

Woman's Christian Temperance Union petition and invitation

Descriptive Summary

Repository:	Georgia Historical Society
Creator:	Woman's Christian Temperance Union.
Title:	Woman's Christian Temperance Union petition and invitation
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Biographical/Historical Note

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union (WCTU) was founded in 1873 in Evanston, Illinois and remains to be the oldest non-sectarian woman's organization in continuous existence in the world. It was organized by women who were concerned about the destructive power of alcohol and the harm it caused to their families and society. They felt that alcoholism led to larger social problems rather than just being a personal weakness or failing and believed that total abstinence from alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs would reform society.

In 1880, the WCTU established its first society in Georgia and by 1883 a statewide WCTU was organized. In 1888, a local chapter was formed in Savannah, Georgia to assist with the crusade for temperance and prohibition.

Scope and Content Note

This collection contains a petition for incorporation for the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Savannah and an invitation to the corner stone laying of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union building in 1888. These materials were taken from the corner stone of the Union Mission building at 415 W. Liberty Street when the building was razed and were laminated at some point prior to their donation.

Index Terms

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