

Collection on Edward J. Ries

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Edward J. Ries Collection consists of a variety of personal objects and papers related to Edward Jacob Ries. The collection consists of four photographs (one photo of Edward Ries and three photos of his residence), Ries' birth and marriage certificates, several army papers, pilot's book, six metallic objects (two are pins from the U.S. Army, two buttons, a locket, and a coin), and other documents.

Box 1 –Military personal objects

- Churchill Commemorative Crown Coin (1965, UK - Five Shillings)
- Pin – U.S. Army – A shield with wings. The shield has “US” on it with 13 stars. (Possibly Army Aviator)
- Pin – U.S. Army Air Force Eagle Insignia Badge (Uniform Device, goes on officer's hat)
- Spartan Army Button (Unable to identify)
- Decorative Button
- Locket (Kind of unusual because there is no loop for a necklace or keychain. There is an opal in the center of the locket. Round. Looks like it's either brass or copper. There is nothing inside the locket.)

- **Folder 1: Certifications**
 - Certification of Birth for Edward Ries from Department of Health, State of New York.
 - Marriage Certification dated January 17, 1923, for Edward J. Ries and Pauline W. Tieruey.

- **Folder 2: Army Items**
 - Pilot's Book that belonged to Edward Ries. Contains records related to flights - dates, type of plane, type of engine, type of work done, detail of work done, duration, and maximum altitude. There is also an individual record card for Aviation Section Signal Corps on the back of the book.
 - An envelope labeled, “Marriage Certificate, Army Papers”. It contains three papers from the Army – first is an Honorable Discharge from the Army dated April 4, 1919. Next is a letter dated August 27, 1919 that lists individual's names waiting for flying school training. The last, dated April 1, 1924, when Ries was appointed Second Lieutenant for Air Services.

- **Folder 3: Travel Documents**

- Three items: Ries's passport, German driver's license, and Aero Club of America Aviator's Certificate.
- **Folder 4: Official documents**
 - A piece of paper from the Supreme Council of the 35 Degree for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States. Dated December 7, 1916. Scottish Rite of Freemasonry (secret brotherhood). It came in the little black leather envelope with gold-imprinted symbol.
- **Folder 5: Photographs**
 - There are four photographs with one being a portrait of Edward Ries. The other three photographs are of the house on 2300 East Avenue, one photograph is the front view of the house (it is indicated by the writing on the back), a side view of the house, and the garage.
- **Folder 6: Prayer Cards and clippings**
 - Two laminated prayer cards with clippings.