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Historical or Biographical Note
This collection includes detailed drawings of fittings from numerous ships. Included here is some basic information for a few of these ships.
The U.S.S. MISSOURI, an Iowa-class battleship, was laid down at the New York Navy Yard in Brooklyn in 1941. The ship was launched and commissioned in 1944.
The keel of the U.S.S. ILLINOIS was laid at the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard in January 1945. It was scheduled to be an Iowa-class battleship but was canceled and scrapped in August 1945.
The U.S.S. ARKANSAS was a Wyoming-class battleship. Its keel was laid down in 1910 in Camden, New Jersey by the New York Shipbuilding Corporation. The ship was commissioned in the Philadelphia Navy Yard in 1912 and saw duty in both
World War I and World War II.
The S.S. MONGOLIA was built by New York Shipbuilding in Camden, New Jersey in 1902. The ship was ordered by E.H. Harriman's Pacific Mail Steamship Company for its San Francisco-Far East route. The vessel was commissioned by the U.S. Navy in 1919 and served in both world wars as the U.S.S. MONGOLIA.
The U.S.S. KANSAS was a Connecticut-class battleship. Its keel was laid down in Camden, New Jersey by the New York Shipbuilding Company in 1905, it was launched in 1905, commissioned in 1907 and decommissioned in 1921.

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Some detailed diagrams are of fittings for a variety of specific ships and boats. These include the U.S.S. MISSOURI, U.S.S. ILLINOIS, U.S.S. ARKANSAS, S.S. MONGOLIA, S.S. KERSHAW & S.S. NANTUCKET, S.S. MASSACHUSETTS, the battleship KANSAS and U.S.T.D.B. STRINGHAM.
Some diazotypes show standard fittings used on United States Navy ships, U.S. dredgers, New York Shipbuilding Corporation vessels, New York fire tugs, or for ships made by the H. & H. Company, the M.S. Company (Merrit-Chapman & Scott Corp.) and the N. & L. Company.

Collection Arrangement
Original order

Related Materials
Martha Hoffman ship and train postcard album, undated. SAFR 20704, P05-016. Includes over 30 postcards of U.S. naval vessels.

Plan of passenger accommodations for the SS Mongolia, undated, SAFR 15690.
Print of SS Mongolia, 1907, SAFR 16321
Chester P. Locklin photographs, U.S.S. NANTUCKET photographs, circa 1940, SAFR 19471, P78-428
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