

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

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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.

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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

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Processed by:

The collection was processed by Dorothy Smith in 1988. Finding aid written according to DACS standards by John Armstrong, 2014. Small addition sprocessed by Lisa Rickey, 2019.

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, 1868-1916
 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 Subseries IIIE: Unpublished Writings, 1870, undated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 Etical 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 Woman'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. Of particular note is the temperance scrapbook, which consists primarily correspondence and seems to relate closely to Mrs. Brown's work with the National Prohibition Alliance. The scrapbook includes letters from such individuals as U.S. Congressmen Henry W. Blair and J. D. Taylor, Susan B. Anthony, Mother Stewart, John Lloyd Thomas (secretary of National Prohibition Bureau), Gideon Stewart (Chairman of Prohibition Reform Party National Committee), and Ohio Governor Joseph B. Foraker, among others. Span dates for Subseries IIIA are 1868-1916.

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, 1902-1904¹, 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

¹ 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/.

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)

Spiritualism – 19th century
Temperance – 19th century
Séances – 19th 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

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SERIES I: CORRESPONDENCE, 1860-1916			
1	1	Family correspondence	1860-1866
1	2	Family correspondence	1892-1899
1	3	Family correspondence	1900-1902
1	4	Family correspondence	1903-1904
1	5	Family correspondence	1905
1	6	Family correspondence	1906
1	7	Family correspondence	1907
1	8	Family correspondence	Jan-July 1908
2	1	Family correspondence	Aug-Dec 1908
2	2	Family correspondence	1909
2	3	Family correspondence	Jan-June 1910
2	4	Family correspondence	July-Aug 1910
2	5	Family correspondence	Sept-Dec 1910
2	6	Family correspondence	1911
3	1	Family correspondence	1912-1914
3	2	Family correspondence	1915-1916
3	3	Family correspondence	Undated
3	4	Family correspondence	Undated
3	5	General correspondence	1867-1879
3	6	General correspondence	1880-1899
3	7	General correspondence	1900-1902
4	1	General correspondence	1903-1905
4	2	General correspondence	1906-1907
4	3	General correspondence	1908
4	4	General correspondence	1908
4	5	General correspondence	1909-1910
4	6	General correspondence	1911-1912
5	1	General correspondence	1913-1914
5	2	General correspondence	1915
5	3	General correspondence	1915
5	4	General correspondence	1916
5	5	General correspondence	Undated
5	6	General correspondence	Undated
SERIES II: REV. WILLIAM KENNEDY BROWN PAPERS, 1858-1915			
6	1	Talks and articles - Temperance	1858-ca. 1900

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

SERIES III: MARTHA McCLELLAN BROWN PAPERS, 1802-1916

Subseries IIIA: Temperance, 1873-1916

8	1	Miscellaneous	1875-1909
8	2	Temperance correspondence	1873-1899
8	3	Temperance correspondence	1902-1908
8	4	Temperance correspondence	1909-1912
8	5	Temperance correspondence	1913-1914
8	6	Temperance correspondence	1915
8	7	Materials pertaining to Mrs. Brown's role in the founding of Woman's Christian Temperance Union (WCTU)	1897-1915
8	8	WCTU Materials	1898-1916
9	1	IOGT constitutions and bylaws	1908-1911
9	2	Pamphlets from Good Templar Course of Study	Undated
9	3	Notes, course outlines, test questions, Good Templar Course of Study	Undated
9	4	College of Good Templary book reviews	Undated
9	5	Pamphlets and programs, National Grand Lodge, IOGT	1906-1908
9	6	Proceedings of the National Grand Lodge, IOGT	1905-1914
9	7	IOGT reports by Mrs. Brown	1909-1911
9	8	Publications from National IOGT Lodges	1909-1916
9	9	Publications from International IOGT Lodges	1911-1914
9	10	<i>International Good Templar Digest</i>	1906
9	11	IOGT certificates	1865-1914
9	12	Miscellaneous IOGT materials	ca. 1913

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
10	1	Materials from National Prohibition Party and National Prohibition Alliance	1876-1892
10	2	Leaflets, pamphlets and articles from the Scientific Temperance Federation	ca. 1900
10	3	Broadsides announcing Mrs. Brown's temperance lectures	Undated
10	4	Misc. temperance leaflets, pamphlets, etc.	Undated
10	5	Misc. temperance periodicals	1881-1915
10A	1	Temperance Scrapbook	1868-1904 (bulk 1873-1888)

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

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

Subseries IIIC: Women's Clubs, 1802-1915

10	10	Constitutions, programs, directories	1911-1915
10	11	Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs	1903-1913
10	12	General Federation of Women's Clubs	ca. 1910
10	13	Women's Club correspondence	1902-1915
10	14	Miscellaneous	1903-1912

Subseries IIID: Published Writings, 1869-1914

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

Subseries IIIE: Unpublished Writings, 1870-Undated

11	11	Talks and articles - Temperance	Undated
11	12	Talks and articles - Suffrage and Women's Rights	Undated
12	1	Talks and articles - Religious subjects	Undated
12	2	Talks and articles - Art and Philosophy	Undated

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
12	3	Talks and articles - Education	Undated
12	4	Talks and articles - Travel	ca. 1890
12	5	Travel journals	ca. 1890
12	6	Talks and articles – Miscellaneous Subjects	Undated
12	7	Notes for talks and articles	Undated
12	8	Press clippings re: Mrs. Brown's talks	1870-1894

Subseries III F: Miscellaneous, 1874-Undated

13	1	Biographical and genealogical material	undated
13	2	Mrs. Brown's autograph book	undated
13	3	Mrs. Brown's address books Clippings	undated
13	4	Clippings	1874-1914
13	5	Clippings	undated

SERIES IV: EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, 1860-1916

Cincinnati Wesleyan College

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

Miami Military Institute

14	6	Catalogues	1896-1908
14	7	Correspondence	1904-1914
14	8	Miscellaneous	1904-1916

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

15	1	Transcripts of séances	1892-1901
15	2	Transcripts of séances	Undated
15	3	Edward Shippen's notebooks	1890's
15	4	Edward Shippen's notebooks	1890's

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

SERIES VI: PHOTOGRAPHS, 1870-1911

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

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

18	1	Ribbon, gold material with black lettering: "Executive Committee." 4.5" x 2"	
18	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"	
18	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"	1892
18	4	Ribbon, "RECEPTION COMMITTEE CINCINNATI COMMANDERY. NO 3. KNIGHTS TEMPLARS. SEPTEMBER	1891

²The 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/.

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		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: "MILITARY & SOCIETY GOODS THE PETTIBONE MFG CO CINCINNATI, O U.S.A." 8" x 3.25"	
18	5	Ribbon, "PROHIBITION HOME PROTECTION PARTY." Light blue silk with gold lettering and gold tassels. 6" x 2.5"	
18	6	Condition note: the top is tearing / deteriorating; ribbon is stained. Ribbon with button, "W.C.T.U. CHAIRMAN OF PULPIT 30 TH 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"	1903
18	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 th Convention" and stars printed in dark blue or black ink. 5.5" x 1.75"	
18	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.	
18	9	Ribbon, white silk with angled bottom and blue printing: "Inter-denominational HOLINESS CONVENTION DELEGATE Cincinnati Ohio 1914." 5.25" x 1.5"	
18	10	Ribbon, light blue silk with swallow-tail bottom and gold lettering: "DELEGATE 17 TH ANNUAL CONVENTION Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs Athens, Ohio October 14 to 18 1912." 6" x 1.5"	1912
18	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"	1894
18	12	Three small cardboard squares, 2" x 2", tied together with yellow ribbon. Ink inscription: "Compliments of the 20 th 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.	
18	13	Ribbon, light blue silk with black lettering: "DELEGATE. PROHIBITION STATE CONVENTION, Findlay, Ohio, APRIL 21 AND 22, 1896." 8" X 1.75"	1896
18	14	Ribbon, white silk with blue lettering: "DELEGATE TO OHIO PROHIBITION STATE CONVENTION. TOLEDO, MAY 24 AND 25, 1888." 6.75" x 2"	1888

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18	15	Ribbon, light blue silk with applied U.S. flags and gold lettering: "DELEGATE NATIONAL PROHIBITION CONVENTION PITTSBURG, PA. MAY 27 th 1896." Metal pin attached to back. Manufactured by the Whitehead & Hoad Co., Newark, NJ. 5.5" x 1.75"	1896
18	16	Ribbon, white silk with black lettering: "PROHIBITION STATE CONVENTION. 1889 Zanesville, O. JULY 24-25. DELEGATE." 6" X 2.25"	1889
18	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"	1890
18	18	Ribbon, white silk with blue lettering: "DELEGATE TO OHIO PROHIBITION STATE CONVENTION. TOLEDO, MAY 24 and 25, 1888."	1888
18	18	Ribbon, white silk with blue lettering: "DELEGATE TO OHIO PROHIBITION STATE CONVENTION. TOLEDO, MAY 24 and 25, 1888."	1888
18	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"	
18	20	Ribbon, dark red silk with black lettering: "DELEGATE PROHIBITION STATE CONVENTION, DELEWARE, O., JUNE 29 th and 30 th , 1887." 5" x 1.75"	1887
18	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"	1892
18	22	Ribbon, blue silk with tufted sides and black ink: "Prohibition Day Convention Hall, March 20, '94. NEAL DOW, 90 th Anniversary. Souvenir." 6.75" x 1.5"	1894
18	23	Ribbon, white silk with logo and lettering in black ink: "NATIONAL W.C.T.U. BALTIMORE 1895." 7.75" x 2.5"	1895
18	24	Ribbon, white silk with blue lettering: "NATIONAL W.C.T.U. 1889. DELEGATE." 7.75" x 1.875"	1889
18	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"	1900
18	26	Ribbon with button, "W.C.T.U. ASSISTANT CHAIRMAN 30 TH 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" (<i>note: identical shape to no. 6 above</i>)	1903
18	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"	1891
18	28	Ribbon with pin. Red silk ribbon with swallow-tail cut bottom and gold lettering: "NATIONAL GRAND LODGE OF UNITED	1915

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		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"	
18	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"	
18	30	Ribbon, blue silk with gold lettering: "Diamond Council, No. 1 K. of T." 6.5"x2"	
18	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 nd – 27 th 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.	1912
18	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"	1914
18	33	Ribbon with pin. Red silk ribbon with globe logo and lettering in black ink: "DELEGATE 12 th Annual Session National Grand Lodge Grand Rapids, Mich. July 22-25 1916. Decorative metal pin attached to the top. 5.5" x 2.5"	1916
18	34	Ribbon, yellow silk with black lettering: "Delegate O.W.S.A. 13 th Convention." 5.35" x 1.75"	
18	35	Ribbon, yellow silk with black lettering: "20 th Century Club W.S.A." 5.75" x 1.625"	
18	36	Ribbon, white silk with image of a woman (Columbia?) and lettering in black ink: "NATIONAL WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION." 6.75" X 2.125"	
18	37	Ribbon, gold silk with black lettering: "Suffrage Convention LOUISVILLE, KY. 1911." 8" X 2"	1911
18	38	Ribbon, white silk with blue lettering: "Republican Rallying Committee November 7 th , 1905. 18 th WARD, PRECINCT A." 6.75" X 2.625" (<i>Note vote tallies noted in pencil on back.</i>)	1905
18	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"	
18	40	Ribbon. Identical to #39 above. Condition note: quite stained.	
18	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"	1901
18	42	Ribbon with pin. Green silk ribbon with silver buckeye image and lettering: "DELEGATE NINTH ANNUAL CONVENTION	1903

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		OHIO FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS. DAYTON, OCT. 1903. Long metal T-pin through back at top. 5.5" x 1.5"	
18	43	Ribbon with pin. Identical to #42 above.	1903
18	44	Ribbon, white silk with blue lettering: "RECEPTION COMMITTEE Methodist Social Union Feb. 12, 1903." 4" x 1.5"	1903
18	45	Ribbon, blue-green silk with black lettering: "Forty-Second Annual MEETING State Teacher's Association Sandusky, O. JUNE 26 th , 27 th AND 28 th , 1888." 7"x2"	1888
18	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.	1916
18	47	Ribbon with button. Blue silk ribbon with gold lettering: "WOMAN'S ROTARY CLUB CIN'TI, O." Button: blue background with white letters: "ROTARY."	
18	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.	1896-1897
18	49	Ribbon, gold silk with black image of grapes and lettering: "43 rd ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE GREEN TOWNSHIP Harvest Home ASSOCIATION. THURSDAY, AUG. 28, '02. 5.75" X 1.5"	1902
18	50	Ribbon, white silk with black lettering: "MUNICIPAL PICNIC Publicity Committee Board of Park Commissioners. 6" x 1.5"	
18	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"	
18	52	Ribbon, white silk with blue lettering: "Louisville Boat Club EXCURSION STEAMER COLUMBIA." 6.5" X 1.5"	
18	53	Ribbon, white silk with gold lettering: "MEMBER HAMILTON CO. UNION." Manufactured by the Whitehead & Hoag Co., Newark, NJ. 6.75" x 1.5"	
18	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"	
18	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"	1910
18	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	

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		has no inscription. The ribbons are stitched together at the top. Both are quite frayed at the bottom.	
18	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"	1886
18	58	Ribbon, blue silk, with black lettering: "OHIO DIVISION REUNION Enquirer Household Club. DAYTON, O. May 22, 23, 1890." 5.75" x 2.5"	1890
18	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.	
18	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.	1902
18	61	Ribbon, white silk with black lettering: "Committee." 6" x 1.125"	
18	62	Ribbon, gold silk with black lettering: "DELEAGATE" 5.25" X 1.625"	
18	63	Ribbon, white silk with black lettering: "INGALLS" 4" X 1.5"	
18	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)	
18	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)	
18	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"	
		<i>[Note: Possibly associated with Katharine Kennedy Brown (MS-146) rather than with Martha McClellan Brown (MS-147).]</i>	
18	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"	
		<i>[Note: Possibly associated with Katharine Kennedy Brown (MS-146) rather than with Martha McClellan Brown (MS-147).]</i>	
18	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"	

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18	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.)	
18	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.)	