

# Guide to the Harold Wickliffe Rose Papers

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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 1239

**CREATOR:** Rose, H. Wickliffe (Harold Wickliffe), 1896-1970

**TITLE:** Harold Wickliffe Rose papers

**DATES:** 1924-1972

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 6.75 linear feet

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The papers consist entirely of materials relating to Rose's book, *The Colonial Houses of Worship in America* (1963). Included are the manuscript, related correspondence, reviews, and a large amount of research material: notes, letters, and printed and pictorial matter about churches in eighteen states. Among his correspondents are Frederick W. Beinecke, A. Pierce Middleton, Richmond P. Miller and Edmund W. Sinnott.

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b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Transferred from the Yale University Art and Architecture Library, 1980.

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## Conditions Governing Access

The collection is open for research.

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## Conditions Governing Use

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## Biographical / Historical

Harold Wickliffe Rose: A.B., Harvard, 1919; worked for American Viscose Corp. as southern sales manager; in New York City, 1924; in Charlotte, N.C., 1925-1932; as sales manager, rayon staple, 1935-1942; coordinator of research and planning at main office, Wilmington, Del., 1942-1946; general assistant to president at main office, Philadelphia, 1946-1953; president, director, and general manager, Linen Thread Co., 1953-1957 and Dolphin Jute Mills, 1956-1957; author of *The Colonial Houses of Worship in America*.

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## Scope and Contents

The Harold Wickliffe Rose Papers consist entirely of materials relating to his book, *The Colonial Houses of Worship in America* (1963). Besides the actual manuscript, the collection includes correspondence during and after the writing of the book, printed reviews, and a large amount of research material: notes, letters of inquiry, and printed and pictorial matter about churches.

The most valuable material in the papers is the collection of original photographs of churches. As the book's subtitle explains, Rose attempted to record every American church "built in the English colonies before the Republic, 1607 - 1789, and still standing." He was not completely successful, but he did take more than 400 photographs of churches in eighteen states. Most of these photographs—some of which were not published in the book—are arranged by state in boxes 5-12; in many cases there are a 4 by 5" negative, a 4 by 5" print, and an 8 by 10" print of each photograph. There are also large mounted photographs in the two folio boxes, and some photographs in the correspondence folders.

In the research material, boxes 5-12, the notes, correspondence and printed matter for each state are arranged chronologically, while the photographs, in separate folders, are arranged alphabetically by the name of town or county, with less clearly identified photographs at the end. There are separate folders, containing both notes and photographs, for particularly well-documented churches.

The papers were given by Mrs. Elizabeth Rose to the Yale Art and Architecture Library, and transferred to Manuscripts and Archives in October 1980.

## Collection Contents

b. 1, f. 1 - 7	<i>The Colonial Houses of Worship in America</i> : manuscript, with related drafts and printed matter	1950-1952, 1960-1964, undated
b. 1, f. 8 - 9	Correspondence with publisher, Hastings House	1957-1963
b. 2, f. 10	Correspondence with publisher, Hastings House	1964-1971
b. 2, f. 11	Corrspondence with editor, Katie Cardinal	1960-1963, undated
b. 2, f. 12	Correspondence with other publishers	1945-1958, undated
	Correspondence	
b. 2, f. 13	Beinecke, Frederick W.	1958-1963
b. 2, f. 14	Middleton, A. Pierce	1960-1962, undated
b. 2, f. 15	Miller, Richmond P.	1950-1958
b. 2, f. 16	Sinnott, Edmund W.	1963-1965
b. 2, f. 17	U.S. Department of the Interior: National Survery of Historic Sites and Buildings	1962-1963, undated
b. 2, f. 18 - 20	Miscellaneous	1938, 1950-1971, undated
b. 3, f. 21	Correspondence and notes re: photographs	1960-1963, undated
b. 3, f. 22	Correspondence re: reproduction of Rose's photographs	1941, 1965-1972
b. 3, f. 23	Correspondence and notes re: errata and omissions	1963-1971, undated
b. 3, f. 24	Correspondence and notes re: distrubution, review copies	1963-1964, undated
b. 3, f. 25 - 26	Reviews and related correspondence	1963-1966, undated
b. 3, f. 27	Royalty statements and other financial papers	1960-1966, undated
b. 3, f. 28	Address book	undated
b. 3, f. 29 - 30	Notes	1935-1953, undated
b. 4, f. 31 - 36	Notes	1934-1952, 1961-1963, undated

Printed matter		
b. 4, f. 37	Maps	1931-1959, undated
b. 4, f. 38	Journals, pamphlets	1924-1946
b. 5, f. 39	Journals, pamphlets	1947-1970
b. 5, f. 40	Miscellaneous	1935-1965, undated
Research material		
b. 5, f. 41 - 42	Connecticut	1934-1961, undated
b. 5, f. 43	Delaware	1940-1963, undated
b. 6, f. 44	Delaware	1936-1952, undated
b. 6, f. 45 - 46	Georgia	1940-1961, undated
b. 6, f. 47 - 48	Maine	1934-1962, undated
b. 6, f. 49 - 52	Maryland	1934-1962, undated
b. 6, f. 53	Otterbein United Brethren Church, Baltimore	1947, 1961, undated
b. 6, f. 54	Trinity Church, Church Creek	1940, 1960-1961, undated
b. 7, f. 55 - 58	Massachusetts	1930-1968, undated
b. 7, f. 59	Second Congregational Church, North Beverly	1940-1962
b. 7, f. 60	First Baptist Church, Westwood	1940-1961, undated
b. 7, f. 61 - 62	New Hampshire	1939-1963, undated
b. 8, f. 63	New Hampshire	1939-1962, undated
b. 8, f. 64 - 67	New Jersey	1935-1963, undated
b. 8, f. 68	St. Thomas' Church, Alexandria	1959, 1962, undated
b. 8, f. 69	New York	1935-1951

b. 9, f. 70 - 72	New York	1935-1968, undated
b. 9, f. 73	Shaker Meeting House, New Lebanon	1941-1963, undated
b. 9, f. 74	Schoharie County	1933-1962, undated
b. 9, f. 75	Old Fort Niagara, Youngstown	1961, undated
b. 9, f. 76 - 77	North Carolina	1939-1962, undated
b. 9, f. 78	Pennsylvania	1939-1950
b. 10, f. 79 - 85	Pennsylvania	1941-1963, undated
b. 11, f. 86	Pennsylvania	1945-1952, undated
b. 11, f. 87 - 88	Rhode Island	1940-1962, undated
b. 11, f. 89 - 91	South Carolina	1938-1966, undated
b. 11, f. 92 - 93	Vermont	1937-1964, undated
b. 11, f. 94 - 95	Virginia	1936-1952
b. 12, f. 96 - 101	<a href="#">Virginia</a>	1936-1965, undated
b. 12, f. 102	St. Peter's Church, New Kent County	1936-1961, undated
b. 12, f. 103	Williamsburg	1961
b. 12, f. 104 - 105	West Virginia	1947, 1960-1961, undated
b. 13, f. 106	Notes and mounted photographs for lecture	1965
b. 13, f. 107	Photographs for book jacket	1963
b. 13, f. 108	Miscellaneous photographs and postcards	1940, 1941, undated
b. 14, f. 109	Certificate from Old North Church, Boston, Massachusetts	1954
b. 14, f. 110	Book jackets	1963
b. 14, f. 111	Negatives: Rehoboth Church, West Virginia; Williamsburg, Virginia; Jesuit Chapel, Trinity Church, and various individuals, Maryland	1947, 1961
Oversize photographs		

b. 14, f. 112	California, Connecticut, Delaware, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island	undated
b. 15, f. 113	South Carolina, Virginia	undated



## **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**

Architecture  
Church Buildings -- United States  
Religion

### **Genres / Formats**

Photographic prints

### **Names**

Beinecke, Frederick W.  
Middleton, Arthur Pierce  
Miller, Richmond P. (Richmond Pearson),  
1902-1972  
Rose, H. Wickliffe (Harold Wickliffe), 1896-1970  
Sinnott, Edmund W. (Edmund Ware), 1888-1958