

Lucy Gearhart papers, approximately 1834-1961

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Gearhart, Lucy
Title	Lucy Gearhart papers
Dates	approximately 1834-1961 (inclusive) 1834 1961
Quantity	2.87 cubic feet (7 boxes and 1 package)
Collection Number	0558 (Accession No. 0558-001)
Summary	Papers of a female temperance advocate from Tacoma, Washington
Repository	University of Washington Libraries, Special Collections Special Collections University of Washington Libraries Box 352900 Seattle, WA 98195-2900 Telephone: 206-543-1929 Fax: 206-543-1931 speccoll@uw.edu
Access Restrictions	The papers are open to all users.
Languages	English
Sponsor	Funding for encoding this finding aid was partially provided through a grant awarded by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Biographical Note

Lucy Gearhart (Mrs. John W.) was a Tacoma, Washington, civic leader involved with the temperance and woman suffrage movements. During the 1950s she took a keen interest in writing about the temperance movement in the West. In particular, Mrs. Gearhart researched and wrote extensively on George Cotterill's (1865-1958) temperance activities and his lengthy career with the International Order of Good Templars. Gearhart was both a friend and admirer of Cotterill, a Seattle Democratic politician and advocate of temperance and prohibition. As an expression of her interest, Gearhart assembled a collection of temperance materials, which included books, original documents, ephemera, songbooks, medals, and even commemorative china. Gearhart also gathered bibliographies on the subject and took extensive notes from published and unpublished sources. She hoped to publish a history, either in the form of articles or a book, but apparently never accomplished this. In 1965 and 1966, she donated her temperance collection and her research notes to the University of Washington Libraries so that other researchers could use them.

Content Description

The Lucy Gearhart papers document Gearhart's interest in the temperance movement. The Temperance materials series contains original documents, ephemera, artifacts, and other materials that

comprised part of Gearhart's temperance collection. The Personal papers series contains Gearhart's personal correspondence, primarily with dealers, her writings, notes, bibliographies, and other research materials. Some files contain transcriptions of original documents and verbatim copies from books in Gearhart's own hand.

Use of the Collection

Alternative Forms Available

[View selections from this collection in digital format.](#)

Restrictions on Use

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Administrative Information

Arrangement

The Lucy Gearhart papers are arranged in two series:

- Temperance materials, approximately 1834-1961
- Personal papers, approximately 1884-1960

Acquisition Information

Gift of Lucy Gearhart, July 28, 1965, and June 8, 1966.

Processing Note

Processing completed in 1993.

Separated Materials

Portions of Lucy Gearhart's collection were relocated to other divisions of the University of Washington Libraries. Fifty books went to the Libraries' main collection. Songbooks, temperance cards, and medals were relocated to the Special Collections Division's collections of published materials.

Detailed Description of the Collection

Temperance materials, approximately 1834-1961

Container(s)	Description	Dates
	Correspondence	

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Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
1/1	Dolge (Alfred) and Son, pianoforte materials, Dolgeville, New York	1894
1/1	Good Templars, International Order of, Grand Lodge of England	1910
1/1	Gough, John B.	1884
1/1	Leonard, Mary	1846
1/1	Moulton, H. P.	1866
1/1	National Women's Suffrage Association	1888
1/1	Stone, Lucinda H.	1890
	Women's Christian Temperance Union (National)	
Box/Folder		
1/1	Greenwood, Elizabeth	1892
1/1	Livingston, Deborah	1913
	Women's Christian Temperance Union (World)	
Box/Folder		
1/2	Sanderson, Mary E.	1907
1/2	Slack, Agnes E.	1906
Box/Folder		
1/2	Chicago World's Columbian Exposition, Board of Women Managers, Frances A. Marlette	1893
1/2	Postcard, unidentified	1908
	Publications	

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
1/3	Miscellaneous	1890, 1903
1/4	<i>Christian Herald Almanac</i>	1913, 1914
1/5	The Flying Squadron of America	undated
1/6	<i>A Loud Call, to the Citizens of this Nation...</i>	1842
1/6	Mad Dogs and the Liquor Traffic (tract) by W. Jennings Demorest	1886
1/6	Pierce County Women's Christian Temperance Union directory and yearbook	1923
1/7	<i>Purpose and Policy of Prohibition in All Its Phases</i>	undated
1/7	<i>Journal of the Proceedings of the Sons of Temperance of North America</i>	1853
1/8	<i>Temperance Almanac</i>	1834
Reports		
Box/Folder		
1/9	American Temperance Society report	1835
1/9	"Temperance Report"	1852
1/9	U.S. War Department report: "A Report on a Plan for Transporting Wounded Soldiers by Railway in Time of War"	1875
1/9	"Report of Delegates from the General Aid Society for the Army and the Agencies of the U.S. Sanitary Commission"	1862
Box/Folder		
1/10	News releases	undated
Subject files		

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
1/11	Cotterill, George	undated
1/12	Evangelism and temperance (E. Tennyson Smith and J.A. Jewel)	1905-1914, 1954-1959, undated
1/13	Suffrage	1909, 1915, 1961, undated
1/14	White Shield Home, Tacoma	undated
Box/Folder		
1/15	Diploma	1864
1/16	Autograph cards	undated
1/17	Commemorative memorabilia	1917, 1925,undated
1/18	Photographs	1924, 1930
1/19	Cards	undated
Package		
8	Sheet music	1866, undated
Box		
7	Ceramic tableware Contains a cup, saucer, ornamental dish, and six plates.	undated
3	Temperance medals 4 items	undated
Box/Folder		
2/1-3	Ephemera	undated
2/4-9	Clippings	1874-1916

Personal papers, approximately 1884-1960

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
2/10	Incoming letters from dealers	1937-1959
2/11	Incoming letters - miscellaneous	1955-1960
	Speeches and writings	
Box/Folder		
2/12	"The Beginning of the Women's Christian Temperance Union of Western Washington"	undated
2/13	Untitled	undated
	Research files	
Box/Folder		
2/14	Biographies	undated
2/15	Biographies, Hill and others	undated
2/16	Blue Ribbon League, Olympia	1879
3/1	Cedar River	undated
3/2	Cotterill, George	undated
3/3	Early temperance history	undated
3/4	Gay Nineties	undated
3/5	How the West Was Won	undated
3/6	Lee, Jason and Rose	undated
3/7	Loyal Temperance Legion	undated

Container(s)	Description	Dates
3/8	Minutes of Western Washington Women's Christian Temperance Union	1884-1893
3/9	Pioneer schools	undated
3/10	Powell, L. J.	undated
3/11	Railroad - Tacoma	undated
3/12	Social studies	undated
3/13	Temperance in early Lima, Ohio	undated
3/14	Willard, Frances	undated
3/15	Women's work - anti-slavery, temperance, suffrage	undated
3/16	World's Temperance Center Congress, Durkee	undated
3/17	World's Temperance Congress: <i>Temperance in All Nations</i>	1893
Box/Folder		
4/1	Research notes	undated
4/2-3	Notebooks	undated
4/4-7	George Cotterill and temperance	undated
4/8-9	Temperance ephemera	undated
4/10-11	Publications	1951, 1958, undated
4/12	Bibliographies	undated
4/13	Ephemera	undated
4/14	Miscellany	undated
5/1-4	Clippings	undated

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box		
6	Notecards Originally organized with rubber bands dividing the cards into groups. The bands have been removed, and the original divisions marked with blue paper.	undated

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Temperance--United States--Societies, etc

Temperance--West (U.S.)

Women civic leaders--Washington (State)--Tacoma--Archives

Women--Suffrage--United States

Women--Suffrage--Washington (State)

Personal Names :

Cotterill, George F. (George Fletcher), 1865-

Gearhart, Lucy--Archives

Corporate Names :

International Order of Good Templars

Woman's Christian Temperance Union

Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Western Washington

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