Royal Rodney Ingersoll and Royal E. Ingersoll Papers
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Collection Summary

Title: Royal Rodney Ingersoll and Royal E. Ingersoll Papers
Span Dates: 1866-1935
Bulk Dates: (bulk 1866-1925)
ID No.: MSS57463
Creator: Ingersoll, Royal E. (Royal Eason), 1883-1976
Creator: Ingersoll, Royal Rodney, 1847-1931
Extent: 250 items
Extent: 3 containers plus 1 oversize
Extent: 1.4 linear feet
Language: Collection material in English
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
LC Catalog record: https://lccn.loc.gov/mm81057463
Summary: United States naval officers. Correspondence, memoranda, memorabilia, newspapers, notebooks, pamphlets, publications, and speeches relating to the naval careers of Royal Rodney Ingersoll and Royal E. Ingersoll, father and son.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

People

Organizations
Maryland (Cruiser)
United States. Navy.

Subjects
Ballistics.
Ordnance.

Titles
Royal E. Ingersoll papers
Royal Rodney Ingersoll papers

Occupations
Naval officers.

Provenance

The papers of Royal Rodney Ingersoll and Royal E. Ingersoll, U.S. naval officers, were deposited in the Library of Congress by the Naval Historical Foundation in 1977 and were converted to a gift in 1998.

Processing History

The papers of Royal Rodney Ingersoll and Royal E. Ingersoll were preliminarily arranged and described as the Royal Rodney Ingersoll Papers in 1977. The collection was reprocessed as the Royal Rodney Ingersoll and Royal E. Ingersoll Papers in 2010.
Copyright Status
The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Royal Rodney Ingersoll and Royal E. Ingersoll is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions
The papers of Royal Rodney Ingersoll and Royal E. Ingersoll are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Preferred Citation
Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Royal Rodney Ingersoll and Royal E. Ingersoll Papers, Naval Historical Foundation Collection, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note
Royal Rodney Ingersoll

Date       Event
1847, Dec. 4  Born, Niles, Mich.
1868        Graduated, U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.
1873, Aug. 26 Married Cynthia Eason
1887        Coauthored with J. F. Meigs *Text-book of Ordnance and Gunnery*. Baltimore: Press and Bindery of Issac Friedenwald
1893        Authored *Exterior Ballistics*. Baltimore: Deutsch Litho'g & Printing Co.
1893        Promoted to lieutenant-commander
1903        Commanded the *Helena* (gunboat), Admiral Robley D. Evans’ flagship on a cruise up the Yangtze River, China
1905-1907   Commander, *Maryland* (cruiser)
1907        Appointed chief of staff to Admiral Robley D. Evans
1908, July 11 Promoted to rear admiral
1909, Dec. 4  Retired
1917-1919   President, Special Naval Ordnance Board
1931, Apr. 21 Died, La Porte, Ind.

Royal E. Ingersoll

Date       Event
1883, June 20  Born, Washington, D.C.
1905        Graduated, U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.
1910, June 29 Married Louise Van Harlingen
1911-1913    Instructor, Seamanship and International Law, U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.
1916-1918    Assistant for communications and then communications officer, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Navy Department
1924-1926    Commander, *Nokomis* (patrol vessel)
1928        Assistant chief of staff to commander, United States Battle Fleet
1930-1933    Chief of staff, U.S. Fleet
1936-1938    Director, War Plans Division Operations
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<td>1938-1940</td>
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<td>Assistant chief, naval operations</td>
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**Scope and Content Note**

The papers of Royal Rodney Ingersoll (1847-1931) and Royal Eason Ingersoll (1883-1976), father and son, span the years 1866 to 1935 with the bulk from 1866 to 1925. The papers are in English and include clippings, correspondence, newspapers, notebooks, pamphlets, publications, speeches, and miscellany consisting of invitations, dance cards, and programs. The collection also includes oversize material.

The papers of Royal Rodney Ingersoll feature personal correspondence and official memoranda, instruction manuals and naval history publications, and speeches written by Ingersoll. A miscellany file includes invitations, programs, and dance cards, as well as his 1910 application and acceptance in the Grand Army of the Republic. The collection reflects Ingersoll's experience commanding the *Maryland* and his expertise in ballistics and ordnance. Oversize and pamphlet materials include programs and newspapers covering the Great White Fleet's reception in Australia and New Zealand.

The papers of Royal Rodney Ingersoll's son, Royal E. Ingersoll, consist primarily of notebooks from his years at the United States Naval Academy. These contain written examinations and exercises as well as two diaries kept during his Younger Year and First Class cruises. Royal E. Ingersoll's papers also include clippings from newspapers and magazines.

Oversize material in the collection consists of five newspapers from Australia and New Zealand and a 1907 certificate for a dinner in honor of Admiral Robley D. Evans.

**Arrangement of the Papers**

The collection is organized by name of creator and thereunder alphabetically by type of material.
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(6 folders) |
| BOX 1     | Notebooks, 1901-1904  
(3 folders) |
| BOX 2     | Pamphlets, 1935 |
| BOX 2-3   | Ingersoll, Royal Rodney |
| BOX 2     | Correspondence, 1896-1909 |
| BOX 3     | Miscellany, 1866-1931, undated  
*See Oversize* |
| BOX 3     | Pamphlets, 1884-1918  
(6 folders) |
| BOX 3     | Speeches, 1893, undated  
(2 folders) |
| BOX OV 1  | Oversize |
| BOX OV 1  | Ingersoll, Royal Rodney |
| BOX OV 1  | Newspapers and certificate, 1907-1908 (Container 3) |