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Brooklyn Navy Yard Development Corporation Archives Guide to the Susan Detrich collection 1971 – 1973 MC/29

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Title

Susan Detrich collection

Date

circa 1971 – 1973

Description

The Susan Detrich Collection documents the era of Seatrain Shipbuilding at the Brooklyn Navy Yard. The U.S. Navy decommissioned the Brooklyn Navy Yard in 1966, and in 1967 the Commerce Labor Industry Corporation of Kings (CLICK) was established to manage the yard on behalf of New York City. At that time, Seatrain Shipbuilding (owned by Seatrain Lines) signed a lease with CLICK to operate as a private shipbuilding facility on the BNY grounds. Seatrain was in operation from 1967 to 1979, and provided job training and employment for thousands of workers while building four Very Large Crude Carriers (VLCC), eight barges, and one ice-breaker barge during its tenure. This collection includes materials created and collected by Susan Detrich, who created advertising and graphic arts materials for Seatrain Shipbuilding during the 1970s.

Admin Notes

Located in Collections Box on flat file J; digital scans located in Archives drive. Materials include posters, brochures, photographs, and copies of Seatrain newsletters (the 'Scanner'); the collection also includes digital scans of additional posters, ephemera, photographs, and Seatrain newsletters.

Creator

Susan Detrich

1971 – 1973

Quantity

3 folders

Language Of Materials

English.

Call Number

MC/29

Administrative/Biographical History

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working relationship, Detrich designed Seatrain's monthly company newsletter, called the "Seatrain Scanner", as well as other printed materials including employment brochures, broadsides, and posters for various company campaigns.

Scope And Content

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System Of Arrangement

This collection contains 3 series: Ephemera; Photographs; and Seatrain Scanner.

Access Points

Tenants , Advertisements

Access And Use

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