



Brooklyn Navy Yard Development Corporation Archives
Guide to the Sidonia Levine collection
1938-1943
MC/26

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Sidonia Levine collection

Creator: Levine, Sidonia, 1919-2012

Date(s): 1942-1943

Quantity: 7 digital objects, 25 digital files

Language of Materials: English

Call Number: MC/26

Administrative/Biographical History

Sidonia "Sid" Levine was born on February 12, 1919 and married Murray Levine on January 19, 1942, right before he shipped out to North Africa with the Army. Prior to this, Sidonia had participated in the Amateur Softball Association, playing a game at Madison Square Garden in 1939. She began working at the Brooklyn Navy Yard in November 1942 after working at Western Electric in New Jersey. Levine, one of the first women ship workers hired at the Yard, worked at the Yard from November 1942 to mid-1945, spanning the course of the World War II when there were shortages of male laborers. Over two and half years at the Navy Yard, Levine worked in buildings 4 as a blueprint reader and drafter in the mold loft where she interpreted the blueprints into patterns. These patterns, called templates, were crafted from wood, hammer, and nail to represent individual sections of a ship and could be up to 20 feet long. She also frequented Buildings 18 and 77 as part of her duties. Levine also took classes at Pratt Institute to learn more about blueprint drafting, but was eventually transferred to work as a "mechanic helper" for the male welders who used the templates she had created. Levine became first class mechanic and

remembers working on the USS Missouri (BB-) and CB42 (presumably CVB42, better known as the USS Franklin D. Roosevelt).

Scope and Content

The collection consists of digital reproductions of original template drafts created by Sidonia Levine in 1942, Levine's diploma for completing a War Training Course in ship drafting in July 1943, an undated Navy Yard patch, which was used to improvise a uniform for new female workers, personal photographs of Levine and her husband, and, finally, some ephemera from her softball games.

Related Materials

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System of Arrangement

This collection contains 2 series: Professional and Personal

Access Points

New York Naval Shipyard
Digital Files
Levine, Sidonia, 1919-
Shipbuilding--United States
United States--Officials and employees
Women--Employment

Administrative Information

Accession Number(s): N/A

Acquisition Notes: The original items were loaned by Bob Levine, son of Sidonia Levine, which were then scanned in the BNYDC Archives in 2012.

Processing Notes: Scanning completed by Meredith Wisner, Assistant Archivist, in 2011. The collection was processed in February 2015 by Ian Post, Archives Intern. The collection was reprocessed by Elizabeth Mc Gorty, Archivist & Records Manager, in May 2019.

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Related Material at the BNYDC Archives: Brooklyn Navy Yard Oral History Project (SC/3)

Container List

Series 1: Professional

	Title	Date	Object ID
	Drafting Examples (11)	1943	14681
	Ship Drafting Diploma	1943-07-16	14682
	New York Navy Yard Uniform Patch	ca. 1942	14683

Series 1: Personal

	Title	Date	Object ID
	Wedding photo	1942-01-19	17559
	Sid and Murray		17560
	Women's Softball Official Scorecard	1938-08-12	17561
	Girls' Softball Official Program	1939-05-26	17562