

MJ-73

Women's Christian Temperance Union (Moose Jaw) fonds. - [textual record, graphic material]. - 1905, 1915, 1976-1984. - 20.1 cm of textual records. - 2 b&w photographs, 2 negatives.

Boxes V-44 - V-45, V-196 - V-197, H-104, A-1

Administrative history

The Women's Christian Temperance Union (W.C.T.U.) was founded on the national level in 1883. It was the first interdenominational woman's organization in Canada and in the world. The Moose Jaw Union of the W.C.T.U. was organized in 1889. The Union is renowned for its campaign against liquor, but it has always been a service organization, and was one of the major movements in working towards the franchise for women. The W.C.T.U. members are dedicated to the Christian principle of responsibility for the welfare of mankind, and the sacredness of human life. The motto is "For God and Home and Every Land." The pledge is one of total abstinence from alcohol, tobacco and narcotics, believing they contribute to the desecration of the home and the demoralization of the individual. Provincial conventions met annually, Canadian conventions met biennially, and World conventions triennially. The children and youth organizations are Little White Ribboners for children under 7 years of age, Loyal Temperance Legion for children 7 to 14 years of age, and the Youth Temperance Council for young people over 14 years. Women active in the Moose Jaw W.C.T.U. included Mrs. A.E. Peacock, Mrs. W. H. Beamish, Miss F.M. Johnstone, Mrs. E. Green, Mrs. A. Johnson, Mrs. H.F. Lanks, Mrs. A. Bricker, Mrs. C. Kjarsgaard, Mrs. Amy Lancaster, Mrs. Mildred Steele.

Scope and content

This fonds consists of bulletins, newsletters, convention programs and reports, correspondence, publicity and press reports from Saskatchewan and other provincial unions, guidelines for the superintendents of the various departments of the W.C.T.U., biographical histories of prominent women of the W.C.T.U., information on the Canadian Loyal Temperance Legion and published material on the negative effects of alcohol, tobacco and drugs.

Conservation note

This fonds was re-boxed and foldered in 2004.

Note of immediate source of acquisition

Accession number 73.BA donated to the archives by Mrs. Mildred Steele.

Accruals

No further accruals expected.

General note

This fonds contains one lapel button with message "She took dope...Do you?" This item is located in A-1.

Finding aids

See file list.

File List

MJ-73/1 - Business. - [textual record, graphic material]. - 1905, 1915, 1980-1986. - 10.3 cm of textual records. - 2 b&w photographs, 2 negatives.

Boxes V-44, V-196, H-104

This series consists of correspondence, instructions for the various positions in the organization, publicity and press reports, biographies, list of films available for viewing, an information kit on the Canadian Loyal Temperance Legion, booklets on the constitutions and by-laws, and a scrapbook on their work.

Box V-44

001 - Correspondence 1982-1984

002 - Guidelines and Instructions [198-]

003 - Publicity and Press Reports 1982-1984

004 - Biographies of 6 prominent women in the W.C.T.U.

005 - Film List, n.d.

006 - Information kit - Canadian Loyal Temperance Legion

Box V-196

007 - Fairs and Exhibits Report. - 1984-1986.

008 - Pledge Books. - 1905, 1938.

009 - Constitution and By-Laws. - 1970, 1978.

010 - History of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Saskatchewan. - 1973.

011 – Investigation of W.C.T.U Fountain in Moose Jaw. – n.d.

Box H-104

012 – W. C. T. U Community Work Scrapbook. – 1915, 1958, 1962, 1985.

MJ-73/2 - Conventions. - [textual record]. - 1980-1989. - 9.75 cm of textual records.

Boxes V-44, V-196 - V-197

This series consists of convention material and reports.

Box V-44

001 - Convention Report 1980

002 - Convention Material 1982

003 - Convention Material 1984

Box V-196

004 – Convention Programs. – 1986, 1989.

005 – Convention Report. – 1976, 1978.

006 – Convention Report. – 1980, 1982.

Box V-197

007 – Convention Report. – 1984, 1989.

008 – Saskatchewan Convention Report. – 1972-1973.

009 – Saskatchewan Convention Report. – 1974-1975.

010 – Saskatchewan Convention Report. – 1976-1978.

MJ-73/3 – Newsletters and Booklets. - [textual record]. - 1976-1992. - 5.00 cm of textual records.

Boxes V-44, V-197

This series consists of newsletters from the various levels of the W.C.T.U. (international, national).

V-44

001- Newsletter - Canadian White Ribbon Tidings (set not complete) 1979-1983

002 - Newsletter - Ontario News Bulletin, Feb. 1983

003 - Newsletter - White Ribbon Bulletin (set not complete) 1976-1984

004 - Newsletter - White Ribbon News, Feb. 1977

Box V-197

005 – Newsletters - Forward and Profile. – 1991-1992. – 1 cm

006 – Booklet – The Canadian Eager Beaver. – 1990-1991. - .3 cm

007 – Booklet – The White Ribbon. – 1987, 1990. - .2cm

Published Material (Non-Archival) Box V-45. (List of titles in box).

1. What about alcohol?
2. Narcotic drug addiction.
3. The trial of the cigarette.
4. The stages of intoxication.
5. Alcohol talks to youth.
6. CHOICE - or The parting of ways.
7. The scientist experiments with alcohol.
8. For the sake of argument.
9. Effects of alcoholic drinks, tobacco, sedatives, narcotics.
10. Temperance and life.
11. Temperance tales to tell with a blackboard.
12. What you should know about tobacco.
13. Alcohol and the habit forming drugs.
14. Temperance and life.
15. The seekers.
16. Boys and girls learning about alcohol.
17. The alcohol problem.
18. It's the citizen's business.

Artifacts

-1 lapel button