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# Guide to the Florence Edler de Roover Papers 1933-1978



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## Descriptive Summary

<b>Identifier</b>	ICU.SPCL.DEROOVERFE
<b>Title</b>	de Roover, Florence Edler. Papers
<b>Date</b>	1933-1978
<b>Size</b>	11 linear feet (17 boxes)
<b>Repository</b>	Special Collections Research Center University of Chicago Library 1100 East 57th Street Chicago, Illinois 60637 U.S.A.
<b>Abstract</b>	Florence Edler de Roover (1900-1987) historian. The collection documents her study of romance languages and medieval European history, and contains publications, correspondence, research notes and drafts, and translations and transcriptions of medieval manuscripts.

## Information on Use

### Access

This collection is open for research.

### Citation

When quoting material from this collection, the preferred citation is: de Roover, Florence Edler. Papers, [Box #, Folder #], Special Collections Research Center, University of Chicago Library

### Biographical Note

Florence Edler de Roover was born in Chicago in December of 1900 or 1901. She received her Ph.B, MA, and PhD in romance languages and medieval history with honors from the University of Chicago in 1930. Her PhD dissertation, titled "The Silk Trade of Lucca during the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Centuries," was first published in 1930. De Roover lectured on this topic for several years. She published her "Glossary on Mediaeval Terms of Business, Italian Series, 1200-1600" by 1934. She spent a year as a fellow at the University of Toulouse, a year as a fellow at the University of Florence, and also a year as a fellow of the Belgium American Foundation.

De Roover met her husband, Raymond de Roover, also a historian of medieval economic history, while studying in Antwerp. They married in 1936. After their marriage, Raymond de Roover obtained a scholarship to Harvard Business School, later teaching at the universities of Harvard and Chicago, as well as at Boston College and Brooklyn College. From 1938-1944, Florence de Roover served as the head of the Department of History at MacMurray College

in Jacksonville, Illinois before taking two years to research and write a book in Europe. From 1943-1944, she was also the State chairman for International relations for Illinois. In 1946 she took the position of visiting professor and acting head of the Department of History at Cedar Crest College in Pennsylvania. De Roover was a member of the American Historical Association, the American Association of Teachers of Italian, the Economic History Society of London, and the society of Medieval University Women.

The de Roovers lived in Brooklyn, New York until the death of Raymond de Roover in 1972. Upon her husband's death, Florence de Roover moved to Florence, Italy to continue research for a book she began before her marriage, leaving her belongings in Rock Island, Illinois at the home of her brother Alfred. In 1983, at the age of 83, she suffered a stroke, resulting in a fall that fractured her hip, arm, and several vertebrae. Too weak to travel, de Roover lived in a nursing home in Florence until her death September 6, 1987. The de Roovers had no children.

### **Scope Note**

The Florence Edler de Roover Papers are organized into five series: Series I: Writing; Series II: Correspondence; Series III: Research; Series IV: Microfilm; and Series V: Oversize. This collection contains academic and research material including drafts, transcriptions, translations, and notes compiled and written by de Roover. Materials created by de Roover date 1933-1978. Articles and other research materials are in several European languages, including English, Dutch, French, German, and Italian.

### **Related Resources**

The following related resources are located in the Department of Special Collections:

Nef, John Ulric, Jr. Papers, 1840-2008

### **Subject Headings**

- De Roover, Florence Edler, 1900-1987
- De Roover, Raymond Adrien, 1904-1972
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## **INVENTORY**

### **Series I: Writing**

#### **Subseries 1: Translations and Transcriptions**

##### **Box 1**

##### **Folder 1**

The Origin of Capitalism in Venice, Reinhard Heynen, 1933

##### **Box 1**

##### **Folder 2**

The Secret Book of Gregorio Dati, 1976

**Box 1**

**Folder 3**

Bettino Frescobaldi, Public Record, undated

**Box 1**

**Folder 4**

14th century account book, Lucca, undated

**Box 1**

**Folder 5**

Miscellaneous, undated

**Subseries 2: PhD Dissertation, “The Silk Trade of Lucca during the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Centuries,” 1930**

**Box 1**

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Article, undated

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Introduction, undated

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Chapter One, undated

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Chapter One, revised, undated

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Chapter Two, undated

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Chapter Two, revised, undated

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Chapters One & Two, revised; Chapter Three, undated

**Box 1**

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Chapter Three, notes

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Chapter Three, materials used, undated

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Chapter Six, undated

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Lecture, undated

**Subseries 3: Articles**

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**Folder 8**

Articles by de Roover, offprints, 1936-1938

**Series II: Correspondence**

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**Folder 1**

Family Correspondence (photocopies), 1945-1987

**Box 3**

**Folder 2**

Allen Evans, Correspondence, 1938-1956

**Box 3**

**Folder 3**

Ruth Grönwoldt, Correspondence, 1953-1957

**Box 3**

**Folder 4**

Frances Little, Correspondence, 1954-1955

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Miscellaneous Correspondence, 1946-1949, 1978

**Series III: Research**

**Subseries 1: Strozzi**

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Draft and Notes, undated

**Box 3**

**Folder 7**

Strozzi Voyage and New Facets Article, undated

**Box 3**

**Folder 8**

Articles, undated

**Box 3**

**Folder 9**

Notes, undated

**Box 3**

**Folder 10**

Girolamo Strozzi Notes, Miscellaneous, undated

**Subseries 2: Antwerp**

**Box 3**

**Folder 11**

Newspaper, 1930

**Box 3**

**Folder 12**

Photographs & Postcards, undated

**Box 3**

**Folder 13**

Municipal Archives of Antwerp, Notes and Correspondence, undated

**Box 3**

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Photographs of Early Drawings and Maps, undated

**Box 3**

**Folder 15**

Antwerp Money Market, Van der Molen Letters & Notes, undated

**Subseries 3: Articles on the history of Accounting, 1889-1971**

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**Folder 16**

Articles on the history of Accounting, 1930-1947, 1964

**Box 4**

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Articles on the history of Accounting, 1926-1931, 1940, undated

**Box 4**

**Folder 2**

Articles on the history of Accounting, 1875, 1929-1950, undated

**Box 4**

**Folder 3**

Articles on the history of Accounting, 1944-1960, undated

**Box 4**

**Folder 4**

Articles on the history of Accounting, 1889, 1929-1971, undated

**Box 4**

**Folder 5**

Articles on the history of Accounting, 1930-1945, 1960, undated

**Box 4**

**Folder 6**

Articles on the history of Accounting, 1919-1929, 1954, 1967, undated

**Box 5**

**Folder 1**

Articles on the history of Accounting, 1930-1960, undated

**Box 5**

**Folder 2**

Articles on the history of Accounting, 1907-1962, undated

**Subseries 4 Pieter Van der Molen & Brothers**

**Box 5**

**Folder 3**

Photostat copies of letterbooks, Folios 1-50, March 9, 1538-January 11, 1539

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**Folder 4**

Photostat copies of letterbooks, Folios 51-100, January 11, 1539- July 15, 1539

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Photostat copies of letterbooks, Folios 101-150, August 8, 1539-May 2, 1540

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Photostat copies of letterbooks, Folios 151-200, May 2, 1540 – April 3, 1541

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Photostat copies of letterbooks, Folios 201-250, April 3, 1541 – November 25, 1542

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**Folder 2**

Photostat copies of letterbooks, Folios 251-296, December 16, 1542 – October 4, 1544

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**Folder 3**

Letters, transcriptions, undated

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**Folder 4**

For Article on Exchange, 1946

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**Folder 5**

Daniel van der Melen family & genealogy of my van der Molen, undated

**Box 6**

**Folder 6**

Tapestries, undated

**Box 6**

**Folder 7**

Things to Look Up, undated

**Box 6**

**Folder 8**



Van der Molen & Antwerp, notes, draft, and correspondence, 1962, undated

**Box 6**

**Folder 9**

Maritime Insurance

**Box 6**

**Folder 10**

Materials, 1947, undated

**Box 6**

**Folder 11**

Notes, undated

**Subseries 5: The Medici**

**Box 7**

Medici Family Genealogy, prepared by Mr. and Mrs. Frederic Gaupp, The Medici, 1-700s, Lippo or Cascia Line, undated

**Box 8**

Medici Family Genealogy, prepared by Mr. and Mrs. Frederic Gaupp, The Medici, 800-1425, Averando or Cafaggiolo Line, undated

**Box 9**

Medici Family Genealogy, prepared by Mr. and Mrs. Frederic Gaupp, The Medici, Persons related to the Medici through marriage, undated

**Box 10**

**Folder 1**

Notes accompanying Medici Family Genealogy, undated

**Box 10**

**Folder 2**

Francesco di Giuliano De' Medici, notes, outline, undated

**Subseries 6: Miscellaneous**

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**Folder 3**

Lucchesi Merchants, notes, undated

**Box 10**

**Folder 4**

Italian Shields, undated

**Box 10**

**Folder 5**

Gabella & Brobers Records, undated

**Box 10**

**Folder 6**

Medieval Businessmen, notes, outline, undated

**Box 10**

**Folder 7**

A Case on Francesco Datini del Prato, draft, outline, undated

**Box 10**

**Folder 8**

Material on Winchcombe Kerseys, undated

**Box 10**

**Folder 9**

Bergen op Zoom, undated

**Box 10**

**Folder 10**

English Materials

**Box 10**

**Folder 11**

Professor Osamu Kojima, early Japanese works on bookkeeping, photos and descriptions, undated

**Box 10**

**Folder 12**

Notes & Clippings found in P. G. A. de Waal, Van Pacciolo tot Stevin, undated

**Box 10**

**Folder 13**

Maps, Europe, Italy, undated

**Box 10**

**Folder 14**

Typescript of Account books of Cristoforo Ambigi of Southampton 1492-1497, ed. Alwyn Ruddock, undated

**Box 11**

**Folder 1**

Allen Evans, transcriptions of manuscripts concerning medieval coinage from Florence, Paris, Aix, Naples, Venice, & Rome, [1/2], undated

**Box 11**

**Folder 2**

Allen Evans, transcriptions of manuscripts concerning medieval coinage from Florence, Paris, Aix, Naples, Venice, & Rome, [2/2], undated

**Box 11**

**Folder 3**

Allen Evans, materials, notes on medieval coinage, undated

**Box 11**

**Folder 4**

Misc. Items, undated

**Box 12**

Glass lantern slides for illustrated lecture, including views of Lucca, medieval drawings of silk manufacture, and photographs of samples of Lucchese silks, undated

**Box 13**

De Roover note cards for PhD dissertation, [1/2]

**Box 14**

De Roover note cards for PhD dissertation, [2/2]

**Series IV: Microfilm**

**Box 15**

Thomas S. Noonan, "The Dnieper Trade Route in Kievan Russia," Ph.D. dissertation, Indiana University, 1965, positive microfilm; Archivio di Stato Firenze, Campioni del Catasto dei Cittadini, Sommario del Catasto di San Giovanni, Registro No 84, positive microfilm; Roll of film, unknown

## **Series V: Oversize**

### **Box 16**

Chart of Medici genealogy, undated

### **Box 17**

#### **Folder 1**

Antwerpen Newspaper, 1938

### **Box 17**

#### **Folder 2**

Maps, Tuscany & Persia

### **Box 17**

#### **Folder 3**

Photostat copies, Liber Alienigenus of the Corporation of Southhampton, 1454-1460

### **Box 17**

#### **Folder 4**

Photocopies from Archivio di Stato, Venezia, and Archivio del Senato, Deliberation mar, 1440-1445, 1452-1453