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## Ross Collection of Christening Records of Cornwall, England MS-013

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Michigan Technological University Archives and Copper Country Historical Collections
<b>Title:</b>	Ross Collection of Christening Records of Cornwall, England
<b>ID:</b>	MS-013
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	circa 1812-1926
<b>Date [bulk]:</b>	1837-1885
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.7 cubic feet 2 boxes
<b>General Physical Description note:</b>	0.70 cubic feet (2 boxes)
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English .
<b>Mixed Materials [box]:</b>	1-2
<b>Abstract:</b>	Records, circa 1812-1926 (bulk 1837-1885), of christenings in Cornwall, England.

### Preferred Citation

MS-013, Ross Collection of Christening Records of Cornwall, England, Michigan Technological University Archives and Copper Country Historical Collections, Houghton, Michigan.

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## Biography

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Richard Albert ("Dick") Ross was born on August 30, 1920, in Wisconsin to Dominic and Anita (Raffone) Viole or Violi. In 1928, Anita married John K. Ross in Waukegan, Illinois, and her children took the Ross surname. Dick graduated from Hyde Park High School in Chicago in 1938.

Lillian June Jennings, born on September 9, 1920, grew up in Houghton and graduated from Houghton High School in 1938. Her mother, Lillian (Nappa) Jennings, was of Nordic

extraction, and her father, William Jennings, had an English heritage that would be very important to his daughter later on in her life.

Dick and June met in California, where he had relocated to work for the California State Department of Employment. Following his service in the United States Army, the two married in 1947.

After Dick's retirement in 1975, the Rosses became passionately invested in genealogical research, and they devoted the years from 1977 through 2004 to national and international research trips. Guided primarily by June's background, the couple traveled to Cornwall and the American mining districts that had welcomed Cornish miners, collecting and indexing genealogical data along the way. Their immense research files included vital records, church documents (such as baptismal information), newspapers, immigration and travel data, local directories, and an extensive slate of other published and unpublished materials.

Dick died at age 84 on February 16, 2005. June passed away six years later on August 10, 2011.

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## Collection Scope and Content Summary

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Records, circa 1812-1926 (bulk 1837-1885), of christenings in Cornwall, England. Compiled by June and Richard Ross of Redlands, California, the unindexed records are organized alphabetically by parish and then by surname.

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## Administrative Information

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## Access

Available for use in the Michigan Technological University Archives and Copper Country Historical Collections.

## Processing History

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## Related Materials

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### Related Materials

Several other collections in the holdings of the Michigan Tech Archives also include genealogical materials compiled by Richard and June Ross:

MS-006, June Ross Cornish American Collection

MS-007, June Ross Marriage Indexes of Cornwall, England

MS-008, June and Richard Ross Collection

Further materials from June and Richard Ross belong to the holdings of the Keweenaw National Historical Park archives. The reading room at this facility is named in their honor.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Methodist Church
- Cornish Americans -- Genealogy
- Baptismal records -- Cornwall (England : County)
- Cornwall (England : County)
- Records (Documents)
- Church of England

## Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
Charlestown Parish, 1847-1875	box 1	folder 1
Halsetown Parish, 1848-1877	box 1	folder 2
Helston Parish, 1837-1874	box 1	folder 3
Illogan Parish through 1812	box 1	folder 4
Madron Parish, A-E	box 1	folder 5
Madron Parish, F-L	box 1	folder 6
Madron Parish, M-R	box 1	folder 7
Madron Parish, S-Z	box 1	folder 8
Methodist Parish, 1837-1875	box 1	folder 9
Philleigh Parish, 1837-1875	box 1	folder 10
Porthleven Parish	box 1	folder 11
Ruan Lanihorn Parish	box 1	folder 12
Ruan Major Parish	box 1	folder 13
Marazion Methodist Wesleyan Circuit, 1868-1883	box 1	folder 14
Newlyn, Paul Parish, 1859-1879	box 1	folder 15
Penzance Parish, 1866-1926	box 1	folder 16
Penzance Methodist Wesleyan Circuit, 1837-1876	box 1	folder 17
St Agnes Parish, 1837-1880	box 2	folder 1
St Buryan Parish, 1848-1875	box 2	folder 2
St Clement Parish, 1837-1885	box 2	folder 3
St Day Parish, 1833-1875	box 2	folder 4
St Ives Parish, A - MA	box 2	folder 5
St Ives Parish, MA - Y	box 2	folder 6
St Paul Parish, 1865-1875	box 2	folder 7
St Sampson Parish, 1836-1875	box 2	folder 8
Stoke Climsland Parish, 1837-1875	box 2	folder 9
Treleigh Parish, 1862-1880	box 2	folder 10
Trevarga Parish, 1813-1875	box 2	folder 11

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Truro St Mary Parish, A-Y	box 2	folder 12
Tuckingmill Parish, 1845-1875	box 2	folder 13
Wendron Parish, A-PE	box 2	folder 14
Wendron Parish, PE-Y	box 2	folder 15