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# **Theo Holt temperance pledge**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Arkansas State Archives
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## **Biographical/Historical Note**

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Theo Holt, with the help of E. Bancroft, began the White River Journal in DeValls Bluff, Prairie County, Arkansas, with its first issue on June 3, 1868. They sold the newspaper in 1869 to S. Wheeler and Company.

The temperance movement was a social crusade against the consumption of alcohol for non-medical needs. The movement encouraged abstinence from alcohol in order to better family relationships and reduce violence against women.

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## **Scope and Contents**

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Theo Holt took this oath to abstain from alcohol for one year in front of J.R. Buchanon, Justice of the Peace. Holt would be released from his pledge if his wife left him or if she filed for divorce within that year.

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## **Administrative Information**

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