary handbook (1949), its 1945 handbook for local organizations, and membership application information. Also included is a 1958 speech on alcohol delivered at a national collegiate oratorical contest, and a pamphlet containing a 1959 address by the president of the Kentucky Woman’s Christian Temperance Union, which includes a historical sketch of the state organization. Folder 10 contains a 1958 dues payment Honor Certificate to the Bowling Green organization from the National Woman’s Christian Temperance Union, abstinence pledge cards, an activity card listing work available to members, and two types of stickers advocating abstinence from alcohol.

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MSS WOMAN’S Christian Temperance UNION of Bowling Green 1945-1962
Correspondence, membership and financial information of the Woman’s Christian Temperance Union (WCTU) of Bowling Green, Kentucky, formed to promote abstinence from alcohol and enforcement of prohibition laws. Includes some materials from the state and national WCTU.

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