

# BROOKLYN NAVY | YARD

## Brooklyn Navy Yard Development Corporation Archives Guide to the Joseph F. Rogers collection 1943 – 1966 MC/50

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### Title

Joseph F. Rogers collection

### Date

1943 – 1956

### Description

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### Admin Notes

This collection consists of ten bound manuals related to Joseph Roger's work as a machinist in the Ordnance Shop. Five manuals deal with the construction, operation, and maintenance of a variety of anti-aircraft guns, while four others are Navy training courses for Fire Controlmen and Electronic Technician's Mate. There is also a marine engineer's manual. The collection also includes a framed New York Daily News newspaper from the Yard's closure, dated June 19, 1966 and the tool box and some tools used by Rogers.

### Creator

Rogers, Joseph

1943 – 1966

### Language Of Materials

English.

### Call Number

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## **System Of Arrangement**

This collection contains 2 series: Manuals and Artifacts.

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