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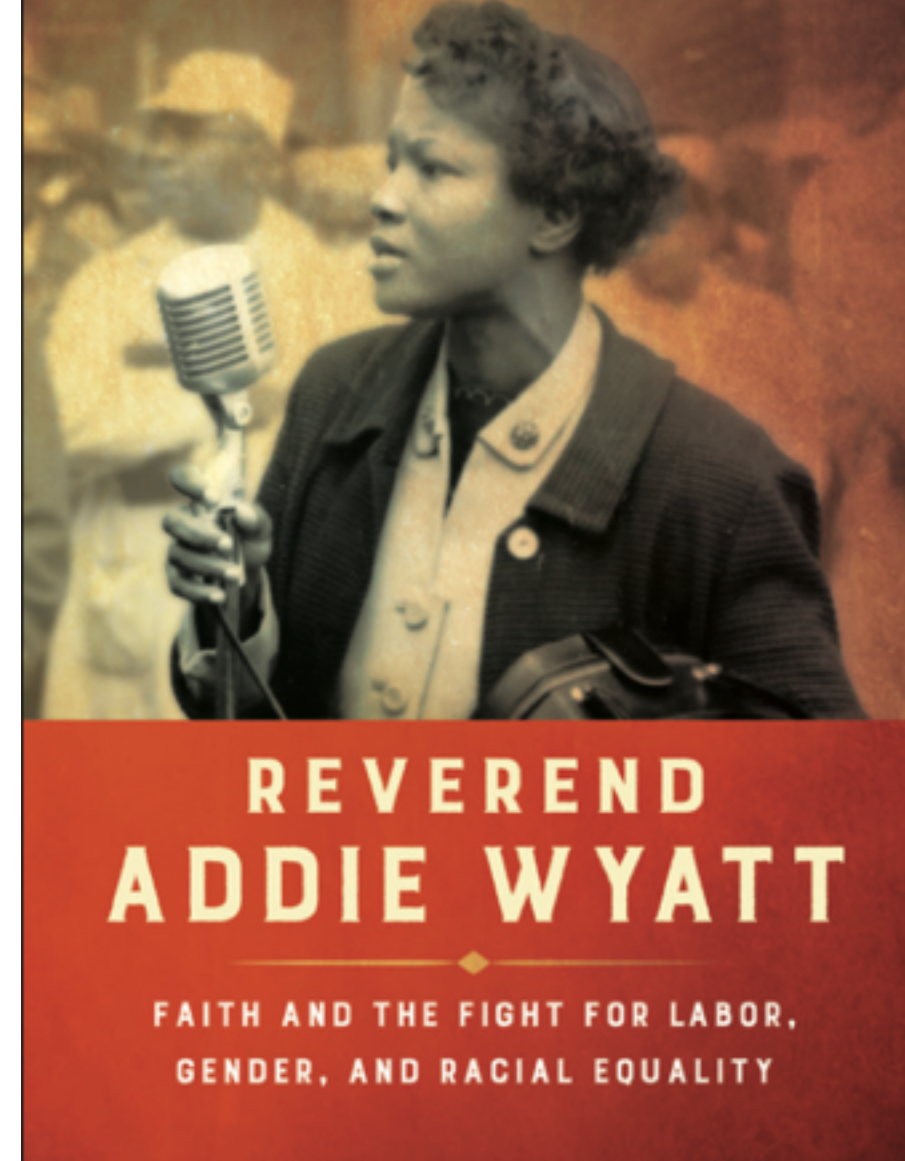
### Reserve a Spring Tour!



Thank you to everyone who toured the Frances Willard House Museum in April! In May we still have spots available on **Thursdays, May 5 and 19 and Sunday, May 22 at 1pm, 2pm, and 3pm.** We'd love to see you – make a reservation today! Don't miss the opportunity to explore this unique site of women's advocacy and community building.

Admission is \$15 per person and free for students at all levels. Reservations and masks are required. To RSVP, email [info@franceswillardhouse.org](mailto:info@franceswillardhouse.org) or call (847) 328-7500.

### Views: Reverend Addie Wyatt



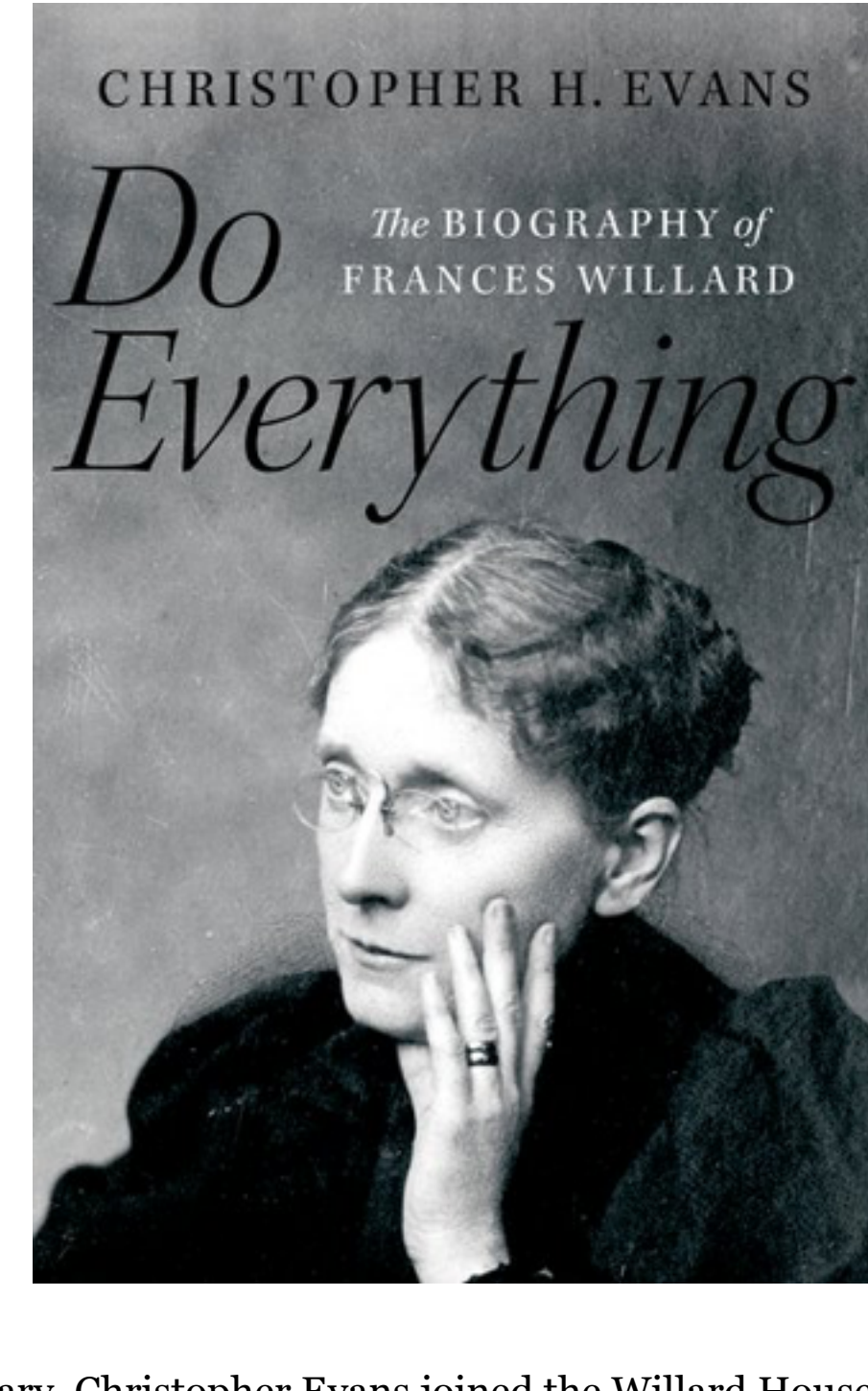
Thank you to everyone who attended **Views** on April 24! We enjoyed a fascinating presentation by author Marcia Walker-McWilliams about the life and activism of Reverend Addie Wyatt. You can watch a recording of the event [here](#). You can purchase Walker-McWilliams's book, *Reverend Addie Wyatt: Faith and the Fight for Labor, Gender, and Racial Equality*, from the University of Illinois Press [here](#).

The **Views** series at the Willard House highlights new research and writing in women's history. This was our final program of the 2021-2022 season, which featured conversations with scholars exploring the theme **Women, Faith, and Activism**. Recordings of all our virtual **Views** events are available on our [YouTube channel](#).



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### Save the Date for the New Frances Willard Biography!



This past January, Christopher Evans joined the Willard House for a [virtual conversation](#) about his forthcoming book, *Do Everything: The Biography of Frances Willard*. We are pleased to announce that the book now has a cover and publication date (September 6, 2022) and is available for pre-order from [Oxford University Press](#). Evans's book is the first new biography of Willard in over thirty-five years. He made extensive use of primary source materials from our archives that have not been used by other scholars. As Professor of the History of Christianity at Boston University, Evans pays particular attention to Willard's religious convictions and how they shaped her life and reform efforts.

### Celebrating Earth and Arbor Day at the Willard House Garden

The gardens at the Willard House have been carefully restored to reflect the Willard family's nineteenth century garden. Maintained using only organic products and environmentally sensitive methods, we do this in support of a greener planet for all.



Frances Willard loved things that reminded her of her birthplace in upstate New York. On one of her trips back, she took some horse chestnuts to plant in her yard in Evanston. Two of them sprouted into trees, and one still stands today.



In honor of Earth and Arbor Day, we invite you to stroll past the garden as it comes into bloom. After six years of work, the historic re-creation efforts are nearly complete. Please consider making a [donation](#) (indicate that your gift is for the garden) to support the continued restoration and maintenance of this piece of living and growing history.

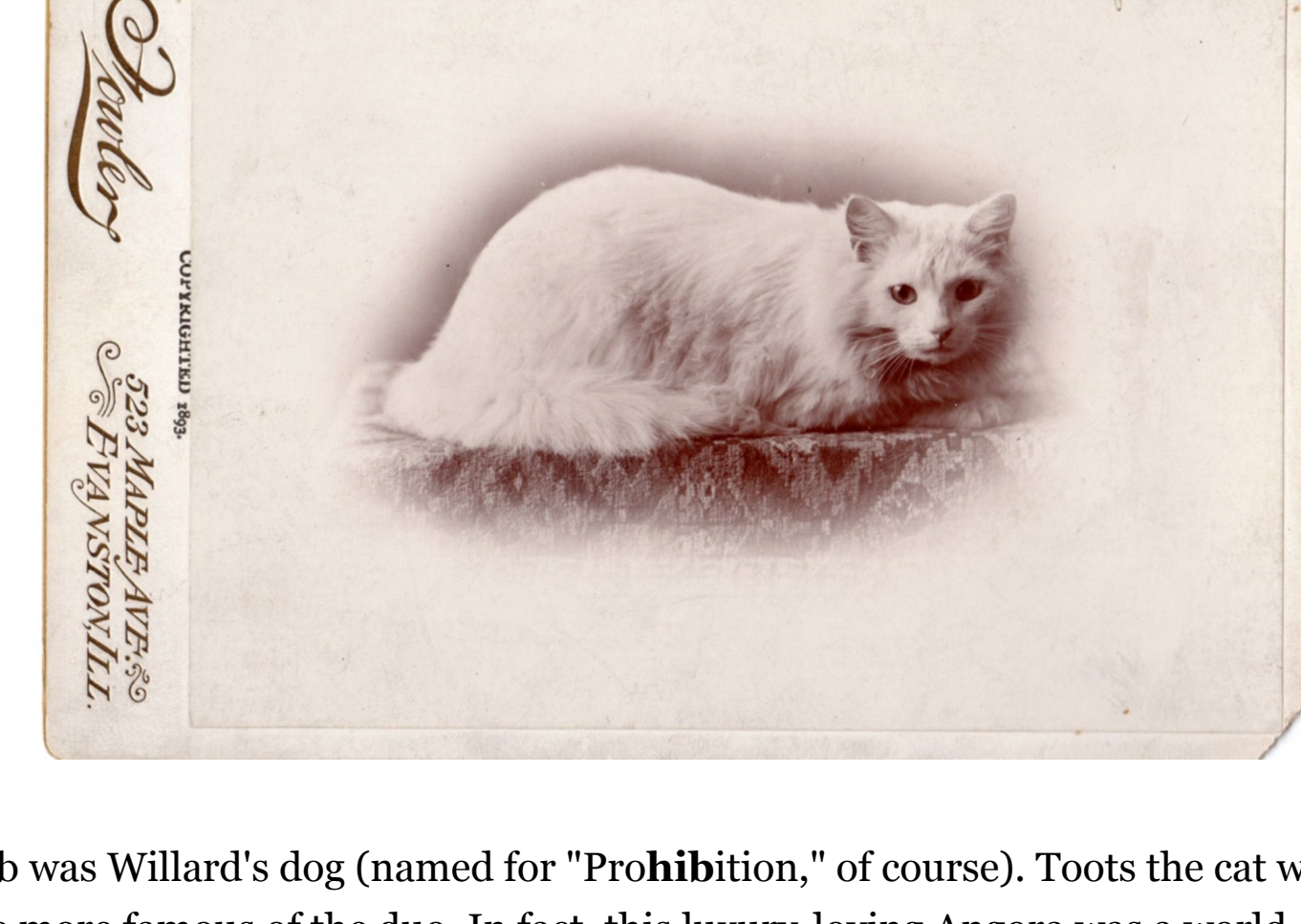
### Women's History Around Town: Evanston History Center Mother's Day House Walk



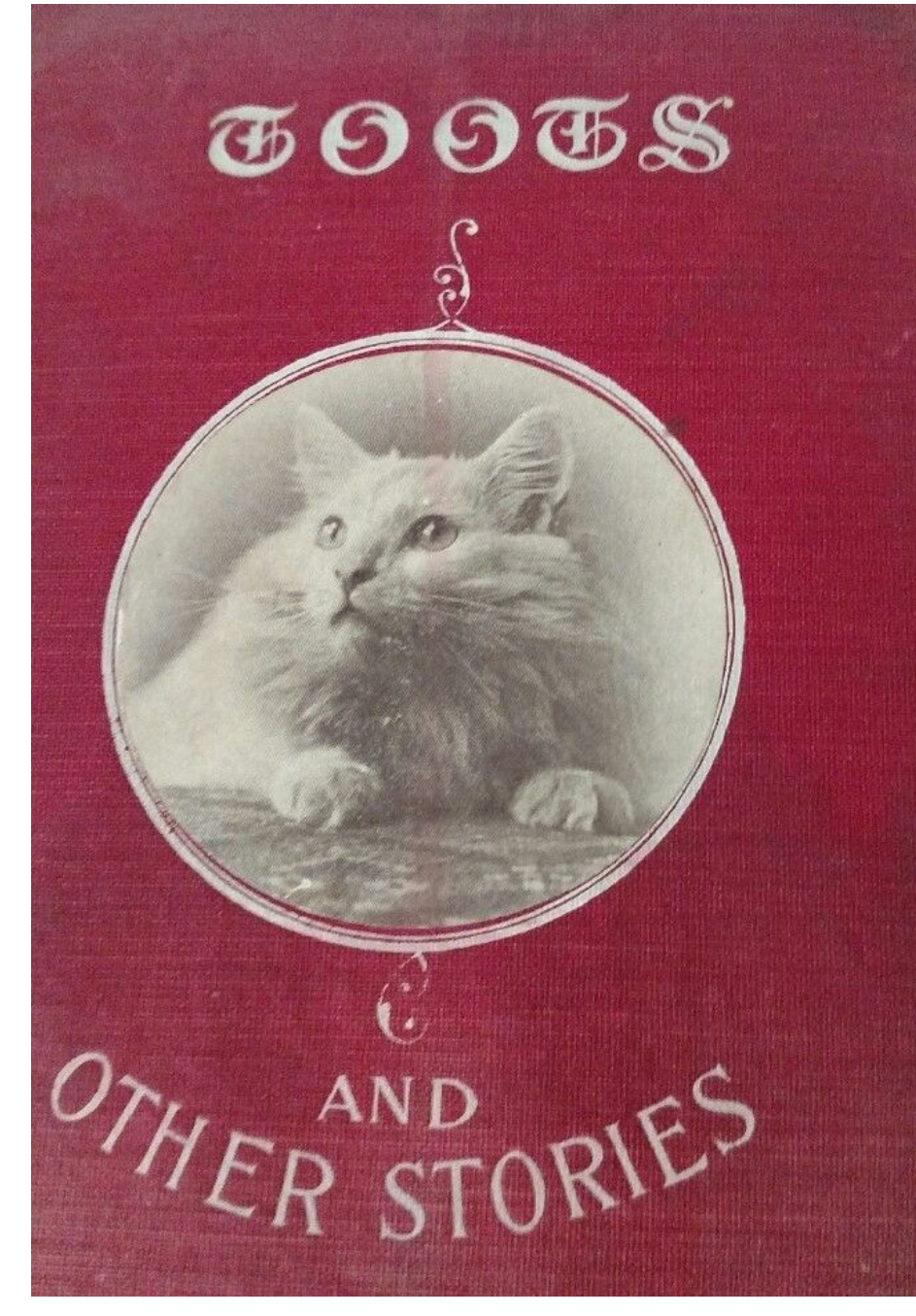
The Evanston History Center's 47th Annual Mother's Day House Walk will feature a week of programs beginning on Saturday, May 7. There will be self-guided tours, a virtual presentation featuring preservation experts, homeowners, and architects, a lecture by a transit historian at the Dawes House, and docent-led walking tours. For more information and to purchase tickets, click [here](#).

### Collection Highlight: Meet the Pets!

Happy National Pet Month! This May we're highlighting the furry friends who called the Willard House home: Hib and Toots.



Hib was Willard's dog (named for "Prohibition," of course). Toots the cat was the more famous of the duo. In fact, this luxury-loving Angora was a world-renowned celebrity during the 1890s. He slept on a gold embroidered silk cushion, sat at the dining room table for meals (and wore a bib), and had his own personal handkerchief. His exploits were frequently reported in [Chicago newspapers](#). You can read more about Toots in [Toots and Other Stories](#) (1906), a collection of children's stories written by Anna Gordon, Frances Willard's personal secretary and president of the WCTU from 1914 to 1922.



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