



Brooklyn Navy Yard Development Corporation Archives
Guide to the Julia and Richard Uvick papers
1941-1960
MC/20

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Julia and Richard Uvick Papers

Creator: Uvick, Julia
Uvick, Richard

Date(s): 1941-1960

Quantity: 8 folders

Language of Materials: English

Call Number: MC/20

Administrative/Biographical History

Julia (née Huber, also known as Julie and Judy) Uvick worked at the Brooklyn Navy Yard from 1940 to 1953, when she resigned to have children. Julia worked in a variety of capacities within the Navy Yard's accounting department. She began her employment as a cardpunch operator, gathering statistical data for the department's returns. She was then promoted in 1941 to assistant clerk, in 1943 to a team leader payroll clerk, in 1947 to a fiscal account clerk, and finally in 1950 to a payroll clerk. While working at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, Julia corresponded with a number of servicemen stationed in the United States and overseas. She was also a member of the Choral Club, and was described as "Broadway material" in the January 8, 1947 issue of the *Shipworker* newsletter. She met Richard Uvick in 1948 in the Fiscal Accounting Department; they became engaged in May of that same year and were married one month later.

Richard Uvick first began working at the Brooklyn Navy Yard in 1942, but then left to serve in the armed forces until February of 1946. He returned to the Brooklyn Navy Yard in that same year, working first in the Receiving Division and then moving on to the Fiscal Accounting Division, where he served as an industrial relations officer in the Stores Returns section. He was a member of Commander Allen Jones' One Thousand Hours Club for accruing 1,000 hours of unused annual sick leave – an honor bestowed upon just 20% of Navy Yard employees. While working at the Navy Yard he submitted a number of efficiency suggestions to improve workflow, and was awarded recognition for at least two of these suggestions: once in February of 1952, and again in May of 1953. Mr. Uvick also wrote at least two editorials in a series under the headline "Wake Up America," in which he expressed the importance of free elections and freedom of religion; the journal or magazine in which these articles were published is unknown.

Scope and Content

The collection includes both personal effects and professional documents from the period. Julia Uvick's effects, largely contained in Folder 1, are primarily personal in nature and include postcards and letters from servicemen and colleagues (including Richard), as well as pay stubs documenting some incremental wage increases and promotions that she received. Richard's effects, folders 2, 5 and 6, are mostly professional, and illustrate the work that he did in the Navy Yard's Stores and Returns Division (medical materials). Also included in this collection are some shared photographs documenting their involvement in the Navy Yard, Richard's suggestion award as well as notice for their engagement and baby shower. Other materials include a launching day program for the USS Iowa, a Navy Yard "A" pin, and other more generalized documents that would have been distributed to all employees.

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Administrative Information

Accession Number(s): N/A

Acquisition Notes: The items were donated by Donald Uvick, Richard and Julia's son, and were found among other personal effects at Julia Uvick's passing in 2012. This collection does not have a collection documentation file.

Processing Notes: This collection was processed by Meredith Wisner in 2012. Some Navy Yard *Shipworker* articles have been added to the collection by the BNYDC Archives.

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Arrangement Note: The collection is arranged by type of material and subject.

Box # 1 3-A-2-15	Title	Date	Object ID
Folder 1	<p>Julia (née Huber) Uvick Materials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correspondence (scan only), letter and envelope from Julia Huber's colleagues telling her to get well soon, 1941/05/02 • Correspondence, postcard showing Fort Dix from Gus "Scottie" Kreppin, 1942/02/18 • Correspondence, postcard showing Air Force Training Command, Miami, FL. from Mike Tomsy, 1942/09/13 • Correspondence, V-Mail Envelope, 1943 • Correspondence, postcard showing parachuting soldier from Harry Zeno, 1943/04/18 • Document, employee statement of earnings for Julia Huber, 1943/05/17 • Correspondence, postcard "Keep 'Em Flying" from Harold Thurnton, 1943/07/10 • Correspondence, V-Mail (miniaturized printed text) from Paul H. Jacobs, 1944/08/11 • Correspondence, V-Mail (miniaturized printed text) from Gus Kreppin, 1944/10/26 • Correspondence, "V-Mail:" (orange) from Thomas Wood, 1944/12/10 • Correspondence (scan only), letter to Julia Huber from Richard Uvick, typed by Uvick with handwritten annotations by Huber, apologizing for being a grouch. Written on "Analysis of Materials Summary by Expenditure Classifications" sheet, ca. 1945 	1941-1951	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correspondence, letter from F. H. Wallace containing Japanese Invasion Money, 1945/03/16 • Document, salary advancement stubs for Julia Huber, 1945/07/01 • Document, salary advancement stub for Julia Huber, 1946/07/14 • Correspondence, postcard showing Ft. Bragg from Peter Kurtz, 1947/08/11 • Clipping, Navy Yard <i>Shipworker</i> documenting Julia Huber's engagement to Richard Uvick, 1948/06/23 • Clipping, Navy Yard <i>Shipworker</i> documenting Julia Huber's involvement in the Choral Club, 1948/10/23 • Document (scan only), application for Federal Employment and other employment documents for Julia Huber, ca. 1951 • Correspondence, V-Mail (miniaturized print with envelope) from Harry Zeno, N.D. • Notes (scan only), typed and handwritten notes on Julia Huber's employment and promotions throughout her working life, N.D. 		
Folder 2	<p>Richard Uvick Materials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Document, U.S. Coast Guard Identification card for Richard J. Uvick, Jr. Clerk Typist, United States Navy, 1942/06/09 • Document, notice of Official Efficiency Rating for Richard Uvick, 1943/03/31 • Correspondence, letter commending Richard Uvick for a beneficial suggestion (adopted) no. 32816, 1953/05/27 • Correspondence, letter commending Richard Uvick for beneficial suggestion (not adopted) no. 51091, 1958/06/20 • Document, certificate documenting Richard Uvick's accumulation of 1,000 hours of sick leave in Federal Employment, 1960/04/01 • Clipping, documenting Richard Uvick's accumulation of 1,000 hours of sick leave, ca. 1960 • Editorial, "Wake Up America," no. 1, written by Richard Uvick, N.D. • Editorial, "Wake Up America," no. 2, written by Richard Uvick, N.D. • Pocket Guide, <i>Supervisor's Instruction Guide</i>, N.D. • Pocket Guide, <i>Chemical Warfare Agents</i>, N.D. 	1942-1960	
Folder 3	<p>Photographs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photograph, of Julia Huber (appeared in the <i>Shipworker</i>), 1946/04/16 • Photograph, of Richard Uvick at a Navy Yard party for his wedding shower – ca. 1948 • Photograph, of Richard Uvick and Julia Huber for their engagement (appeared in the <i>Shipworker</i>), 1948/06/23 • Photograph, Beneficial Suggestion Award winners (Richard, last row, 5th from left), 1952/02 • Photograph, Richard Uvick at his Navy Yard baby shower, N.D. 	1946-1952	

Folder 4	<p>Miscellaneous Materials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program, Launching program for the USS. <i>Iowa</i>, 1942/08/27 • Booklet, <i>Basic Field Manual: First Aid for Soldiers</i>, 1943/04/07 • Booklet, <i>Continuance of National Service Life Insurance: Information for Veterans of World War II</i>, 1945/10 • Document, "Participation in Special or Joint Exercises," pg. 130 	1942-1945	
Folder 5	Manual, <i>Presentation on Navy Medical Retail Distribution Systems</i>	1959	
Folder 6	Manual, <i>U.S. Navy Medical Material Office: Organization Manual</i>	1958-1959	
Folder 7	<i>Shipworker Clippings (added by the BNYDC Archives)</i>		
Folder 8	<p>Artifacts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Artifact, Navy Yard "A" pin, ca. 1940 • Artifact, navy blue ship's wheel pin with metal anchor (decorative), ca. 1941 	1940-1941	