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SC 2796

## GEORGE WASHINGTON RILEY COLLECTION, 1898–1920

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### COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	2 folders, 2 artifacts
COLLECTION DATES:	1898–1920
PROVENANCE:	Faye Koss, Indianapolis, IN, May 2005

RESTRICTIONS: None

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ALTERNATE FORMATS:

RELATED HOLDINGS:

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2005.0232

NOTES:

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

George Washington Riley was born 4 March, 1870. He enlisted in the United States Navy on 15 April 1898 and served aboard the *U.S.S. Gloucester* during the Spanish-American War, earning a medal for an engagement in the West Indies. He served in the navy throughout the early 1920s. In November of 1907 he was charged with desertion. He left the navy yard on 28 January, 1907, and did not return until 23 October. He held the ranks of seaman, gunner third-class, gunner second-class, and gunner first-class.

Sources:

Materials in collection

## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Collection contains papers from George Washington Riley's naval career. The first folder includes his identification card, discharge papers, bounty claims, proficiency reports, and a desertion charge. The second folder contains appointment papers for Riley from 1903 to 1905. There are also two artifacts in the collection. One is a medal from the U.S. Navy and the other is from a naval campaign in the West Indies.

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1. Go to the Indiana Historical Society's online catalog: <http://opac.indianahistory.org/>
2. Click on the "Basic Search" icon.
3. Select "Call Number" from the "Search In:" box.
4. Search for the collection by its basic call number (in this case, SC 2796).
5. When you find the collection, go to the "Full Record" screen for a list of headings that can be searched for related materials.