

Finding Aid to the *Game Show Dynamos* Collection, 1956-2022

Summary Information

Title: *Game Show Dynamos* collection

Creator: Patricia Boiko (primary)

ID: 122.5146

Date: 1956-2022 (inclusive)

Extent: 1.05 linear feet (physical); 165 GB (digital)

Language: This collection is in English.

Abstract: The *Game Show Dynamos* collection is a compilation of original papers, audiovisual materials, and digital files relating to the game show experiences of Bernard and Claire Boiko, documented in the film *Game Show Dynamos*.

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Custodial History: The *Game Show Dynamos* collection was donated to The Strong in August 2022 as a gift of Patricia Boiko and the Boiko Family in honor of Claire and Bernard Boiko. The papers were accessioned by The Strong under Object ID 122.5146 and were received in-person from Patricia Boiko.

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Controlled Access Terms

Personal Names

- Boiko, Bernard
- Boiko, Claire
- Boiko, Patricia
- Brockman, Michael
- Van Doren, Charles

Corporate Names

- Mark Goodson Productions
- Merv Griffin Entertainment

Subjects

- Game Show Dynamos (Documentary film)
- Jeopardy! (Television program)
- Match Game (Television program)
- National Archives of Game Show History
- Television game shows
- Television games shows -- United States -- History
- Television programs
- Television quiz show contestants
- Television quiz shows
- Tic-Tac-Dough (Television program)
- To Tell the Truth (Television program)

Historical Note

Game Show Dynamos is a 2014 documentary film about married couple Bernard and Claire Boiko, who made 28 appearances on nationally-broadcast television game shows. The documentary details the Boikos' "game show careers" across four decades, starting with *Tic-Tac-Dough* in 1956 through *Trivial Pursuit* in 1993. Patricia Boiko, one of their five children, served as director and producer of the film.

Collection Scope and Content Note

The *Game Show Dynamos* collection contains letters, contestant release forms, prize forms, photographs, game show footage, reference articles, and other materials documenting the game show experiences of Bernard and Claire Boiko. Additional scope and content information can be found in the Contents List section of this finding aid.

The *Game Show Dynamos* collection has been arranged into three series. The physical materials are housed in one archival document box and one audiovisual materials box. Digital files are accessible on-site at The Strong.

System of Arrangement

- Series I: Documents, 1956-2022
- Series II: Audiovisual materials, 1957-2005
- Series III: Digital files, 2004-2022

Contents List

Series I: Documents, 1956-2022

Scope and Content Note: This series houses physical documentation retained by the Boiko family relating to their game show experiences. (Many of these materials have been scanned or photographed and are listed in Series III.)

Box 1

- Folder 1 *Tic Tac Dough* – broadcast reports [October 1956 (Bernard Boiko) and January 1957 (Claire Boiko)] and letter; 1956-1957
- Folder 2 *Jeopardy!* – letters and contestant card/Art Fleming autograph (Claire Boiko), 1967 and n.d.
- Folder 3 *Home Shopping Game* – prize check (Bernard Boiko), 1987 [photocopy]
- Folder 4 *Now You See It!* – contestant release form, instructions, prize form, and letters about prizes (Claire Boiko); 1989
- Folder 5 *Match Game* – contestant instructions, name tags, tickets, game rules, and guest passes (Bernard and Claire Boiko); 1990
- Folder 6 *To Tell the Truth* – invitation, release form, correspondence, reference about Ruth Guyton, and prize agreement (Claire Boiko); 1990-1991
- Folder 7 Reference – game show scandals, 1958-1966, 2014
- Folder 8 Article – “Making a Career of Knowing the Right Answer,” John Sharify, 2002
- Folder 9 Photographs, 2015 and n.d.
- Folder 10 Miscellaneous, 1977-1995 and n.d.
- Folder 11 Notes about Patricia Boiko visit and donation, Christopher Bensch, July 2022

Series II: Audiovisual materials, 1957-2005

Scope and Content Note: This series holds video footage of game shows, some of which have Bernard or Claire Boiko appearing as contestants. (These objects have been previously digitized.)

Corresponding digital materials in Series III are indicated in brackets.

AV Box 1

- Object 1 Digital Betacam tape: “Tic Tac Dough, 1/15/1957, Library of Congress Magnetic Recording Laboratory, 29 min,” n.d. [footage is 1957] [corresponds to Digital-I, Folder 02_Game show footage, 07_Tic Tac Dough and AV Box 1, Object 5]
- Object 2 Digital Betacam tape: “Jeopardy #819 (1967), TRT: 30 min, Source material: T115323, Winning Pictures LLC, UCLA Film & Television Archive,” n.d. [footage is 1967] [corresponds to Digital-I, Folder 02_Game show footage, 04_Jeopardy]
- Object 3 VHS tape: “Homeshopper Show, Bernie Sweeps Up,” n.d. [c. 1987] [corresponds to Digital-I, Folder 02_Game show footage, 03_Home Shopping Game]
- Object 4 VHS tape: “Fremantle Media 09/08/05, To Tell the Truth #44160 Show 112, Part 1 of 1, RT: 28:05,” 2005 [footage is 1991] [corresponds to Digital-I, Folder 02_Game show footage, 08_To Tell the Truth and AV Box 1, Object 12]

- Object 5 MiniDV: "Tic Tac Dough, 1/15/57, Library of Congress, 29 minutes," n.d. [footage is 1957] [corresponds to Digital-I, Folder 02_Game show footage, 07_Tic Tac Dough and AV Box 1, Object 1]
- Object 6 MiniDV: "Fremantle Media, 'Now You See It,' Ep. #25, 11/17/05, Part 1 of 1, RT: 28:22," n.d.
- Object 7 MiniDV: "Patricia Boiko, Fremantle Media, Now You See It #34, 5/5/89, Part 1 of 1, NTSC MiniDV, 28:18, 12/01/05," 2005 [footage is 1989] [corresponds to Digital-I, Folder 02_Game show footage, 06_Now You See It]
- Object 8 MiniDV: "Winning Pictures, LLC, 7/01/04, Match Game Show #22 8/13/1990 Airdate, Part 1 of 1, RT: 28:36," 2004 [footage is 1990] [corresponds to Digital-I, Folder 02_Game show footage, 05_Match Game]
- Object 9 MiniDV: "Fremantle Media, Match Game, Eps #23 & #24, 11/17/05, Part 1 of 2, RT: 59 min," 2005 [corresponds to Digital-I, Folder 02_Game show footage, 05_Match Game]
- Object 10 MiniDV: "Fremantle Media, Match Game, Eps #25 & #40, 11/17/05, Part 2 of 2, RT: 58:50," 2005 [corresponds to Digital-I, Folder 02_Game show footage, 05_Match Game]
- Object 11 MiniDV: "Winning Pictures, LLC, 7/01/04, Match Game Show #39, 9/6/1990 airdate, Part 1 of 1, RT: 28:36," 2004 [footage is 1990] [corresponds to Digital-I, Folder 02_Game show footage, 05_Match Game]
- Object 12 MiniDV: "To Tell the Truth, #441610, Show #112, TRT: 28:05," 1991 [corresponds to Digital-I, Folder 02_Game show footage, 08_To Tell the Truth and AV Box 1, Object 4]
- Object 13 MiniDV: "Patricia Boiko, Fremantle Media 10/13/05, To Tell the Truth, EPS#3144, Part 1 of 1, RT: 29:23," 2005 [corresponds to Digital-I, Folder 02_Game show footage, 08_To Tell the Truth]

Series III: Digital files, 2004-2022

Scope and Content Note: This series contains scans of hard copy documents from Series I, digitized videos from Series II, and other digital footage used or referenced in the creation of *Game Show Dynamos*.

When possible, the corresponding physical materials (e.g., from Box 1 or AV Box 1) are indicated in brackets. For game show footage, contestant names and the duration of the video are also noted in brackets.

Digital-III

- Folder 1 **Folder 01_Game show documents**
- 01_Tic Tac Dough [18 files]
 - Contains .JPG and .TIF files [scans of physical documents in Box 1, Folder 1], 2009-2022
 - 02_Jeopardy_1967 [6 files]
 - Contains .JPG files [scans of physical documents in Box 1, Folder 2], 2005-2022
 - 03_Home Shopping Game [4 files]

- Contains .JPG and .TIF files [scans of physical documents in Box 1, Folder 3 and additional photo of Bernard Boiko], 2011-2022
- 04_ *Now You See It* [15 files]
- Contains .JPG files [scans of physical documents in Box 1, Folder 4], 2004-2022
- 05_ *Match Game* [21 files]
- Contains .JPG and .PDF files [scans of physical documents in Box 1, Folder 5], 2004-2022
- 06_ *To Tell the Truth* [20 files]
- Contains .JPG and .PDF files [scans of physical documents in Box 1, Folder 6], 2004-2022
- 07_ *Quiz Show Scandal*
- 01_ *Grand Jury Investigation* – contains 6 .TIF, .JPG, and .PDF files [scans of physical documents in Box 1, Folder 7], 2011-2022
 - 02_ *Scandal articles* – contains 12 .JPG and .PSD files [scans of physical documents in Box 1, Folder 7], 2009-2022
 - 03_ *Van Doren images* – contains 4 .JPG and .MOV files [pictures and short movie clip of Charles Van Doren], 2011-2013
- 08_ *Contests won* [7 files]
- Contains .JPG files [scans of prize letters for contests won by Boiko family], 2022
- 09_ *Game Show Dynamos_Press* [6 files]
- Contains .JPG and .PDF files [photographs of press clippings about *Game Show Dynamos* documentary], 2022
- 10_ *Misc* [3 files]
- Contains .JPG and .PDF files [scans of physical documents in Box 1, Folder 10], 2004-2022
- Folder 2 **Folder 02_ Game show footage**
- 01_ *Concentration* [1 file]
- “01. Concentration_Hugh Downs_Champions.mov” [NBC Presents *Concentration: Challenge of Champions*, contestants Dorothy Walter vs. Clara Cavanaugh (37:13), n.d. (c. 1960s?)], 2010
- 02_ *Headline Chasers* [1 file]
- “01. Headline chasers_Bernard wins.mov” [*Headline Chasers*, contestants Vonnie Zink and Bernard Boiko vs. Nikki Petalis and Craig Reed (30:54), n.d. (c. 1985-1986?)], 2010
- 03_ *Home Shopping Game* [2 files] [corresponds to AV Box 1, Object 3]
- “01. Bernard_Home Shopping_1_2.mov” [*Home Shopping Game*, contestants Bernard Boiko vs. Cindy Watson; Bernard Boiko vs. Cheryl Christopher (54:46), 1987],
 - “02. Bernard home shopping game_3_4.mp4” [*Home Shopping Game*, contestants Bernard Boiko vs. Larry Madison; Bernard Boiko vs. Mark Feldman (40:15), 1987]
- 04_ *Jeopardy* [2 files] [corresponds to AV Box 1, Object 2]

- “01. Jeopardy_819.mov” [*Jeopardy!*, National College Scholarship Contest, contestants Josh Ogg vs. Mickey Barron vs. Larry Dean (28:42), 1967]
 - “02. Jeopardy_819.mp4” [*Jeopardy!*, National College Scholarship Contest, contestants Josh Ogg vs. Mickey Barron vs. Larry Dean (28:42), 1967]
- 05_Match Game [8 files] [corresponds to AV Box 1, Objects 8-11]
- “01. MatchGameShow_Number22.mov” [*Match Game*, contestants Steve vs. Claire (Boiko) (28:47), 1990]
 - “02. MatchGameShow_Number22.mp4” [*Match Game*, contestants Steve vs. Claire (Boiko) (28:47), 1990]
 - “03. MatchGameShow_Eps23And24_Part1of2.mov” [*Match Game*, contestants Claire (Boiko) vs. Dave (Kusama); Claire (Boiko) vs. Dave (Galhausen?) (57:47), 1990]
 - “04. MatchGameShow_Eps23And24_Part1of2.mp4” [*Match Game*, contestants Claire (Boiko) vs. Dave (Kusama); Claire (Boiko) vs. Dave (Galhausen?) (57:47), 1990]
 - “05. MatchGameShow_Eps25And40_Part2Of2.mov.” [*Match Game*, contestants Claire (Boiko) vs. Ingrid (Berg?); Bernard (Boiko) vs. Susan (Hoffman) (57:46), 1990]
 - “06. MatchGameShow_Eps25And40_Part2Of2.mp4” [*Match Game*, contestants Claire (Boiko) vs. Ingrid (Berg?); Bernard (Boiko) vs. Susan (Hoffman) (57:46), 1990]
 - “07. MatchGameShow_Number39.mov” [*Match Game*, contestants Jill (Getto?) vs. Bernard (Boiko) (28:49), 1990]
 - “08. MatchGameShow_Number39.mp4” [*Match Game*, contestants Jill (Getto?) vs. Bernard (Boiko) (28:49), 1990]
- 06_Now You See It [1 file] [corresponds to AV Box 1, Object 7]
- “01. NowYouSeeIt_34.mp4” [*Now You See It*, contestants Claire Boiko vs. Rex Wan (20:59), 1989]
- 07_Tic Tac Dough [2 files] [corresponds to AV Box 1, Objects 1 and 5]
- “01. TicTacDough.mov” [*Tic Tac Dough*, contestants Julie Ann Gilmer vs. Larry Dirkson (29:55), 1957]
 - “02. TicTacDough.mp4” [*Tic Tac Dough*, contestants Julie Ann Gilmer vs. Larry Dirkson (29:55), 1957]
- 08_To Tell the Truth [4 files] [corresponds to AV Box 1, Objects 4, 12-13]
- “01. ToTellTheTruth_441610_Show112.mov” [*To Tell the Truth*, “Ruth Guyton, Ben Rich” (28:35), 1991]
 - “02. ToTellTheTruth_441610_Show112.mp4” [*To Tell the Truth*, “Ruth Guyton, Ben Rich” (28:35), 1991]
 - “03. ToTellTheTruth_Eps3144_Part1Of1.mov” [*To Tell the Truth*, “Reed Lewis, Paul McWilliams” (29:38), n.d.]
 - “04. ToTellTheTruth_Eps3144_Part1Of1.mp4” [*To Tell the Truth*, “Reed Lewis, Paul McWilliams” (29:38), n.d.]
- 09_Trivial Pursuit [2 files]

- “01. trivial pursuit 6_7_93_Bernard.mp4” [*Trivial Pursuit Interactive Game*, contestants Malcolm vs. Loretta vs. Bernard (Boiko) (47:31), 1993]
 - “02. trivial pursuit Claire.mp4” [*Trivial Pursuit Interactive Game*, contestants Claire (Boiko) vs. Ellen vs. Sharlene (57:41), 1993]
 - 10_ *Wheel of Fortune* [1 file]
 - “01. wheel.mov” [*Wheel of Fortune*, contestants John Burke vs. Rena Ali vs. Bernard Boiko (28:34), 1989]
- Folder 3 **Folder 03_Expert interview_Brockman** [2 files]
- “01. Brockman interview.mp4” – interview between Patricia Boiko and Michael Brockman (58:10), 2006
 - “02. Brockman.docx” – shot list/index of interview, 2022
- Folder 4 **Folder 04_Teachers Guide** [1 file]
- “01. Teachers Guide.docx” – Teachers’ Guide for *Game Show Dynamos*, developed by Carolyn C. Bell and Elizabeth MacLennan, 2015