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Guide to the New York Shipbuilding Corporation Records

Creator: New York Shipbuilding Corporation

Dates: 1899 – 1967

Quantity: Appx. 6,500 photographs, 25 photo albums, and 70 specification books.

Call Phrase: New York Shipbuilding Records

Provenance: Gift of New York Shipbuilding Corporation. ISM number: 1967.310

Historical Note: The New York Shipbuilding Corporation (NYS) was founded in 1899 by Henry G. Morse. The name reflects its originally intended location on Staten Island; although the name was already incorporated, land was cheaper in Camden, New Jersey, so Morse built the shipyard there.

The company held significant government contracts during both World Wars, and built ships for the U. S. Navy, Coast Guard, Emergency Fleet Corporation and Department of Commerce and Labor. However, NYS did not rely only on governmental commissions. During the 1930s the company was responsible for the completion of luxury ocean liners, such as the *Manhattan* and the *Washington*, both of the United States Lines, and also built ships for Pennsylvania Railroad, Reading Railroad, Standard Oil and American Export Lines. In addition to American contracts, some notable commissions came from international clients. NYS built a battleship for Argentina, a fuel ship for Japan, and a Protected Cruiser for Greece.

NYS completed its last ship in 1967 and went out of business shortly thereafter.

For further information, see also: the New York Shipbuilding Company Historical Site at <http://members.aol.com/nyship/history.html>

Scope and Content: The collection consists of photographs of construction, launching and trials, contract data sheets, photograph albums, specification books and some ephemera.

The photographs are mostly of construction, launches, christening ceremonies, and trial trips. Some of the ships significantly represented are the battleships *Michigan*, *Utah* and *Colorado*, aircraft carriers *Kitty Hawk* and *Saratoga*, nuclear ship *Savannah*; also many other destroyers, destroyer escorts, guided missile destroyers, cargo freighters, passenger ships, colliers, oil tankers, ferry boats and barges.

Photographs, with contract data sheets, are filed numerically by hull number, giving the collection a rough chronological order. A total of 542 hulls are documented, some more fully than others (for example, some files contain only a contract data sheet; some ships have multiple folders of material). Some aerial photographs and maps of the yard are included in the collection. Also included are a few portraits of management-level staff.

The photograph albums date from 1958 to 1965 and document the launching ceremonies of 24 ships, including the SS *Philine*, the USS *Guardfish*, the NS *Savannah* (with Mrs. Dwight D. Eisenhower, sponsor), and the USS *Kitty Hawk*.

The specification books date from 1903 to 1929, and include specifications for ships such as a triple screw armored battleship for the Argentine Republic (1910), a protected cruiser for the Imperial Chinese Navy (1911), and for revenue cutters, car floats, colliers and passenger ships.

Please note that the collection does not contain personnel records. According to staff who worked at the yard at the time of its closure, these records were destroyed. (See website mentioned above for further details.)

New York Shipbuilding Corporation Records
Item list

Photograph Albums

NS *Savannah*, May 22, 1958 (Keel laying)
SS *Philine*, October 11, 1958
USS *Bonefish*, November 22, 1958
SS *Philippa*, February 7, 1959
SS *Philidora*, May 23, 1959
NS *Savannah*, July 21, 1959
SS *Ocena Ulla*, September 20, 1959
SS *Titan*, February 13, 1960
USS *Lawrence*, February 27, 1960
SS *Export Ambassador*, April 23, 1960
USS *Kitty Hawk*, May 21, 1960
USS *Biddle*, June 4, 1960
SS *Export Adventurer*, July 9, 1960
USS *Barney*, December 10, 1960
USS *Berkeley*, July 29, 1960
USS *Joseph Strauss*, December 9, 1961
USS *Pollack*, March 17, 1962
USS *Conyngham*, May 19, 1962
USS *Dale*, July 28, 1962
USS *Haddo*, August 18, 1962
USS *Richmond K. Turner*, April 6, 1963
USS *Truxton*, December 19, 1964
USS *Guardfish*, May 15, 1965
USS *Camden*, May 29, 1965

Specification books

Contract no. 11 & 12. Steel barges to carry oil in bulk, 1903.
Contract no. 13. Single screw steel fireboat, 1903.
Contract no. 16. Single screw steel suction dredge, *Atlantic*, 1903.
Contract no. 18 & 19. Steel car floats, 1903.
Contract no. 36. Passenger & freight steamer, 1905. (2 copies)
Contract no. 53. Fifty thousand barrel bulk oil steamer for Gulf Refining Co., 1907.
(2 copies)
Contract no. 64. Single screw steel vessel for U. S. Revenue Cutter Service, 1907.
Contract no. 75, 76, 77. Twin screw steel steamer for Submarine Mine Service, 1908.
Contract no. 93 & 94. Two steel, single screw colliers, 1909.
Contract no. 103. Triple screw armored battleship for Argentine Republic, 1910.
Contract no. 108 & 109. Steel single screw passenger and freight steam ship for
Merchants and Miners Transportation Co. 1910. (2 copies)
Contract no. 113. Steel single screw collier (Suffolk), 1911.
Contract no. 116. 2,600 ton protected cruiser for Imperial Chinese Navy, 1911.

Contract no. 123 & 124. Single screw oil steamship for Standard Oil Co., 1911. (2 copies)
Contract no. 125. Single screw oil steamer for Gulf Refining Co., 1911 (2 copies)
Contract no. 132. Single screw steel collier, 1912.
Contract no. 135. Twin screw passenger & freight steamship, 1912.
Contract no. 147. Steel single screw collier, 1911.
Contract no. 148. Steel, screw-propelling ferry boat, 1912.
Contract no. 149. Destroyer tender no. 2, 1913.
Contract no. 158. Steel single screw lumber steamer, 1914.
Contract no. 167-168. Single screw bulk oil steamers, 1915.
Contract no. 172. Single screw oil steamer, 1915.
Contract no. 173. Single screw oil steamer, 1916. (2 copies)
Contract no. 177. Steel single screw collier, 1917.
Contract no. 182. Steel single screw collier, 1917. (2 copies)
Contract no. 183. Steel single screw collier, 1917. (3 copies)
Contract no. 184. Steel single screw collier, 1917 (3 copies)
Contract no. 189. Single screw oil steamer, 1918.
Contract no. 190. Single screw oil steamer, 1918. (2 copies)
Contract no. 191-192. Two steel single screw colliers, 1917 (2 copies)
Contract no. 193. Steel single screw lumber and general cargo steamer, 1916.
Contract no. 195. Steel single screw collier, 1917. (2 copies)
Contract no. 196. Single screw oil steamer, 1916. (2 copies)
Contract no. 197-198. Two steel screw steamships, 1917.
Contract no. 202-203. Steel single screw steamer, 1917. (2 copies)
Contract no. 209. Steel single screw collier, 1915.
Contract no. 210-219. U. S. Torpedo boat destroyers, 1917.
Contract no. 220-239. U. S. Torpedo boat destroyers, 1918.
Contract no. 240-242. Three twin screw steamships, 1918.
Contract no. 243. Steel cargo steamship, 1919. (2 copies)
Contract no. 257. Single screw oil steamer, 1920. (2 copies)
Contract no. 258-259. Two single screw oil steamers, 1920. (2 copies)
Contract no. 260-262. Single screw steel bulk oil steamers, 1920. (2 copies)
Contract no. 263. Single screw passenger and freight ship, 1920.
Contract no. 267. Twin screw fleet oiler for Imperial Japanese Navy, 1921.
Contract no. 387. Twin screw passenger and cargo steamer, 1929.

Hull files (Contract data sheets, photographs, ephemera)

Contract #. Ship name

1. J. M. Guffey/M. S. Dollar
2. Texan
3. Nevadan
4. Nebraskan
5. Mongolia
6. Manchuria
7. Massachusetts
8. Mississippi

9. Ligonier
10. Larimer
11. Mahoning
12. Neshannock
13. Abram S. Hewitt
14. Washington
15. Barnard
16. Atlantic
17. George B. McClellan
18. Float No. 9
19. Float No. 10
20. Ontario
21. Kansas
22. Blunts Reef
23. Cape Lookout Shoal
24. Five Fathom Bank
25. Heald Banks
26. Relief
27. Pennsylvania Railroad Float No. 69
28. New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk Railroad No. 14 Philadelphia
29. New Hampshire
30. George W. Catt
31. Ontario
32. Oneida
33. Magnolia
34. Float No. 14
35. Float No. 15
36. President
37. Consolidation Coal Co. Barge No. 24
38. Consolidation Coal Co. Barge No. 25
39. Consolidation Coal Co. Barge No. 26
40. Hammonton
41. Governor
42. Columbia
43. Michigan
44. Brunswick
45. Nantucket Shoals
46. Hen & Chickens
47. Ambrose Channel
48. Columbia River
49. Princeton
50. Standard Oil Company No. 7
51. Standard Oil Company No. 8
52. Standard Oil Company No. 9
53. Oklahoma
54. Manzanita

55. Tulip
56. Cypress
57. Sequoia
58. Kukui
59. Orchid
60. Hibiscus
61. Anemone
62. Preston
63. Tahoma
64. Yamacraw (later Rescue)
65. Lehigh Valley Railroad No. 423
66. Lehigh Valley Railroad No. 424
67. Buck Mountain
68. Bear Creek
69. Buffalo
70. Beckton
71. Bellewood
72. Bloomsbury
73. Blackwood
74. Berkshire
75. General S. M. Mills
76. General J. M. Schofield
77. General R. T. Frank
78. McCall
79. Burroughs
80. Utah
81. N. Y. C. No. 46
82. N. Y. C. No. 47
83. N. Y. C. No. 48
84. N. Y. C. No. 49
85. Robert Fulton
86. Float No. 17
87. Float No. 18
88. Railroad Car float No. 16
89. Standard Oil Co. No. 10
90. Standard Oil Co. No. 11
91. Mastodon
92. Delawanna
93. Coastwise
94. Transportation
95. Ammen
96. Consolidation Coal Co. Barge No. 27
97. Arkansas
98. Float No. 17
99. Float No. 18
100. Float No. 17

101. Float No. 5
102. Lehigh Valley No. 425
103. Moreno
104. Float No. 1
105. Car Float No. 11
106. Car Float No. 52
107. New York Engineering Co. Dredge Hull
108. Suwannee
109. Somerset
110. N. Y. C. No. 50
111. N. Y. C. No. 51
112. Jarvis
113. Suffolk
114. B. & O. No. 169N
115. B. & O. No. 170N
116. Helle
117. Alameda
118. Sonoma
119. Ontario
120. N. Y. C. No. 22
121. N. Y. C. No. 52
122. Downes
123. Rayo
124. El Segundo
125. Gulf Oil
126. Washington Irving
127. [Pontoon]
128. Float No. 14
129. Middlesex
130. Oklahoma
131. Vesta
132. Norfolk
133. Float No. 7
134. Socony
135. Congress
136. Float No. D24
137. Float No. D25
138. Tyler
139. Float No. 32
140. Float No. 33
141. Ericsson
142. Car Float No. D53
143. Car Float No. D54
144. Santa Clara
145. Car Float No. 6
146. Car Float No. 13

147. Hampden
148. Mayor Gaynor
149. Melville
150. Jacob Jones
151. Wainwright
152. Long Island Railroad Car Float No. 16
153. Long Island Railroad Car Float No. 17
154. Pennsylvania Railroad Float No. 3
155. Bay Barge No. 18
156. Gulfight
157. Gulfstream
158. William O'Brien
159. Gulfcoast
160. Idaho
161. Plymouth
162. Franklin
163. Cascadas
164. Virginia
165. Jonancy
166. Bylayl
167. Standard Arrow
168. Royal Arrow
169. Bristol
170. Edward L. Doheny, Jr.
171. [Pontoon]
172. Gulfmaid
173. Gulf Of Mexico
174. Sylvan Arrow
175. Broad Arrow
176. Deepwater
177. Tidewater
178. N. Y. C. & H. R. Railroad Float No. 15
179. N. Y. C. & H. R. Railroad Float No. 16
180. N. Y. C. & H. R. Railroad Float No. 55
181. N. Y. C. & H. R. Railroad Float No. 56
182. Fairmont
183. Freeman
184. Sewells Point
185. Float No. 62
186. Float No. 60
187. Float No. 61
188. Float No. 59
189. Gulfland
190. E. L. Doheny 3rd
191. Glen White
192. Winding Gulf

193. M. J. Scanlon
194. General William M. Graham
195. William N. Page
196. Gulf Queen
197. Santa Elisa
198. Santa Leonara
199. Saratoga
200. Colorado
201. Washington
202. Montauk (a.k.a. Champion)
203. Montana (a.k.a. Defender)
204. Absecon
205. Tuckahoe
206. Santa Tecla
207. Mineola
208. *Cancelled*
209. *Cancelled*
210. Tattnall
211. Badger
212. Twiggs
213. Babbitt
214. DeLong
215. Jacob Jones
216. Dickerson
217. Leary
218. Schenck
219. Herbert
220. Hatfield
221. Brooks
222. Gilmer
223. Fox
224. Kane
225. Humphreys
226. McFarland
227. James K. Paulding
228. Overton
229. Sturtevant
230. Childs
231. King
232. Sands
233. Williamson
234. Reuben James
235. Bainbridge
236. Goff
237. Barry
238. Hopkins

239. Lawrence
240. Wenatchee
241. Southern Cross
242. American Legion/Badger State
243. Scottsburg
244. Old North State
245. Creole State
246. Granite State
247. Panhandle State
248. Wolverine State
249. Centennial State
250. Blue Hen State
251. Bay State
252. Peninsula State
253. Keystone State
254. Empire State
255. Lone Star State
256. Hoosier State
257. Nora
258. Camden
259. Solana
260. Yankee Arrow
261. Empire Arrow
262. Levant Arrow
263. Munargo
264. Eurana (a.k.a. Gulfbreeze)
265. Priscilla
266. Dixie Arrow
267. Kamoi
268. Brooklyn Eastern District Terminal No. 17
269. Brooklyn Eastern District Terminal No. 18
270. Rockland
271. Rockport
272. Rockville
273. Rock Harbor
274. Rock Haven
275. Brooklyn Eastern District Terminal No. 19
276. Brooklyn Eastern District Terminal No. 20
277. Brooklyn Eastern District Terminal No. 21
278. Carabobo
279. Arthur N. Herron
280. Float No. 6
281. Float No. 9
282. Float No. 10
283. Float No. 13
284. Float No. 16

285. Float No. 20
286. Float No. 31
287. Float No. 82
288. Float No. 156
289. Float No. 157
290. Providence Socony
291. Hartford Socony
292. Boston Socony
293. Harlem Transfer Co. #1
294. Harlem Transfer Co. #2.
295. New York Central Railroad Co. Float No. D63
296. New York Central Railroad Co. Float No. D64
297. New York Central Railroad Co. Float No. D65
298. New York Central Railroad Co. Float No. D66
299. New York Central Railroad Co. Float No. D67
300. Lehigh Valley Railroad 809
301. Lehigh Valley Railroad 811
302. Chesapeake & Ohio No. 2
303. El Morro
304. Gulf Crest
305. New York
306. Reading Co. No. 5
307. Reading Co. No. 6
308. Reading Co. No. 7
309. Reading Co. No. 8
310. Reading Co. No. 9
311. Reading Co. No. 10
312. Crest
313. Pennsylvania
314. Pullen
315. New York Central Railroad Co. Float No. D1
316. New York Central Railroad Co. Float No. D2
317. New York Central Railroad Co. Float No. D7
318. New York Central Railroad Co. Float No. D8
319. Harriet Lane
320. Active
321. Agissig
322. Alert
323. Antietam
324. Bonham
325. Boutwell
326. Cahoone
327. Cartigan
328. Crawford
329. Cuyahoga
330. Diligence

331. Dix
332. Ewing
333. Faunce
334. Frederick Lee
335. General Greene
336. Jackson
337. Legare
338. Marion
339. McLane
340. Montgomery
341. Morris
342. Nemaha
343. Pulaski
344. Reliance
345. Rush
346. Tiger
347. Travis
348. Vigilant
349. Kimball
350. Woodbury
351. Yeaton
352. Governor Moore
353. Charles W. Culkin
354. Greenville Kane
355. W. A. Baldwin
356. Frederick Pierce
357. Frank E. Gannett
358. Harbor Transfer #1
359. Harbor Transfer #2
360. Harbor Transfer #3
361. Harbor Transfer #4
362. Venezuela Gulf Oil No. 15
363. Venezuela Gulf Oil No. 16
364. Reading Co. No. 15 S
365. Reading Co. No. 16 S
366. Reading Co. No. 11 S
367. Reading Co. No. 12 S
368. Reading Co. No. 13 S
369. Reading Co. No. 14 S
370. Brooklyn Eastern District Terminal No. 22
371. Pennsylvania Railroad No. 507
372. Pennsylvania Railroad No. 514
373. Mariel
374. P. T. O'Connor
375. Salt Lake City
376. Reading Co. No. 17

377. Reading Co. No. 18
378. Pennsylvania Railroad No. 152
379. Pennsylvania Railroad Float No. 22
380. Chester
381. Pennsylvania Railroad 515
382. Pennsylvania Railroad 533
383. Pennsylvania Railroad 534
384. Pennsylvania Railroad 556
385. Pennsylvania Railroad 557
386. Pennsylvania Railroad 558
387. Santa Clara
388. Carfloat
389. Cancelled
390. Carfloat
391. Carfloat
392. Erie No. 4429
393. Erie No. 4529
394. Excalibur
395. Exochorda
396. Exeter
397. Excambion
398. Lone Star No. 1
399. Indianapolis
400. Hercules No. 1
401. Reading Co. No. 25
402. Reading Co. No. 26
403. Reading Co. No. 27
404. Reading Co. No. 28
405. Manhattan
406. Washington
407. Tuscaloosa
408. Porter
409. Selfridge
410. McDougal
411. Winslow
412. Savannah
413. Nashville
414. Socony Vacuum
415. Magnolia
416. Phoenix
417. Dixie
418. Curtiss
419. Prairie
420. Albemarle
421. South Dakota
422. Vulcan

423. Cleveland
424. Columbia
425. Montpelier
426. Denver
427. Independence
428. Santa Fe
429. Tallahassee
430. Currituck
431. Belleau Wood
432. Cowpens
433. Monterey (a.k.a. Dayton)
434. Cabot (a.k.a. Wilmington)
435. Alaska
436. Guam
437. Hawaii
438. Philippines
439. Puerto Rico
440. Samoa
441. Bataan
442. San Jacinto
443. Langley
444. 100 boats LCT(5)
445. 48 boats LCI(L)
446. Wilkes Barre
447. Atlanta
448. Dayton
449. Bremerton
451. Macon
452. Toledo
453. Unnamed
454. Fargo
455. Huntington
456. Newark
457. New Haven
458. Buffalo CL
459. Wilmington
460. Vallejo
461. Helena
462. Roanoke
463. Unnamed
464. Unnamed CL
465. Worcester
466. Roanoke
467. Vallejo
468. Gary
469. Saipan

470. Wright
471. *Cancelled*
472. *Cancelled*
473. *Cancelled*
474. *Cancelled*
475. Erie Railroad Carfloat 5048
476. Erie Railroad Carfloat 5148
477. Pennsylvania Railroad Carfloat 522
478. Pennsylvania Railroad Carfloat 524
479. Pennsylvania Railroad Carfloat 647
480. Pennsylvania Railroad Carfloat 648
481. Captain Edward Richardson, Pennsylvania Railroad Carfloat 601
482. Atlantic Seaman
483. Atlantic Engineer
484. Atlantic Navigator
485. Barrett
486. Geiger
487. Upshur
488. Norfolk
489. Aludra
490. Houseboat
491. Wilkes Barre
492. Garden Mariner
493. Diamond Mariner
494. Empire State Mariner
495. Prairie Mariner
496. Silver Mariner
497. Design work for conversion of CA69 & 70 to CAG type
498. Boston
499. Canberra
500. Mississinewa
501. Hassayampa
502. Kawishiwi
503. Truckee
504. Ponchatoula
505. Columbia
506. Warner Co. Barge
507. Warner Co. Barge
508. Warner Co. Barge
509. Warner Co. Barge
510. John Willis
511. Van Voorhis
512. Hartley
513. Joseph K. Taussig
514. Kitty Hawk
515. Bonefish

516. Irwin W. Alcorn
517. H. S. Cole
518. Leilani
519. Atlas
520. Ocean Ulla
521. Philine
522. Philippia
523. Philadora
524. Titan
525. Little Rock
526. Lawrence
527. Biddle
528. Barney
529. Savannah
530. Export Ambassador
531. Export Adventure
532. Dale
533. Richmond K. Turner
534. Pollack
535. Haddo
536. Berkeley
537. Joseph Strauss
538. Conyngham
539. Guardfish
540. Truxton
541. Pogy
542. Camden