



Finding Aid for

**OFFICE OF THE TREASURER RECORDS SUBSERIES, 1903-1932  
Accession 483**

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## OVERVIEW

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**ACCESSION NUMBER:** 483

**CREATOR:** Ford, Edsel, 1893-1943

**TITLE:** Office of the Treasurer records subseries

**INCLUSIVE DATES:** 1903-1932

**QUANTITY:** 1.2 cubic ft.

**LANGUAGE:** The materials are in English.

**ABSTRACT:** The Office of the Treasurer records subseries contains plant engineering contracts and various financial and legal records of the Ford Motor Company for 1903 through 1932.

## ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

- ACCESS RESTRICTIONS:** The records are open for research.
- COPYRIGHT:** Copyright has been transferred to the Henry Ford by the donor. Copyright for some items in the collection may still be held by their respective creator(s).
- ACQUISITION:** The records were donated to The Henry Ford by the Ford Motor Company Archives in 1964.
- RELATED MATERIAL:** Related material held by The Henry Ford:  
- These records form part of the Edsel B. Ford Office Papers record group. Other materials in this record group include:  
- Edsel B. Ford Office papers, 1902-1945, Accession 6  
- Edsel Ford Audit papers subseries, 1941-1942, Accession 543  
- Ford Motor Company Ltd. records subseries, 1929-1935, Accession 261  
- National Recovery Administration records subseries  
- Audio Speeches series, 1938-1943, Accession 1689  
- Edsel Ford Automotive Scrapbook series, 1911-1925, Accession 660
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## **HISTORICAL NOTE**

In 1921, Edsel Ford was named treasurer as well as president of the Ford Motor Company.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The records in this subseries include comparative balance sheets for the Ford Motor Company from 1903 to 1915; notes receivable from 1908 to 1932; plant engineering contracts and agreements for Ford Motor Company Highland Park Plant, the Ford Motor Company Rouge River Plant and a Ford plant in Atlanta, Georgia; and miscellaneous legal records. The Highland Park contracts include several for work on the power house in 1919; the contracts for the Rouge are primarily for work done on the blast furnace in 1919.

## **ARRANGEMENT**

The records are arranged alphabetically by subject.

## **SUBJECT TERMS**

### Names, Personal and Corporate

Ford, Edsel, 1893-1943.

Ford Motor Company. Highland Park Plant.

Ford Motor Company. Rouge River Plant.

Ford Motor Company. Office of the Treasurer.

### Subjects

Automobile industry and trade

Automobile factories

Auditors' reports

Blast furnaces

Credit

Installment plan

Plant engineering

Factory management

Power-plants

Ford Motor Company--Finance.

### Genre and Form

Financial records.

## CONTAINER LIST

<b>Box no.</b>	<b>Description</b>
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### Box 1

Comparative balance sheet of the Ford Motor Company, 1903-1915  
General legal records  
Chamber of Commerce membership, 1922  
Columbus Auto Show - Certificate of Stock, 1921  
Kearney Plant - bond for warehouse  
Claim releases - damage suits, 1903-1926  
Liberty engine - tank starter (Liberty Starter Company), 1918  
Alfred Lucking opinions regarding receiving lower prices for merchandising  
Syracuse lease, 1917

### Box 2

Financial records - notes receivable  
Dutee Wilcox Flint, Inc. - notes (\$1,572,000) to New York and Boston banks  
Bird Aircraft Corporation, 1932  
Dearborn Michigan Welfare Department (\$112,000), 1932  
M. Egan, 1908  
Guardian Detroit Union Group, Inc. (\$3,500,000), 1932  
Harlan Gas Coal Company, 1932  
Lakeside Foundry, 1920  
Lincoln Motor Company (car purchases), 1921  
Reconstruction Finance Corporation (regarding purchase of Dearborn State Bank),  
1933  
Vassar Foundry Company, 1929  
Plant Engineering contracts and agreements  
Atlanta, Georgia - battery room (Hard & Adams, Inc.)  
Highland Park  
Atmospheric cooling tower (Edwin Burhorn Company), 1919  
Battery charger (W. F. Rogers Company), 1912  
Dry kiln sash (Detroit Steel Products Company and Fenestra Construction  
Company), 1919  
Electric travelling crane (Milwaukee Electric Crane Manufacturers), 1919  
Elevators (Haughton Elevator & Machinery Company), 1919  
Number 5 Building  
Structural steel (Whitehead & Kales Iron Works), 1920  
Steel sash (Fenestra Construction Company), 1920  
Foundry  
Electric portal crane (Browning Company), 1919  
Sash on roof (David Lupton Sons Company), 1919  
Gas Producer Plant  
Addition and remodeling (Whitehead & Kales Iron Works), 1919  
Coal handling machinery (Link Belt Company), 1919

8-Section (Smith Gas Engineering Company), 1919  
General (Semet-Solvay), 1917  
Skip hoist (C. W. Hunt Company), 1919  
Gates-Quincy Elevator Gate Company, 1920  
JJ Building  
Roofing (Federal Cement Tile Company), 1919  
Sash (Fenestra Construction Company and Detroit Steel Products Company),  
1919  
Structural steel (American Bridge Company), 1919  
Power House  
American Engineering Company, 1919  
Badenhausen Company, 1916  
C.W. Hunt Company, Inc., 1919  
David Lupton Sons Company, 1919  
Diamond Power Specialty Company, 1919  
Federal Cement Tile Company, 1919 and 1920 (2 folders)  
General Electric Company, 1919  
George T. Ladd Company, 1919  
Heyl & Patterson Company, 1919  
Page Woven Wire Fence Company, 1919  
Research Corporation, 1919  
Simplex Superheater Company, 1919  
Sprague Electric Works, 1919  
Whitehead & Kales Iron Works, 1919

**Box 3**

Rouge  
Blast furnace  
Ben F. Kelley & Sons, 1919  
Brown Hoisting Machinery Company, 1919  
Combustion Engineering Company, 1921  
Detroit United Railway Company - agreement and drawings regarding cost of  
work on tunnel at shipbuilding plant (possibly Eagle Underpass), 1918  
Duluth Superior Dredging Company - excavation of Rouge River, 1919  
Federal Cement Tile Company, 1919  
George A. Fuller Company, 1919  
George T. Ladd Company, 1919  
Hoppes Manufacturing Company, 1919  
Hughes-Keenan Company, 1919  
Jeffrey Manufacturing Company, 1919  
Locomotive Superheater Company, 1919  
M. H. Detrick Company, 1919  
Toledo Metal Manufacturers Company, 1919  
Wicks Boiler Company, 1919

**Box 3 continued:**

Rouge continued:

    Glass furnace

        McCamic & Betchell Company, 1919

Items charged out, undated