

# Guide to the Maurice Emile Henri Rotival papers

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 1380

**CREATOR:** Rotival, Maurice Emile Henri

**TITLE:** Maurice Emile Henri Rotival papers

**DATES:** 1944-1963

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 131.25 linear feet

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The papers consist of reports, drawings, correspondence, photographs, and printed materials documenting the professional work, particularly city renewal planning, of Maurice Emile Henri Rotival during the years 1944-1963.

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

b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Maurice Rotival, 1967.

## Conditions Governing Access

Boxes 183-276 contain fragile items that cannot be used without causing further damage. The material is restriction pending preservation intervention.

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## Conditions Governing Use

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## Biographical / Historical

Maurice Emile Henri Rotival, born in 1892, was one of the founders of city and regional planning. He was a graduate of L'Ecole Central in Paris. He developed major renewal plans for Algiers, Madagascar, Caracas, Reims, and New Haven, Connecticut. He also founded the faculty for city planning at the Yale University School of Fine Arts and taught at Yale in various capacities in the 1940s and 1950s. He died in Paris in February 1980.

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## Scope and Contents

The papers consist of reports, drawings, and correspondence, documenting the professional work, particularly city renewal planning, of Maurice Emile Henri Rotival during the years 1944-1963.

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## Collection Contents

### Correspondence

b. 3-4, 1, 5-6, 2, 7      Miscellaneous, arranged alphabetically

b. 8, 13, 12, 9, 11,  
10      Personal, arranged alphabetically

b. 14-15, 17, 16      Clubs and societies

b. 24, 23, 26, 25,  
27, 18, 20, 19, 22,  
21      Miscellaneous

b. 28      [Photographs, slides, and printed material](#)

Project files: includes correspondence, reports, contracts

### Connecticut

b. 30-31, 29      Hartford and East Hartford

b. 33-34, 32      New Britain

b. 40, 35, 38-39,  
36-37      [New Haven](#)

b. 46, 45, 48, 47,  
43-44, 41-42      New London

b. 50, 49      Putnam

b. 52, 54, 53, 56,  
55, 57, 51      Quinebaug Valley

b. 59-60, 58      Simsbury

b. 65, 62, 61, 64,  
63      Miscellaneous

b. 67, 66      Florida

### Massachusetts

b. 69-70, 68, 71      Worcester

b. 72-73      Miscellaneous

### New Jersey

b. 74      Branchburg

b. 75      Plainfield

b. 76      Miscellaneous

### New York

New York (continued)

b. 78–80, 77, 81–82	Albany
b. 83	Brooklyn
b. 84–85	Harpur College
b. 86–87	Miscellaneous
	Pennsylvania
b. 96, 95, 94, 93, 99, 98, 97, 88–92	Erie
b. 100	York
b. 101	Miscellaneous
b. 104, 103, 102	Vermont
b. 105	Washington, D.C.
b. 107, 106	Wisconsin [Milwaukee]
b. 108	United States [miscellaneous]
b. 109	Canada
b. 110, 113, 112, 111	France
b. 115, 114	French Guiana
b. 116	French possessions
b. 119, 118, 117, 120	Guinea
b. 121	India
b. 122, 126, 124–125, 123	Madagascar
b. 127, 129, 128	Sahara
b. 130	South Africa [Johannesburg]
b. 139–140, 137–138, 135–136, 133–134, 131–132, 141	Venezuela
b. 142, 145, 144, 143	Yugoslavia [Skopje]
b. 146–147	Miscellaneous foreign
b. 148	United Nations

b. 153, 152, 151,  
150, 149                      Miscellaneous [unsorted]

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b. 155, 154                      Card files

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Project files: reports

Connecticut

b. 156                              Hartford and East Hartford

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b. 156A                            Hartford and East Hartford

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b. 157                              Madison, Middletown

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b. 158-159                        New Britain

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b. 160                              New Canaan, New Haven

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b. 161-162                        New London

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b. 163                              Putnam

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b. 164-165                        Quinebaug

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b. 166-167                        Quinnipiac

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b. 168                              Simsbury, Sprague, Wilton, Winton

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b. 169                              Florida, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Wisconsin

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b. 170                              Florida [Winter Park]

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b. 171                              Wisconsin [Milwaukee]

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b. 173, 172                        New York

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b. 175, 174                        Pennsylvania

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b. 176                              Guinea, Madagascar

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b. 177                              Madagascar

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b. 178                              Sahara, South Africa, Jordan, Lebanon

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b. 181, 180, 179                Venezuela

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b. 182                              Yugoslavia

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Project files: drawings, sketches, maps

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Connecticut

b. 183-184                        East Hartford

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b. 185, 187, 186                New Britain

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Connecticut (continued)

b. 188	Middletown
b. 196, 195, 198, 197, 200, 199, 189, 201, 190, 202, 192, 191, 194, 193f. 191A	<a href="#">New Haven</a>
b. 202A	New Haven
b. 202B	<a href="#">New Haven</a>
b. 208, 206–207, 205, 204, 203	New London
b. 210, 213–214, 211–212, 217–218, 215–216, 209	Putnam
b. 219	Quinnipiac
b. 220, 223, 221– 222	Simsbury
b. 224, 226, 225	Sprague
b. 227	Wilton
b. 228	New Haven, Putnam, Simsbury
b. 230, 229	Florida
b. 231	Florida [Winter Park]
b. 233, 232	Massachusetts [Worcester]
b. 234	New Jersey
	New York
b. 235, 243, 239– 242, 236–238	Albany
b. 244	Brooklyn
b. 245–246	Harpur College
b. 247–248	Manhattan
b. 250–251, 249	Pennsylvania
b. 253–254, 252	Vermont
b. 255	Algiers
b. 256	Beirut
b. 257	Costa Rica



b. 259, 258, 260-  
261                      Madagascar

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b. 265-266, 262-  
264                      [South Africa](#)

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b. 268-271, 267                      Venezuela

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b. 272-274                      West Africa

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b. 275-276                      Yugoslavia

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## **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**

City planning  
City planning -- Connecticut -- New Haven  
Regional planning  
Urban renewal

### **Geographic Names**

New Haven (Conn.)

### **Names**

Rotival, Maurice Emile Henri

### **Corporate Body**

Yale University -- Faculty