

# Guide to the William R. Scott, Inc. Records

YCAL MSS 447



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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** YCAL MSS 447

**CREATOR:** William R. Scott, Inc

**TITLE:** William R. Scott, Inc. records

**DATES:** 1938-1997 1938-1960

**BULK DATES:** 1938-1960

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 7 linear feet (27 boxes) + 11 broadside folders

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Contains original artwork, including drawings, color separations, and reproduction proofs, for children's books published by William R. Scott, Inc.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b.        box

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Virginia Scott Sterling and Ethel McCullough Scott, 1998 and 1999.

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### Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Conditions Governing Use

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## Preferred Citation

William R. Scott, Inc. Records. Yale Collection of American Literature, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library.

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## Processing Information

This collection includes materials previously identified by the following call numbers: Uncat ZA MS 600, Uncat ZA MS 616 and Uncat ZA MS 638.

This collection received a basic level of processing, including rehousing and minimal organization, in 2011.

Dates in brackets are supplied by the archivist.

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## William R. Scott, Inc.

William Rufus Scott, founder of the small publishing house William R. Scott, Inc., was born August 27, 1910. He graduated from Yale University in 1931 and worked for several small publishers, where he developed skill as a typographer and learned about illustrating. Scott founded William R. Scott, Inc. in 1938 with his wife, Ethel McCullough Scott, and her brother, John C. McCullough, and began to publish children's books. The first editor was Margaret Brown, who published "The Noisy Book," in 1939. Around 1972, Scott sold his publishing house to Addison-Wesley and most of the books previously published went out of print. Years later, some were reissued by HarperCollins and by the Linnet imprint of Shoe String Press.

Scott is considered a pioneering publisher of modern children's books and created vibrant books with creative educational content. He died on July 22, 1997 in North Bennington, VT at the age of 86.

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## Scope and Contents

The William R. Scott, Inc. Records contains original artwork, including drawings, color separations, and reproduction proofs, for children's books published by William R. Scott, Inc.

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## Arrangement

Arranged alphabetically by book title.

## Collection Contents

### William R. Scott, Inc. Records, 1938-1997

b. 1	<a href="#">William R. Scott catalog of children's books</a>	undated
b. 1	<a href="#">"Celebrating Bill Scott," invitation for a celebration in honor of Scott by the Vermont Arts Exchange, 1997 October 4</a>	1997
b. 1	<i>Anywhere in the World: The Story of Plant and Animal Adaptation</i>	[1947]
b. 2	<i>Anywhere in the World: The Story of Plant and Animal Adaptation</i> 2 Folders	[1947]
b. 6	<i>Anywhere in the World: The Story of Plant and Animal Adaptation</i>	[1947]
b. 12 Oversize	<i>All About Eggs and How They Change Into Animals</i>	[1952]
b. 12 Oversize	<i>Animal Hide and Seek</i> 2 Folders	[1947]
b. 28 Broadside	<i>Animal Hide and Seek</i>	[1947]
b. 6	<i>The Apple That Jack Ate</i>	[1951]
b. 6	<i>At Our House</i>	[1943]
b. 12 Oversize	<i>Bad Trouble in Miss Alcorn's Class</i>	[1959]
b. 13 Oversize	<i>Barbara's Birthday</i>	[1946]
b. 2	<i>Blue Guess Book</i>	undated
b. 1	<i>Blue Guess Book</i> 2 Folders	undated
b. 13 Oversize	<i>Captain Joe and the Eskimo</i>	[1943]
b. 7	<i>Captain Joe and the Eskimo</i> 2 Folders	[1943]
b. 1	<i>A Child's Good Morning</i>	[1952]
b. 2	<i>A Child's Good Morning</i> 2 Folders	[1952]
b. 3	<i>A Child's Good Night Book</i>	[1950]
b. 13 Oversize	<i>A Child's Good Night Book</i>	[1950]
b. 8	<i>Christmas Stocking</i>	[1946]
b. 8	<i>The Comical Tragedy or Tragical Comedy Of Punch and Judy</i>	[1940]
b. 13 Oversize	<i>The Comical Tragedy or Tragical Comedy Of Punch and Judy</i>	[1940]
b. 1	[ <i>Cortez and the Conquest of the Spaniards in 1521</i> ] 2 Folders	undated

b. 3	[ <i>Cortez and the Conquest of the Spaniards in 1521</i> ] 3 Folders	undated
b. 1	<i>Country Noisy Book</i>	[1938]
b. 3	<i>Country Noisy Book</i>	[1938]
b. 3	<i>Dead Bird</i>	undated
b. 14 Oversize	<i>Everybody Eats</i> 3 Folders	[1946]
b. 37 Broadside	<i>Everybody Eats</i>	[1946]
b. 1	<i>Everybody Has a House</i>	undated
b. 14 Oversize	<i>The Flower</i>	[1955]
b. 8	<i>Good Work: What Will You Be When You Grow Up?</i>	[1948]
b. 34 Broadside	<i>Good Work: What Will You Be When You Grow Up?</i>	undated
b. 15 Oversize	<i>Guess What's in the Grass?</i> 4 Folders	[1945]
b. 36 Broadside	<i>Guess What's in the Grass?</i>	[1945]
b. 1	<i>Heartbreak Hotel</i>	undated
b. 14 Oversize	<i>Heavy is a Hippopotamus</i>	[1954]
b. 16 Oversize	<i>Here Comes Daddy</i>	[1951]
b. 1	<i>How Big is Big?</i> 3 Folders	[1946]
b. 17 Oversize	<i>How Big is Big?</i> 3 Folders	undated
b. 38 Broadside	<i>How Big is Big?</i>	[1946]
b. 1	<i>How Many Kisses Good Night?</i>	[1949]
b. 3	<i>How Many Kisses Good Night?</i>	[1949]
b. 4	<i>How Your Body Works</i>	undated
b. 1	<i>Hurry, Hurry: A Story of What Happened To a Hurrier</i>	[1947]
b. 8	<i>Hurry, Hurry: A Story of What Happened To a Hurrier</i>	[1947]
b. 31 Broadside	<i>I Want To Fly</i>	[1943]
b. 1	<i>Is it Hard? Is it Easy?</i>	[1960?]
b. 18 Oversize	<i>It's About Time</i> 2 Folders	[1955]
b. 8	<i>Just Like You</i>	undated

b. 14 Oversize	<i>Keep Singing, Keep Humming: A Collection of Plays and Story Songs</i> 2 Folders	[1946]
b. 1	<i>Let's Look Under the City</i>	[1950, 1954]
b. 19 Oversize	<a href="#">Let's Look Under the City</a> 2 Folders	[1950, 1954]
b. 1	<i>The Little Cowboy</i> 2 Folders	[1947]
b. 20 Oversize	<i>The Little Cowboy</i> 3 Folders	[1947]
b. 21 Oversize	<a href="#">The Little Fireman</a> 3 Folders	[1938]
b. 1	<i>The Little Fisherman</i>	[1938]
b. 1	<i>Little Indian the Big Fish Pusher or How Little Indian Got His Name</i>	undated
b. 35 Broadside	<i>The Log of Christopher Columbus</i>	[1938]
b. 20 Oversize	<i>The Man in the Manhole and the Fix-It Men</i> 3 Folders	[1946]
b. 32 Broadside	<i>The Man in the Manhole and the Fixit Men</i>	[1946]
b. 22 Oversize	<i>More Power to You</i> 3 Folders	[1953]
b. 4	<i>The Noisy Bird Book</i>	[1943]
b. 1	<a href="#">Noisy Book</a> 2 Folders	[1939]
b. 8	<i>Now Try This</i> 2 Folders	[1947]
b. 8	<i>The Red, White and Blue Auto</i>	[1943]
b. 8	<i>The River Horse</i>	[1953]
b. 23 Oversize	"A Rose is a Rose" broadside	undated
b. 1	<i>Sancho and his Stubborn Mule</i> 2 Folders	[1954]
b. 1	<i>Saturday Flight</i>	[1954]
b. 23 Oversize	<i>This Is the Bread That Betsy Ate</i> 3 Folders	[1945]
b. 9	<i>This Is the Bread That Betsy Ate</i> 3 Folders	[1945]
b. 4	<i>This is the Milk That Jack Drank</i>	[1944]

b. 4	<i>This is the Way the Animals Walk</i> 2 Folders	[1946]
b. 24 Oversize	<i>A Time for Sleep: How the Animals Rest</i>	[1953]
b. 1	<i>The Travels of Ching</i>	[1943]
b. 10	<a href="#">Two Little Trains</a>	[1949]
b. 10	<a href="#">Ups and Downs: A First Book About Space</a>	[1951]
b. 10	<i>The Very Little Dog</i>	[1949]
b. 10	<i>Watch the Birdie</i>	[1947]
b. 5	<i>Watch the Birdie</i>	[1947]
b. 25 Oversize	<i>What Do They Say?</i> 2 Folders	[1950]
b. 1	<i>What Would You Do?</i>	[1954]
b. 11	<i>What Would You Do?</i>	[1954]
b. 26 Oversize	<i>What's in a Line</i>	[1951]
b. 4	<i>When Will the World Be Mine?</i> 2 Folders	undated
b. 26 Oversize	<i>While Susie Sleeps</i>	[1948]
b. 5	<i>Who Blew That Whistle?</i> 2 Folders	[1946]
b. 1	<i>Willie's Walk to Grandma's</i>	[1944]
b. 29 Broadside	<i>Willie's Walk to Grandma's</i>	[1944]
b. 1	Unidentified 2 Folders	undated
b. 5	Unidentified 4 Folders	undated
b. 27 Oversize	Unidentified 4 Folders	undated
b. 30 Broadside	Unidentified (animals in farm and city)	undated
b. 33 Broadside	Unidentified	undated
b. 11	Two unidentified photographs	undated



## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Subjects**

Children's literature -- Illustrations  
Children's literature -- Publishing -- United States  
Publishers and publishing -- United States

### **Names**

Scott, William R. (William Rufus), 1910-

### **Corporate Body**

William R. Scott, Inc