



Finding Aid for

CHARLES P. STEINMETZ PAPERS, 1853-1921

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OVERVIEW

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 00.1399

CREATOR: Steinmetz, Charles Proteus, 1865-1923.

TITLE: Charles P. Steinmetz papers

INCLUSIVE DATES: 1853-1921

BULK DATES: 1900-1910

QUANTITY: 1.1 linear ft.

LANGUAGE: The materials are in English and German.

ABSTRACT: Charles Steinmetz, German born author and inventor, joined General Electric in 1893. The papers include correspondence in German to his sister, a manuscript on motors, and 184 patents.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

- ACCESS RESTRICTIONS:** The papers 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:** Acquired by The Henry Ford (then Edison Institute), circa 1931.
- RELATED MATERIAL:** Related material held by The Henry Ford:
- Archives Vertical File
- Henry Ford Imprints and Reprints collection, Accession 1023
- Personal Documents collection includes correspondence between Charles Steinmetz and his sister Clara.
- PREFERRED CITATION:** Item, folder, box, accession 00.1399, Charles P. Steinmetz papers, Benson Ford Research Center, The Henry Ford
- PROCESSING INFORMATION:** Collection processed by staff of The Henry Ford.
- DESCRIPTION INFORMATION:** Original collection inventory list and finding aid prepared by staff of The Henry Ford.
- Finding aid reformatted by Brian Wilson and published February 2013.
- Finding aid prepared using Describing Archives: A Content Standard (DACs) and local guidelines.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Charles P. Steinmetz (1865-1923) was born in Germany and educated in Breslau, Berlin, and Zurich. He immigrated to the United States in 1889, joined General Electric as a consulting engineer in 1893. Steinmetz received an honorary A.M. from Harvard in 1902 and in 1903 earned a Ph.D. from Union University in New York where he served as professor of electrophysics. He was the author of numerous theoretical books and articles on electricity, mathematics, and experimental investigations. He patented over 100 inventions and improvements on generators and motors.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The items in this collection include letters in German written to his sister, Clara, one manuscript on motors, and 184 original patents.

Researchers should note that material related to Charles Steinmetz from other collections held by The Henry Ford has been digitized and is available at <http://collections.thehenryford.org/Index.aspx>.

In addition, The Henry Ford holds the Charles Steinmetz Cabin (Object ID 30.362.1) as part of its Greenfield Village collection of historic buildings. Description of the Cabin is available at <http://collections.thehenryford.org/Collection.aspx?objectKey=215073>.

ARRANGEMENT

The materials are arranged by genre or form.

SUBJECT TERMS

Names, Personal and Corporate
Steinmetz, Charles Proteus, 1865-1923.
Steinmetz, Clara
General Electric Company

Subjects
Engineers
Inventors
Motors

Genre and Form
Correspondence
Design patents
Postcards

CONTAINER LIST

Box no.	Description
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Box 1

Correspondence, 1853-1920
Manuscript on Motors, undated
Signed Calling Card
Postcards (13 items)
Tobacco from Thomas Edison, 1921
Patents: 513,370 - 630,419

Box 2

Patents: 636,578 - 717,464

Box 3

Patents: 723,061 - 855,485

Box 4

Patents: 860,997 - 996,372

Box 5

Patents: 1,006,021 - 1,276,589