

**MS-147, Martha McClellan Brown and Rev. William Kennedy Brown Papers**

**Collection Number:** MS-147

**Title:** Martha McClellan Brown and Rev. William Kennedy Brown Papers

**Dates:** 1764-1916

**Creator:** Brown, Martha McClellan, 1938-1916

**Summary/Abstract:**

A nationally known leader in the temperance movement as well as a strong advocate of women's rights and suffrage, Martha McClellan Brown lectured widely in the United States and Great Britain and held important posts in the Independent Order of Good Templars and the National Prohibition Party. She was also one of the founders of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and edited a weekly temperance newspaper. Her papers include copies of her published talks and articles, handwritten drafts of lectures, personal correspondence, temperance and suffrage publications, photographs, memorabilia, and a small collection of materials reflecting her interest in Spiritualism. Also included are papers belonging to Brown's husband, Rev. William K. Brown, a Methodist minister with a strong interest in women's rights and the temperance movement. His papers include sermons, published articles, correspondence, church papers, and two books he authored.

**Quantity/Physical Description:** 8.5 linear feet

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**Separated Material:**

The collection was part of a larger collection donated by Grafton S. Kennedy, Jr., the Katharine Kennedy Brown Papers.

**Related Material:**

MS-146, Katharine Kennedy Brown Papers  
MS-281 Louise Kennedy Collection  
MS-340, Juliet Stroh Blanchard Collection  
MS-404, Katharine Kennedy Brown Collection (Lenz Addition)  
MS-429, Gladys Cheney Wessels Papers

**Processed by:**

The collection was processed by Dorothy Smith in 1988. Finding aid written according to DACS standards by John Armstrong, 2014.

**Arrangement:**

The collection is arranged into seven series and six subseries.

Series I: Correspondence, 1860-1916  
Series II: Rev. William Kennedy Brown Papers, 1858-1915  
Series III: Martha McClellan Brown Papers, 1802-1916  
    Subseries IIIA: Temperance, 1873-1916  
    Subseries IIIB: Suffrage and Women's Rights, 1890-1916  
    Subseries IIIC: Women's Clubs, 1902-1915  
    Subseries IIID: Published Writings, 1869-1914  
    Subseries IIIE: Unpublished Writings, 1870, undated  
    Subseries IIIF: Miscellaneous, 1874, undated  
Series IV: Educational Institutions, 1860-1916  
Series V: Edward Shippen's Spiritualism Papers, 1764-1904  
Series VI: Photographs, 1870-1911  
Series VII: Ribbons, Badges and Buttons, 1896-1916

**Biographical/Historical Note**

Martha McClellan Brown

As an organizer, editor, and popular platform speaker, Martha McClellan Brown was a prominent and important figure in the late 19th century American temperance movement. She was born in Baltimore, Maryland, on April 6, 1838, the younger of two daughters of David and Jane Haight McClellan. At the age of two, "Mattie" moved west with her family to Cambridge, Ohio. By the time she was eight years old, both parents had died, and Mattie and her older sister were reared in the large family of a neighbor.

Mattie received a good common school education and at the age of twenty, met and married a Methodist Episcopal minister, the Rev. William Kennedy Brown. The young couple shared an

interest in many reform issues of the day including temperance and women's rights. With her husband's encouragement and support, Mattie enrolled in the Pittsburgh Female College in 1860. Graduating in 1862 at the head of her class, she was probably the first married woman to attend college as a boarding pupil.

Mattie's early married life reflected the migratory nature of the Methodist Episcopal ministry of that time as her husband filled a succession of appointments in western Pennsylvania and eastern Ohio. The first of their six children, Orvon Graff, was born in 1863; there followed Westanna (Wessie), Charme, Richard McClellan, Marie, and in 1886, Kleon Thaw.

Mrs. Brown began her temperance career in 1861 when she joined the Independent Order of Good Templars (I.O.G.T.), a fraternal organization modeled on the Masons and dedicated to the cause of total abstinence and state prohibition. During the Civil War, she began to build a local reputation by giving patriotic lectures, and in the postwar period, turned her considerable platform talents to the cause of temperance. By 1867, Mrs. Brown's prominence within the temperance movement was on the rise and she was elected to the executive committee of the Ohio Good Templars.

The Browns moved to a pastorate in Alliance, Ohio, in 1868 where Mrs. Brown took over the editorship of a local weekly newspaper, the Alliance Monitor. She and her husband, who later joined her as the publisher, ran the paper until 1878, turning it into a temperance publication. During the same time, she also edited the Temple Visitor, a Good Templar magazine published in Alliance; wrote many anti-alcohol pamphlets; toured and lectured widely; launched a movement to have temperance lessons included in the International Sunday School Series; and organized a statewide symposium which drew to Ohio such noted temperance leaders as Neal Dow of Maine and John Russell of Michigan. In 1872, she was chosen Grand Chief Templar of Ohio, a post she held for two years. As delegate to the gathering of the International Lodge of London in 1873, she spoke before large and enthusiastic audiences in England, Scotland and Ireland.

In the winter of 1873-1874, a grassroots temperance movement known as the "Women's Crusade" erupted in western Ohio. Before it was over, thousands of women in towns across Ohio and the Midwest had gathered in churches, then marched into local saloons singing, praying and demanding an end to the liquor traffic. As Grand Chief Templar of Ohio, Mrs. Brown strongly supported the Crusade; she also quickly recognized the women's temperance movement as a potent new force for the cause.

At a statewide temperance rally in Columbus in February, 1874, Mrs. Brown was both a popular speaker and, along with such movement leaders as Mother Stewart, Dio Lewis and John Russell, helped form the Women's Temperance Association of Ohio. In August of the same year while attending a summer Sunday school assembly at Lake Chautauqua in western New York, Mrs. Brown suggested to several other women that a national women's temperance organization be set up. At a more formal meeting the next day, she was elected to a ten-member committee to implement the idea.

Though others shared in the leadership, Mrs. Brown drafted the Plan of Work and the Call for a convention to be held in Cleveland in November, 1874. At that convention, the Women's Christian Temperance Union (W.C.T.U.) was founded, the most durable and powerful temperance organization in the nation's history. Evidence suggests that Mrs. Brown wanted the presidency of the new organization, but her link with the Good Templars and her strong stand for woman suffrage worked against her; the post went instead to the more conservative Annie T. Wittenmyer. Thereafter, Mrs. Brown took very little part in W.C.T.U. affairs.

During her middle and later years, Mrs. Brown became very active in the Prohibition Party. Early in 1869 as a rising Templar leader she played a part in founding an Ohio political party dedicated to prohibition, and was also present at the meeting of the Grand Lodge of the Good Templars in Oswego, New York in May, 1869, which laid the groundwork for the formal establishment of the national Prohibition Party. Her principal work for the party, however, did not begin until she broke with the Templars in 1876 over racial policy. As one of a minority faction favoring the admission of Blacks to I.O.G.T. Lodges, Mrs. Brown withdrew from the American branch of the Good Templars and joined with English delegates to form a more liberal body.

After her resignation from the American Templars, Mrs. Brown was named vice-president and a member of the platform committee at the national convention of the Prohibition Party; she was also appointed to a four-year term on the party's executive committee. Both Mrs. Brown and her husband fought hard for the inclusion of the woman suffrage plank in the party's platform. In 1877, she moved from Pittsburgh (where her husband had taken a church the year before) to New York City to fill an unsalaried post as secretary of the National Prohibition Alliance, a lecture bureau with close Prohibition Party ties. For five years, while her husband and children remained in Pittsburgh, Mrs. Brown spent most of her time in New York. After serving two further terms (1884-86 and 1892-96) on the Prohibition party's national executive committee and holding several posts at national conventions, Mrs. Brown left the convention of 1896 when it adopted a single-plank platform, thereby dropping its longstanding commitment to woman suffrage.

By the early 1880's, the Browns' interest began to shift to the academic sphere. When Rev. Brown became president of the Cincinnati Wesleyan Women's College in 1882, Mrs. Brown assumed the positions of vice-president and professor of art, literature and philosophy. Her oldest son, Orvan, then nineteen years old, also joined the faculty as a science teacher. The Browns remained at Cincinnati Wesleyan for ten years until the school closed in 1892 due to financial problems.

Thereafter, while her husband held various Methodist appointments around the Cincinnati area, Mrs. Brown became increasingly prominent in Cincinnati philanthropic and civic affairs. She was active in the woman suffrage movement and the women's club movement. She traveled abroad again in the 1890'S. She also continued to lecture and write articles on temperance and on educational, literary and civic subjects. In her old age, she resumed her activity on behalf of the Good Templars, making a final lecture tour of England in 1911.

After the death of her husband in 1915, she resided with her youngest son Kleon. She died in 1916 at the age of seventy-eight.

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Rev. William Kennedy Brown

William Kennedy Brown was born in Fayette County, Pennsylvania on August 3, 1834. He received his education in the common schools of Pennsylvania, and in 1856, became a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In 1857, he graduated from Allegheny College. He later received a Doctor of Divinity degree from Waynesburg College in 1869.

Brown held many ministerial appointments in western Pennsylvania and Ohio and was also, along with his wife, very active in the temperance movement and was a strong advocate of equal rights for women and women's suffrage. From 1882 to 1892 he was the president of the Cincinnati Wesleyan Women's College. When Wesleyan closed in 1892, Brown became active in the administration of his son's school in Germantown, Ohio, the Miami Military Institute.

Brown was the author of several tracts on the status of women including *Gunethics, or the Ethical Status of Women* (1887), and *The Four Daughters of Galilee* (1900), an unpublished religious novel-with a feminist slant. He retired in 1909 but remained active in the Methodist Church, in education, temperance, and in movements for reform until his death in 1915.

### **Scope and Content**

The Papers of Martha McClellan Brown and Rev. William Kennedy Brown are a rich source of primary materials for research relating to the American temperance movement, the women's rights and suffrage movements, women's education, Methodism, and Spiritualism. The collection also provides an interesting look at an unusually egalitarian 19th century marriage.

**Series I, Correspondence**, is divided into family and general correspondence. Family correspondence consists of letters exchanged by the Browns, their six children, grandchildren, and in-laws. Especially interesting is an early group of letters between Mrs. Brown and her husband while she attended the Pittsburgh Female College as a boarding student in the early 1860's. General correspondence includes mainly letters to Mrs. Brown from her friends, colleagues in the temperance movement, and people she met in her travels and on her lecture tours. Topics include temperance, education, reform movements, publications, and various social and business matters. Span dates for the correspondence series are 1860-1916. Unfortunately, there is a large gap in family correspondence from 1867-1891.

**Rev. Brown's papers in Series II** consist of handwritten and typed copies of many of his talks and articles on such subjects as temperance, religion, education, and women's rights. There is also a small collection of handwritten sermon excerpts and notes. A file of newspaper clippings and a clipping scrapbook contain press notices of Rev. Brown's talks as well as articles on temperance and the "women question". Also included in this series is Brown's book, published in 1887, *Gunethics or the Ethical Status of Women*, and the manuscript of an unpublished

religious novel, *The Four Daughters of Galilee*, written by Brown ca. 1900. Finishing out Series II is a small collection of religious periodicals, pamphlets and literature, some miscellaneous financial papers, and an unsigned manuscript of unknown authorship relating Civil War experiences. Span dates for this series are 1858-1915.

**Martha McClellan Brown's papers in Series III** fall naturally into six groupings or subseries. Subseries IIIA, Temperance, contains correspondence pertaining to Mrs. Brown's activities in the temperance movement and materials from the temperance organizations she was involved in, mainly International Order of Good Templars (IOGT), the National Prohibition Party, and the Women's Christian Temperance Union (WCTU). IOGT papers include publications from national and international lodges, proceedings of the National Grand Lodge, pamphlets, administrative papers, and materials from the College of Good Templary Course of Study. Prohibition Party materials consist mainly of printed programs and party platforms. The most significant material in this subseries is a file of papers pertaining to Mrs. Brown's role in founding the WCTU. Included are clippings, articles by the Rev. and Mrs. Brown, correspondence, and a copy of the call for the convention, written by Mrs. Brown, which saw the founding of the WCTU. Finishing out the temperance material is a file of broadsides announcing Mrs. Brown's temperance lectures and a small collection of miscellaneous temperance leaflets, pamphlets, and periodicals. Span dates for Subseries 1 are 1873-1916.

Subseries IIIB and IIIC contain material relating to Mrs. Brown's activities with the woman suffrage movement and women's clubs. Included are broadsides, correspondence, literature, programs, and women's club constitutions and directories. Major topics covered are fund raising, suffrage demonstrations, political theory and strategy movement, and women's club activities. Span dates are 1894-1916.

Subseries IIID, Published Writings, and Subseries IIIE, Unpublished Writings, contain Mrs. Brown's lectures and articles. Subjects range across her many interests - temperance, suffrage and women's rights, religion, education, travel, philosophy and art. There is also a scrapbook containing clippings of her editorials in the *Alliance Monitor*. These two subseries are the heart of Mrs. Brown's papers for they reveal her views on various subjects, her interests, her style and philosophy. Also included in Subseries 5 is a file of press clippings with reports of Mrs. Brown's public lectures. Span dates for these two series are 1869-1914.

Subseries IIIF, Miscellaneous, contains a file of biographical articles, many written by Rev. Brown, Mrs. Brown's autograph and address books, and two large files of her newspaper clippings. The clippings cover such topics as temperance, suffrage, and education. There are also articles about prominent women and temperance leaders, temperance meetings, and press notices about Mrs. Brown's activities. Span dates are 1874-1914.

**Series IV, Educational Institutions**, contains papers relating to the Browns' tenure (1882-1892) as president and vice-president of the Cincinnati Wesleyan College, one of the country's oldest women's colleges. There is also a small amount of material, mainly school catalogues, from the Miami Military Institute, a Germantown school run by their son, Orvon Graff Brown. The Cincinnati Wesleyan material includes college catalogues, articles of association, alumnae programs, clippings, correspondence, and files on the college's financial crisis of the early

1890's, its closing and subsequent lawsuits. The material in this series covers the years 1860-1916.

Undoubtedly, the most unusual series in this manuscript collection is **Series V, Edward Shippen's Spiritualism Papers**. Shippen was a prominent businessman and also the father-in-law of the Brown's second daughter, Charme Brown Shippen. Papers in this series reflect his involvement with Spiritualism, a late 19th century religious movement based on communication with the spirits of dead persons. Materials consist of letters to Martha McClellan Brown, which are mainly transcripts of séances, two notebooks containing records of séances, published articles by Shippen on Spiritualism, and an issue of the Spiritualist periodical, *Banner of Light*. The final items in this series are an obituary for Shippen and an original 18th century letter from Thomas Penn, a colonial governor of Pennsylvania, to one of Shippen's ancestors, William Shippen. Span dates for Series V are 1764-1904.

**Series VI, Photographs**, contains mainly photographs of the Browns, their children and grandchildren including several portraits of Martha McClellan Brown spanning the years 1870-1916. Also included in this series is an album of snapshots taken at the Miami Military Institute, 1902-1904<sup>1</sup>, and photographs of Grafton Shoals, South Carolina, where the Brown's youngest son, Kleon, worked in 1907.

**Series VII, Ribbons, Badges and Buttons**, contains 70 ribbons, badges and buttons reflecting the Browns' social, political, religious and community causes 1886-1916. Two of the items date to 1940. This associates them with Katharine Kennedy Brown (MS-146) rather than with Martha McClellan Brown (MS-147).

## Subject Terms

### Persons/Families

Brown, Martha McClellan, 1838-1916  
Brown, William Kennedy, Rev., 1834-1915  
Shippen, Edward, 1826-1911

### Organizations/Corporate Names

Woman's Christian Temperance Union  
National Prohibition Party (U.S.)  
Independent Order of Good Templars  
Miami Military Institute  
Wesleyan Female College (Cincinnati, Ohio)

### Places

Dayton (Ohio) -- History

### Subjects (General)

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<sup>1</sup> The photographs from Kleon Thaw Brown's years at the Miami Military Institute can be viewed online in Wright State University's Campus Online Repository (CORE Scholar): [http://corescholar.libraries.wright.edu/special\\_ms147\\_photographs/](http://corescholar.libraries.wright.edu/special_ms147_photographs/).

Spiritualism – 19<sup>th</sup> century  
 Temperance – 19<sup>th</sup> century  
 Séances – 19<sup>th</sup> century  
 Women – Suffrage  
 Women's rights

**Material Types**

Correspondence  
 Photographs  
 Clippings (Books, newspapers, etc.)  
 Pamphlets  
 Scrapbooks  
 Badges  
 Pin-back ribbons  
 Buttons

**Occupation**

Educators

**Collection Inventory**

**SERIES I: CORRESPONDENCE, 1860-1916**

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	1	Family correspondence	1860-1866
	2	Family correspondence	1892-1899
	3	Family correspondence	1900-1902
	4	Family correspondence	1903-1904
	5	Family correspondence	1905
	6	Family correspondence	1906
	7	Family correspondence	1907
	8	Family correspondence	Jan-July 1908
2	1	Family correspondence	Aug-Dec 1908
	2	Family correspondence	1909
	3	Family correspondence	Jan-June 1910
	4	Family correspondence	July-Aug 1910
	5	Family correspondence	Sept-Dec 1910
	6	Family correspondence	1911
3	1	Family correspondence	1912-1914
	2	Family correspondence	1915-1916
	3	Family correspondence	Undated
	4	Family correspondence	Undated
	5	General correspondence	1867-1879



	6	General correspondence	1880-1899
	7	General correspondence	1900-1902
4	1	General correspondence	1903-1905
	2	General correspondence	1906-1907
	3	General correspondence	1908
	4	General correspondence	1908
	5	General correspondence	1909-1910
	6	General correspondence	1911-1912
5	1	General correspondence	1913-1914
	2	General correspondence	1915
	3	General correspondence	1915
	4	General correspondence	1916
	5	General correspondence	Undated
	6	General correspondence	Undated

**SERIES II: REV. WILLIAM KENNEDY BROWN PAPERS, 1858-1915**

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
6	1	Talks and articles - Temperance	1858-ca. 1900
	2	Talks and articles - Religious subjects	Undated
	3	Talks and articles - Women question	ca. 1880
	4	Talks and articles - Miscellaneous subjects	Undated
		<i>Four Daughters of Galilee</i>	
	5	Chapters 1-18	c. 1904
	6	Chapters 18-37	c. 1904
	7	Correspondence re: <i>Four Daughters of Galilee</i>	1904-1914
	8	<u>Gunethics</u> and notes for revision	1887-1907
7	1	Sermon excerpts, notes, etc.	Undated
	2	Scrapbook	ca. 1880
	3	Newspaper Clippings	1881, 1894, Undated
	4	Religious periodicals, programs, literature	1876-1914
	5	Unsigned Manuscripts	Undated
	6	Miscellaneous Financial papers	1874-1915

**SERIES III: MARTHA McCLELLAN BROWN PAPERS, 1802-1916**

**Subseries IIIA: Temperance, 1873-1916**

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
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8	1	Miscellaneous	1875-1909
	2	Temperance correspondence	1873-1899
	3	Temperance correspondence	1902-1908
	4	Temperance correspondence	1909-1912
	5	Temperance correspondence	1913-1914
	6	Temperance correspondence	1915
	7	Materials pertaining to Mrs. Brown's role in the founding of WCTU	1897-1915
	8	WCTU Materials	1898-1916
9	1	IOGT constitutions and bylaws	1908-1911
	2	Pamphlets from Good Templar Course of Study	Undated
	3	Notes, course outlines, test questions, Good Templar Course of Study	Undated
	4	College of Good Templary book reviews	Undated
	5	Pamphlets and programs, National Grand Lodge, IOGT	1906-1908
	6	Proceedings of the National Grand Lodge, IOGT	1905-1914
	7	IOGT reports by Mrs. Brown	1909-1911
	8	Publications from National IOGT Lodges	1909-1916
	9	Publications from International IOGT Lodges	1911-1914
	10	<i>International Good Templar Digest</i>	1906
	11	IOGT certificates	1865-1914
	12	Miscellaneous IOGT materials	ca. 1913
10	1	Materials from National Prohibition Party and National Prohibition Alliance	1876-1892
	2	Leaflets, pamphlets and articles from the Scientific Temperance Federation	ca. 1900
	3	Broadsides announcing Mrs. Brown's temperance lectures	Undated
	4	Misc. temperance leaflets, pamphlets, etc.	Undated
	5	Misc. temperance periodicals	1881-1915

**Subseries IIIB: Suffrage and Women's Rights, 1890-1916**

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
10	6	Suffrage correspondence	1894-1915
	7	Broadsides, pamphlets and literature	ca. 1890-1916
	8	Ohio Woman Suffrage Association	1911-1916
	9	Unpublished article, "Why Women Need the Ballot" by Helen Tannehill	Undated

**Subseries IIIC: Women's Clubs, 1802-1915**

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
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10	10	Constitutions, programs, directories	1911-1915
	11	Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs	1903-1913
	12	General Federation of Women's Clubs	ca. 1910
	13	Women's Club correspondence	1902-1915
	14	Miscellaneous	1903-1912

**Subseries IIID: Published Writings, 1869-1914**

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
11	1	<i>Genesis of Art</i>	Undated
	2	<i>The Accident of Sex</i>	1881
	3	Scrapbook of editorials and newspaper articles	1869-1878
	4	Editorials in <i>The National Good Templar</i>	ca. 1909-1911
	5	Portion of issue of <i>The Alliance Monitor</i>	Oct. 19, 1871
	6	Articles in religious publications	1894-1914
	7	Articles in <i>The New York Templar</i>	1912-1914
	8	Articles in <i>The International Good Templar</i>	1910-1914
	9	Articles in <i>The Women's Club Magazine</i>	1909-1914
	10	Suffrage articles	1906, 1914

**Subseries IIIE: Unpublished Writings, 1870-Undated**

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
11	11	Talks and articles - Temperance	Undated
	12	Talks and articles - Suffrage and Women's Rights	Undated
12	1	Talks and articles - Religious subjects	Undated
	2	Talks and articles - Art and Philosophy	Undated
	3	Talks and articles - Education	Undated
	4	Talks and articles - Travel	ca. 1890
	5	Travel journals	ca. 1890
	6	Talks and articles - Miscellaneous Subjects	Undated
	7	Notes for talks and articles	Undated
	8	Press clippings re: Mrs. Brown's talks	1870-1894

**Subseries IIIF: Miscellaneous, 1874-Undated**

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
13	1	Biographical and genealogical material	undated
	2	Mrs. Brown's autograph book	undated
	3	Mrs. Brown's address books Clippings	undated
	4	Clippings	1874-1914

5 Clippings undated

**SERIES IV: EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, 1860-1916**

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
		<b>Cincinnati Wesleyan College</b>	
13	6	Articles of Association	1862
	7	Applications for admission	1891
	8	College catalogues	1888-1892
	9	Cincinnati Wesleyan College Alumnae Assoc.	1860-1910
	10	<i>The Cincinnati Wesleyan College: It's Financial Condition</i>	1879
	11	Resolutions of the Board of Trustees	1892
14	1	Financial papers	1880-1890
	2	Statements, correspondence, notes, clippings, re: Cincinnati Wesleyan College court case	ca. 1890's
	3	Briefs and Records, Supreme Court of Ohio, Cincinnati Wesleyan College court case	ca.1900
	4	Briefs and Records, Supreme Court of Ohio, Cincinnati Wesleyan College court case	ca.1900
	5	Miscellaneous	1860-1910
		<b>Miami Military Institute</b>	
	6	Catalogues	1896-1908
	7	Correspondence	1904-1914
	8	Miscellaneous	1904-1916

**SERIES V: EDWARD SHIPPEN'S SPIRITUALISM PAPERS, 1764-1904**

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
15	1	Transcripts of séances	1892-1901
	2	Transcripts of séances	Undated
	3	Edward Shippen's notebooks	1890's
	4	Edward Shippen's notebooks	1890's
	5	Articles by Edw. Shippen in <i>Light of Truth</i>	1893-1896
	6	Shippen's obituary	1904
	7	<i>Women and her Relations to Humanity</i> with marginal notes by Shippen	1892
	8	Issue of <i>Banner of Light</i>	1902
	9	Letter from Thomas Penn to Wm. Shippen	1764
	10	Copies of early correspondence	Undated

## SERIES VI: PHOTOGRAPHS, 1870-1911

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
16	1	Misc. loose family photographs	Undated
	2	Photographs of the Brown children	ca. 1870's
	3	Oscar and Marie Brown Shanks family	ca. 1900
	4	Photographs of the Brown grandchildren	ca 1900-1910
	5	Portraits of Martha McClellan Brown	1870-1916
	6	Engravings of Wm. K. and M. McClellan Brown	ca. 1880
	7	Misc. unidentified photographs	Undated
	8	Misc. unidentified portraits	Undated
	9	Family photograph albums	ca. 1900-1905
17	1	Family photograph album	1910-1911
	2	Kleon Thaw Brown / Miami Military Institute	1899-1903
	3	Kleon Thaw Brown / Miami Military Institute <sup>2</sup>	1902-1905
	4	Kleon Thaw Brown / Miami Military Institute	1903-1904
	5	Kleon Thaw Brown / Grafton Shoals, SC	1906
	6	Kleon Thaw Brown / Grafton Shoals, SC	1907
	7	Kleon Thaw Brown / Grafton Shoals, SC	1907

## Series VII: Badges, Ribbons, Buttons, 1886-1916

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>
18	1	Ribbon, gold material with black lettering: "Executive Committee." 4.5" x 2"
	2	Ribbon, "GRAND LODGE I.O.G.T. OF OHIO" Red silk with gold printing. In center: globe with motto: "OUR FIELD" Decorative metal pin across top marked: "FAITH HOPE AND CHARITY" Gold-colored tassels attached to bottom. 10.25" x 3"
	3	Ribbon, "DELEGATE TO PROHIBITION STATE CONVENTION COLUMBUS OHIO MAY 25 & 26 1892." Cloth: tan in the center, cream along the sides; with black lettering. 6" x 2"
	4	Ribbon, "RECEPTION COMMITTEE CINCINNATI COMMANDERY. NO 3. KNIGHTS TEMPLARS. SEPTEMBER 1891." Green silk with gold printing. In center: 7-pointed star with motto, "MAGNUM EST VERITAS ET PREVALEBIT." Plain metal pin across top. Gold-colored tassels attached to bottom. The back of the ribbon has a green and black sticker closure marked:

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<sup>2</sup>The photographs from Kleon Thaw Brown's years at the Miami Military Institute can be viewed online in Wright State University's Campus Online Repository (CORE Scholar):  
[http://corescholar.libraries.wright.edu/special\\_ms147\\_photographs/](http://corescholar.libraries.wright.edu/special_ms147_photographs/).

- “MILITARY & SOCIETY GOODS THE PETTIBONE MFG CO CINCINNATI, O U.S.A.” 8” x 3.25”
- 5 Ribbon, “PROHIBITION HOME PROTECTION PARTY.”  
Light blue silk with gold lettering and gold tassels. 6” x 2.5”  
Condition note: the top is tearing / deteriorating; ribbon is stained.
  - 6 Ribbon with button, “W.C.T.U. CHAIRMAN OF PULPIT 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION CINCINNATI, OHIO NOVEMBER 13-20, 1903.” White material with gold lettering. The ribbon is folded into a three-petal flower shape with two descending swallow-tail ribbon ends. 6” x 3.5”
  - 7 Three ribbons safety-pinned together: Small purple silk ribbon with gold fringe below and gold and white ribbon knots above. Black ink inscription illegible. 5” x 2” Yellow silk ribbon, hand decorated, “Welcome O.W.S.A.” in blue ink. Design features roses, a sailing scene, and blue ribbon edges. 6.25” x 2.5” Yellow silk ribbon, “Delegate O.W.S.A. 13<sup>th</sup> Convention” and stars printed in dark blue or black ink. 5.5” x 1.75”
  - 8 Ribbon with Button.  
Button: round, 1.75” diameter x .25” H, featuring an image of North America and the words, “ST. PAUL THE CENTER OF NORTH AMERICA” on front and “Western Nov. Co. John A. Lethert, Prop. Bagdes Banners Buttons SAINT PAUL MINN.” on back.
  - 9 Ribbon, white silk with angled bottom and blue printing: “Inter-denominational HOLINESS CONVENTION DELEGATE Cincinnati Ohio 1914.” 5.25” x 1.5”
  - 10 Ribbon, light blue silk with swallow-tail bottom and gold lettering: “DELEGATE 17<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION Ohio Federation of Women’s Clubs Athens, Ohio October 14 to 18 1912.” 6” x 1.5”
  - 11 Ribbon, gold silk with swallow-tail cut top and bottom and black lettering: “STATE DELEGATE XTH A. CON. O.W.S.A. 1894.” 5.5” x 1.5”
  - 12 Three small cardboard squares, 2” x 2”, tied together with yellow ribbon. Ink inscription: “Compliments of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century Club.” The first square contains an image of Elizabeth Cady Stanton. The second square contains an image of Susan B. Anthony. The third square contains quotations from Stanton and Anthony.
  - 13 Ribbon, light blue silk with black lettering: “DELEGATE. PROHIBITION STATE CONVENTION, Findlay, Ohio, APRIL 21 AND 22, 1896.” 8” X 1.75”
  - 14 Ribbon, white silk with blue lettering: “DELEGATE TO OHIO PROHIBITION STATE CONVENTION. TOLEDO, MAY 24 AND 25, 1888.” 6.75” x 2”
  - 15 Ribbon, light blue silk with applied U.S. flags and gold lettering: “DELEGATE NATIONAL PROHIBITION CONVENTION PITTSBURG, PA. MAY 27<sup>th</sup> 1896.” Metal pin attached to back. Manufactured by the Whitehead & Hoad Co., Newark, NJ. 5.5” x 1.75”
  - 16 Ribbon, white silk with black lettering: “PROHIBITION STATE CONVENTION. 1889 Zanesville, O. JULY 24-25. DELEGATE.” 6” X 2.25”
  - 17 Ribbon, white silk with swallow-tail cut bottom and black lettering: “Prohibition STATE CONVENTION 1890 COLUMBUS, O., JUNE 18-19. Delegate” 6” x 1.875”
  - 18 Ribbon, white silk with blue lettering: “DELEGATE TO OHIO PROHIBITION STATE CONVENTION. TOLEDO, MAY 24 and 25, 1888.”

- 19 Ribbon with pin, blue silk ribbon with gold lettering: "PROHIBITION HOME PROTECTION PARTY." Metal (copper?) safety pin with decorative front on top. Gold fabric coils attached to bottom. 6.5" x 2.5"
- 20 Ribbon, dark red silk with black lettering: "DELEGATE PROHIBITION STATE CONVENTION, DELEWARE, O., JUNE 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, 1887." 5" x 1.75"
- 21 Ribbon, white silk sides with tan center and black lettering: "ALTERNATE TO PROHIBITION STATE CONVENTION COLUMBUS OHIO MAY 25 & 26 1892." 5.75" x 1.875"
- 22 Ribbon, blue silk with tufted sides and black ink: "Prohibition Day Convention Hall, March 20, '94. NEAL DOW, 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Souvenir." 6.75" x 1.5"
- 23 Ribbon, white silk with logo and lettering in black ink: "NATIONAL W.C.T.U. BALTIMORE 1895." 7.75" x 2.5"
- 24 Ribbon, white silk with blue lettering: "NATIONAL W.C.T.U. 1889. DELEGATE." 7.75" x 1.875"
- 25 Ribbon, white silk with blue lettering: "Ohio W.C.T.U. Convention Delegate Dayton, October 3,4,5, 1900." A gold and white ribbon bow is straight pinned to the top of this ribbon. 7" x 2.25"
- 26 Ribbon with button, "W.C.T.U. ASSISTANT CHAIRMAN 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION CINCINNATI, OHIO NOVEMBER 13-20, 1903." White material with gold lettering. The ribbon is folded into a three-petal flower shape with two descending swallow-tail cut ribbon ends. 6" x 3.5" (*note: identical shape to no. 6 above*)
- 27 Ribbon, white silk with red cross, gold crown and black lettering; "Toledo Commandery KNIGHTS TEMPLAR NO. 7 Annual Conclave. CINCINNATI, O. 1891." 7.5" x 2.5"
- 28 Ribbon with pin. Red silk ribbon with swallow-tail cut bottom and gold lettering: "NATIONAL GRAND LODGE OF UNITED STATES AND GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF GOOD TEMPLARS AUGUST 13-21, 1915 SAN FRANCISCO." Metal pin attached to top includes printed cardboard inset: "DELEGATE." Manufactured by Walter N. Brunt Co., San Francisco. 6.5" x 2.25"
- 29 Ribbon, white silk with image of a knight (Emperor Constantine?) and lettering in red ink: "GARFIELD COMMANDERY NO. 28 K.T. IN HOC SIGNO VINCES WASHINGTON C.H. OHIO." Gold coil fringe attached to bottom. 8.5" x 3"
- 30 Ribbon, blue silk with gold lettering: "Diamond Council, No. 1 K. of T." 6.5"x2"
- 31 Ribbon with Button. Red, white and blue cotton ribbon with black lettering: "Eighth Annual National I.O.G.T. FIFTY-FOURTH MINNESOTA July 22<sup>nd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> 1912 SAINT PAUL." Button attached to top features the image of Rev. John Quigley, D.D. LL.D. "AUTHOR OF THE GOOD TEMPLAR PLATFORM." Safety-pinned to the button is a small red, white and black ribbon.
- 32 Ribbon with pin. Red silk ribbon with globe gold globe logo and lettering: "I.O.G.T. NATIONAL GRAND LODGE OF U.S.A. GRAND LODGE OF PENNA. & DEL. JUNE, 1914." Manufactured by Royal Barge Co., Philadelphia. Decorative metal pin attached to top. 4.5" x 2.25"

- 33 Ribbon with pin. Red silk ribbon with globe logo and lettering in black ink: "DELEGATE 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Session National Grand Lodge Grand Rapids, Mich. July 22-25 1916. Decorative metal pin attached to the top. 5.5" x 2.5"
- 34 Ribbon, yellow silk with black lettering: "Delegate O.W.S.A. 13<sup>th</sup> Convention." 5.35" x 1.75"
- 35 Ribbon, yellow silk with black lettering: "20<sup>th</sup> Century Club W.S.A." 5.75" x 1.625"
- 36 Ribbon, white silk with image of a woman (Columbia?) and lettering in black ink: "NATIONAL WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION." 6.75" X 2.125"
- 37 Ribbon, gold silk with black lettering: "Suffrage Convention LOUISVILLE, KY. 1911." 8" X 2"
- 38 Ribbon, white silk with blue lettering: "Republican Rallying Committee November 7<sup>th</sup>, 1905. 18<sup>th</sup> WARD, PRECINCT A." 6.75" X 2.625" (*Note vote tallies noted in pencil on back.*)
- 39 Ribbon, white silk with gold buckeye image and lettering: OHIO FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS." Swallow-tail cut bottom. 4.625" x 1.625"
- 40 Ribbon. Identical to #39 above. Condition note: quite stained.
- 41 Ribbon with pin. Green silk ribbon with silver buckeye image and lettering: "DELEGATE SEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OHIO FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS. DAYTON, OCT. 1901. Long metal T-pin through back at top. 5.5" x 1.5"
- 42 Ribbon with pin. Green silk ribbon with silver buckeye image and lettering: "DELEGATE NINTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OHIO FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS. DAYTON, OCT. 1903. Long metal T-pin through back at top. 5.5" x 1.5"
- 43 Ribbon with pin. Identical to #42 above.
- 44 Ribbon, white silk with blue lettering: "RECEPTION COMMITTEE Methodist Social Union Feb. 12, 1903." 4" x 1.5"
- 45 Ribbon, blue-green silk with black lettering: "Forty-Second Annual MEETING State Teacher's Association Sandusky, O. JUNE 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> AND 28<sup>th</sup>, 1888." 7"x2"
- 46 Ribbon with pin, white silk with machine-embroidered flags, ship's wheel, and lettering: "CONVENTION I.A. OF R.C. SAN FRANCISCO 1915 CINCINNATI ROTARY CLUB CINCINNATI WANTS YOU IN 1916." Manufactured by Kosmos Art Co, Cincinnati. 6.75" X 2.5". T-pin through back at top.
- 47 Ribbon with button. Blue silk ribbon with gold lettering: "WOMAN'S ROTARY CLUB CIN'TI, O." Button: blue background with white letters: "ROTARY."
- 48 Round pendant with image of a sunflower and the words "MERCHANTS AND MANUFACTURERS. CINCINNATI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. 96 97" printed in brown ink on tan paper. 1.75" diameter. A small gold silk bow / ribbon is attached to the upper loop of the pendant.
- 49 Ribbon, gold silk with black image of grapes and lettering: "43<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE GREEN TOWNSHIP Harvest Home ASSOCIATION. THURSDAY, AUG. 28, '02. 5.75" X 1.5"
- 50 Ribbon, white silk with black lettering: "MUNICIPAL PICNIC Publicity



Committee Board of Park Commissioners. 6" x 1.5"

- 51 Ribbon, white silk with logo and letters in black ink: "Northern Ohio Fair. Press. Admit the Bearer." Swallow-tail cut bottom. 8.5" x 1.25"
- 52 Ribbon, white silk with blue lettering: "Louisville Boat Club EXCURSION STEAMER COLUMBIA." 6.5" X 1.5"
- 53 Ribbon, white silk with gold lettering: "MEMBER HAMILTON CO. UNION." Manufactured by the Whitehead & Hoag Co., Newark, NJ. 6.75" x 1.5"
- 54 Ribbon, white silk with black lettering: "Honor to Departed Worth. Life Member Citizen's Memorial Association Cincinnati, O." Silver cloth ribbing applied to top. Silver ribbing and coils applied to bottom. Safety pin stitched to back at top. 7.25" x 2.125"
- 55 Ribbon, white silk with blue ink image of heart, Bible and anchor, and lettering: "1852 1910 'CULTURA NOSTRA SALUS' Cincinnati Wesleyan College Alumnae Association Fifth-Eighth Anniversary June Second 1910." 8.75" x 3"
- 56 Ribbon made of two ribbons. The top ribbon is of red silk and has the word "CINCINNATIUM" printed on it in gold ink. The bottom ribbon is larger than the top ribbon, made of gold silk, and has no inscription. The ribbons are stitched together at the top. Both are quite frayed at the bottom.
- 57 Ribbon with pin. Red silk ribbon with gold lettering: "BAZAAR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 1886." Gold ribbing and coils are attached to the bottom. The metal pin, attached above, is undecorated. 8.25" x 2.75"
- 58 Ribbon, blue silk, with black lettering: "OHIO DIVISION REUNION Enquirer Household Club. DAYTON, O. May 22, 23, 1890." 5.75" x 2.5"
- 59 Ribbon with pin. White silk ribbon with purple flowers and orange lettering: "SWISS CHALET" possibly applied by hand. Gold ribbing and coils attached to the bottom. Metal pin across top features a garland and bow.
- 60 Cardboard cut-out in the shape of a hatchet with a small red, white and blue ribbon attached to the end. Figures of cherries are painted on the hatchet blade. Hand-written ink inscription "Saturday Literary Club. Feb. 22, 1902" on hatchet handle.
- 61 Ribbon, white silk with black lettering: "Committee." 6" x 1.125"
- 62 Ribbon, gold silk with black lettering: "DELEGATE" 5.25" X 1.625"
- 63 Ribbon, white silk with black lettering: "INGALLS" 4" X 1.5"
- 64 Ribbon, gold silk with swallow-tail cut bottom. On front- black lettering: "DELEGATE" and "Union Label". Manufactured by the Cincinnati Regalia Co. (Identical to #65)
- 65 Ribbon, gold silk with swallow-tail cut bottom. On front- black lettering: "DELEGATE" and "Union Label". Manufactured by the Cincinnati Regalia Co. (Identical to #64)
- 66 Pin with ribbons. Rectangular metal pin bar marked "OFFICIAL" with three short ribbons (red, white and blue) descending from the clasp. Red ribbon features the inscription "N.F. OF W.R.C. OF A." in gold ink. Blue ribbon features the inscription "DETROIT SEPT. 30-OCT. 1, 1940. Approx. overall dimensions: 3" x 3" x .25"

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- 67 Button with ribbons. Round cloth-covered button marked "DELEGATE" with three short ribbons (red, white and blue) descending from the lower rim at back. Red ribbon features the inscription "N.F. OF W.R.C. OF A." in gold ink. Blue ribbon features the inscription "DETROIT SEPT. 30-OCT. 1, 1940. Approx. overall dimensions: 3" x 3" x .125"  
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- 68 Button with ribbons. Round black and red button marked "U OF C" with two short ribbons (red and black) descending from the lower rim at back. Made by the Pettibone Bros. Mfg. Co., Cincinnati, Ohio. Approx. overall dimensions: 3" x 3" x .125"
- 69 Small metal button, .75" diameter. Back background with white square in center and the letters "D.S.I." in black within the square. Manufactured by American Art Works, Coshocton, Ohio. (Identical to number 70.)
- 70 Small metal button, .75" diameter. Back background with white square in center and the letters "D.S.I." in black within the square. Manufactured by American Art Works, Coshocton, Ohio. (Identical to number 69.)