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Guide to the

**White Rose Mission and Industrial Association documents**

1899-1943

Sc MG 837

## Summary

**Creator:** White Rose Mission and Industrial Association

**Title:** White Rose Mission and Industrial Association documents

**Date:** 1899-1943

**Size:** 0.21 linear feet (1 box)

**Source:** Gift of Kenneth Ambrose, 2010 and 2017.

**Revision History:** Finding aid updated by Lauren Stark.

**Abstract:** White Rose Mission and Industrial Association was incorporated in 1899, in New York City. It was founded by Victoria Earle Matthews (1861-1907), formerly enslaved person, journalist, author, and social worker. The White Rose Mission was a Christian, non-sectarian social center for African American women who migrated from the South to New York City in search of employment. It offered traveler's aid to African American girls and women who were stranded at railway stations and the docks, and offered training for domestic service through cooking and sewing classes. The collection contains institutional and financial documents including: Presidents' annual reports prepared by Ildica E. H. Scott, President; expense reports; bank statements; gift receipts; Mission event invitations, programs, and guest lists; membership forms and donor acknowledgments; employment letters for Elizabeth Mayfield and Annie E. Johnson; reports of the residents of the White Rose Home; and other miscellaneous documents.

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**Related Materials:**

White Rose Mission and Industrial Association collection, Sc MG 565, Manuscripts, Archives and Rare Books Division, Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture

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**Key Terms****Subjects**

African American women -- New York (State) -- New York -- Societies and clubs  
African Americans -- Employment  
African Americans -- Housing  
Women in charitable work

**Names**

Scott, Ildica E. H., 1874-1963  
White Rose Mission and Industrial Association

## Container List

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- b. 1 f. 2 Annual reports and expense reports 1928-1940
- b. 1 f. 3 Correspondence 1926-1942
- b. 1 f. 4 Administrative documents
- b. 1 f. 5 Bank statements and receipts books 1937-1941
- b. 1 f. 6 Donation acknowledgments 1923-1943
- b. 1 f. 7 Mission event invitations, programs, and guest lists 1923-1942