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Brooklyn Navy Yard Development Corporation Archives Guide to the John J. Holford, Sr. papers 1960 – 1965 MC/17

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Title

John J. Holford, Sr. papers

Date

1960 – 1965

Description

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Admin Notes

This collection was donated by Donald Holford in 2012. It was processed by Ian Post in 2015. This collection has a collection documentation file and a finding aid.

Creator

Holford, John J. Sr.

1960 – 1965

Quantity

1 folder

Language Of Materials

English.

Call Number

MC/17

Administrative/Biographical History

John Joseph Holford Sr. was born on October 19, 1911. Holford began working at the Brooklyn Navy Yard around 1941 before enlisting in the U.S. Navy in 1943. During World War II, he served as a Fireman First Class on the escort aircraft carrier USS Mankin Island (CVE-93) in the Pacific until being honorably discharged in 1945. Holford returned to the Yard after the war and worked as a heavy trailer truck driver until 1966. On at least three occasions (1958, 1960, and 1963) he received a safe driving award. Holford died on November 19, 1970.

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System Of Arrangement

This collection does not have any arrangement.

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New York Navy Yard Identification Card Issued to John J. Holford, 14684

Reduction in Force Memo, 14685