



Finding Aid for

**RENOVATED ASSEMBLY PLANTS PHOTOGRAPHS SERIES,
1920-1951 (BULK 1930-1950)
Accession 696**

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OVERVIEW

REPOSITORY: Benson Ford Research Center
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ACCESSION NUMBER: 696

CREATOR: Ford Motor Company. Photographic Department

TITLE: Renovated Assembly Plants photographs series

INCLUSIVE DATES: 1920-1951

BULK DATES: 1930-1950

QUANTITY: 5.8 cubic ft.

LANGUAGE: The materials are in English

ABSTRACT: The Renovated Assembly Plants photographs series is comprised of photographs of Ford Motor Company automotive plants in operation, assembly lines, and plant alterations

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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- General photographs series, Acc. 833
- Ford Rotunda Lantern Slides series, Acc. 1182
- Plant Engineering Construction photographs series, Acc. 721
- Northern Michigan Operations photographs series, Acc. 270
- World's Fair photographs series, Acc. 232
- Photographs for Ford News Bureau album series, Acc. 1505
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HISTORICAL NOTE

Ford Motor Company Photographic Department staff documented the updating of plants and associated special events in facilities across the country and around the world.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Renovated Assembly Plants photographs series is comprised of photographs of Ford Motor Company automotive plants in operation, assembly lines, and plant alterations. The images are primarily of interiors, both domestic and foreign, and are arranged alphabetically by city. Visual documentation includes the twenty-fifth anniversary celebration of the Amsterdam plant in 1949; the Argentine plant dedication in 1953; the Dagenham (London, England) plant in 1948; and an album with images of Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh's visit to Dagenham in 1951. There is also an album featuring selected sites entitled "Forty-five Foreign and Domestic Plants, 1930," which has typewritten plant statistics on the verso of many of the images.

SUBJECT TERMS

Names, Personal and Corporate

Philip, Prince, consort of Elizabeth II, Queen of Great Britain, 1921-
Ford Motor Company. Photographic Department.
Briggs Motor Bodies Inc.

Subjects

Automobile industry and trade
Automobile industry workers
Assembly-line methods
Automobile factories--California--Los Angeles
Automobile factories--California--Richmond
Automobile factories--Illinois--Chicago
Automobile factories--Kentucky--Louisville
Automobile factories--Missouri--Kansas City
Automobile factories--Missouri--St. Louis
Automobile factories--New Jersey--Metuchen
Automobile factories--New Jersey--Edgewater
Automobile factories--Egypt--Alexandria
Automobile factories--Greece--Athens
Automobile factories--Netherlands--Amsterdam
Automobile factories--Belgium--Antwerp
Automobile factories--Argentina
Automobile factories--Asnieres (France)
Automobile factories--Spain--Barcelona
Automobile factories--Italy--Bologna
Automobile factories--Romania--Bucharest
Automobile factories--Germany--Cologne
Automobile factories--Denmark--Copenhagen
Automobile factories--Ireland--Cork
Automobile factories--England--Dagenham (London)
Automobile factories--Finland--Helsinki
Automobile factories--Portugal--Lisbon
Automobile factories--Sweden--Stockholm
Automobile factories--France--Strasbourg
Factories--Design and construction
Industrial buildings
Ford Motor Company--Buildings
Briggs Motor Bodies Inc.--Buildings

Genre and Form

Photographs
Photograph albums

CONTAINER LIST

Box no. **Description**

DOMESTIC PLANTS

Box 1

Chicago, Illinois, 1930
Edgewater, New Jersey
1930-1940 (13 folders)

Box 2

1939-1952 (12 folders)

Box 3

Kansas City, Missouri
1924-1942 (8 folders)

Box 4

1942-1951

Box 5

Los Angeles, California
1947-1948 (12 folders)
1950-1951 (4 folders)

Box 6

Louisville, Kentucky, 1920-1950 (14 folders)

Box 7

Metuchen, New Jersey, 1947-1949 (6 folders)

Box 8

Richmond, California, 1931-1947 (11 folders)

Box 9

St. Louis, Missouri, 1947-1948 (6 folders)

FOREIGN PLANTS

Box 10

Amsterdam Plant 25th Anniversary, 1949 (photograph album)
Argentine Plant Dedication, 1953 (photograph album)

Box 11

Forty-five Plants, 1930s (photograph album; some photographs with typewritten statistics on verso)

Box 12

Alexandria, Egypt
Amsterdam, Netherlands
Antwerp, Belgium
Asnieres, France
Athens, Greece
Barcelona, Spain (includes photocopy of floor plan)
Bologna, Spain
Bucharest, Romania
Cologne, Germany

Box 13

Copenhagen, Denmark
Cork, Ireland
Dagenham, London, England
Helsinki, Finland
Istanbul, Turkey
Lisbon, Portugal
Stockholm, Sweden

Box 14

London, England - Dagenham Plant
Briggs Motor Bodies Ltd., 1948 (3 folders; 10x12 inch images)

Box 15

Visit of the Duke of Edinburgh to Ford Motor Company, Dagenham, England, 6
December 1951 (photograph album)