



Finding Aid for

**ELWOOD PAUL ENGEL PAPERS, 1942-1986**  
**Accession 1737**

Finding Aid Published: December 2011



Electronic conversion of this finding aid was funded by a grant from the Detroit Area Library Network (DALNET)  
<http://www.dalnet.lib.mi.us>



20900 Oakwood Boulevard · Dearborn, MI 48124-5029 USA  
[research.center@thehenryford.org](mailto:research.center@thehenryford.org) · [www.thehenryford.org](http://www.thehenryford.org)

## OVERVIEW

REPOSITORY: Benson Ford Research Center  
The Henry Ford  
20900 Oakwood Blvd  
Dearborn, MI 48124-5029  
[www.thehenryford.org](http://www.thehenryford.org)  
[research.center@thehenryford.org](mailto:research.center@thehenryford.org)

ACCESSION NUMBER: 1737

CREATOR: Engel, Elwood Paul. 1917-1986

TITLE: Elwood Paul Engel papers

INCLUSIVE DATES: 1942-1986

QUANTITY: 1 cubic ft.

LANGUAGE: The materials are in English

ABSTRACT: Elwood Paul Engel was a talented automotive designer who spent time at both Ford Motor Company and Chrysler. His papers include biographical material, drawings, clippings, awards and photographs of concept and production cars.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

- ACCESS RESTRICTIONS:** The collection is 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:** Donated by Elwood P. Engel, 1984 and Sally Engel, 1990
- PREFERRED CITATION:** Item, folder, box, accession 1734, Elwood Paul Engel papers, Benson Ford Research Center, The Henry Ford
- PROCESSING INFORMATION:** Collection processed by Benson Ford Research Center staff, 1990.
- DESCRIPTION INFORMATION:** Original collection inventory list prepared and published by Benson Ford Research Center staff in 1990.
- Finding aid prepared by Elyssa Bisoski, December 2011, and published in December 2011.
- Finding aid prepared using Describing Archives: A Content Standard (DACs) and local guidelines.

## **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE**

Elwood Paul Engel rose to become one of the most noted automotive designers of the twentieth century. Engel, born in 1917, attended the Pratt Institute in New York where he opted for industrial design courses. He later studied at the General Motors styling schools until World War II when he served in the United States Army as a map maker. After the war, Engel worked for the noted design company George Walker and Associates in Detroit and was part of the team that designed the new 1949 Ford car. Engel moved to the Ford design studios soon after George Walker became Vice President of Styling and remained with Ford until 1961. He left Ford in 1961 to become Vice President of Design at Chrysler and oversaw designs for cars such as the Chrysler Turbine and the Dodge Charger until his retirement in 1973.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The Elwood Paul Engel papers include biographical material, a sketch book of airplane pencil drawings made while stationed at Ft. Riley, Kansas, and photographs of various concept and production cars including the 1961 Mercury Montclair, 1959 Lincoln Continental, 1959 Fairlane and 1959 Galaxie.

## **SUBJECT TERMS**

### Names, Personal or Corporate

Engel, Elwood Paul, 1917-1986

Ford Motor Company

### Subjects

Automobile drafting

Automobile industry and trade

Automobiles--Design and construction

Drafting and industrial drawings

Fairlane automobile

Galaxie automobile

Industrial designers

Lincoln Continental automobile

Mercury automobile

### Genre and Form

Design drawings

Photographs

Photographic prints

## CONTAINER LIST

<b>Box no.</b>	<b>Description</b>
----------------	--------------------

---

### **Box 1**

Loose photographs (5 black-and-white photographic prints)

Biography, June 8, 1984

Obituary, 1986

Newspaper clippings, 1961-1969

Small sketchbook of airplane designs, January 1942

Photograph albums

    Various views of Mercury Montclairs and Lincoln Continental Sedans (also including one photograph of a bullet shaped vehicle on rails with a propeller in the rear), 1959

    Photographs of Fairlane and Galaxie cars, 1959 (each page contains a composite sheet showing the front, back and both sides of the vehicle)

    Photographs of various cars (including a Unitron multi-passenger vehicle, 1961 Montclair and a Studebaker Avanti)

Industrial Design Institute Award, June 22, 1962 (framed)