



Brooklyn Navy Yard Development Corporation Archives  
Guide to the Abraham Friedman papers  
1921-1954  
MC/13

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## Descriptive Summary

**Title:** Abraham Friedman papers

**Creator:** Friedman, Abraham (1895-1954)

**Date(s):** 1921-1954

**Quantity:** 2 folders

**Language of Materials:** English

**Call Number:** MC/13

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## Administrative/Biographical History

Abraham Friedman was born on October 9, 1895 in Russia. During World War I he served in Company F of the 13<sup>th</sup> Engineering Corps from September to December 1918. Beginning in 1919 as a rigger's helper, Friedman eventually worked at the New York Naval Shipyard until at least 1954 as a rigger man and foreman in Shop 72. During his tenure at the Yard, Friedman was also assigned to the Maspeth Annex in Queens. Friedman was a member of Riggers Local #683 and the Employees Safety Club. He died on March 19, 1954.

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## Scope and Content

This collection consists of identification cards for Riggers Local #683, the New York Naval Shipyard, Coast Guard, and the Employees Safety Club, a blank sick leave form, correspondence regarding employment, a 1947 retirement digest, a Local #683 postcard from 1954, and a *Shipworker* newspaper

clipping documenting his 20 years of employment. The documents and ephemera date from Friedman's period of work from 1919 to 1954.

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## System of Arrangement

The collection contains 2 series: Documents and Ephemera.

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## Access Points

New York Naval Shipyard  
Ephemera  
Friedman, Abraham, 1895-1954  
Hoisting machinery—Rigging  
Identification cards--Access control--United States  
Laborers  
Labor union members  
Newspaper clipping  
Official records  
Shipbuilding--United States  
Shipbuilding industry--Employees

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## Administrative Information

**Accession Number(s):** N/A

**Acquisition Notes:** The items were donated by Amy Solnin, granddaughter of Friedman, to the BNYDC Archives on November 19, 2011. This collection does not have a collection documentation file.

**Processing Notes:** This collection was processed in February 2015 by Ian Post, Archives Intern. Collection maintenance by Elizabeth Mc Gorty, Archivist & Records Manager, in May 2019.

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**Related Material at the BNYDC Archives: N/A**

**Container List**

**Series 1: Documents**

*Scope and Contents Note:* Contains documents ranging from 1921 to 1954 regarding Friedman's employment as a rigger's helper and rigger man at the New York Naval Shipyard, including proof of employment, earnings summary, retirement digest, newspaper clipping documenting his 20 year employment, blank sick leave form, and a completed application.

*Arrangement Note:* This series is arranged chronologically.

<b>Box MC1 (3-B-1-10)</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Object ID</b>
Folder 1	Professional papers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• United States Civil Service Commission application</li> <li>• Correspondence from War Department regarding pay</li> <li>• Accounting Department earnings summary</li> <li>• Record of employment from Commandant</li> <li>• Blank application for sick leave</li> <li>• Request for Demotion from Friedman</li> <li>• Request for Standing on Retention List</li> <li>• New York Naval Shipyard Retirement Digest</li> <li>• <i>Shipworker</i> newspaper clipping</li> </ul>	1921-08-05 1936-05-11 1942-03-03 1945-01-10 ca. 1945 1946-07-23 1946-08-20 1947-04 ca. 1954	14592

**Series 2: Ephemera**

*Scope and Contents Note:* This folder contains ephemera from Friedman's employment at the New York Naval Shipyard, including identification badges and a postcard.

<b>Box MC1 (3-B-1-10)</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Object ID</b>
Folder 2	Identification <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• United States Coast Guard identification card</li> <li>• New York Naval Shipyard identification badge</li> <li>• Employees Safety Club identification card</li> <li>• Riggers Local #683 postcard invitation</li> <li>• Riggers Local #683 pin</li> </ul>	1942-05-19 1947-05 1952 1954-02 Undated	14594 14590 14591  14593