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Descriptive Summary

Identifier          ICU.SPCL.DEROOVERFE
Title               de Roover, Florence Edler. Papers
Date                1933-1978
Size                11 linear feet (17 boxes)
Repository          Special Collections Research Center
                    University of Chicago Library
                    1100 East 57th Street
                    Chicago, Illinois 60637 U.S.A.

Abstract            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:

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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

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