

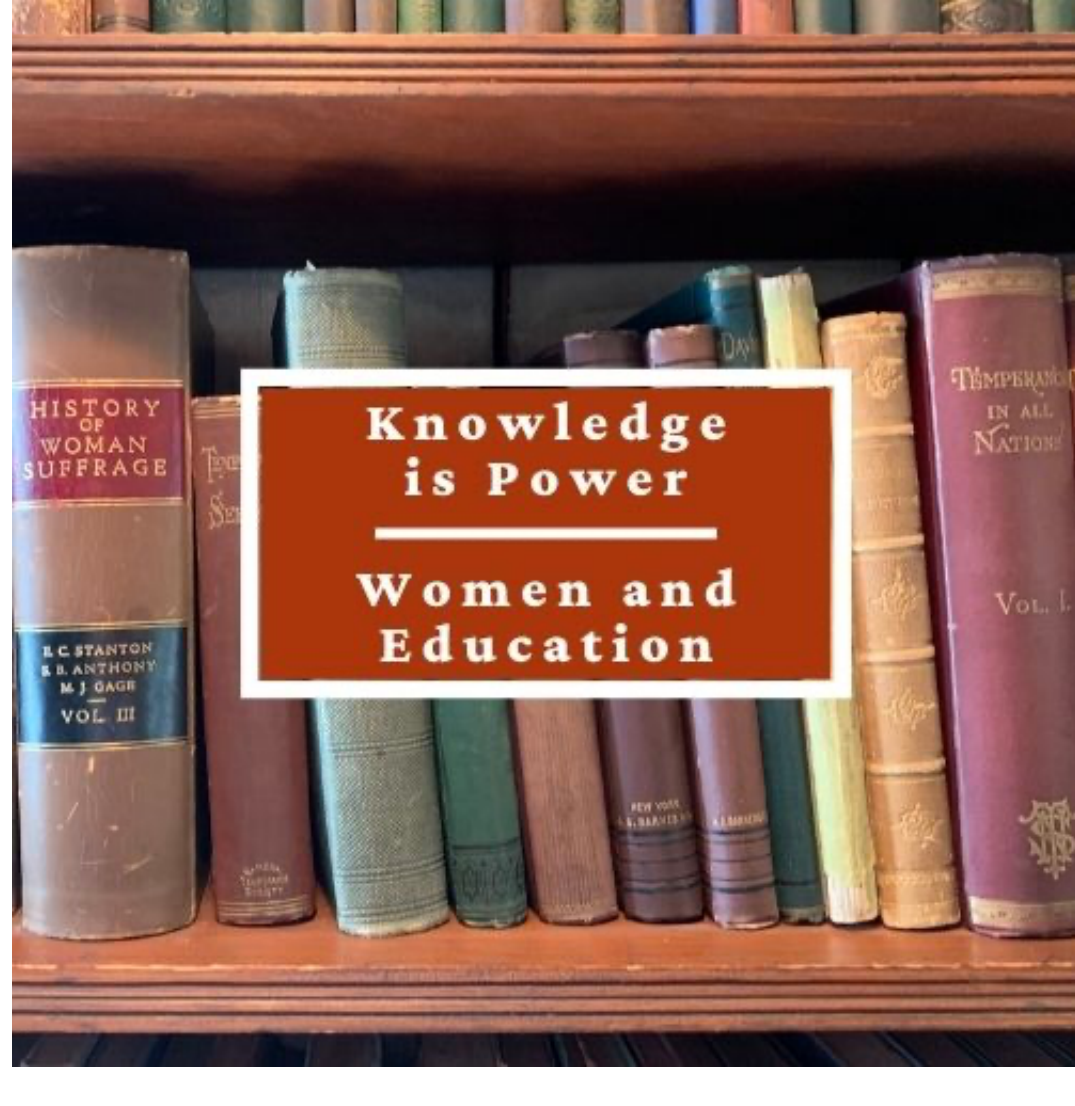


With the end of the school year, we're marking the conclusion of our 2022-23 Knowledge is Power: Women and Education initiative. Read on for newly released digital resources, a recap of our education-related content and recorded programs, and a preview of post-graduation fun at the Frances Willard House Museum and Archives!

During the coming weeks, you can...

- 1) Celebrate 150 years of Willard's appointment as Northwestern University Dean of Women by reading our new women's education blogpost and timeline
- 2) Catch up on all our education-related blogposts and recorded programs
- 3) Experience the history of women's mobility and travel on a **Summer Tour** of the Museum
- 4) Explore our [online content](#), including our [blog](#), [digital exhibits](#), [YouTube channel](#), and social media profiles on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#)
- 5) Share this newsletter with a friend!

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In recognition of the 150th anniversary of Frances Willard's role as President of the Evanston College for Ladies (1871-1873) and Dean of Women at Northwestern University (1873-1874), the Frances Willard House Museum and WCTU Archives has spent the past year exploring the history – and the prehistory – of women's higher education in Evanston. We are bringing our 2022-23 **Knowledge is Power: Women and Education** initiative to a close with the release of two additional resources: the final installment in our series of blog posts and a new digital timeline.

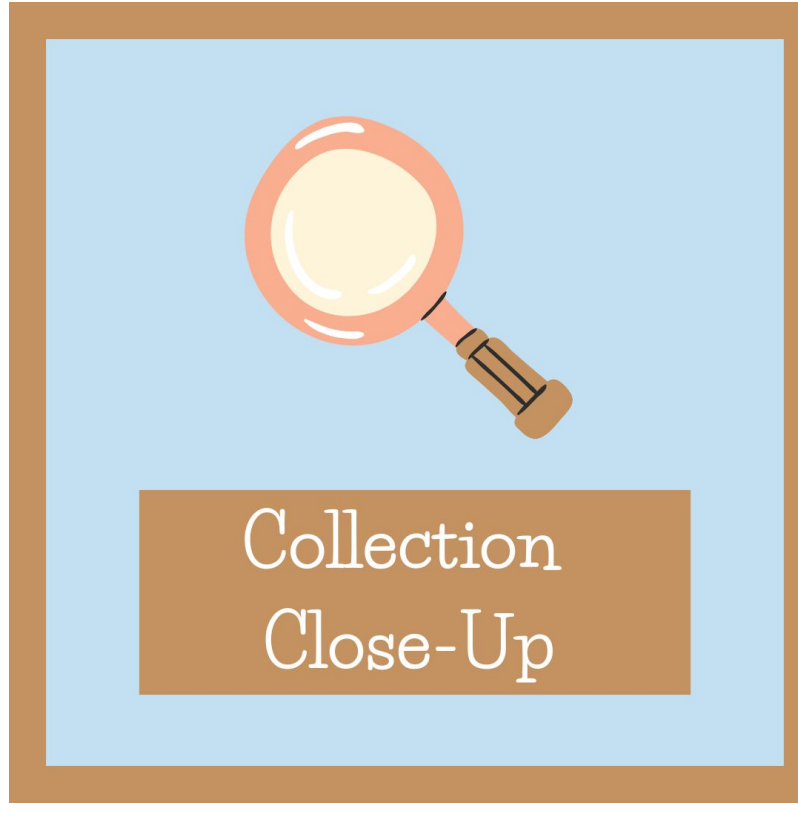


The Evanston College for Ladies/Northwestern University Woman's College.

June 25 marks an important event in the history of women's education in Evanston: on that day in 1873, Frances Willard was appointed Northwestern University's first Dean of Women. In a new blogpost, [Part Three](#) in our **Educated Women** series, Archivist Janet Olson describes this stage of Willard's life and career. You can read all of our education related blogposts [here](#). **Educated Women Part 1** and **Part 2** trace the development of the Northwestern Female College and the Evanston College for Ladies. [Knowledge is Power](#) and [Opening the Door to Knowledge](#) focus on Frances Willard's educational trajectory from early childhood through college.



A new timeline curated by Archives volunteer Gemma Rosenthal, [Women and Education: The Lifelong Learning of Frances Willard](#), explores Frances Willard's work in all spheres of education – both her own and that of other women. Willard was raised to appreciate the power of knowledge and first applied that principle to academic teaching. After she left institutional education, she taught in equal measure through disseminating knowledge in writings and speeches during her time as president of the WCTU.



In addition to our written resources, we also highlighted the history of women's education in recorded public programs. We devoted the first year of our new virtual program series, [Collection Close-Up](#), to profiles of education-related collection items. In [November 2022](#), Fiona Maxwell (Director of Museum Operations and Communications) told the story of Frances Willard's first major writing endeavor – an unfinished novel entitled *Rupert Melville and His Comrades: A Story of Adventure*. In [January 2023](#), Archivist Janet Olson investigated the scandal surrounding the "Self-Report" forms that Frances Willard devised for her students as Northwestern University's first Dean of Women.



For Women's History Month in March 2023, we held a virtual **Views** discussion with Dr. Andrea Turpin on [Faith in Women's Higher Education: The Religious Background of the First Female and Coeducational Colleges](#). In her presentation, Turpin shared that Frances Willard stood on the shoulders of earlier educators whose religious convictions led them to open the first female and coeducational colleges in the mid-nineteenth century: Mount Holyoke and Oberlin. These institutions directly influenced the expansion of educational opportunities for women, including at Willard's Northwestern.

Our free digital resources and public programs happen only with your support. We hope you will consider making a donation [here](#). Thank you!

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Pack your bags! Summer tours of the Frances Willard House Museum are highlighting **stories of women's mobility and travel**. The Willard House, which Frances Willard nicknamed "Rest Cottage," offered temporary rest and relaxation for a woman whose organizing and lecturing career required touring the country and the globe. From carrying cases and travel diaries to portable tea sets and international petitions, many items on display at the Willard House provide insight into the ways in which women crossed borders, transcended boundaries, and formed wide-ranging coalitions.

Whether you're visiting from afar or live down the street in Evanston, we'd love to see you! The second round of June tours will be held at 1pm, 2pm, and 3pm on the following dates:

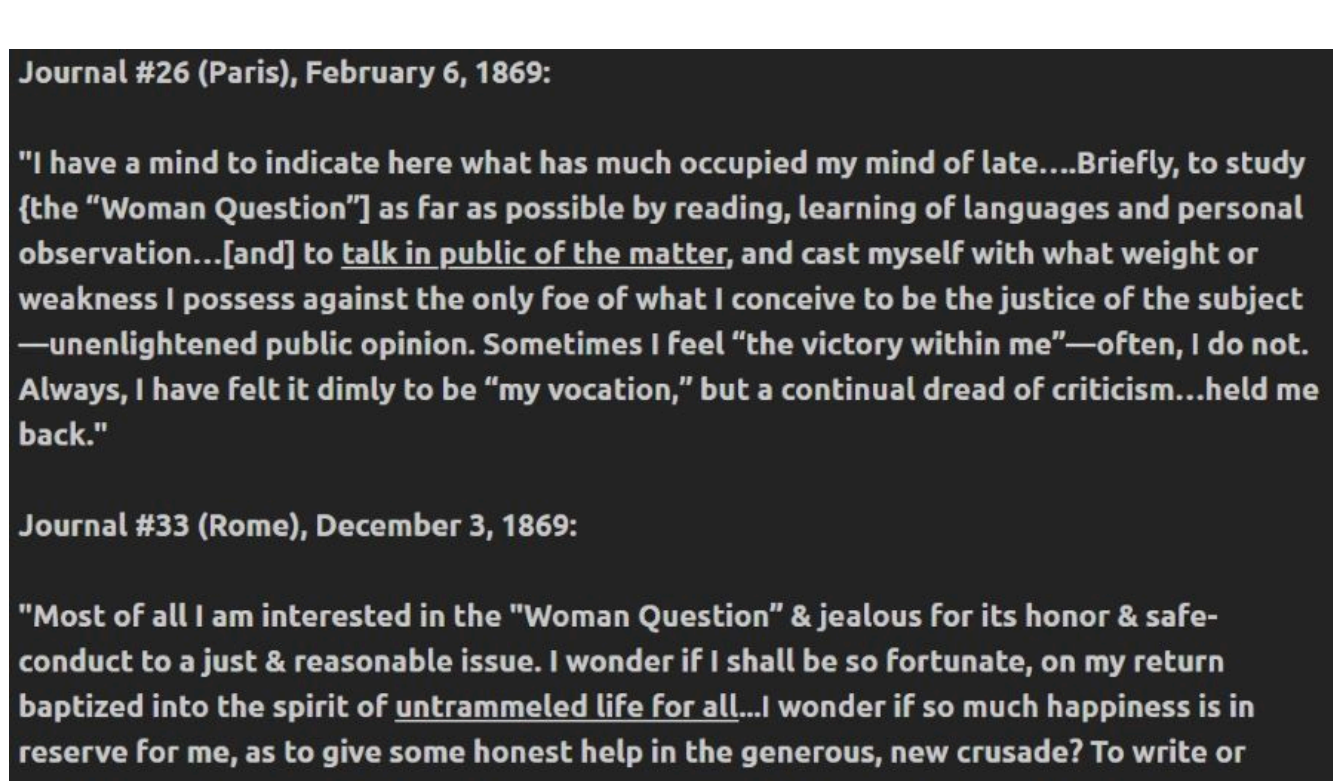
- Sundays, June 25
- Thursdays, June 22 and 29

Tours are available by reservation only. Masks are required. Visitors should request a tour by emailing info@franceswillardhouse.org or calling (847) 328-7500. Tour fees are \$15 per person. Admission is free for students at all levels. Payment must be made online or over the phone once the tour day and time has been confirmed. We ask that reservations for Sunday tours be made by the preceding Friday at 5pm.

Can't visit us in person? Follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#) as we pre-travel travel artifacts that follow us long! The first collection item we shared was Frances Willard's passport from her 1868-70 trip to Europe and the Middle East.



It was during this trip that Willard decided to focus her life's work on women's rights, as these excerpts from her [travel diaries](#) reveal.



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