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Summary Information

Repository:	Congregational Library & Archives
Creator:	Wood, Robert Watson
Creator:	Coulter, Hugh M.
Creator:	Egan, Clarence Edward, Dr., Jr.
Title:	Robert Wood papers, 1891-2018.
ID:	MS4704
Date [inclusive]:	1891-2018
Physical Description:	4.1 Cubic Feet (8 boxes)
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	Robert Wood (1923-2018) was ordained as a United Church of Christ minister and was a pioneer in the LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender) movement. Rev. Wood wrote a book, <i>Christ and the Homosexual</i> , which was published under his own name in 1960. This collection focuses on Rev. Wood's life as an advocate for LGBT rights, particularly regarding marriage equality and military service, while also including some his work as a United Church minister. Additionally, the collection includes materials from conferences and seminars, correspondences, personal information, publications, writings and some audio and visual material. The collection also includes photographs, professional and personal papers of Wood's husband, Hugh M. Coulter (1919-1989).

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Information

Robert Watson Wood was born on May 21, 1923 in Youngstown, Ohio. He served as an infantryman during World War II and after recovering from battle wounds returned to the University of Pennsylvania. While there he received a bachelor's degree in economics in 1948. In 1951, he graduated from Oberlin Seminary and was ordained by the Congregational Church at Fair Haven, Vermont. Reverend Wood's life work was as a pioneer in homosexual rights and advocacy, especially within religious institutions. In 1960, he wrote the ground-breaking book "Christ and the Homosexual" which he not only published under his own name, but included his photograph on the dust jacket and listed the name of his parish. This decision came at a time when few advocates were willing to risk the reprisal, condemnation, or backlash that came with publicly acknowledging their homosexuality. Wood was vocal on the topic of gay rights in many different settings such as within the United Church of Christ, within Christianity in general, in the political arena and on local and national news outlets. Wood's voluminous writings, many of which can be found in the collection, demonstrate his dedication and tenacity sustained over five decades of work on behalf of homosexual rights and religious tolerance. Robert Wood created a family with his life partner, artist Hugh "Buck" Coulter. They met in 1962 and the couple remained devoted to each other until Coulter's death in 1989. During Reverend Wood's final years, he resided in a retirement community in New Hampshire.

Churches Served

Broadway Tabernacle (staff), New York, NY

1951-1953

First Church, Spring Valley, NY

1953-1965

Zion United Church of Christ, Newark, NJ

1965-1978

Union Congregational, Maynard, MA.

1978-1986

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minister. Unlike Wood, Egan did not have the support of his denomination. When Egan's health started failing in the late 1980s, he sent Wood some of his writings and their shared correspondence.

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Arrangement

Records are divided into five topical series and nine topical sub-series.

Series 1: Personal and Career, 1891-2016

Subseries 1: Personal, 1891-2011

Subseries 2: Career, 1934-2016

Series 2: Mass Media and Objects, 1892-2016

Subseries 1: Photographs, 1892-2016

Subseries 2: Objects, 1942-2004

Subseries 3: Books, 1950-2008

Subseries 4: Audio material, 1969-2002

Series 3: Correspondence, writing, and publicity, 1947-2018

Subseries 2: Content created by Robert Wood, 1947-2013

Subseries 1: Correspondence and news, 1947-2017

Subseries 3: Content about Robert Wood, 1960-2018

Series 4: Supporting Material, 1951-2015

Series 5: Conference and Seminars, 1962-1989

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Administrative Information

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Revision Description

William McCarthy. Collection went through major reprocessing. 2018-12-12

Restrictions on Access

This collection is unrestricted and open to the public unless otherwise noted, as is the case with some of the cassettes.

Restrictions on Use

Items in this collection are subject to U.S. Copyright Law. It is the responsibility of the researcher to determine the copyright status of collection items and to secure any permissions necessary for their reproduction and publication. Requests for permission to publish material must be discussed with the archivist or librarian.

Acquisition Information

Collection donated by Robert Wood between 2004-2018. First accessioned in 2015, given accession number 2015-15.

Processing Information

Collection was first processed by Jessica Steytler in 2004. Additional material was added to the collection in May 2014 and October 2018 by Jessica Steytler, using DACS second edition. In December 2018, William McCarthy re-processed the collection.

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Related Materials

Related Materials

Related collections include the Open and Affirming Coalition United Church of Christ's Collection, 1969-2015, RG4924 and the Maynard, Mass. Union Congregational Church records, 1850-2017, RG5354.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Gay military personnel.
- Gay rights -- United States -- Religious aspects.
- Human rights -- Religious aspects.
- Same-sex marriage.
- Sexual minorities.
- War diaries.
- Gay activists.
- Leather lifestyle.
- World War, 1939-1945 -- Gays.
- Gay clergy.
- Wood, Robert Watson
- Coulter, Hugh M.
- Egan, Clarence Edward, Dr., Jr.
- United Church of Christ Coalition for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Concerns

Technical Requirements

Digital surrogate audio files and compact disks must be used on a secured library device.

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Collection Inventory

Personal and Career, 1891-2016

Physical Description: 54 Items (43 folders, 8 volumes, 3 objects)

Scope and Contents

This series contains information related to the career and personal life of Robert Wood. This includes personal information such as his military diaries, greeting cards and his military awards. The career section focuses on his pastoral work, including his minister personal records.

Personal, 1891-2011

Physical Description: 28 Items (22 folders, 3 volumes, 3 objects)

Scope and Contents

This sub-series contains personal records of Robert Wood, such as his war diaries, greeting cards and military awards.

Title/Description	Instances	
Cemetery deed for the Wood family, 1891	box 5	folder 1
Wood family burial information, 1891, 1931, 1975, 1993	box 1	folder 1
Robert Wood and Hugh Coulter's birth certificates, 1919, 1923	box 1	folder 2
Newspaper from day Robert Wood was born, May 21, 1923 <u>Physical Description</u> : Very fragile, handle with great care	box 5	folder 2
Hugh Coulter's files, 1938-1989	box 1	folder 3
World War II documents, 1941-1945	box 1	folder 4
War diary, 1943	box 6	volume 6
Purple heart medal and dog tags, 1943, 1945	box 7	object 7
War diary, 1944	box 6	volume 7
World War II discharge orders, October 16, 1945	box 5	folder 3
War diary, 1945	box 6	volume 8
Bronze star medal, 1945	box 7	object 8
Greeting cards between Bob and Hugh, 1963-1979	box 1	folder 5
Christmas cards designed by Hugh for friends, 1963-1983	box 1	folder 6
Greeting cards from friends, 1967-2011	box 1	folder 7
Glass hats, 1970-1976, 1995	box 1	folder 8
Greeting cards between Bob and Hugh, 1980-1986		

	box 1	folder 9
Cross and designs by Hugh Coulter for Robert Wood, 1984	box 5	folder 8
Coulter Wood Antiques, 1985	box 1	folder 10
Sympathy cards on the death of Hugh Coulter, 1988-1991	box 1	folder 11
Hugh Coulter becomes a member of the Franciscan Missionary Union, February 15, 1989	box 1	folder 12
Hugh Coulter's Remembrance Book, 1989	box 1	folder 13
Havenwood friends, 1993, 1996, 2010	box 1	folder 14
Pioneer award presented to Robert W. Wood by the United Church of Christ Coalition for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Concerns, June 2004	box 7	object 3
Playbills, sheet music, programs, undated	box 1	folder 15
Sympathy cards on the death of Hugh Coulter, undated	box 1	folder 16
Greeting cards between Bob and Hugh, undated	box 1	folder 17
Greeting cards from friends, undated	box 1	folder 18

Career, 1934-2016

Physical Description: 26 Items (21 folders, 5 volumes)

Scope and Contents

This sub-series contains records related to the pastoral career of Robert Wood and includes his minister personal records, retirement information and more.

Title/Description	Instances	
Certificates, awards, ordination, 1934-2016	box 1	folder 19
Minister's service book, 1937	box 6	volume 1
Lorain High School Diploma, June 4, 1941	box 1	folder 20
Ordination and graduation certificates, 1948, 1951	box 7	folder 6
Career History, 1948-1986	box 1	folder 21
Oberlin College Diploma, June 11, 1951	box 1	folder 22
Minister's personal record, 1951-1965	box 6	volume 2
Materials removed from minister's personal record, 1951-1965	box 1	folder 23
Robert Wood's Pastorate at First Congregational Church in Spring Valley, NY, 1953-1959	box 1	folder 24
Spiritual Exercises, 1956-1962	box 1	folder 25
Services officiated by Robert Wood, 1956-1972, 2002	box 1	folder 26
Mattachine Society Award for Merit, 1960	box 5	folder 4

Minister's personal record, 1964-1972	box 6	volume 3
Materials removed from minister's personal record, 1964-1972	box 1	folder 27
Robert Wood's pastorate at Zion United Church of Christ (Newark, NJ), 1965-1976	box 1	folder 28
Certificates and letters of achievement, 1967-2005	box 1	folder 29
Minister's personal record, 1972-1978	box 6	volume 4
Materials removed from minister's personal record, 1972-1978	box 1	folder 30
Religious tours, 1975-1981, 2000	box 1	folder 31
Minister's personal record, 1978-2013	box 6	volume 5
Materials removed from minister's personal record, 1978-2013	box 1	folder 32
Retirement, 1986	box 1	folder 33
Robert Wood's retirement announcement, January 28, 1986	box 1	folder 34
Weddings officiated by Robert Wood, 1996-2013	box 1	folder 35
Auto-biographical sketches, 2002, undated	box 1	folder 36
Marriage of Steven Law and William Stroud, 2004	box 1	folder 37

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Mass Media and Objects, 1892-2016

Physical Description: 138 Items (70 pages, 23 files, 6 objects, 21 cassettes, 4 CDs, 5 volumes, 9 folders)

Scope and Contents

This series contains mass media and objects owned by Robert Wood and his husband Hugh Coulter. The photographs that span the lives of Robert Wood and Hugh Coulter, includes pictures of Wood's family and trips Wood took across the globe. The objects include an enameled dish and award for Hugh Coulter and two of Robert Wood's stoles. The sub-series on books contain items that Robert Wood owned when his material was sent to the CLA. The final sub-series contains audio recordings and includes interviews between Steven Law and Robert Wood, plus various other speeches and interviews by and with Wood.

Photographs, 1892-2016

Physical Description: 100 Items (7 folders, 70 pages, 23 files)

Scope and Contents

This sub-series contains photographs that span the lives of Robert Wood and Hugh Coulter, includes pictures of Wood's family and trips Wood took across the globe.

Arrangement

The photo album that makes up box 4 is arranged such that the first section features just Hugh Coulter, and is approximately chronological. The second section is just Robert Wood, also approximately chronological. The final section is Hugh and Robert's life together. Numbering indicates page number, not photograph number.

Title/Description	Instances	
Hugh as a baby and child, including birth announcement, 1920-1933 <u>Physical Description:</u> 5 Items	box 4	page 1
Hugh as a soldier, 1942-1944 <u>Physical Description:</u> 3 Items	box 4	page 2
Hugh as a soldier, 1942-1944 <u>Physical Description:</u> 1 Items	box 4	page 3
Hugh, portraits, including personalized stamp book, Circa 1940s, undated <u>Physical Description:</u> 10 Items All but one of the pages of stamps has stuck together.	box 4	page 4
Hugh, snapshots, Circa 1940s, undated <u>Physical Description:</u> 3 Items	box 4	page 5
Postcard of a police officer in a garden, black and white, early 20th century	box 4	page 5
Hugh, snapshots, portrait, 1935, circa 1940s, undated <u>Physical Description:</u> 6 Items	box 4	page 6
Hugh, Mill Neck, Long Island, age 30, 1949	box 4	page 7
Hugh, cowboy outfit, 1952 <u>Physical Description:</u> 2 Items	box 4	page 8
Hugh, cowboy outfit, 1952 <u>Physical Description:</u> 2 Items	box 4	page 9
Hugh, cowboy outfit, circa 1952 <u>Physical Description:</u> 2 Items 5 photos total, 4 bound in small album	box 4	page 10
Bob, Basic training portrait, Texas, 1943 February	box 4	page 11
Bob with brother, Harold Jr., circa 1924	box 4	page 12
Bob, holding banner at camp (group shot), Loraine, Ohio, 1940	box 4	page 12
Bob with his parents Harold and Edith at Wood's ordination, 1951 June 17	box 4	page 12
Bob with his parents, 1950s	box 4	page 12

Portrait of Bob in clerical dress (sitting in backwards chair), 1958 <u>Physical Description</u> : 2 Items	box 4	page 13
Portrait of Bob in clerical dress (knee up and close up), 1958 <u>Physical Description</u> : 2 Items	box 4	page 14
Portrait of Bob in white t-shirt, 1958	box 4	page 15
Group photo with Bob, standing, in sailor hat- Provincetown, Mass., 1960	box 4	page 16
John Peters, Bob Wood, E. C. Wood. Spring Valley, NY., 1962	box 4	page 16
Bob and Hugh, 1964	box 4	page 16
Bob at the beach, 1963	box 4	page 17
Bob in front of paintings by Hugh, a Christmas present that year, 1962	box 4	page 17
Bob on the Grass, circa 1962	box 4	page 17
Bob and Hugh, New York World's Fair, 1964	box 4	page 18
Hugh, New York World's Fair, by the Japanese building, 1964	box 4	page 18
Bob, New York World's Fair, 1964	box 4	page 18
Bob reading comics, 1964	box 4	page 18
Bob at the beach with dog, Jonsey, 1964	box 4	page 19
Hugh, Florida, 1967	box 4	page 19
Bob, Florida, 1967	box 4	page 19
Bob on Sea of Galilee, Israel Taken by Hugh , 1968 July 25	box 4	page 20
Hugh, Sea of Galilee, Israel, 1968 July	box 4	page 20
Bob and Hugh, in front of the same gate in matching denim outfits, 1969 <u>Physical Description</u> : 2 Items	box 4	page 21
Bob and Hugh together on steps, Glen Head, NY, possibly an anniversary picture, 1972 <u>Physical Description</u> : 2 Items	box 4	page 21
Interchurch Center Chapel, NYC. Bob behind alter at first National Conference on Religion and the Homosexual, 1971 March 25	box 4	page 22
Portrait of Bob with prominently worn wedding ring, 1971 March 25	box 4	page 23
Hugh, 1975	box 4	page 24
Hugh, circa 1973	box 4	page 24

Hugh dressed as Lincoln for Presidents Day for Zion UCC event, 1976	box 4	page 24
Hugh, circa 1980s	box 4	page 25
Hugh, One man show of oil paintings, Shirley Ctr., MA., undated, circa 1980s	box 4	page 25
Hugh portrait with one of his paintings, undated, circa 1960s	box 4	page 26
Hugh and Bob in the holy land, 1975, undated, 1981 <u>Physical Description:</u> 3 Items	box 4	page 27
Bob, Sea of Galilee, 1981 <u>Physical Description:</u> 2 Items	box 4	page 28
Portrait of Hugh, (2 versions), undated, circa 1960s <u>Physical Description:</u> 2 Items	box 4	page 29
Portrait of Bob with glass hat, 1982 August 22 <u>Physical Description:</u> 2 Items	box 4	page 29
Bob and Hugh, 2 friends in front of Maynard, MA parsonage , 1979	box 4	page 30
Hugh and un-named female friend, undated	box 4	page 30
Spartan-style jokers from a deck of cards, undated <u>Physical Description:</u> 2 Items	box 4	page 30
Anniversary invitation, 1982 August 22	box 4	page 31
Anniversary cake, 1982 August 22	box 4	page 31
Hugh and Bob with Bill Johnson, 1982 August 22	box 4	page 31
Leo, Rita, Hugh, Bob, 1982 August 22	box 4	page 32
George and Leo, 1982 August 22	box 4	page 32
Bob and unnamed friend, 1982 August 22	box 4	page 32
Bob's retirement from Maynard (2 photos), 1986 April 27	box 4	page 33
In Greece- ready to climb Mt. Olympus, with Hanns Ebensten (pointing at map), next to Wood., 1990 September	box 4	page 33
Ordination 50th anniversary cake, 2001 June 17	box 4	page 33
Bob at Philadelphia Class Reunion, 1998 May 17 <u>Physical Description:</u> 2 Items	box 4	page 34
Bob in front of one of Hugh's paintings at Christian Association, Philadelphia, 2001 <u>Physical Description:</u> 2 Items	box 4	page 34
Bob next to "Lemnotis House" sign, 2001	box 4	page 34

Bob at Havenwood retirement community Concord, NH, 2003	box 4	page 34
Bob and Steven C. Law, 2001	box 4	page 35
Bob and Steven C. Law in Philadelphia, 2001	box 4	page 35
Bob and Barbara Gittings, 2001 September 30	box 4	page 35
Bob and Steven C. Law at Havenwood, 2005 July	box 4	page 35
Bob at the Audi, Concord, NH, showing location of the bullet hole sustained 12/14/1943 Italian Campaign, taken by Steve Booth., 2008	box 4	page 36
Bob's parents, Harold and Edith (2 snapshots), undated	box 4	page 37
Harold Wood, Sr. as a child, circa 1892	box 4	page 37
Bob with his parents, Harold and Edith, circa late 1930s	box 4	page 37
Bob's mother's family as children: Georgia, Bill, Edith, and Fred Beard, 1905	box 4	page 38
William Wort Watson, Great Grandfather, undated	box 4	page 38
Bob as a child, mat reads: Perel Studio 26 W. Federal Street Youngstown, Ohio, circa 1925	box 4	page 39
Hugh with his mother, taken at Montecito, CA. Hugh, 8 1/2 months old, May 18 1920	box 4	page 40
Hugh in a wicker cart pulled by a goat, 1923	box 4	page 40
Hugh in a canoe with his father, Planedome, Long Island, July 1930	box 4	page 40
Photograph of a painting of Hugh's mother, Gibson Girl style, undated	box 4	page 41
The Leed's Estate, Santa Barbara, CA - where Hugh's father, David, worked., undated	box 4	page 41
David Coulter, Hugh's father, undated	box 4	page 41
Camping or vacation; Edith Wood at camp stove, 1940	box 4	page 42
<u>Physical Description</u> : 5 Items		
General		
5 black and white snapshots in original page from an album, topic inferred by processing archivist		
Bob's friends, including Rene deVille and "Gay Tarzan", 1949-1952, undated	box 4	page 43
<u>Physical Description</u> : 4 Items		
Bob and his friends, at Provincetown and undocumented., 1960, undated	box 4	page 44

<u>Physical Description</u> : 6 Items		
Bob, snapshots and portraits: with dogs, traveling, in vestments, head shots, undated, circa 1960s-1990s	box 4	page 45
<u>Physical Description</u> : 6 Items		
Bob at Fair Haven First Congregational Church UCC, June 17, 2001	box 4	page 46
Bob, portrait in front of abstract painting, circa 2001	box 4	page 46
Group shot from Deer Hill Conference, July 11, 1960	box 4	page 47
Group shot from Deer Hill Conference, 1961	box 4	page 48
Group shot of Bob, Hugh, and Zion Church Bible tour, 1972	box 4	page 49
Group shot of Maynard clergy in vestments, including Bob, circa 1983-1984	box 4	page 50
<u>Physical Description</u> : 2 Items		
Bob in vestments, undated	box 4	page 51
Bob in biker leathers, 1998, undated	box 4	page 52
<u>Physical Description</u> : 4 Items		
Bob in biker leathers, featuring Tom of Finland, "Tom's Man" t-shirt, undated, circa 1998	box 4	page 53
<u>Physical Description</u> : 4 Items		
Cowboy and leather motif, undated	box 4	page 54
<u>Physical Description</u> : 4 Items		
Bob and Hugh, in matching denim, October 1962	box 4	page 55
<u>Physical Description</u> : 5 Items		
Bob and Hugh on a couch, 1963	box 4	page 56
Bob and Hugh sharing food, May 1977	box 4	page 56
Bob and Hugh "the day the S.V. group drove to Maynard", September 14, 1980	box 4	page 56
Bob and Hugh in Williamston, VA, June 25, 1981	box 4	page 56
Bob and Hugh outside, last photographs together, September 1988	box 4	page 57
<u>Physical Description</u> : 2 Items		
Bob and Hugh with flower painting over mantelpiece, undated	box 4	page 57
Hugh's paintings, undated	box 4	page 58
<u>Physical Description</u> : 3 Items		
Hugh with his paintings, 1982, undated	box 4	page 59

Physical Description: 3 Items

Hugh in cowboy outfits, undated <u>Physical Description</u> : 3 Items	box 4	page 60
Hugh in cowboy outfits, leather outfit, undated <u>Physical Description</u> : 3 Items	box 4	page 61
Hugh, army portraits, circa 1944 <u>Physical Description</u> : 4 Items	box 4	page 62
Hugh traveling, circa 1972 <u>Physical Description</u> : 3 Items	box 4	page 62
Bob with friends, circa 1970s-1990s <u>Physical Description</u> : 4 Items	box 4	page 63
Bob and Hugh with friends, circa 1963-1977 <u>Physical Description</u> : 3 Items	box 4	page 64
Bob, Edith, and Harold, Jr., 1984, undated <u>Physical Description</u> : 2 Items	box 4	page 65
Bob and Hugh, with 2 unnamed friends in front of a church, August 1977	box 4	page 65
Bob with unnamed friend with United Church Coalition, NH Chapter, probably a Pride parade, June 1991	box 4	page 65
Edith Wood, seated with lap full of Cabbage Patch Kids, featuring framed photograph of Harold Wood, Sr on table, circa 1985	box 4	page 66

General

Originally framed, back of frame indicates that Hugh framed it, and had 2 photographs of Edith with family members taped to the back.

Edith Wood with grandson, Don? (inferred), circa 1985	box 4	page 66
General Originally taped to back of framed photo of Edith with the Cabbage Patch Kids		
Edith plays Chinese Checkers with great-grandson (inferred), circa 1985	box 4	page 66
Bob and Hugh, sitting on a stone wall, circa 1962-1963	box 4	page 67

General

This was originally in a side-by side metal frame that was on Bob's bedside table. It was layered with a photograph that's on this same page, but undated: "Bob and Hugh

crouching on the grass together," undated and one of "Bob with a red carnation boutonniere" undated. The opposite picture was of Hugh at his one man show art exhibit.

Bob and Hugh crouching on the grass together, circa 1977 <u>Physical Description:</u> This was originally in a side-by side metal frame that was on Bob's bedside table. It was layered underneath "Bob and Hugh sit on stone wall" and one of "Bob with a red carnation boutonniere" undated. The opposite picture was of Hugh at his one man show art exhibit.	box 4	page 67
Hugh at his one man show art exhibit, 1972 <u>Physical Description:</u> This was originally in a side-by side metal frame that was on Bob's bedside table. It was layered with a photograph of Bob's mother, Edith with an unnamed man. The opposite picture was of Bob and Hugh sitting on a stone wall. Card included reads: "Hough Coulter Inside Mt. Ebel 11/72 \$675"	box 4	page 67
Bob in a red carnation boutonniere, undated <u>Physical Description:</u> This was originally in a side-by side metal frame that was on Bob's bedside table. It was a lower layer below pictures of Bob and Hugh together.	box 4	page 68
Edith Wood, seated in armchair, with unnamed man, undated <u>Physical Description:</u> This was originally in a side-by side metal frame that was on Bob's bedside table. It was beneath the photograph of Hugh at his one man show art exhibit.	box 4	page 68
Bob with Rejean Blanchette and Bob Paradise; Dick and Anne Rush (dressed as Santa and Mrs. Claus), December 6, 2014	box 4	page 69
Biographical / Historical		
ReJean Blanchette and Bob Paradis were the last couple Bob Wood married; Bob considered ReJean an adopted son. Dick and Anne Rush were Bob's neighbors at Havenwood Heritage Heights.		
Bob, seated, with Steve Law, Barbara Gittings and Marilyn Bushnell (pink shirt) and other unnamed friends, September 30, 2001	box 4	page 69
Bob with George and Joe. Photo by HMC, August 1988	box 4	page 69
Bob with Richard (Dick) Pervonga, circa 2016	box 4	page 70
Home and Church Buildings, 1979-1980, undated	box 2	folder 43
50th anniversary of ordination, 2001	box 2	folder 44
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Covered bridges by Hugh Coulter, undated	box 2	folder 46
Travel Photos, undated	box 2	folder 47

Unframed photographs presented to RWW in 1986 at his retirement, 1945-1986	box 7	folder 2	
Hugh Coulter's art portfolio, 1985	box 5	folder 5	
Bob (L) and brother, 1924	box 3	object 1	File 1
Bob and brother before WWII (1), 1942	box 3	object 1	File 2
Bob and brother before WWII (2), 1942	box 3	object 1	File 3
Bob before WWII (1), 1942	box 3	object 1	File 4
Bob before WWII (2), 1942	box 3	object 1	File 5
Bob with car, 1942	box 3	object 1	File 6
Edith, Bob and Dog, 1942	box 3	object 1	File 7
Father, Bob and Dog, 1942	box 3	object 1	File 8
Bob and his nephew, 1947	box 3	object 1	File 9
Bob with car, 1947	box 3	object 1	File 10
Father, Bob and brother, 1947	box 3	object 1	File 11
Bob and nephew, 1949	box 3	object 1	File 12
Bob and brother, 1951	box 3	object 1	File 13
Edith, Bob, brother and nephew, 1951	box 3	object 1	File 14
Father, Bob, brother and nephew, 1951	box 3	object 1	File 15
Father, Bob, brother and nephew, 1953	box 3	object 1	File 16
Edith and Bob, 1976	box 3	object 1	File 17
Baptism by Bob, 1977	box 3	object 1	File 18
Great Nephew in Bob's father's gown, 1977	box 3	object 1	File 19
Bob with family (4 generations), 1986	box 3	object 1	File 20
Edith and Bob, 1986	box 3	object 1	File 21
Bob with great-nephew, 1986	box 3	object 1	File 22
Edith, Bob, nephew and great-nephew, 1986	box 3	object 1	File 23

Objects, 1942-2004

Physical Description: 7 Items (5 objects, 2 folders)

Scope and Contents

This sub-series contains objects including an enameled dish and award for Hugh Coulter and two of Robert Wood's stoles.

Title/Description

Instances

Wood from University of Pennsylvania goalpost from the Penn/Cornell game that was torn down, November 26, 1942	box 7	object 4
Hugh Coulter's 15 cm Enameled dish, 1953	box 7	object 2
Hugh Coulter's award from the Locust Valley Art Show, 1964	box 7	object 1
University of Philadelphia 50th Anniversary Pin, 1998	box 5	folder 6
Hugh Coulter 10 years of Methodist Sunday School Attendance, undated	box 5	folder 7
White and purple Stoles, undated	box 7	object 5
Red and green Stoles, undated	box 7	object 6

Books, 1950-2008

Physical Description: 5 Volumes

Scope and Contents

This sub-series contains books that Robert Wood owned when his material was sent to the CLA. His copy of "Christ and the Homosexual" includes personal annotations and he wrote one of the chapters in "We Went to War".

Title/Description	Instances	
Harper's Magazine Centennial Issue, October 1950	box 8	volume 3
Christ and the Homosexual, 1960	box 8	volume 1
The Fighting 36th: A Pictorial History the Texas Division in Combat, June 15, 1988	box 8	volume 5
Heartthrob: A Hundred Years of Beautiful Men, 1998	box 8	volume 4
We Went to War: New Hampshire Remembers, 2008	box 8	volume 2

Audio material, 1969-2002

Physical Description: 26 Items (1 object, 21 cassettes, 4 CD's)

Restrictions on Access:

Restrictions on Access

Cassette tapes 1-21 are restricted from being played, but digital surrogates are available at the Congregational Library & Archives on the USB listed in this sub-series.

Scope and Contents

This sub-series is primarily made up of audio recordings, such as the interviews between Steven Law and Robert Wood, plus various other speeches and interviews by and with Wood. Also included here is one recording from Ed Egan.

Title/Description	Instances	
USB recordings of Cassettes 1-19, 1974-2002, undated	box 3	object 2

Technical Requirements:

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Use of this USB drive requires a computer with a USB port. If you do not have one, we have a computer which can be used to view the files.

Interview as Steven Law prepares to write a biography of Reverend Robert W. Wood, 1991 October 22	box 3	Cassette 1
<u>Conditions Governing Access:</u>		
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Original cassette has restricted access, digital surrogate is found in USB drive located in box 3.		
Christ and the Homosexual, undated	box 3	Cassette 2
War Experiences and Oberlin College, 1948-1951	box 3	Cassette 3
Last service and sermon as pastor, 1986 April 27	box 3	Cassette 4
Ed Egan: "A Theology of Homosexuality"; Church's ministry with the homosexual person and the New Jersey Association retreat, 1974 October 21	box 3	Cassette 5
Military and War, undated	box 3	Cassette 6
Interview with Steven Law; Topics include Christmas, hospitalizations, Hugh's death, pictures, police, B. Ruben Shears, 1991 December	box 3	Cassette 7
Topics include the Relationships, Hugh and Bob's ministry together, love beyond sex, Portugal, King Mchail and Jimmy, Pilgrim Press, 2002	box 3	Cassette 8
Interview with Steven Law; Topics include Theology, Childhood, Seminary, Lake Placid, Stewardship, Leather, Post-War years, greatest sins, undated	box 3	Cassette 9
16 Sermon Digests by Robert Wood, undated	box 3	Cassette 10
Interview with Steven Law; Topics include conference minister, Hugh and gay issues, silences, spirituality, illness, alcoholism, his mother and Hugh, writing process, 1991 December	box 3	Cassette 11
Wood's presentation on gay history with Q&A after, 1993 September 16	box 3	Cassette 12
Steven Law interviews with Ed Egan, undated	box 3	Cassette 13
Retirement party in Maynard, Massachusetts, 1986 April 27	box 3	Cassette 14
Steven Law interviews George and Joe in New Jersey, undated	box 3	Cassette 15
Sermon for Wood's 50th anniversary of ordination, 2001 June 17	box 3	Cassette 16
Hugh Coulter's memorial service, 1989 January 21	box 3	Cassette 17

Reverend Wood seminar on Gay History and Communion Sunday at Emanuel Church in Concord NH, 1974, 1989	box 3	Cassette 18
Steven Law interview with Wood on first job and on Broadway Tabernacle, undated	box 3	Cassette 19
Steven Law interviews Kay Mitchell and Wood's Sermon "Christianism is not Christianity", July 14th, 1985	box 3	Cassette 20
Mrs. Mitchell and Shirley, Massachusetts, undated	box 3	Cassette 21
Religion and the Homosexual, 1969	box 5	Compact Disk 1
Talking Through Your Hat, 1987	box 5	Compact Disk 2
Gay History lecture, 1990s	box 5	Compact Disk 3
We Went to War program at the Auditorium in Concord, NH, November 11, 2008	box 5	Compact Disk 4

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Correspondence, writing, and publicity, 1947-2018

Physical Description: 33 Folders

Scope and Contents

This series contains content created by Robert Wood, including articles, essays, sermons and histories. It also contains letters to and from Robert Wood as well as personal newsletters updating friends and family of the year's activities. There is also a set of content, published and unpublished, written about Robert Wood, including a partial manuscript of his biography by Steven Law.

Content created by Robert Wood, 1947-2013

Physical Description: 12 Folders

Scope and Contents

This sub-series contains content created by Robert Wood, including articles, essays, sermons and histories.

Title/Description	Instances	
Editorials and essays by Wood, 1947, 1965-1999	box 2	folder 1
Speeches, 1952-1974, 2004	box 2	folder 2
Articles in LGBTQ periodicals, 1956-May 1964	box 2	folder 3
Notes on lectures and sermons, 1960-1963	box 2	folder 4
Articles in LGBTQ periodicals, October 1964-1969	box 2	folder 5
History lessons and lectures, 1967, 1980-1983	box 2	folder 6

A History of the Church's Relationship to Homosexuality for retreat: Church's Ministry with the Homosexual Person, New Jersey UCC Conference, 1974	box 5	folder 9
Sermons, 1992, undated	box 2	folder 7
Writings on "Gays in the Military", 1993	box 2	folder 8
Editorials and essays by Wood, 2000-2013	box 2	folder 9
UCC's LGBT Coalition annual meeting, 2004	box 2	folder 10
Notes on LGBTQ history, 2005-2007	box 2	folder 11

Correspondences and news, 1947-2017

Physical Description: 13 Folders

Scope and Contents

This sub-series contains letters to and from Robert Wood as well as personal newsletters updating friends and family of the year's activities.

Arrangement

This sub-series is arranged by general first, in chronological order, with more specific correspondants following.

Title/Description	Instances	
Year in Review, 1947-1955	box 1	folder 38
Correspondences, 1950-1965	box 1	folder 39
Quaintance Art Purchase and Sale (Tom's of Finland), 1953, 1998	box 1	folder 40
Ed Egan Correspondences, 1957-1990	box 1	folder 41
Social Action Committee Report, January 6, 1959	box 5	folder 10
UCC Leaders, 1959-1970	box 1	folder 42
One Magazine editors, 1961-1967	box 1	folder 43
Correspondences, 1961-1967	box 1	folder 44
UCC Leaders, 1971-1988	box 1	folder 45
Correspondences, 1972-2003	box 1	folder 46
Christmas newsletter, 1984-2012	box 1	folder 47
Correspondences, 2003-2017	box 1	folder 48
Robert Schlager, 2012	box 1	folder 49

Content about Robert Wood, 1960-2018

Physical Description: 8 Folders

Scope and Contents

This sub-series includes information, published and unpublished, written about Robert Wood. This includes a partial manuscript of his biography by Steven Law.

Title/Description	Instances	
Reviews of Christ and the Homosexual, 1960-1964	box 2	folder 12
Correspondences on Christ and the Homosexual, 1960-1968, 1981	box 2	folder 13
Articles about Robert Wood, 1962-1996	box 2	folder 14
The Ladder front cover featuring "Homophile Groups Picket In Nation's Capital", October 1965	box 7	folder 1
Articles about Wood, 1997-2018	box 2	folder 15
Steven Law's manuscript of Wood's biography, circa 2000	box 2	folder 16
Obituaries, 2018	box 2	folder 17
Memorial service, October 3, 2018	box 2	folder 18

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Supporting Material, 1951-2015

Physical Description: 17 Folders

Scope and Contents

This series is comprised of published and unpublished material collected, not written, by Robert Wood on the topic of homosexuality and the civil rights struggle surrounding that group. Also included in this series are the writings of Ed Egan, Wood's longtime friend.

Title/Description	Instances	
LGBTQ and religion articles not by Wood, 1951-1972	box 2	folder 19
Ed Egan's "The Problem of the Protestant Homosexual", October 18, 1957	box 2	folder 20
LGBTQ resources, 1958-1996	box 2	folder 21
Christian Century articles, 1963-1965	box 2	folder 22
LGBTQ news articles and publications, 1963-1971, 1993	box 5	folder 11
Ed Egan: "Homosexuality and Ethical Responsibility" drafts, 1966	box 2	folder 23
UCC Gay Caucus and WAVES, 1971-1980	box 5	folder 12
Related to Ordination of Bill Johnson, 1970-1973	box 2	folder 24
Newspapers on Bill Johnson's Ordination, 1972	box 2	folder 25
Gay Civil Rights declaration by ministers , 1973	box 2	folder 26

LGBTQ and religion articles not by Wood, 1973-1977	box 2	folder 27
UCC Gay Caucus and WAVES, 1987-2000	box 2	folder 28
The Second Stone, September 1989	box 2	folder 29
LGBTQ and religion articles not by Wood, 1989-2015	box 2	folder 30
"Homosexuality, Gay Communities, and American Churches..." dissertation by Heather White, 2007	box 2	folder 31
LGBT History Month, 2012	box 2	folder 32
Ed Egan's Chapter 3 of "Homosexuality and Ethical Responsibility", undated	box 2	folder 33

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Conferences and Seminars, 1962-1989

Physical Description: 9 Folders

Scope and Contents

This series contains records related to the various conferences and seminars Robert Wood attended or participated in. This includes the Special Needs seminar, National Conference on Religion and the Homosexual and the UCC Coalition National Gathering.

Title/Description	Instances	
Religious groups' statements on Homosexuality, 1962-1970	box 2	folder 34
Special Needs Seminar in White Plains, NY, 1965-1966	box 2	folder 35
Conference and Seminar Notes, 1965-1971	box 2	folder 36
Special Needs Seminar in White Plains, NY, 1967-1971	box 2	folder 37
National Conference on Religion and the Homosexual, 1971	box 2	folder 38
Reports and Letters on Advocating for Homosexual Policies, 1972-1973, undated	box 2	folder 39
The Church's Ministry with the Homosexual, 1973-1974	box 2	folder 40
UCC Synod, 1973, 1976	box 2	folder 41
UCC Coalition National Gathering, 1989	box 2	folder 42

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