



Brooklyn Navy Yard Development Corporation Archives
Guide to the Robert Guralnick papers
1947-1970
MC/52

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Robert Guralnick Papers

Creator: Guralnick, Robert, 1926-

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Administrative/Biographical History

Robert Guralnick was born on December 7, 1926 in the Bronx, New York. He began at the New York Naval Shipyard as an apprentice machinist in July 1943, but enlisted in the U.S. Navy in February 1945 where he served on a non-combatative Navy ship (honorably discharged in May 1946). In 1948, he graduated from his apprenticeship program and continued working at the Yard. In 1956, Guralnick was promoted to experimental machinist in the Department of the Navy's Material Laboratory (later Applied Sciences Laboratory) where he became a mechanical and machining model maker. Unknowingly, he contributed to the building of the Polaris submarine. Guralnick was active in the New York Naval Shipyard softball league, playing on the Navy Applied Science Laboratory team. In 1967, as President of Lodge 556 of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, he participated in collective bargain negotiations between the Naval Applied Science Laboratory Management and the IAMAW. Guralnick left the Yard in 1970 after he declined an offer to transfer to the Naval Strategic Systems Navigation Facility in Brooklyn. Following his career at the Yard, he served as an inspector for the New

York City Department of Environmental Protection through which he had the opportunity to travel worldwide on assignment.

Scope and Content

This collection documents Robert Guralnick's career and activities at the New York Naval Shipyard from his apprenticeship graduation in 1948 to his eventual retirement in 1970. Personal records include certificates received by Guralnick, a graduation exercises program and photo, and personnel action forms with correspondence. Black and white photographs depict Guralnick as part of the Naval Applied Science Laboratory (NASL) softball team during the 1950s, and negotiating with the NASL Management on behalf of Lodge 556 in 1967. Newspaper clippings include softball coverage, collective bargain negotiations, and coverage of the Yard's closing. Also included is a mechanical drawing on mended drafting paper created by Guralnick when he was an apprentice in 1947.

Related Materials

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System of Arrangement

This collection contains 4 series: Personal records; Photographs; Newspaper clippings, and Drawing.

Access Points

New York Naval Shipyard
Collective Bargaining
International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers
Labor unions--New York (State)--New York
Materials testing laboratories
Mechanical drawing
Navy-yards and naval stations--United States
Softball teams
United States. Navy--Facilities
United States. Navy--Personnel records
United States--Officials and employees

Administrative Information

Accession Number(s): N/A

Acquisition Notes: This collection was donated by Robert Guralnick in April 2015. This collection has a collection documentation file.

Processing Notes: This collection was processed by Ian Post. Nearly all items have been digitized. The folder that the materials were originally donated in is included at the end of the collection.

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Container List

Series 1: Personal records

Scope and Contents Note: Guralnick's personal records relate to his graduation in 1948 and promotion in 1953, as well as various personnel actions. These records include certificates from the Navy Department, a program from graduation exercises, and official Navy personnel forms with correspondence.

Arrangement Note: This series is arranged chronologically.

Box 1 3-B-1-4	Title	Date	Object ID
Folder 1	Certificate of Apprenticeship, Navy Department	May 24, 1948	14780
	Graduation Exercises Class of 1948 program	January 28, 1949	14781
	Certificate of Training, Department of the Navy	March 26, 1953	
	Notices of Personnel Action Forms Personnel Notice Correspondence and Forms	Nov 1947-Feb 1960 Sept 1949- June 1970	

Series 2: Photographs

Scope and Contents Note: These photographs were taken by unknown photographers and generally do not have identification of individuals or dates. The black and white, 8 by 10 photographs depict Guralnick at graduation, in his softball uniform, and in union negotiations.

Arrangement Note: This series is arranged chronologically.

Box 1 3-B-1-4	Title	Date	Object ID
Folder 2	Apprentice Section	January 28, 1949	14776
	Graduation Exercises	ca. 1950	14775
	Naval Applied Science Laboratory Softball Team		

	First Negotiating Session of Lodge 556 and Navy	September 1967	14777
	NASL Collective Bargain Agreement Signing	1967	14778
	NASL Collective Bargain Agreement Signers	1967	

Series 3: Newspaper clippings

Scope and Contents Note: These newspaper clippings come from the *Shipworker*, NASL News, and an unidentified newspaper outlet. The newspapers cover Guralnick's graduation, softball games, and collective bargaining.

Arrangement Note: This series is arranged chronologically.

Box 1 3-B-1-4	Title	Date	Object ID
Folder 3	<i>Weekly News Letter</i> -Apprentice Graduation	April 9, 1948	
	<i>Shipworker</i> Apprentice Graduation Exercises	February 10, 1949	
	<i>Shipworker</i> Softball Scoreboard	1964	
	Yard Closing Protest, NY Daily News	April 16, 1964	
	<i>Shipworker</i> Softball Team Photo	September 25, 1964	
	<i>Shipworker</i> , final issue	April 29, 1966	
	<i>Shipworker</i> NASL Collective Bargain Agreement	ca. 1967	
	<i>US NASL News</i> Collective Bargain Agreement	September 1967	14779

Series 4: Drawing

Scope and Contents Note: This mechanical drawing was created by Guralnick as part of his apprenticeship program that he graduated from in 1948. The drawing depicts a "pulley bracket assy" and contains markups from his supervisor. The edges of the paper are damaged and a tear down the center was mended before donation.

Arrangement Note: This series is arranged chronologically.

Box 1 3-B-1-4	Title	Date	Object ID
Folder 4	Apprentice Mechanical Drawing	June 27, 1947	14782