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Brooklyn Navy Yard Development Corporation Archives Guide to the Mike DeLucia collection 1960 – 1961 MC/46

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Title

Mike DeLucia collection

Date

1960 – 1961

Description

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Admin Notes

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Creator

DeLucia, Michael

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Quantity

2 folders

Language Of Materials

English.

Call Number

MC/46

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System Of Arrangement

This collection contains 2 series: Photographs and Shipworker Commemorative Issues

Access Points

USS Constellation (CV-64)

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