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**HARRY J. AND MARY E. CARROLL COLLECTION  
1900–1981**

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## COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 half-size photograph box, 1 folder of color photographs

COLLECTION DATES: 1900–1981

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## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Harry James Carroll was born 15 February 1899 to Charles Walter Carroll (b. 1877) and Katie Elizabeth Nichols Carroll (b. 1879) in Anderson, Indiana. Charles worked as an iron moulder. The family had two younger children – Nellie (1901–1991) and Arthur (1903–1986). Charles married another woman, Minnie, sometime between 1910 and 1920.

It appears that Harry was in both the Army and the Navy during World War I. From 6 March to 1 April 1921, he served aboard the U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey steamer *Natoma* in the Pacific.

Harry married Mary Elizabeth Wilcox on 1 September 1923. Mary Elizabeth Wilcox was born to farmer James W. Wilcox (a.k.a. Willis Wilcox, 1860–1910) and Ida Mae Miller Wilcox (1868–1905) on 22 October 1899 in Gilbertsville, Kentucky. Mary had two older sisters – Pearl (1892–1966) and Ethel (1894–1976).

It appears that Harry and Mary moved around for a while after their marriage, living in Chicago, Illinois, and in Staten Island, New York, where Harry worked for a newspaper. A 1924 Indianapolis city directory lists Harry as district manager for the *Indianapolis Star* and living at 736 Fort Wayne Avenue. The 1928 directory lists him at the same job but living at 432 Limestone Avenue. At the time of the 1930 census, the couple lived on St. Clair Street in Indianapolis, and Harry is listed as manager for a newspaper. In 1935 the couple lived in Charleston, West Virginia. They moved to Anderson, Indiana, in 1938. From that time until his retirement, Harry sold and installed kitchen cabinets and appliances and did circulation work for several area newspapers. He was a member of the Madison County Scottish Rite Club, as well as the Englewood Masonic Lodge number 715, Scottish Rite, and Murat Temple all of Indianapolis. Mary was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Harry died in Anderson on 9 August 1972 and was buried in the East Maplewood Cemetery there. Mary died in Anderson on 3 April 1981 and was buried in the same cemetery.

Sources:

Correspondence from Mary Miller (donor), 13 August 2018.

Items in the collection.

Ancestry <ancestrylibrary.com>. Accessed 28 March 2019:

Find a Grave

Indiana Death Certificates, 1899–2011

Indiana Marriages, 1810–2001

U.S. City Directories, 1822–1995

United States Federal Census, 1900, 1910, 1920, 1930, 1940

## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection is composed of photographs, documents, newspaper clippings, and membership cards from the lives of Harry J. and Mary E. Wilcox Carroll, who lived primarily in Anderson, Indiana, but also in Indianapolis and in other states. The collection is arranged into eight series, as follows:

**Series 1, Photographs of Harry J. Carroll:** This series contains photographs of Harry from the age of 1 throughout his life and includes some from his military duty during World War I. There is also a snapshot of his grave.

**Series 2, Photographs of Mary E. Wilcox Carroll:** This series holds photographs of Mary from the 1920s.

**Series 3, Photographs of Harry and Mary Carroll:** This series is composed of photographs of Harry and Mary ranging from 1923 to 1971.

**Series 4, Group and Unidentified Photographs:** This series includes workplace and travel group photos, other group photos, and some unidentified portraits.

**Series 5, Photographs of Houses:** This series contains a snapshot taken in 1921 of a house in an unidentified city and two snapshots of Harry and Mary's home in Indianapolis (ca. 1928).

**Series 6, Harry J. Carroll – Documents, Clippings, and Correspondence:** This series includes Harry's military discharge papers (1921); a postcard written from Harry to Mary (1950); a photocopy of a newspaper article about Harry's appliance business (1958); and a photocopy of Harry's obituary (1972).

**Series 7, Mary E. Wilcox Carroll – Documents and Clipping:** This series contains a certified copy (1943) of Mary's birth as well as a photocopy of her death certificate and her obituary (1981).

**Series 8, Ephemera – Membership Cards and Foreign Currency:** This series is composed of Harry's membership cards for Englewood Masonic Lodge No. 715, Murat Temple, and Scottish Rite (1952–1972). There is also paper currency from France (ca. 1919).

## SERIES CONTENTS

### Series 1: Photographs of Harry J. Carroll

#### CONTENTS

Harry, age 1 (cabinet card photo by McKeown of Anderson, Ind., 1900).

Harry on his third birthday, 15 February 1902 (cabinet card photo by Blosser of Anderson, Ind.).

Harry, age 3, wearing a large hat, 16 November 1902 (cabinet card photo by Mosher of Anderson, Ind.).

Harry, holding a hat (mounted photo by Hackathorn of Anderson, Ind., [ca. 1905]).

Harry, age 9, with brother Art, age 5, and horse in Anderson, 1908 (real photo postcard).

Harry and another boy named Harry, balancing on bicycles, hand on each other's shoulder, 1913.

Portrait of Harry. Written on back: "Taken April 29, 1917." Written on front: "Age 17 / 1916."

Harry in white sailor suit, Texas, 1917.

Portrait of Harry in Army uniform, Camp Grant, Illinois [Army infantry training camp on the outskirts of Rockford, Ill.], 11 October 1917 (real photo postcard).

Christmas dinner, barracks no. 12, Camp Grant, Illinois, 25 December 1917 [shows room with tables loaded with dishes, Christmas tree in background].

Harry in dark sailor suit standing with older man in uniform. Caption written below: "Harry came Home 1920."

Harry sitting on the shoulders of another young man, both wearing sailor hats. Written on back: "When Harry was in the Navy when he came home."

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Portrait of Harry in dark Navy uniform. Written on front: "Your Nephew Harry 1921."	Photographs, Box 1, Folder 2
Portrait of Harry in dark Navy uniform (photo by National Studio, Indianapolis, ca. 1921).	Photographs, Box 1, Folder 2
Snapshot of Harry and two other men, identified as "Turner" and "George Agal," in military uniforms (Harry and George Agal are in Navy uniforms). They are standing on N. Illinois Street [possibly the intersection of N. Illinois and Walnut streets in Indianapolis] for a 4 <sup>th</sup> of July parade, 1921. [This photo has been removed from an album, and another photo is glued to the reverse that is of Harry and Mary, 1924.]	Photographs, Box 1, Folder 2
Three snapshots showing groups, with some in Army uniforms, some in cook's clothing, some women. One snapshot that appears to be of Harry, wearing an apron and chef's hat, holding a plate.	Photographs, Box 1, Folder 2
Snapshot of ship in harbor. Written below: " <i>U.S.S. Natoma</i> – Queen of the Pacific." [U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey steamer]	Photographs, Box 1, Folder 2
Harry standing outdoors, wearing a hat and overalls, holding a duck and a watering can and either a hoe or rake, n.d.	Photographs, Box 1, Folder 3
Portrait of Harry as a young man, wearing a bow tie, n.d.	Photographs, Box 1, Folder 3
Harry standing on stairs in front of a house in Chicago, Ill., 4 June 1929 [2 copies].	Photographs, Box 1, Folder 3
Harry and an unidentified woman standing in the snow [this does not appear to be Mary, but could be the same unidentified woman in three portraits in series 4, folder 6].	Photographs, Box 1, Folder 3
Harry standing next to a house, 1948.	Photographs, Box 1, Folder 3
Color snapshot of Harry, n.d.	Cold Storage, Folder 1 of 1

Color photograph of Harry's grave with flowers,  
12 August 1972.

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## **Series 2: Photographs of Mary E. Wilcox Carroll**

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Mary dressed in sailor suit – 3 photographs (2 are the  
same image), October 1922.

Mary in backyard in Chicago, 4 June 1929.

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## **Series 3: Photographs of Harry and Mary Carroll**

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Harry and Mary by a tree, 11 April 1923.

Harry on the ground and Mary on a bicycle, 1924 [this  
is a snapshot glued to part of an album page on the  
reverse of a snapshot of Harry and two other men in  
military uniforms].

Mary and Harry sitting outdoors, n.d.

Harry and Mary standing outdoors, 1948.

Harry and Mary standing outside by a house [2  
copies], n.d.

Unidentified man, Mary, and Harry standing outdoors  
(matted photograph), n.d.

Color snapshot of Harry and Mary outside of a house,  
May 1971.

Color snapshot of Harry and Mary, n.d.

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## Series 4: Group and Unidentified Photographs

### CONTENTS

Twenty-six men and four women standing outside a building with the number 58 on it. There is a sign that reads: "No Matches / Make this place safe for yourself and your fellow employees." Written on back: "Presented by Mr. Barrows / Mary Elizabeth Wilcox / Mars Hill, Indiana."

Snapshot of Harry as a young man with four women and one man in Bremen, Germany, n.d.

Harry in a car with a boy and three women on 6 August 1922.

Harry and Mary with ten other people aboard a ship going to Bermuda, July 1932.

Harry (front, center) with five other men standing in front of the building for the *Staten Island Advance* newspaper, n.d.

Mounted photograph of young girl in coat with fur collar and muff and large hat (photo by Hackathorn of Anderson, Ind.). [Donor thought this is possibly Harry's sister.]

Three portraits of same unidentified young woman. [This may be the same woman photographed with Harry standing in the snow in series 1, folder 3.]

## Series 5: Photographs of Houses

### CONTENTS

Snapshot of house. Written on back: "Our home on Bellview Pl. 1921." [This was before Harry and Mary were married; have not been able to identify city of location or whose home this was.]

Two snapshots of house at 432 Limestone Avenue, Indianapolis [ca. 1928]. [Harry is listed in 1928 city directory as living at this address.]

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## **Series 6: Harry J. Carroll – Documents, Clippings, Correspondence**

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Navy discharge paper dated 15 February 1921. [Document is damaged and laminated.]	Photographs, Box 1, Folder 8
United States Coast and Geodetic Survey discharge paper dated 1 April 1921. [Document is damaged and laminated.]	Photographs, Box 1, Folder 8
Large postcard from Sun Valley, Idaho, written by Harry and addressed to Mary at 315 Park Ave., Anderson. June 1950.	Photographs, Box 1, Folder 8
Photocopy of article from unidentified newspaper with headline: “Carroll Appliances Opens In New Location.” New location is at 22 <sup>nd</sup> and Main Streets [in Anderson, Ind.]. Article includes photograph of the building and describes kitchen appliances sold. 13 September 1958.	Photographs, Box 1, Folder 8
Photocopy of obituary for Harry clipped from unidentified newspaper [August 1972].	Photographs, Box 1, Folder 8

## **Series 7: Mary E. Wilcox Carroll – Documents and Clipping**

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Record of birth for Mary Wilcox – certified photostatic copy dated 3 May 1943.	Photographs, Box 1, Folder 9
Photocopy of death certificate for Mary E. Carroll, April 1981.	Photographs, Box 1, Folder 9
Obituary for Mary Carroll -- laminated clipping from unidentified newspaper [April 1981].	Photographs, Box 1, Folder 9

## **Series 8: Ephemera – Membership Cards and Foreign Currency**

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Harry's membership cards for Englewood Lodge No. 715, Indianapolis, 1970–1972; Murat Temple, Indianapolis, 1952, 1970–1972; Scottish Rite, Madison County, 1968–1969; Scottish Rite, Valley of Indianapolis, 1970–1972.

Paper currency – 1 French franc, Trésorerie aux Armées [ca. 1919].

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