



Brooklyn Navy Yard Development Corporation Archives  
Guide to the Anthony Serra collection  
ca. 1960-1977  
MC/15

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## Descriptive Summary

**Title:** Anthony Serra collection

**Creator:** Serra, Anthony

**Date(s):** ca. 1960-1977

**Quantity:** 1 folder

**Language of Materials:** English

**Call Number:** MC/15

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## Administrative/Biographical History

The Brooklyn Navy Yard was established in 1801 and served as one of the nation's premier naval shipbuilding and repair facilities for the next 165 years. During this time, more than 230 naval warships and auxiliary vessels were launched and over 5,000 were serviced. The first ship produced at the Yard was the USS Ohio in 1817, and the first dry dock was completed in 1851. During the Civil War, the Yard employed 6,000 people, and by 1938 that number had risen to 10,000. At the height of World War II, the Yard was New York state's largest industrial enterprise, with 70,000 reporting for work daily. By the time the US Navy vacated the premises, the property had grown to encompass 291 acres, with 270 buildings, 24 miles of railroad tracks, 23,278 linear feet of crane tracks, 18 miles of paved roads, 16,495 feet of berthing space, 9 piers, 6 dry docks, and 22 shops housing 98 different trades. In 1966, the Navy decommissioned the Yard and the property began a second life as an industrial park. The City of New York purchased the site from the federal government for private commercial use, establishing a non-profit organization to transform the site into a job-generating industrial campus. The Yard has been managed by the mission driven Brooklyn Navy Yard Development Corporation (BNYDC), which made a commitment to reinvest in the Yard's infrastructure and diversify its tenant base beyond heavy industry to also include design, 2 manufacturing, and art, while reestablishing the Yard as

a leading national and international model of urban manufacturing growth. Today, it is a diverse ecosystem of over 400 businesses and more than 8,000 employees, the product of years of careful planning, fundraising, and political partnership. The Yard continues to evolve, building on its history as the economic heart of Brooklyn.

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## Scope and Content

This collection contains two forms of identification for Anthony Serra, his Yard ID and his license.

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## System of Arrangement

This collection contains 2 items.

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## Access Points

New York Naval Shipyard

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## Administrative Information

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

**Acquisition Notes:** Items in this collection were donated directly to the BNYDC Archives in February 2012. This collection has a collection documentation file.

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Box MC1 (3-B-1-10)	Title	Date	Object ID
Folder 1	Identification cards	ca. 1960-1977	