HISTORY

In 1954, Columbia University historian Allan Nevins in collaboration with Frank Ernest Hill published the first volume of a comprehensive history of Henry Ford and his automobile company. A combination history of the Ford Motor Company, history of the automotive industry in general, and biography of Henry Ford, the project was funded by a grant from the Ford Motor Company Fund to Columbia University and produced under the guidance of an academic advisory committee. Nevins, Hill, and research assistants William Greenleaf and George B. Heliker were granted unprecedented access to the records and papers held in the Ford Motor Company Archives. Meticulously researched, the resulting trilogy is considered indispensable for understanding early automotive history.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The series is comprised primarily of original documents that were selected between 1952 and 1954 from accessions held by the Ford Motor Company Archives for research use in the three volume Nevins and Hill history of the company. The majority of the documents were retained as Accession 572 and were not returned to their source locations. There are also typewritten research notes interspersed within the folders. The series is valuable for its illuminating and overarching documentation of all aspects of the life of Henry Ford and the evolution of the Ford Motor Company. The records are organized by subject classification scheme devised by Allan Nevins (see Appendix for original transaction numbers, descriptions, and locations). The finding aid maintains this classification scheme. Twenty topical terms are further subdivided alphabetically. Sections include the automobile industry in general; Detroit, Michigan; Henry, Edsel, Clara and the Ford family; Ford Motor Company advertising, aviation activities, branch operations, engineering, finance, legal activities, organization, administration, suppliers, plants, sales, labor relations, foreign agencies and plants; and activities during both world wars.
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No.19  LINCOLN MOTOR COMPANY

No.20  MISCELLANEOUS ARTICLES
APPENDIX TO ACCESSION 572

Introduction

Between 1952 and 1954, documents were selected by Allan Nevins’ research assistants from accessions held by the Ford Motor Company Archives. The records were withdrawn during research for the three-volume biography of Henry Ford and the Ford Motor Company written by Nevins and Frank Hill. The records were filed according to a classification system devised by Nevins.

The Ford Motor Company Archives maintained these selected research papers as Accession 572 (cataloged in the Benson Ford Research Center online catalog as Nevins and Hill Research, Original Documents and Notes series).

The Transaction Form Appendix

To locate an original document removed from an accession and placed within Accession 572:

- Note the transaction number that was written on a flag by Nevins’ researchers to indicate a document had been removed. (Note: flags have been replaced with a green card marker.)

- Numbers in the “From” column represent the location from which an original document was removed

- Numbers in the “To” column point to the subject classification assigned to the document by Nevins’ researchers. The finding aid is organized according to this subject scheme.

Researchers should note that there are folders and documents in the series that have been missing since the 1960s.