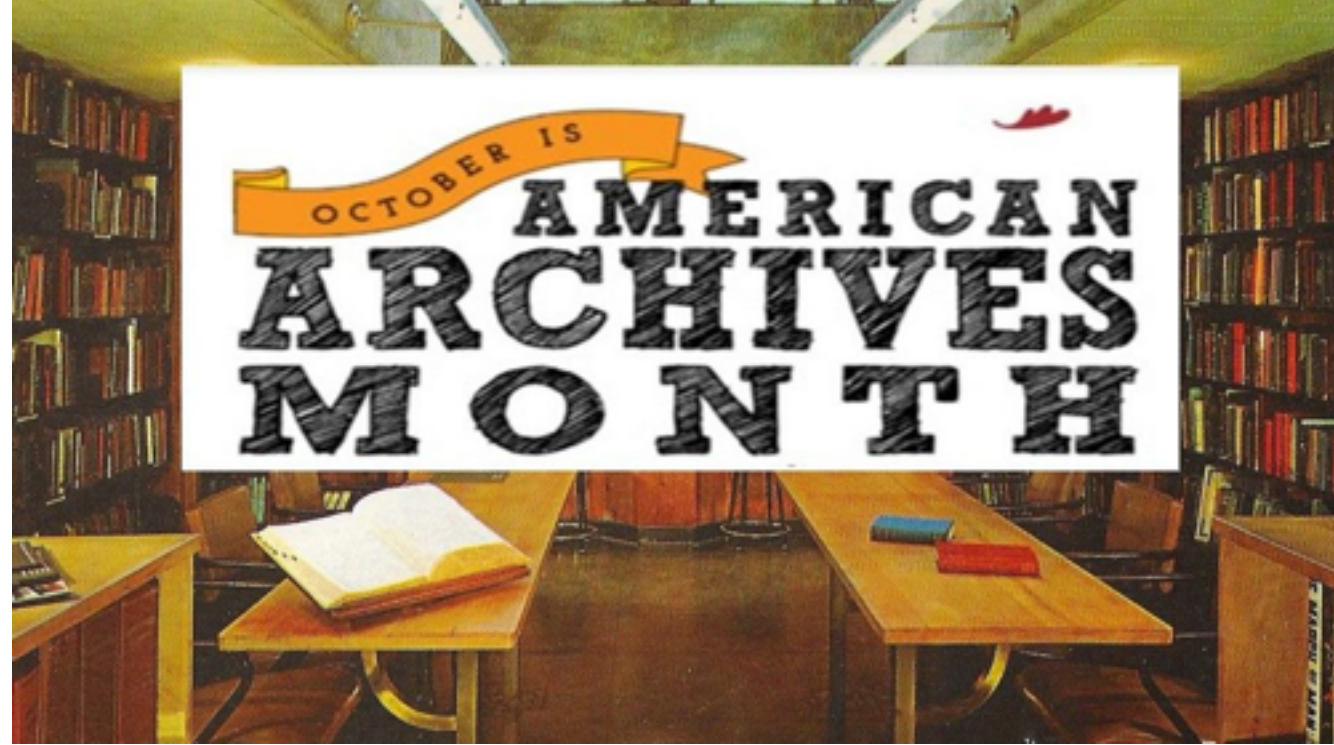
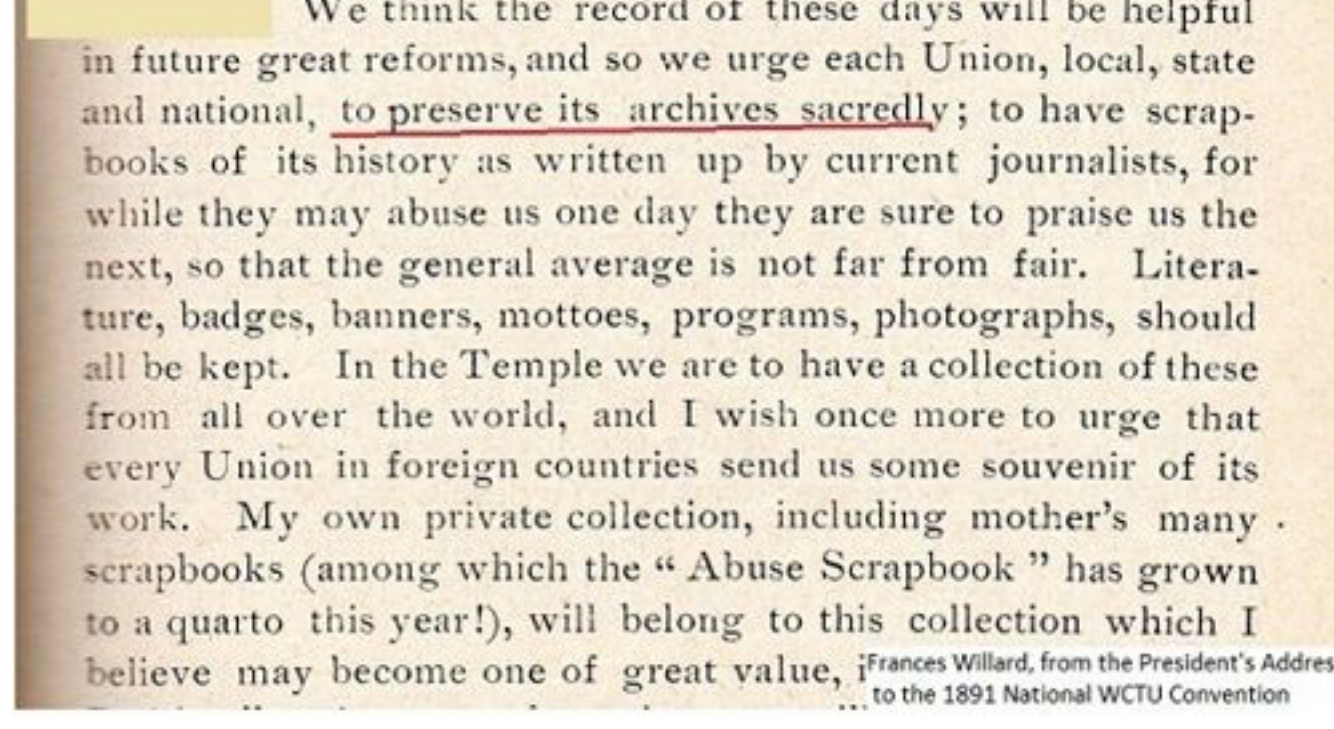




Happy Archives Month!



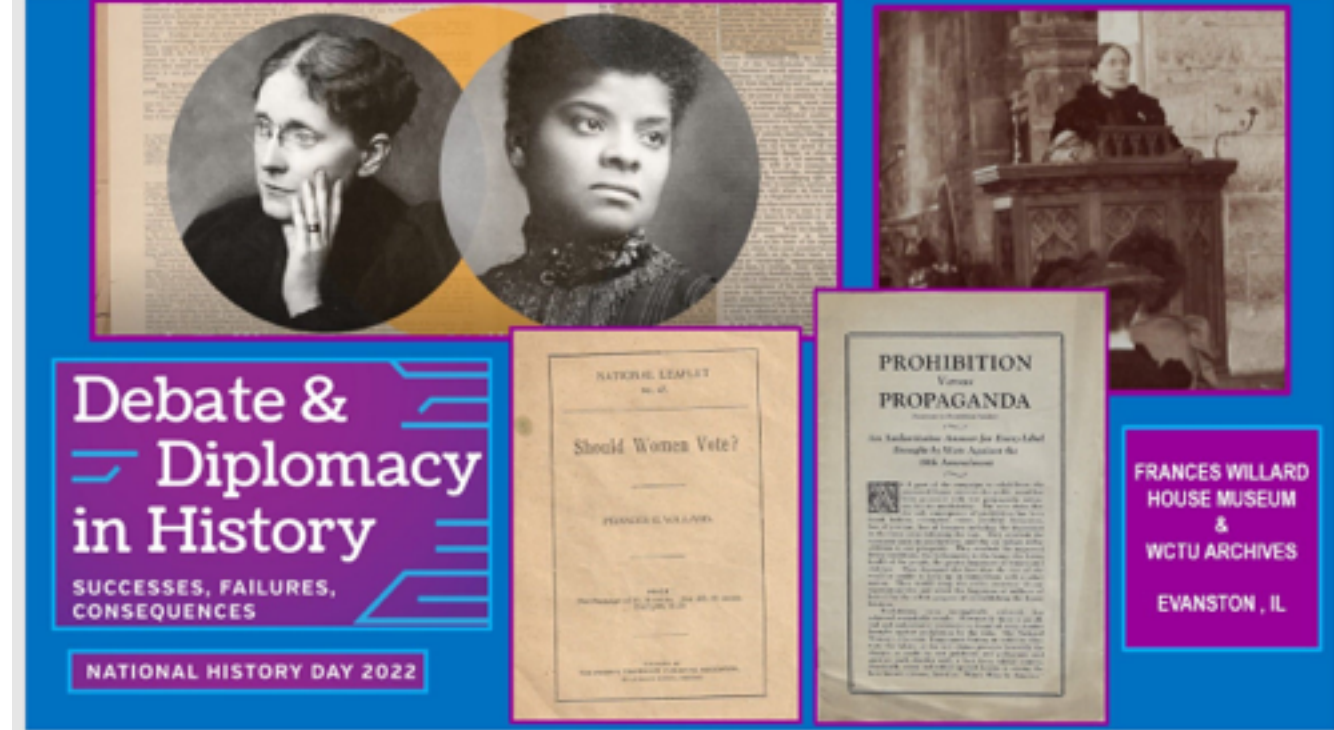
October is American Archives Month, and our October newsletters will be packed with news from the WCTU Archives. We'll start with an Archives Month tradition and cite Frances Willard on the value of collecting, preserving, and providing access to historical records in all of their formats:



What's "New" from the Archives?
 Archives interns and volunteers have added a number of [digital exhibits](#) to the Frances Willard House's website. The latest, appropriately published on Willard's birthday (September 28), is a comprehensive [biographical timeline](#) that uses text and images from the Archives to trace Willard's busy life. The timeline was created by Karis Blaker, a Public History/Library Science graduate student at Loyola University of Chicago.

Crashing the #ArchivesHashtagParty
 What better way to ring in Archives Month than with an Archives Hashtag Party? Since 2017, the National Archives has hosted monthly [Archives Hashtag Parties](#) as "a way for all types of archives to share their collections on social media around a fun topic." Participants include several hundred repositories, libraries, and museums – including the WCTU Archives. How could we resist the opportunity to weigh in on themes like #ArchivesOnWheels and #ArchivesSignatures? The posts feature a wonderful array of images and documents and offer an engaging way to show off our items to a wider public. Mark your calendars for the first Friday of each month and drop in our Twitter and Instagram festivities!

National History Day
 Teachers and parents: if you know students who are starting to debate options for a History Day project, we diplomatically suggest taking a look at our [website](#) and downloading our [handout](#). We offer suggestions for topics and sources relating to the 2022 *Debate & Diplomacy* theme. National History Day is a great way to get young people interested in using primary sources to explore historical topics – and to spark their love of archives!



Donate and Support

Our programs will remain free this year, but we are encouraging those who can to support our work by making a donation. Donations of any size make our work possible. Thank you!

October Handicraft Hour – Archives Month Edition



Quilters take note! **On Sunday, October 17 at 4pm Central Time, a special Archives Month edition of Handicraft Hour will highlight handmade patchwork quilts from the Frances Willard House Museum's collections.**

We will discuss how quilts serve as archival documents, works of art, social commentary, and a means of promoting community solidarity. The Willard House holds a remarkable collection of WCTU quilts, including the 1876 "Crusade Quilt" (pictured below), which was made by women in Ohio to commemorate the 1873 Women's Crusades that led to the formation of the WCTU. The quilt's center square housed a secret message that was not to be opened for 100 years. Work on your craft project of choice as we explore these unique items of women's handiwork.



RSVP for this free virtual event [here](#). A Zoom link will be sent shortly before the event to everyone who registers.

Handicraft Hours are part of the **Arts at the Willard House** program series, which explores the connections between women's creativity, community, and social change.

Do Everything 2021



Thank you to everyone who attended our **Do Everything 2021** events! This year, we honored Willard's approach to leadership by looking at the Frances Willard House Museum as a historic site of women's work.

On Sunday, September 26 we went on a virtual exploration of the Archives's many office spaces and highlighted rare photographs from the Archives. **If you missed the live program, you can watch a recording of the event [here](#).** On Tuesday, September 28 – Frances Willard's birthday – visitors experienced the office spaces in person by taking special *Do Everything* museum tours.

Do Everything marks the official start of fall programming at the Willard House. We will continue to offer virtual events that focus on how women activists like Willard accomplished their work through connection, collaboration, and organization.

We will also remain open for tours throughout the fall, so you can visit the original site of *Do Everything* leadership. **Tours are available by reservation only. For more information and to schedule a tour, visit our [online reservation form](#) or call 847-328-7500.**



October print from the Willard House Dining Room

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