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Biography

Marguerite Sarah Ross (known to many as Aunt Mary) was born in Quincy, Massachusetts, on July 5, 1923, to Alexander and Bernice (Clark) Ross. Her father passed away when she was five years old, leaving her mother to raise Marguerite and older brother Francis. At the age of fourteen, she started living an independent life, however, being still young, she ended up moving in with another family in town. After completing eighth grade, Marguerite enrolled in the West Lebanon Adventist School where she met her beloved teacher, Violet Hall. Mrs. Hall provided care, nurture, encouragement, mentorship, and formed a life-long relationship with Marguerite.

Marguerite, Miss Ross, began teaching in the Seventh-day Adventist denominational schools in 1943 at the age of twenty. From 1948 to 1949, she was sent to Emmanuel Missionary College (EMC) to develop a new third grade reader. While at EMC, she completed her undergraduate degree in 1950. During this same time, she began teaching at the elementary school associated with Emmanuel Missionary College. She taught at the school, later renamed, Ruth Murdoch Elementary School, from 1949 until 1988, when she retired. She worked on her Master's degree during the summers at the University of Michigan, completing that in 1955.

Through the 45 years she taught, she was pleased to teach the children and grandchildren of some of her first students. She kept in touch with many of her students over the years. She also served as Vice Principal at Ruth Murdoch for one year. She spent a summer in Chiapas, Mexico, to improve her Spanish. After her "official" retirement, she taught in the Republic of Ireland from 1989-1991, and taught children's literature at Pacific Union College for two summers during the 1980s.

She was known for her insight and caring understanding, her love for Jesus, and an amazing prayer life. She was a major influence in the lives of many learners. Marguerite rested peacefully on April 11, 2022.

Scope

The Marguerite Ross collection contains Marguerite's biographical-related items and correspondence from 1943 to 2010. Most of the correspondence received is from Violet Hall who was her teacher and mentor beginning when Marguerite was age 15.

Arrangement

The material is in chronological sequence within each series (category), similar to how it was when received.

Provenance

This collection came to the Center for Adventist Research in April 2023.

Extent

2 Record Center Boxes and 1 Oversize Box [3.08 linear feet]

Use

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INVENTORY

I. Biographical

Personal Items

- Box 1 Fld 1 Bachelor of Arts, Emmanuel Missionary College, 1950.
- Box 1 Fld 2 Master of Arts, University of Michigan, 1955.
- Box 1 Fld 3 Personal Service Record
Personal Service Record, no date.
- Box 1 Fld 4 Professional Certificates. 10 Certificates
Life Elementary Certificate, General Conference, 1953.
Professional Elementary Certificate, General Conference, 1953, 1963, 1971, 1976.
Elementary Permanent Certificate, State of MI, 1956.
Professional Elementary Certificate, Lake Union Conference, 1963, 1976.
Professional Growth Certificates, General Conference, 1981.
Professional Elementary Certificate, North American Division, 1983.
Professional Elementary Certificate, Lake Union Conference, 1983.
- Box 1 Fld 5 Proposal Approval for Marguerite Ross, 1981.
- Box 1 Fld 6 Biography of Violet Hall, 1984 (Marguerite Ross' (teacher/mentor). 2 copies.
- Box 1 Fld 7 Biography of Marguerite Ross in clippings/ notes from students, 1976, 1988.
- Box 1 Fld 8 Special Tribute, State of Michigan, 1988.
- Box 1 Fld 9 J N Andrews Medallion awarded to Marguerite Ross, 1988.

Box 1 Fld 10 Certificate of Appreciation, Ruth Murdoch Elementary School, 1991, 2009, 2015, 2018. 4 Certificates.

Certificate of appreciation from former students, colleagues & friends, 2018.

Box 1 Fld 11 Alumni Home Coming (50th Reunion, class of 1950), 2000.

Letter of invitation to attend 50th Reunion.
Meeting Minutes with plans, (M Ross in the planning committee).

Program book.

Update of 50 years of progress.

College song.

Box 1 Fld 12 Biography of Marguerite Ross, *Honoring of outstanding women*, 2002.

Box 1 Fld 13 “Expression of Appreciation,” Ruth Murdoch Elementary School, 2007.

Box 1 Fld 14 Biography of Marguerite Ross, Alumni Homecoming, 2010.

Box 1 Fld 15 Alumna Medallion awarded to Marguerite Ross, BA Class of 1950 at Andrews University, 2010.

Box 3 Fld 1 “25 years of serving Andrews University” (pasted on the wooden square), no date.

Box 3 Fld 2 Appreciation words on the metal sheet from Shannon School & Church, no date. Oversize.

Box 3 Fld 3 Scrap Book of Marguerite Ross-retirement notes, letters (dates vary). Oversize.

Box 3 Fld 4 Hand bell with Marguerite Ross’ name used at Ruth Murdoch Elementary School (1949-1988).

Diary

Box 1 Fld 16 Personal diaries, 1989-1990. 3 diaries.

II. Correspondence – Personal Letters/Postcards

Box 1 Fld 17 Violet May to Janie, 1932, 1935. 3 letters.

Box 1 Fld 18 Arthur Sweeney to Marguerite Ross, Jan to Jun, 1943. 10 letters.

Box 1 Fld 19 Arthur Sweeney to Marguerite Ross, Jul- Dec, 1943. 21 letters.

Box 1 Fld 20 Arthur Sweeney to Marguerite Ross, Jan- Jun, 1944. 17 letters.

Box 1 Fld 21 Arthur Sweeney to Marguerite Ross, Jul- Dec, 1944. 25 letters.

Box 1 Fld 22 Arthur Sweeney to Marguerite Ross, Jan- Jun, 1945. 14 letters.

Box 1 Fld 23 Arthur Sweeney to Marguerite Ross, Jul- Dec, 1945. 12 letters.

Box 1 Fld 24 Arthur Sweeney to Marguerite Ross, 1946. 3 letters.

Box 1 Fld 25 Esther J Lewis to Marguerite Ross, 1953.

Box 1 Fld 26 Violet Hall & et. al. to Marguerite Ross, 1954. 8 letters.

Box 1 Fld 27 Violet Hall & et. al. to Marguerite Ross, 1955. 15 letters.

Box 1 Fld 28 Violet Hall & et. al. to Marguerite Ross, 1956. 23 letters.

Box 1 Fld 29 Violet Hall to Marguerite Ross, 1957. 20 letters.

Box 1 Fld 30 Violet Hall to Marguerite Ross, Jan- Jun, 1958. 8 letters.

Box 1 Fld 31 Violet Hall to Marguerite Ross, 1958. 14 letters.

Box 1 Fld 32 Violet Hall to Marguerite Ross, Jan- Jun, 1959. 17 letters.

Box 1 Fld 33 Violet Hall to Marguerite Ross, Jul- Dec, 1959. 16 letters.

Box 1 Fld 34 Violet Hall to Marguerite Ross, Jan- Jun, 1960. 15 letters.

Box 1 Fld 35 Violet Hall to Marguerite Ross, Jul- Dec, 1960. 31 letters.

Box 1 Fld 36 Violet Hall & et. al. to Marguerite Ross, Jan- Jun, 1961. 26 letters.

Box 1 Fld 37 Violet Hall & et. al. to Marguerite Ross, Jul- Dec, 1961. 19 letters.

Box 1 Fld 38 Violet Hall to Marguerite Ross, Jan- Jun, 1962. 23 letters.

Box 1 Fld 39 Violet Hall to Marguerite Ross, Jul- Dec, 1962. 17 letters.

Box 2 Fld 1 Violet Hall to Marguerite Ross, 1963. 32 letters.

Box 2 Fld 2 Violet Hall to Marguerite Ross, 1964. 23 letters.

Box 2 Fld 3 Violet Hall to Marguerite Ross, Jan- Jun, 1965. 16 letters.

Box 2 Fld 4 Violet Hall to Marguerite Ross, Jul- Dec, 1965. 15 letters.

Box 2 Fld 5 Violet Hall to Marguerite Ross, 1966. 30 letters.

Box 2 Fld 6 Violet Hall & et. al. to M Ross, 1967. 35 letters.

Box 2 Fld 7 Violet Hall to Marguerite Ross, 1968. 39 letters.

Box 2 Fld 8 Violet Hall to Marguerite Ross, 1969. 24 Letters.
N. R. Drick to N. R. Danese, 1969.

Box 2 Fld 9 Consul, USA to Marguerite Ross, 1969

Box 2 Fld 10 Violet Hall to Marguerite Ross, 1970. 31 letters.

Box 2 Fld 11 Violet Hall to Marguerite Ross, 1971. 24 letters.

Box 2 Fld 12 Violet Hall to Marguerite Ross, 1972. 35 letters.

Box 2 Fld 13 Violet Hall & et. al. to Marguerite Ross/ Ida Axelsen, Jan- Jun, 1973. 29 letters.

Box 2 Fld 14 Violet Hall & et al to Marguerite Ross/Ida Axelsen, Jul- Dec, 1973. 20 letters.

Box 2 Fld 15 Violet Hall to Marguerite Ross, 1974. 20 letters.

Box 2 Fld 16 Violet Hall to Marguerite Ross, 1975. 12 letters.

Box 2 Fld 17 Violet Hall to Marguerite Ross, 1976. 13 letters.

Box 2 Fld 18 Violet Hall to Marguerite Ross, 1977. 4 letters.

Box 2 Fld 19 Violet Hall to Marguerite Ross, 1978. 11 letters.

Box 2 Fld 20 Violet Hall to Marguerite Ross, 1979. 4 letters.

Box 2 Fld 21 Esther J Lewis to Marguerite Ross, 1984.

Box 2 Fld 22 Jim & Staff--Police Department to Marguerite Ross, 1988.
Congratulatory notes/clipping.

Box 2 Fld 23 John Wilkens (GC), et al to Marguerite Ross, 1989. 9
Letters. (formal letters/notes/expense report/
volunteer application to Ireland).

Box 2 Fld 24 Esther J Lewis to Marguerite Ross, 1992, 1993. 3 letters.
Marguerite Ross to Damese Irick, 1991, 1993, 1994,
1999. 6 letters.

Box 2 Fld 25 Marguerite Ross to Damese Irick, 2001. 6 letters.

Box 2 Fld 26 Marguerite Ross to Damese Irick, 2003. 9 letters.

Box 2 Fld 27 Marguerite Ross to Damese Irick, 2004, 2005. 2 letters.
(notes/clippings included).

Box 2 Fld 28 Marguerite Ross to Damese Irick, 2006. 4 letters. (notes/
clippings included).

Box 2 Fld 29 Marguerite Ross to Damese Irick, 2007. 7 letters.

Box 2 Fld 30 Marguerite Ross to Damese Irick, 2008. 5 letters. (notes/
clippings included).

Box 2 Fld 31 Marguerite Ross to Damese Irick, 2009. 4 letters.

Box 2 Fld 32 Marguerite Ross to Damese and Floyd Irick, 2010-2016. 7
letters.

III. Miscellaneous

Box 2 Fld 33 Ellen G White. "Inter-racial Marriage of White and Colored Races,"
White Publications, General Conference of Seventh-day
Adventists, Takoma Park, Washington DC (1912).
Ruth S. Cavan, Interracial marriages, (unpublished article), no date.

Box 2 Fld 34 Marguerite Ross, Inter-State Trust Company (personal bank
account), 1939-1941.

Box 2 Fld 35 Violet Hall, et. al. to Marguerite Ross, et al without complete
date. 8 letters and 11 post cards.

Box 2 Fld 36 Emmanuel Missionary College Cardinal (yearbook), 1946.
(Has personal notes).

Box 2 Fld 37 Atlantic Union College Minuteman (yearbook), 1947. (Has
personal notes).

Box 2 Fld 38 Emmanuel Missionary College Cardinal (yearbook), 1955.

Box 2 Fld 39 Alumni Homecoming, no date. 5 Badge Ribbons and name
tags.

IV. Photographs

Box 2 Fld 40 Photo of summer camp (1921) / first Adventist Church, no
date. [no name of camp and church].

Box 2 Fld 41 Random photos from Northern Ireland, 1991. 27 Photos.

Box 2 Fld 42 Estabrook School photos, no date. 4 Photos.

Box 2 Fld 43 Marguerite Ross with Margaret Benedict, no date.

Items Removed

[No items removed had any marks or notations in them]

Burton H Phipps. *Day Unto Day*. Washington, D. C: Review and Herald Publication Association, 1954.

Emmanuel Missionary College (Cardinals), 1950.

(16) Jones Alonzo Trevier. *The Marshaling of the Nations*. Oakland, California: Pacific Press Publishing Association, 1900.

History of Andrews University, Golden Anniversary: 1914-1964 (1964).

Review and Herald: General Church Paper of the S. D. A. Review and Herald Publication Association, May 5, 1949.

The College Church (Emmanuel Memorial Church), 1957.

Audio tapes

Beth Wilkins Funeral at Pioneer Memorial Church, Jun 2, 1980.

Ivan Blazen, "We would see Jesus," Apr. 4, 1980.

Ivan Blazen, "We would see Jesus," Apr. 4, 1980.

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