



Finding Aid for

**E. A. WALTERS PAPERS, 1901-1944**  
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## OVERVIEW

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 491

CREATOR: Walters, E. A.

TITLE: E. A. Walters papers

INCLUSIVE DATES: 1901-1944

QUANTITY: 0.8 cubic ft.

LANGUAGE: The materials are in English

ABSTRACT: E. A. Walters worked for the Ford Motor Company, first in the Press Department of the Highland Park Plant and then as Superintendent of the Pressed Steel Division of the Ford Rouge River Plant. He also assisted in preparations for the production of B-24 bombers at Willow Run. His papers contain documents and photographs related to his work at the Rouge plant and Willow Run.

## ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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- 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).
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- RELATED MATERIAL:** Related material held by The Henry Ford:  
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## **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE**

E. A. Walters joined the Ford Motor Company in 1912 after Ford purchased Keim Mills of Buffalo, New York. A press operator, Walters worked in the Press Department at the Highland Park Plant. He later became Superintendent of the Pressed Steel Division of the Ford Rouge River Plant. In 1941, he was sent to San Diego, California in preparation for the manufacture of B-24 bombers at Willow Run.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The papers are comprised of documents and photographs that primarily relate to Walters' work at the Ford Rouge River Plant and the manufacture of the B-24 bomber at Willow Run. One packet of souvenir medallions have been removed from this collection and added to Accession 1812.

## **SUBJECT TERMS**

### Names, Personal and Corporate

Walter, E. A.

Ford Motor Company. Highland Park Plant

Ford Motor Company. Rouge River Plant

Willow Run Industrial Complex

### Subjects

Automobile industry and trade--Michigan

Steel industry and trade--Michigan

Ford Motor Company. Employees

### Genre and Form

Photographs

Photographic prints

## CONTAINER LIST

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

#### Folder A

- Photograph of Mr. E. A. Walter driving Eddie Schwenger, 1912 (1 photographic print, black-and-white, 4 x 6 inches)
- Photograph of steering column and three men (1 photographic print, black-and-white, 8 x 10 inches)
- Photographs of John R. Keim picnic (2 photographic prints, black-and-white, 8 x 10 inches)
- Sketch of rear axle housing
- List of names of 63 Buffalo Plant men circa 1912 (2 copies)
- Photograph of 34 of the 63 men from Buffalo Plant (1 photographic print, black-and-white, 8 x 10 inches)
- Photograph of car under press, September 30, 1931 (1 photographic print, black-and-white, 8 x 10 inches)
- Postcard, November 6, 1912

#### Folder B

- Cold Mill production, 1936
- Cold rolled steel and where used, January 3, 1941
- Instructions on use of Cold Mill steel, February 3, 1936
- Bomber project, October 6, 1943
- Photograph of Bill Pinoch, Logan Miller, E. A. Walters and wives (1 photographic print, black-and-white, mounted, 5 x 7 inches; taken at Earl Carroll Theatre-Restaurant, Hollywood, California, January 6, 1941)

#### Folder C

- Letter from first trip to Consolidated Aircraft plant in San Diego, California, December 27, 1940 (2 copies)
- B-24-D Start Crew list, March 21, 1941

#### Folder D

- Consolidated Aircraft letter, June 20, 1941
- Consolidated Aircraft Corporation manual, 1941
- Bomber Occupation Instructions and Rates, April 9, 1942

#### Folder E

- Photograph of bomber plant (1 photographic print, black-and-white, 8 x 10 inches)
- Bomber plant organizational chart, October 10, 1941 (shows Walters' appointment as head of manufacturing)
- Departmental Communications from E. A. Walters, April 20, 1942
- Letter from Aluminum Company of America rejecting Mr. Walter's recommendations, February 26, 1943
- Underwater vs. Dry Spot-Welding, 1942 (book on Walters' experiments underwater)
- Itinerary for Mr. Walter's trip to aluminum plants, 1943
- Photograph showing Walters as Superintendent of H. H. Building, Body Pressed Steel Department (1 photographic print, black-and-white, 8 x 10 inches)

Folder F

Communications to Mr. Walter while working out of Bomber Plant Office

Folder G

Packet of information from the Pressed Steel Company, 1942 (includes photographic prints, black-and-white, 8 x 10 inches)

Folder H

Photographs of parts (8 photographic prints, black-and-white, 8 x 10 inches)

Job and fixture chart, 1943

Chart of assembly jobs, December 18, 1942

Estimates of tudor body dies #1000-65-EX; 1000-45-AX and 1000-65-EX 1 floor plan, 1944 (3 packets of documents)

Sketches of experimental body 51-AXX and 59-AX Ford, April 27, 1944

Folder J

Fixture orders, 1943

Blueprint of press shop at Highland Park Plant, July 22, 1944

Photograph of men outside a house on Cottage Grove, undated (1 photographic print, black-and-white, 2 x 3 inches)

*The Ford Man*, March 17, 1920 (newspaper)

Folder K

"President McKinley Shot at Public Reception in the Temple of Music," *Buffalo Courier*, September 7, 1901 (photocopy)

"President McKinley Shot..." *Buffalo Evening-Times*, September 6, 1901 (photocopy)

**Box 2**

"History of J. R. Keim Company, Buffalo, New York" by E. A. Walters (Longhand manuscript scroll)

Jobs Sold and to be Sold (album contains photographic prints, black-and-white, 8 x 10 inches)