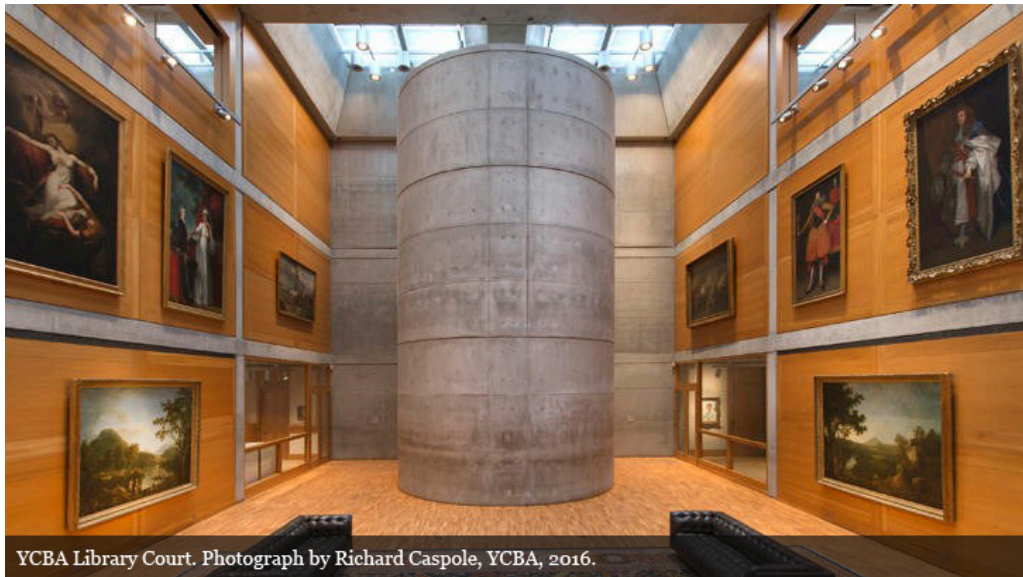


# Miss Rowe collection of botanical specimens

MSS 35



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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** MSS 35

**CREATOR:** Rowe, Miss

**TITLE:** Miss Rowe collection of botanical specimens

**DATES:** 1861

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 3 linear feet

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The collection comprises over 500 dried flower specimens from the area around Liverpool, assembled by Miss Rowe, of 2 Elizabeth Street, in 1861.

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Yale Center for British Art, Paul Mellon Fund

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### Conditions Governing Access

The collection is open without restriction.

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### Conditions Governing Use

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### Preferred Citation

Miss Rowe Collection of Botanical Specimens, Yale Center for British Art, Paul Mellon Fund

## Scope and Contents

The collection comprises over 500 dried flower specimens from the area around Liverpool, assembled by Miss Rowe, of 2 Elizabeth Street, in 1861. Each specimen is mounted on a folded sheet of paper and held in place by small bands of paper. On the facing page of the folded sheet, Rowe identifies the specimen with its Latin and common name, the location the specimen was found, and the date collected. Each housed within a blue tinted envelope (13 x 20 cm), some of which are still sealed. The front of each envelope is adorned by a watercolor of the flower enclosed, along with a printed label (presumably manufactured for collecting activities such as this) giving the Latin name of family to which the specimens belong.

The collection is accompanied by the original large mahogany box (52 x 35 x 10 cm) used to house the envelopes; with a hinged lid, brass lock, and key. On the inside of the lid is a paper label reading "L.N.F.C. Names of natural orders from Dr. Dickinson's Flora of Liverpool." Dickinson's work was published in 1851, and in 1914 his own herbarium was given to the university.

Also present: a large folder with a quantity of dried specimens; engraved name card bearing the handwritten address of Miss Rowe, with a watercolor forget-me-not on the envelope.

## Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### Subjects

Botanical specimens  
Botanical specimens -- Collection and preservation  
Flowers -- Collection and preservation  
Herbaria

### Genres / Formats

Botanical illustrations  
Watercolors (paintings)

### Preferred Titles

*Dickinson, Joseph, approximately 1805-1865.*  
*Flora of Liverpool*

### Names

Rowe, Miss