



Brooklyn Navy Yard Development Corporation Archives  
Guide to the George Gittleson collection  
1910-1961  
MC/7

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## Descriptive Summary

**Title:** George Gittleson collection

**Creator:** Gittleson, George

**Date(s):** 1910-1964

**Quantity:** 4 folders

**Language of Materials:** English

**Call Number:** MC/7

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## Administrative/Biographical History

George Gittleson was born on September 12, 1890 in Russia. He lived in Brooklyn, and worked as a joiner/carpenter at the Brooklyn Navy Yard for over 20 years. He began his career at the Yard very briefly in 1917 before being drafted in the US Army during World War I. In 1939, what started as a temporary assignment with the Works Progress Administration, he returned to the Yard and stayed until retirement in 1964. He was married to Dora Kessler. He was a member of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America.

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## Scope and Content

The collection contains the employment files of George Gittleson, both originals and photocopies. These records include applications; correspondence from the New York Naval Shipyard; various federal affidavits; union cards; union membership books; war bond certificates; copies of the Yard's newsletter,

the *Shipworker*; injury slips for compensation and various medical forms; and wage and pension data. Medical forms and correspondence detail his injuries and medical issues throughout his career. A few photographs of George and his family, as well as a document commemorating the USS Duluth as the last ship built at the Yard, round out the collection.

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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 1 series: Employment Records.

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## Access Points

New York Naval Shipyard  
Civilian Workers  
Carpenters  
Duluth (Light cruiser : CL-87)  
Gittleson, George, 1890-  
Joiners  
Union Workers  
United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America  
World War I

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## Administrative Information

**Accession Number(s):** 2011-D-004

**Acquisition Notes:** This collection was donated by Rona Karton Elias and Mitchell Gyson directly to the BNYDC Archives in April 2011.

**Processing Notes:** This collection was first rehoused in 2015. It was later processed by Elizabeth Mc Gorty, Archivist & Records Manager, in April 2019. 4 folders were reduced to 3 when the Archivist moved the USS Duluth proclamation to folder 1 of the collection. One 8" x 10" photograph was weeded because it was duplicative. Folders were renamed. This collection has a collection documentation folder. A note from 2014 indicates several items on the Deed of Gift are missing.

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## **Container List**

### **Series 1: Employment Records**

*Arrangement Note:* Documentation within the folders are arranged chronologically.

<b>Box MC1 (3-B-1-10)</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Object ID</b>
Folder 1	Forms, certifications and correspondence	1910-1961	
Folder 2	Publications and photographs	1910-1961	
Folder 3	Union membership	1910-1961	