Descriptive Summary

Creator: Rose, Edwin Evander, 1873-1928.
Title: Edwin Evander Rose family papers, 1894-1942; 1962-1968
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 73
Extent: 2.5 linear feet (5 boxes), 17 bound volumes (BV), and 1 oversized papers folder (OP)
Abstract: Papers of Edwin Evander Rose, itinerant Methodist minister, including correspondence, family documents, Rose family genealogy, photographs, and annual record books.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

Restrictions on Access
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Source
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Citation
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Processing
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Collection Description

Biographical Note

Edwin Evander Rose (January 10, 1873-March 12, 1928), itinerant Methodist minister, served various churches and circuits in the South Georgia Conference for thirty-two years. He was born in Bentonville, Johnston County, North Carolina, the eldest of thirteen children of William Nicholas Rose (1842-1915), a Confederate veteran, farmer, mill operator, justice of the peace, and state senator, and Sarah (Langston) Rose (1853-1925). William and Sarah Rose joined the Disciples of Christ and raised their children in this church.

Edwin Rose attended the short annual sessions of the local school (1880-1892), and completed his education with two months of study at the Glenwood Academy (fall 1892). He taught school in Johnston and Wayne Counties, North Carolina (1892-1894), then moved to Georgia in February 1894, where he taught in Wayne, Camden, and Pearce Counties.

Rose joined the Methodist Church on August 25, 1895 at Pierce Chapel in Pearce County. He was licensed to preach in September 1895, admitted on trial to the South Georgia Conference at Fort Valley on December 10, 1895, ordained as a deacon in December 1897, and ordained as an elder in December 1899. He served the Decatur Mission in southwest Georgia; the Bold Spring Circuit near Cairo; the Berrien Mission near Tifton (1897-1898, where he supplemented his salary by teaching at the Vanceville School); in Allentown (beginning in 1898); the Metcalf Circuit; the Brinson Circuit (1905-1907); in Jakin and Donalsonville (1908); in Arlington (1909-1912); in Millen (1912-1916); in McRae (1916-1919); and in Cochran, Reynolds, Shellman, and Wrightsville.

Edwin Rose met Eva Harriet Williams (September 25, 1877-January 12, 1964), daughter of David Jackson Williams, at the Tired Creek Church, in the Bold Spring Circuit. They were married on September 28, 1898, and had two children, Albert Williams Rose (born January 1, 1900, during Rose's service at Allentown) and Helen Rose (born October 18, 1902, during Rose's tenure in the Metcalf Circuit). Albert Williams Rose graduated from Georgia Institute of Technology in 1922, worked for Westinghouse Electric Corporation in various offices including East Pittsburgh (PA), New Orleans, Charlotte and Greensboro (N.C.), and Atlanta, from 1922 until his retirement in 1965. He married Grace Ashworth in 1937 and had one daughter, Mary Helen Rose (b. 1942). Helen Rose attended Wesleyan College in Macon, Georgia, and worked as a librarian in the Atlanta Carnegie Library. She was married to Cy Seybold, but divorced him (ca. 1930's). She later married Alvin Soul, but also divorced him. While serving at Wrightsville, Edwin Rose died in Dublin, Georgia, and is buried in Cochran, Georgia.

Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of the Edwin Evander Rose family papers from 1894-1942 and 1962-1968. The papers include correspondence, family papers, Rose family genealogy, photographs, and the annual record books of Edwin Evander Rose. The annual record books, which contain personal accounts, diary entries, and sermon notes, make up the largest portion of the collection and document almost all of Rose's career as a Methodist clergyman. The earliest record book begins in 1896, the year after Rose was licensed to preach, and the last volume covers 1928, the year of his death. Regularity of entry and level of detail varies from volume to volume.
The collection also contains information about other members of the Rose family including his wife, Eva Williams Rose, his son, Albert Williams Rose, and his daughter Helen Rose. The correspondence includes letters written by Albert Williams Rose (A. W.) to his parents, Edwin Evander and Eva Williams Rose (1918-1922) and letters written to A. W. by his sister Helen Rose Seybold (1936-1942). The letters written by A. W. to his parents encompass his time as a student at Georgia Tech (1918-1922) and his time in Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania, taking graduate study courses in engineering. A.W.’s letters discuss his studies, the sights, particularly of Pennsylvania, and the customs of the north. He also describes his financial hardships and weather. The letters from Helen Rose Seybold to A. W. Rose mainly discuss her activities while living in Atlanta and family news. Also of note are letters from cousin H. Wickliffe Rose of Massachusetts to A.W. from 1962-1968. These letters discuss mainly family news and visits between the two families.

The collection also includes a group of general family correspondence from 1894-1967. Within this group are letters from Minnie (Mrs. A. C.) Dickey of Iamonia, Florida to her sister Eva Harriet Williams from 1895-1909. The majority of Eva's letters were written just prior to her marriage to Edwin Evander Rose and during the early days of their marriage. She discusses life as the wife of an itinerant Methodist minister.

**Arrangement Note**
Arranged by record type.
Container List

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