



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

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## Descriptive Summary

**Title:** Antoinette Mauro collection

**Creator(s):** Mauro, Antoinette I., ca. 1925-2016; Mauro, Louis, 1923-1989

**Date(s):** 1943 – 1974

**Quantity:** 3.21 linear feet, 573 MB

**Language of Materials:** English

**Call Number:** MC/1

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## 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 would observe 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.

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## Scope and Content

This collection contains the photographs and personal effects of Antoinette Mauro and Louis Mauro during their employment at the New York Naval Shipyard. The photographs depict Antoinette and her female coworkers, the launching of the USS Oriskany (CV-34), and Louis working in the library. Of note are two framed photographs of the Electrical Design Division at the New York Naval Shipyard during World War II. The collection also contains Antoinette Mauro's drafting tools, her official recognition of service certificate from the US Department of the Navy at the end of the World War II, and a letter regarding Louis Mauro's redundancy from the Naval Yard in 1971, a few years after the US Navy officially decommissioned the property.

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## System of Arrangement

This collection contains 2 series: Photographs and Accession 2017.001.

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## Related Materials

**Location of Copies:** Items in this collection may have been digitized and if so, are featured in [BNY Collections](#), the BNYDC Archives' digital library. Only those items that have digital reproductions contain an Object ID listed in the Container List below. Use the Object ID or title of the item when searching BNY Collections.

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## Access Points

New York Naval Shipyard  
Mauro, Antoinette I., 1925-2017  
Mauro, Loius, 1923-1989  
Ford, Lucille  
Jacobs, Ivory M.  
Oriskany (Aircraft carrier : CVA 34)  
United States. Department of the Navy.  
Ships--Launching  
Ships--Maintenance and repair  
Women--Employment--United States  
World War, 1939-1945--War work

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## Administrative Information

**Accession Number(s):** 2008.001, 2017.001

**Acquisition Notes:** The material included in Series 1 was donated to the BNYDC Archives by Antoinette Mauro in 2008, after she participated in the Brooklyn Historical Society/Brooklyn Navy Yard Development Corporation Oral History project. The collection documentation file includes her signed agreement of participation in this project, but no deed of gift exists for the material in this series. The material in Series 2 was donated to the BNYDC Archives by Antoinette and Louis' son and granddaughter, William and Amy Mauro, in 2017. This collection has a collection documentation file.

**Accruals:** Further accruals are expected.

**Processing Notes:** Series 1 of this collection was processed by BNYDC Archives Intern Ian Post in March 2015. Series 2 was processed by BNYDC Archivist/Records Manager Elizabeth Mc Gorty in April 2017. All photographs in this collection were digitized by request of the donor.

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## Container List

### Series 1: Photographs

*Scope and Contents:* This series contains 8 black and white photographs taken between 1943 and 1947 of individuals who worked at the New York Naval Shipyard, as well as the October 13, 1945 launching of USS Oriskany (CV-34) from a vantage point across the East River in Lower Manhattan. Three photographs are group shots of the draughtswoman that Mauro worked with in Building 3 during the Second World War. One photograph shows Antoinette's husband, Louis, with some of the Navy Yard bosses, including Mr. Macero, circa 1947. Four photographs show the launching of the Oriskany and there are also low-quality reproductions of the launching photos.

*Arrangement:* This series is arranged chronologically.

*Notes:* Photographs within folders have been digitized and ingested into BNY Collections.

Box 1 (3-A-1-1)	Title	Date	Object ID
Folder 1	Photographs	1943-1947	
	• Antoinette Mauro and friends	1945	15456
	• Antoinette Mauro and coworkers	Undated	15457
	• Female draughtswomen	Undated	15458
	• Launching of USS Oriskany, New York Navy Yard	1945-10-13	15459
	• Reproductions of Launching	1945	15460
	• Louis Mauro, Mr. Macero, and other men	ca. 1947	15461

### Series 2: Accession 2017.001

*Scope and Contents Note:* This series contains photographs, most depicting Louis Mauro at work or at professional events, Antoinette Mauro's drafting instruments, Antoinette Mauro's official recognition of service certificate from the US Department of the Navy, a letter of appreciation from the US Department of the Navy addressed to Louis Mauro, and a Navy Yard bowling trophy. Several photos depict the retirement party of Ivory M. Jacobs, who worked in the Naval Applied Science Laboratory.

*Arrangement Note:* This series is arranged chronologically.

<b>Box 1 (3-A-1-1)</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Object ID</b>
Folder 2	Photographs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Group, including Louis Mauro and Steve Jaffe</li> <li>Louis Mauro at lunch counter</li> <li>Louis Mauro and group at party</li> <li>Louis Mauro winning a raffle</li> <li>Louis Mauro working in the library</li> <li>Louis Mauro working in the library</li> <li>Louis Mauro working in the library</li> <li>Unidentified group</li> <li>Planning Technical Library BLDG 77</li> <li>Untitled</li> <li>Untitled</li> <li>Untitled</li> <li>Untitled</li> <li>Untitled</li> <li>Untitled</li> <li>Untitled</li> <li>Untitled</li> <li>Untitled</li> <li>The End</li> </ul>	ca. 1940-1974 Undated  Undated Undated Undated Undated  Undated Undated  1945-08-28 1946-03-29 1958-06-27 ca. 1970 ca. 1970 ca. 1970 ca. 1970 ca. 1970 ca. 1970 ca. 1970 1971-11 1971-11 ca. 1974	15462  15463 15464 15465  15466 15469  15470 15471 15474  15475 15476 15477 15478 15479 15480 15481 15482 15483
Folder 3	Recognition of Service	1945-11-01	
Folder 4	Letter of Appreciation	1974-06-05	
Object 1	Drafting tools	ca. 1940-1950	
Object 2	Trophy	1954	

<b>Box 2 (3-A-1-3)</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Object ID</b>
Object 1	Electrical Design	Undated	15472
Object 2	Farewell Party	Undated	15473