



Brooklyn Navy Yard Development Corporation Archives  
Guide to the Donald Crist collection  
1952-2009  
MC/40

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## Descriptive Summary

**Title:** Donald Crist collection

**Creator:** Crist, Donald, 1933-2009

**Date(s):** 1952-2009

**Quantity:** 1 object, 1 box

**Language of Materials:** English

**Call Number:** MC/40

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## Administrative/Biographical History

Donald Crist was born in 1933 in Newport and joined the United States Navy in 1950. He served on the USS Missouri between 1950 and 1953, during the Korean War. The USS Missouri (BB-63), also known as "Mighty Mo," was built at the New York Naval Shipyard. Crist was assigned making steam to drive to ship's turbine engines. In 2002, he began building a model of the USS Missouri, which he later donated to the Brooklyn Navy Yard Center. He died on April 1, 2009 in Millersburg, PA.

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## Scope and Content

This collection contains a 1/96 scale model of the USS Missouri. Associated material, such as newspapers about the model and its creator, Donald Crist are included, as well as ephemera about the USS Missouri, such as a cruise book and anniversary pamphlet.

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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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## System of Arrangement

This collection contains 2 series: USS Missouri Model; Newspapers and Ephemera

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## Access Points

New York Naval Shipyard  
Cruise books  
Models  
Newspapers  
USS Missouri (BB-63)

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## Administrative Information

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

**Acquisition Notes:** This collection was donated by the Brian Crist, son of Donald Crist, to the BNYDC Archives in May 2009. This collection has a collection documentation file. In lieu of a Deed of Gift, there is a signed acknowledgement letter.

**Processing Notes:** This collection was processed by Elizabeth Mc Gorty, Archivist & Records Manager, in May 2019.

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## Container List

### Series 1: USS Missouri Model

*Scope and Contents Note:* This series contains the 1/96 scale model of the USS Missouri, Crist's accounting ledger, and two digitized photographs of him with the model.

Box 1 3-B-2-8	Title	Date	Object ID
Object 1	USS Missouri model	ca. 2002-2006	12371
Object 2	Ledger	2003-2007	
	Donald Crist with USS Missouri model	Undated	17573

### Series 2: Newspapers and Ephemera

*Scope and Contents Note:* This series contains newspapers about Donald Crist's model, a USS Missouri anniversary pamphlet, and a USS Missouri cruise book.

Box 1 3-B-2-8	Title	Date	Object ID
Object 3	USS Missouri Cruise Book	1952-1953	
Folder 1	Newspapers and ephemera	1952-2009	