



## Brooklyn Navy Yard Development Corporation Archives

### Guide to the Mary Jane Hayfield collection

1914-1915

MC/62

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### **Descriptive Summary**

**Title:** Mary Jane Hayfield collection

**Creator:** Mary Jane Hayfield

**Date(s):** 1914-1915

**Quantity:** 1 box, 5 photographs.

**Language of Materials:** English

**Call Number:** MC/62

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### **Administrative/Biographical History**

The Brooklyn Navy Yard, officially known as the New York Naval Shipyard, has its origins in the Federal government's purchase of the land adjacent to Wallabout Bay for \$40,000 in 1801, and the subsequent conversion of the land into an active U.S. Navy shipyard five years later in 1806.

In 1824, the Navy purchased an additional 25 acres near the Yard on which it established the Brooklyn Naval Hospital. The main hospital building was completed in 1838, and functioned until it was eventually closed in 1948. By 1850, the Hospital Annex was a self-contained parcel of land, walled-in, with a gatehouse, a laboratory, and a cemetery. In 1864, the Surgeon's Residence was constructed. When the

shipyard expanded during World War II, it took over the land of the former Wallabout Market and the physical separation between the Yard and the Hospital was eliminated. In 1966, the Navy decommissioned the Yard and closed its active shipbuilding presence in Brooklyn, but retained residual administrative support functions as part of Naval Station New York, which occupied the former Hospital Annex and some adjacent buildings until it too was closed in 1989. In 1967, the City of New York acquired the Brooklyn Navy Yard for private commercial use, and eventually also acquired the former Naval Station Annex in 1993.

The Naval Annex is now occupied by Yard tenant Steiner Studios, and is planned to be restored and redeveloped as their media campus.

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## Scope and Content

This collection was donated by Mary Jane Hayfield. It contains four mounted photographs and one postcard from the Brooklyn Naval Hospital from 1914-1915. Ms. Hayfield is the daughter of Mate Philip Williams, a pharmacist at the Naval Hospital, who appears in multiple photographs.

The photographs in this collection show a tuberculosis camp set up Mr. Williams at the hospital. There are photographs showing Mr. Williams and other staff, patients, and an operating room.

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## System of Arrangement

This collection contains 1 series: Photographs

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## Access Points

New York Naval Shipyard  
Brooklyn Naval Hospital  
Hospitals  
Nurses  
Operating rooms  
Patients  
Sailors  
Staff  
Tuberculosis

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## Administrative Information

**Accession Number(s):** 2017.004

**Acquisition Notes:** This collection was donated by Mary Jane Hayfield in October 2017. This collection has a collection documentation file. All material in this collection were digitized.

**Processing Notes:** This collection was process by Chelsea Reil in May 2018.

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## Container List

### Series 1: Photographs

*Scope and Contents Note:* This series is the only series of the collection. It contains four mounted photographs and one postcard from the Brooklyn Naval Hospital from 1914-1915. Ms. Hayfield is the daughter of Mate Philip Williams, a pharmacist at the Naval Hospital, who appears in multiple photographs. The photographs in this collection show a tuberculosis camp set up Mr. Williams at the hospital. There are photographs showing Mr. Williams and other staff, patients, and an operating room. There are handwritten notes on the back of each item describing it, as well as a creation date. These notes became the item titles.

*Arrangement Note:* The arrangement of this series was determined by the donor.

Box 1 (3-A-2-12)	Title	Date	Object ID
Folder 1	Staff of Brooklyn Naval Hospital	1914	16078
Folder 2	T.B. camp at Brooklyn Naval Hospital	1914	16077
Folder 3	Operating room at Brooklyn Naval Hospital	1915	16079
Folder 4	Poker game at Brooklyn Naval Hospital	1914	16080
Folder 5	TB camp postcard	1915	16081