



Brooklyn Navy Yard Development Corporation Archives  
Guide to the Louis George Baumler collection  
1921-1945  
MC/65

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## Descriptive Summary

**Title:** Louis George Baumler collection

**Creator:** Baumler, Louis George

**Date(s):** 1921-1945

**Quantity:** 4 bound objects, 8 items

**Language of Materials:** English

**Call Number:** MC/65

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## Administrative/Biographical History

Louis George Baumler lived in New York City, worked as a carpenter and was employed at the Brooklyn Navy Yard. Ernest William Gordon lived in New York City, worked as a plumber and was employed at the Brooklyn Navy Yard.

The Brooklyn Navy Yard was established in 1801 and served as one of the nation's premier naval shipbuilding and repair facilities for the next 165 years. During this time, more than 230 naval warships and auxiliary vessels were launched and over 5,000 were serviced. The first ship produced at the Yard was the USS Ohio in 1817, and the first dry dock was completed in 1851. During the Civil War, the Yard employed 6,000 people, and by 1938 that number had risen to 10,000. At the height of World War II, the Yard was New York state's largest industrial enterprise, with 70,000 reporting for work daily. By the time the US Navy vacated the premises, the property had grown to encompass 291 acres, with 270 buildings, 24 miles of railroad tracks, 23,278 linear feet of crane tracks, 18 miles of paved roads, 16,495 feet of

berthing space, 9 piers, 6 dry docks, and 22 shops housing 98 different trades. In 1966, the Navy decommissioned the Yard and the property began a second life as an industrial park. The City of New York purchased the site from the federal government for private commercial use, establishing a non-profit organization to transform the site into a job-generating industrial campus. The Yard has been managed by the mission driven Brooklyn Navy Yard Development Corporation (BNYDC), which made a commitment to reinvest in the Yard's infrastructure and diversify its tenant base beyond heavy industry to also include design, 2 manufacturing, and art, while reestablishing the Yard as a leading national and international model of urban manufacturing growth. Today, it is a diverse ecosystem of over 400 businesses and more than 8,000 employees, the product of years of careful planning, fundraising, and political partnership. The Yard continues to evolve, building on its history as the economic heart of Brooklyn.

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## Scope and Content

This collection consists of four bound items and 8 objects. Of the bound items, there is a copy of American Machinists Library for 1921, The Bluejackets' Manual from 1943, Practical Mathematics from 1945, and a pocket-sized, military-issued New Testament Psalms, which is undated. There are also four gold buttons, three pins from the Industrial Union of Marine & Shipbuilding Workers of America, and an over-sized wooden box labeled "Vibration Section M-96."

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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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## Access Points

Brooklyn Navy Yard Development Corporation  
Brooklyn Navy Yard  
Brooklyn (New York, N.Y.)  
Navy-yards and naval stations--United States  
New York Naval Shipyard  
Shipbuilding industry--Employees  
United States. Navy  
Waterfronts

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## Administrative Information

**Accession Number(s):** 2018.003

**Acquisition Notes:** This collection was donated in two separate accessions. The first accession, dated June 21, 2012, consists of a single item: a large wooden box labeled "Vibration Section M-96." The second donation, from 2018, includes four bound items and seven buttons. This collection has a collection documentation folder. As of January 2018, the donor agreement for the second accession has not been received.

**Processing Notes:** This collection was process by Chelsea Reil, Archives Assistant from September through December 2018.

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**Related Material at the BNYDC Archives:** N/A

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## Container List

*Scope and Contents Note:* This series contains four bound volumes, including a military-issued pocket bible. There are also seven pins/buttons and one large wooden vibration section box.

*Arrangement Note:* This series is arranged chronologically.

*Location Note:* Item 12 has been removed from Box 1.

Box 1 (3-B-3-13)	Title	Date	Object ID
Item 1	American Machinists Library	1921	
Item 2	The Bluejackets' Manual	1943	
Item 3	Ind'l. Union of Marine & Shipbldg. Workers of A. pin	December 1943	
Item 4	Ind'l. Union of Marine & Shipbldg. Workers of A. pin	March 1944	
Item 5	Ind'l. Union of Marine & Shipbldg. Workers of A. pin	February 1945	
Item 6	Practical Mathematics	1945	
Item 7	Large gold button	undated	
Item 8	Medium gold button	undated	
Item 9	New Testament Psalms	undated	
Item 10	Small gold button	undated	
Item 11	Sweet Orr gold button	undated	
Item 12	Vibration Section wooden box	undated	13655