

**ROSE, EDWIN EVANDER, 1873-1928.**  
**Edwin Evander Rose family papers, 1894-1942; 1962-1968**

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### **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.

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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 Wilkesburg, 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.

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## Container List

### Family papers

Box	Folder	Content
1	1	Family writings
1	2	Licenses and certificates
1	3	Ministerial career
1	4	Misc.
1	5	Newspaper clippings
1	6	Rose, Albert W. - Georgia Tech Class of 1922
1	7	Rose, Eva Williams - Notices of death, 1964
1	8	Rose family history
1	9	Photographs: Eva Williams Rose
1	10	Photographs, Family
1	11	Photographs, Family
2	1	Rose Memorial Library
2	2	Albert W. Rose: Penmanship award
2	3	Rose coat of arms (painted wooden plaque)
OP1	-	Albert W. Rose: Common School Course completion certificate, Jenkins County, Georgia, June 6, 1913
OP1	-	Millen (Ga.) High School diploma, May 29, 1916
OP1	-	Certificate to practice professional engineering in Georgia, May 9, 1947
OP1	-	Enlarged reproduction of congratulatory telegram on retirement from Westinghouse, January 22, 1965

### Dairies - E.E. Rose

BV1	January 1-June 3, 1902
BV2	December 1, 1913 November 30, 1914
BV3	December 1, 1914 November 30, 1915
BV4	December 1, 1915 January 1, 1917
BV5	1917
BV6	1918
BV7	1919
BV8	1920
BV9	1921
BV10	1922
BV11	1923
BV12	January 1, 1924 June 30, 1925
BV13	July 1 December 31, 1925
BV14	January 1, 1926 April 30, 1927

BV15            May 1, 1927 March 7, 1928

### Writings - E.E. Rose

BV16            *The Way I've Come*, MS

BV17            *The Way I've Come*, TS

### Record books (containing accounts, lists, diary entries, sermon notes, etc.)

2	4	1896 (2 volumes)
2	5	1897 (2 volumes)
2	6	1898 (1 volume, includes Vanceville School information)
2	7	1899 (1 volume belonging to Eva Williams Rose)
2	8	1900 (1 volume)
2	9	1901 (1 volume)
2	10	1902 (1 volume)
2	11	1903-1904 (2 volumes)
2	12	1905 (2 volumes)
3	1	1906-1907 (4 volumes)
3	2	1908 (2 volumes)
3	3	1909-1910 (3 volumes)
3	4	1911 (3 volumes)
3	5	1912 (4 volumes)
3	6	1913 (2 volumes)
4	1	1914-1915 (3 volumes)
4	2	1915-1916 (2 volumes)
4	3	1917-1918 (1 volume)
4	4	1919-1920 (2 volumes)
4	5	1920-1921 (1 volume)
4	6	1922 (1 volume)
4	7	1923-1924 (3 volumes)
4	8	1924-1925 (1 volume)
4	9	1926-1927 (3 volumes)
4	10	1928 (2 volumes)
4	11	Notebook: "History of Methodism"

### Correspondence

5	1	Albert Williams Rose to mother, 1918 September, 1919 May
5	2	Albert Williams Rose to parents, 1920
5	3	Albert Williams Rose to mother, 1921 March-May
5	4	Albert Williams Rose to parents, 1921 June, September
5	5	Albert Williams Rose to parents, 1921 October

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| 5 | 6  | Albert Williams Rose to parents, 1921 November                     |
| 5 | 7  | Albert Williams Rose to parents, 1921 December                     |
| 5 | 8  | Albert Williams Rose to parents, 1921 no date                      |
| 5 | 9  | Albert Williams Rose to parents, 1922 January                      |
| 5 | 10 | Albert Williams Rose to parents, 1922 February-March               |
| 5 | 11 | Albert Williams Rose to parents, 1922 May, July-August             |
| 5 | 12 | Albert Williams Rose to parents, 1922 September-December           |
| 5 | 13 | Albert Williams Rose to parents, 1922 no date                      |
| 5 | 14 | Helen Rose Seybold to Albert Williams Rose, 1936 June-July         |
| 5 | 15 | Helen Rose Seybold to Albert Williams Rose, 1936 August            |
| 5 | 16 | Helen Rose Seybold to Albert Williams Rose, 1936 October-December  |
| 5 | 17 | Helen Rose Seybold to Albert Williams Rose, 1937                   |
| 5 | 18 | Helen Rose Seybold to Albert Williams and Grace Rose, 1939         |
| 5 | 19 | Eva Rose to Grace Rose, 1939 October                               |
| 5 | 20 | Helen Rose Seybold to Albert Williams and Grace Rose, 1940 October |
| 5 | 21 | Helen Rose Seybold to Albert Williams and Grace Rose, 1942         |
| 5 | 22 | H. Wickliffe Rose to A.W. Rose, 1962-1968                          |
| 5 | 23 | General family correspondence, 1894-1910                           |
| 5 | 24 | General family correspondence, 1911-1928                           |
| 5 | 25 | General family correspondence, 1932-1967                           |
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