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ABANDONED PATENT APPLICATIONS

Records, 1899--1948, and No Date

.9 linear feet

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The material in this collection consists of abandoned patents, patent applications and drawings. The reason why they were abandoned is unknown.

The collection is divided into three series: correspondence, applications for patents (later abandoned), and patent drawings (which may or may not have been submitted to the patent office).

**Series I
Correspondence**

This series contains correspondence from Ford Motor Company and the US Patent office requesting searches for abandoned patents and some drawings and blueprints relating to abandoned patents. Most of the correspondence is from either E.L. Davis in the Legal Department or the patent law firm of Bacon & Thomas.

Box 1 1-1 Patent Correspondence, 1901-1956 & n.d.

**Series II
Patent Applications**

This series contains photostatic copies of specific patent applications relating to: spark controllers for explosive engines, chassis and rod improvements, improvements in explosive engines, and electric igniters.

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		#730,222,	1899
		#740,670,	1899

**Series III
Patent Drawings**

This series contains the illustrations of various inventions on Patent Office forms in various stages of completion. They are original drawings, undated, and arranged by general vehicle classification to the best of the archivist's ability. Some of these drawings may relate to the correspondence in Series I.

Box 2	2-1	Automobile Body Parts
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