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Abstract

Sepia panoramic photo of women yeomen at the Norfolk, Virginia Navy Yard, January 30, 1919.

Extent

2 Linear Feet

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The emulsion of this photograph is adhered to glass which has split into two pieces. The photograph measures 8" wide and 43" long.

Physical Location

Map Case 34.2

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Historical Information

Yeomen (Female), also as written as "Yeomen (F)", was an enlisted rank in the United States military during World War I. Thanks to a language loophole in the Naval Act of 1916, women were allowed to officially enlist in the military for the first time. As a result, over 600 women enlisted from March - April 1917, reaching nearly 4000 by July 1919. The Yeomen, also called "Yeomenettes" mostly worked in clerical positions at Naval Yards across the United States, including the Norfolk, Virginia Naval Base.

Scope and Content

Sepia panoramic photo of women yeomen at the Norfolk, Virginia Navy Yard, January 30, 1919. Image shows three rows of women posed in uniform for the camera. An inscription reads: "Yeoman [illegible] Industrial Department of Norfolk Navy Yard[,] Norfolk VA[?,] Jan. 30, 1919[.]" According to a label on the glass, the photo was taken by G. L. Hall Optical Co from Norfolk, VA.

Related Materials

[Naval History and Heritage Command](#) holds materials on women Yeoman, including panoramic photographs from the Norfolk Navy Yard.

[The Military Women's Memorial Collections](#) holds material on American women's military service, including World War I women Yeomen.

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