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Summary Information

Repository:	Moorland-Spingarn Research Center
Creator - pht:	Ross, Emory (Emory Warren Ross), 1887-1973
Title:	Emory Warren Ross Photograph Collection
ID:	P115
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Biographical Information

Biographical Chronology

Biographical Chronology	
July 28, 1887	Born in Kendallville, Indiana to Allison Troy and Elizabeth Williams Ross.
1908	Graduated from Eureka College, Illinois. Served as the Treasurer of the Disciples of Christ Congo Mission.
1909	Was made Secretary-Treasurer of the Union Mission House in Leopoldville. Attended graduate studies at the University of Chicago, the University of

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	Wisconsin and the College of Missions in Indianapolis, receiving his Ph. D.
1910-1912	Served as a teacher at Eureka College, Illinois.
1912	Ordained as a minister of the Disciples of Christ.
1912-1916	Served as a Disciples of Christ missionary in Liberia, with a brief visit to the Belgian Congo in 1915-1916.
June 15, 1917	Married Myrta Maude Lucille Pearson.
1917-1933	Served as a missionary for the Disciples of Christ Congo Mission in the Belgian Congo.
August 13, 1918	His daughter, Elizabeth Frances Ross, was born in the Belgian Congo.
1918-1933	Served as the editor of the Congo Mission News, for the Congo Protestant Council.
May 27, 1920	His son, Roger Pearson Ross, was born in the Belgian Congo.
1925-1933	Served as the Secretary of the Congo Protestant Council.
ca. 1926	His daughter, Rachel Ann Ross, was born in Africa.
1928	Was elected as the first General Secretary of the Congo Protestant Council.
1928-1933	Served as a member of the Belgian Royal Commission for the Protection of the Natives.
1933-1936	Served as the Secretary of the American Committee of Work in the Congo.

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1935	Served as the Secretary of the American Committee on Work in the Congo.
1935-1937	Serve as the Secretary of both the African Welfare Committee of the Federal Council of Churches. Served as the Secretary of the American Committee on the Ethiopian Crisis.
1936	Published a book entitled, OUT OF AFRICA.
1936-1937	Served as Vice President of American Aid for Ethiopia.
1936-1953	Served as the Executive Secretary of the African Committee of the National Council of Churches of Christ U.S.A.
1936-1973	Served in various capacities for the American Leprosy Missions, Inc.
1939	Received an honorary D.D. degree from Eureka College.
1939-1953	Served as a trustee of the Booker T. Washington Agricultural and Industrial Institute in Liberia.
1939-1973	Served in various capacities in the Albert Schweitzer Fellowship, Inc.
1940	Was the recipient of La Croix de Chevalier de l'Ordre Royal du Lion of Belgium.
1940-1945	Served as the General Secretary of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America.
1941-1973	Served in various capacities for the Phelps-Stokes Fund.
1947-1952	Served as a Chairman of the Committee for African Students in North America.

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1948-1956	Served as a trustee of the Liberian Foundation.
1949-1973	Served in various capacities of the Institute of Differing Civilizations.
1950-1955	Served as a board member of the International African Institute in London.
1950-1962	Served as the Director of the Liberian Company, Inc.
1952	Published a book entitled, AFRICAN HERITAGE. Served as Chairman of the section on the advancement of dependent peoples at a conference of the United Nations Educations, Scientific, and Cultural Organization.
1952-1961	Worked as a consultant in New York City for the Board of Fundamental Education, Inc.
1953	Served as Director of The Grant Foundation, Inc. Delivered the Lord Lugard Memorial Address at the International African Institute in Lisbon, Portugal.
1954	Published a book entitled, COLOUR AND CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY. Published a book entitled, NEW HEARTS, NEW FACES. Delivered the Hoernle Memorial Lecture at the South African Institute of Race Relations.
1954-1973	Served as a member of the Council of the South African Institute of Race Relations.
1955-1967	Served as a trustee and President (1957-1961) of the African American Institute, Inc.

1956	Served as the Director of International Development Services, Inc.
1956-1968	Served as the Director of the African Medical and Research Foundation, Inc.
1958-1960	Served as a trustee of Mills College of Education in New York City.
1958-1973	Served as a trustee of the Tougaloo College in Mississippi.
1959	Published a book entitled, AFRICA DISTURBED.
1961	Received a honorary L.H.D degree from Tougaloo College.
1961-1967	Served as a member of the Advisory Committee of Operation Crossroads, Africa, Inc.
March 16, 1973	Emory Warren Ross passed away in Annadale, Virginia at the age of 85.
1985	His wife, Myrta Ross, passes away at the age of 93.

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Additional Biographical Information

During his lifetime, Rev. Dr. Emory Warren Ross was a lifelong member of the Royal African Society; the Geographical Society of London; the Council of Foreign Relations; the N.Y. State Colonialization Society; and Tu Kappa Epsilon.

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Scope and Contents

The Emory Warren Ross Photograph Collections consists of 14 photographs of Liberia and the Belgian Congo during the Disciplines of Christ missions by the missionary, Rev. Dr. Emory Warren Ross. Due to the size of the collection, it was split into two series representing the two missions in which he worked. Series A covers Rev. Dr. Ross' time in Liberia where he provided aid from 1912-1916. The majority of the photographs found in this collection are from his time in Liberia. Series B, which only contains two photographs, are from his time spent in the Belgian Congo, which he visited briefly from 1915-1916 and spend many years afterwards, (1917-1933) further assisting Africans during the Disciples of Christ Congo Mission.

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Arrangement

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Controlled Access Headings

- Africa (continent)
- Liberia--History
- Liberia (nation)
- Congo (nation)
- Democratic Republic of the Congo (nation)
- black-and-white photographs
- Missionaries
- Voinjama (inhabited place)
- Monrovia (inhabited place)
- Pearson, Ernest B.

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Collection Inventory

Series A: Liberia, 1912-1916

Title/Description	Instances	
Lofa River II and Just Beneath Vine Bridge at Bakweadu, N.W. Liberia	box P115-1	folder 1
Bakweadu, N.W. Liberia - Taken From Top of Encircling Mud Wall	box P115-1	folder 2
Dr. Ernest B. Pearson (right), Emory Ross, (left), at Kolahun Barracks of L. H. H., N.W. Liberia, 175 Miles from Monrovia	box P115-1	folder 3
<u>Controlled Access Headings:</u>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ross, Emory (Emory Warren Ross), 1887-1973 • Pearson, Ernest B. 		
Clay Pot Section of Native Market at Voinjama	box P115-1	folder 4
Market Day at Voinjama, N.W. Libera. Buzi Country near Franco-Lib. Boundary	box P115-1	folder 5
Yokawaka, Surviving Daughter of Chief Mamba, Bundi Tribe, and her Women, Voinjama, N.W. Liberia	box P115-1	folder 6
Yokawaka, Surviving Daughter of Chief Mamba, Bundi Tribe and Dancing Girls at Voinjama, N.W. Liberia	box P115-1	folder 7
Yokawaka, Surviving Daughter of Chief Mamba. The Latter Was Murdered by Bomoquelli and Yokawaka Fled to the DC. Voinjama, N.W. Liberia	box P115-1	folder 8
Landscape and Walled Town of Zigida, N.W. Liberia	box P115-1	folder 9
Native Weaver and Loom, N.W. Liberia	box P115-1	folder 10
Villazalla - Chief Kova's New Town	box P115-1	folder 11
Chief Kova and Wives at Villazalla	box P115-1	folder 12

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Series B: Belgian Congo, 1917-1933

Title/Description	Instances	
Group with Bopoto Chief, Congo	box P115-1	folder 13
Men and Boys in a School Group - Out of School; Malele - Upoto, Congo	box P115-1	folder 14

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