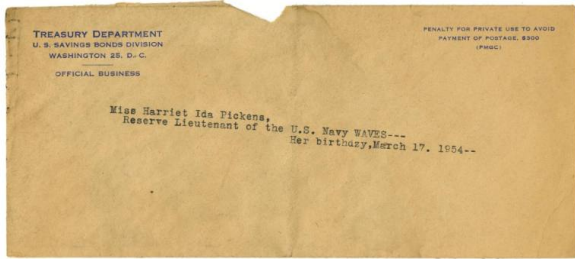


# Basic Detail Report

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## Harriet Ida Pickens Papers

### Date

1945-June 24, 2004

### Primary Maker

Harriet I. Pickens

### Medium

paper, ink

### Description

Extent: 2 folders Harriet Ida Pickens was one of only two Black women to become officers in the U.S. Naval Reserve (Women's Reserve), commonly known as the WAVES, or Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service, during World War II. These papers contain items from her time in the service, a song referring to Pickens and several books that mention her. Envelope; addressed to Pickens for her birthday, March 17, 1954 - Typed song sheet referencing Pickens, possibly the contents of the envelope. Book; Second Battle of the Philippines. New York, New York: Whittlesey House, McGraw-Hill Book Company, 1945 - Signed by Pickens. Newsletter; U.S. Naval Training School (WR) Conning Tower. New York, New York: October 1945 - Final issue of the Conning Tower. Articles discuss de-mobilization, post-Navy opportunities, and converting the WAVES uniform for civilian wear Book; Navy Officer Careers Handbook. Bureau of Naval Personnel, Office of the Navy. Washington, DC: Government Printing Office, 1964 Book; Hoke, Celia. Women in the Armed Forces. Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services. Washington, DC: Office of Information for the Armed Forces, 1976 Clipping, Newspaper; Frazer, Amanda Star. "Breaking a Color Barrier." The East Hampton Star, June 24, 2004 Songbook; Marching to Victory. Northampton, Massachusetts: Naval Reserve Midshipmen's School (WR), n.d. - Songs about the WAVES and the U.S. Navy