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Brooklyn Navy Yard Development Corporation Archives Guide to the Antoinette Mauro collection 1943 – 1974 MC/1

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Title

Antoinette Mauro collection

Date

1943 – 1974

Description

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Admin Notes

This collection was donated by Antoinette Mauro in 2008 and by Amy Mauro in 2017. It was processed by Elizabeth Mc Gorty, Archivist/Records Manager in 2018. This collection has a collection documentation file and a finding aid.

Creator

Antoinette Mauro

1943 – 1974

Quantity

3.21 linear feet, 573 MB

Language Of Materials

English.

Call Number

MC/1

Administrative/Biographical History

Antoinette Mauro (nee Irrera), born around 1925, worked as a draughtswoman in the electrical department, first in Building 3 and later in Building 77. She began working at the New York Naval Shipyard in 1943 to help with the war effort and was laid off in 1945 at the end of the war, but was called back in 1947, resigned in 1949, called back again around 1950 and finally resigned in 1952. She corrected the blueprints after the draughtsman and engineer observed damaged ships and mark up the wiring on the blueprint. She spent time conversing with the other women in her department in and out of work, as well as socializing at nearby restaurants after work. She also assisted with the blueprints for the USS Missouri (BB-63) and watched Ms. Mary Margaret Truman launch the ship. In September 1949 Antoinette married Louis Mauro, who was in the Navy during the war and later served as the technical librarian at the Navy Yard. They had a son in 1952. Louis continued to work at the Yard even after it was decommissioned by the US Navy, until 1974.

Scope And Content

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Related Materials

Related Archival Materials: See Antoinette Mauro's oral history in collection SC/3, The Brooklyn Navy Yard Oral History Project.

System Of Arrangement

This collection contains 2 series: Photographs and Accession 2017.001.

Access Points

USS Oriskany , Women , Civilians , Office Workers and Personnel , Ships and Vessels

Administrative Information

Related Lots: 2017.001

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