



Finding Aid for

ROSS FAMILY PHOTOGRAPHS, CIRCA 1920-1960

Accession 2011.443

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OVERVIEW

REPOSITORY: Benson Ford Research Center
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ACCESSION NUMBER: 2011.443

CREATOR: Ross family

TITLE: Ross Family Photographs

INCLUSIVE DATES: circa 1920-1960

QUANTITY: 0.34 cubic ft. (1 box)

LANGUAGE: The materials are in English.

ABSTRACT: The Ross Family Photographs, circa 1920-1960, contains one album with photographic prints, newspaper clippings, and a greeting card relating to an African American family from Detroit, Michigan.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

- ACCESS RESTRICTIONS:** The collection is open for research.
- COPYRIGHT:** Copyright has been transferred to The Henry Ford by the donor. Copyright for some items in the collection may still be held by their respective creator(s).
- ACQUISITION:** Donated to The Henry Ford, 2011.
- PREFERRED CITATION:** Item, folder, box, accession 2011.443, Ross Family Photographs, circa 1920-1960, Benson Ford Research Center, The Henry Ford
- RELATED MATERIALS:** Related collections beyond The Henry Ford:
- Greater Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church records, ca. 1920-2008, Call Number 90173 Ba 2, Bentley Historical Library. Finding aid available online at <http://quod.lib.umich.edu/cgi/f/findaid/findaid-idx?c=bhlead&idno=umich-bhl-90173>
 - Religious Leaders of America Collection, ARC Mss 7, UC Santa Barbara, Special Collections. Finding aid available online at <http://www.oac.cdlib.org/findaid/ark:/13030/kt9k40303f/>
 - Church Women United Records, gcah.in.788, United Methodist Archives and History Center. Finding aid available online at <http://catalog.gcah.org/publicdata/gcah788.htm>
- PROCESSING INFORMATION:** Collection processed by Janice Unger, February 2017.
- DESCRIPTION INFORMATION:** Original collection inventory list prepared by Janice Unger, February 2017, and published in February 2017.
- Finding aid written by Janice Unger, February 2017, and published in February 2017.
- Finding aid prepared using Describing Archives: A Content Standard (DACS) and local guidelines.

BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

Reverend Solomon David (S.D.) Ross was a graduate of Morehouse College and the pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church in Detroit, Michigan. Dr. Mary O. Brookins Ross moved to Detroit after marrying Reverend Ross, where she also became an active member of the Shiloh Baptist Church. Dr. Ross also served as a member of the Governing Board of the World Council of Churches and as president of the Women's Auxiliary of the National Baptist Convention.

Note content adapted from the following sources:

- Latzman, Elaine, *Unsung Heroes: An Oral History of Detroit's African-American Community, 1918-1967*. Detroit: Wayne State University Press, 1993, 125-126.
- Curtis, Nancy C., *Black Heritage Sites: An African American Odyssey and Finder's Guide*, United States of America: American Library Association Editions, 1996, 451.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Ross Family Photographs, circa 1920-1960, contains one album consisting of photographic prints, newspaper clippings, a greeting card, and a funeral memorial card. The photographic prints are mostly black-and-white, although a few have been hand colored. A majority of the images are studio portraits or photo booth images, but there are also some snapshots. Subjects of the prints include women at a social club and men in military uniform. The newspaper clippings include images of Reverend Solomon David (S.D.) Ross, Dr. Mary O. Brookins Ross, and a funeral director named John H. Burns. The Easter holiday greeting card is signed "From Mother." Mounting of the memorial card obscures details of the deceased.

SUBJECT TERMS

Names, Personal and Corporate

Ross family

Burns, John H.

Ross, Mary O.

Ross, Solomon David (Reverend S.D.)

Subjects

African Americans

Families

Military uniforms

Geographic

Detroit (Mich.)

Genre and Form

Clippings (information artifacts)

Greeting cards

Photographic prints

CONTAINER LIST

Box no.	Description
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Box 1

Photograph album, circa 1920-1960 (contains approximately 30 photographic prints, 3 newspaper clippings, one Easter greeting card, and 1 funeral memorial card)