

# BROOKLYN NAVY | YARD

## Brooklyn Navy Yard Development Corporation Archives Guide to the Louis H. Kaplan papers 1911 – 1961 MC/23

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### Title

Louis H. Kaplan papers

### Date

1911 – 1961

### Description

The materials in this collection include Louis Kaplan's personnel record documenting his employment at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, as well as miscellaneous items related to his service. These items include two photos of Yard office workers, a copy of The Shipworker issued September 29, 1953, a speech given on Commander Pratt's departure as Industrial Relations Officer, and testimonial material for Kaplan's retirement in 1956.

### Admin Notes

This collection was donated by Anita Jaffe, the daughter of Louis Kaplan, to the BNYDC archives in 2014. It was processed by Dennis Riley, Archivist/Records Manager in 2015. This collection has a collection documentation file and a finding aid.

### Creator

Jaffe, Anita

1911 – 1961

### Quantity

5 folders

### Language Of Materials

English.

### Call Number

MC/23

### Administrative/Biographical History

Louis H. Kaplan was born on September 29, 1893 and was first hired at the Brooklyn Navy Yard on January 13, 1912. Originally hired as a typewriter, he was promoted to a clerk in 1916. During World War I he enlisted in the U.S. Naval Reserve on August 8, 1918, serving as a Chief Gunners Mate, and was discharged from the service on March 2, 1919. After his military service, Kaplan resumed working at the Yard as a clerk. Over the course of his 44-year career at the Yard, Kaplan held a series of jobs including Supervisory Clerk, Personnel Administrator, and Supervisory Personnel Officer. He retired from the Yard on December 31, 1956 from the Industrial Relations Department.

### Scope And Content

The materials in this collection include Louis Kaplan's personnel record documenting his employment at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, as well as miscellaneous items related to his service. These items include two photos of the Machinery Division, a copy of the Shipworker, the Navy Yard's newsletter, issued September 29, 1953, a speech given on Commander Pratt's departure as Industrial Relations

Officer, and testimonial material for Kaplan's retirement in 1956. Furthermore, there are photocopies of materials including documents related to Kaplan's service in the Naval Reserve. The collection also includes a copy of the 1941 A Short History of the Navy Yard in its original three-ring binder.

### **System Of Arrangement**

This collection contains 2 series: Professional Materials and A Short History of the New York Naval Yard.

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