

# 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 ; 3 containers plus 1 oversize ; 1.4 linear feet

**Language:** Collection material in English

**Location:** Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

**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 Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### People

Ingersoll, Royal E. (Royal Eason), 1883-1976. Royal Rodney Ingersoll and Royal E. Ingersoll papers. 1884-1931.

Ingersoll, Royal Rodney, 1847-1931.

### Organizations

Maryland (Cruiser)

United States. Navy.

### Subjects

Ballistics.

Ordnance.

### Occupations

Naval officers.

## Administrative Information

### 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The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Royal Rodney Ingersoll and Royal E. Ingersoll is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).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

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
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 <i>Text-book of Ordnance and Gunnery</i> . Baltimore: Press and Bindery of Issac Friedenwald
1893	Authored <i>Exterior Ballistics</i> . Baltimore: Deutsch Litho'g & Printing Co.
1893	Promoted to lieutenant-commander
1903	Commanded the <i>Helena</i> (gunboat), Admiral Robley D. Evans' flagship on a cruise up the Yangtze River, China
1905-1907	Commander, <i>Maryland</i> (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

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
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, <i>Nokomis</i> (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
1938-1940	Commander, Cruiser Division Six, U.S. Fleet
1940-1941	Assistant chief, naval operations
1942	Promoted through grades to admiral
1942-1944	Commander-in-chief, U.S. Atlantic Fleet
1944-1945	Commander, Western Seas Frontier
1946, Aug.	Retired
1976, May 20	Died

## 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.

## Container List

<i>Container</i>	<i>Contents</i>
BOX 1	Ingersoll, Royal E.
BOX 1	Clippings, pre-1900-1925 (6 folders)
BOX 1	Notebooks, 1901-1904 (3 folders)
BOX 2	(3 folders)
BOX 2	Pamphlets, 1935
BOX 2-3	Ingersoll, Royal Rodney
BOX 2	Correspondence, 1896-1909
BOX 3	Miscellany, 1866-1931, undated <i>See Oversize</i>
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)