



Finding Aid for

**FORD MOTOR COMPANY PROPERTY RECORDS COLLECTION,
1920-1971 (Bulk 1941-1947)**

Accession 1700

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OVERVIEW

REPOSITORY: Benson Ford Research Center
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ACCESSION NUMBER: 1700

CREATOR: Ford Motor Company. Plant Engineering Department.

TITLE: Ford Motor Company Property records collection

INCLUSIVE DATES: 1920-1971

BULK DATES: 1941-1947

QUANTITY: 4.4 cubic ft.

LANGUAGE: The materials are in English.

ABSTRACT: The Ford Motor Company Property records collection consists of correspondence, real estate records, and plat maps of various personal properties owned by Henry Ford and Edsel Ford, as well as Ford Motor Company production and manufacturing properties.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

- ACCESS RESTRICTIONS:** The records 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:** Donated to The Henry Ford by the Ford Motor Company in 1986.
- RELATED MATERIAL:** Related material held by The Henry Ford:
- Plant Engineering Department (Ford Motor Company)
records series, 1922-1950, Accessions 408 and 524
- PREFERRED CITATION:** Item, folder, box, accession 1700, Ford Motor Company Property records collection, Benson Ford Research Center, The Henry Ford
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- Finding aid prepared using Describing Archives: A Content Standard (DACS) and local guidelines.

HISTORICAL NOTE

Throughout his life, Henry Ford's diverse interests beyond automobile production led him to experimental farming, lumbering and hydroelectric power experimentation. In many instances, Henry Ford's personal interests were taken up by Ford Motor Company. To this end, many of Henry's personal properties were acquired by Ford Motor Company.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Ford Motor Company Property records collection consists of correspondence, real estate records and plat maps of various personal properties owned by Henry Ford and Edsel Ford as well as Ford Motor Company production and manufacturing properties. Material in the collections relates to automotive, hydroelectric, Village Industries and non-automotive properties across the United States. Of special interest is material related to Ford's World War II bomber production plant at Willow Run, Michigan.

ARRANGEMENT

The collection is arranged alphabetically by location.

SUBJECT TERMS

Names, Personal and Corporate

Ford Motor Company. Plant Engineering Department.
Botsford Inn (Mich.)
Ford Motor Company.
Ford Motor Company. Willow Run Bomber Plant
Wayside Inn (Sudbury, Mass.)

Subjects

Aircraft industry--Michigan--Willow Run
Hydroelectric power plants
Real property

Geographic

Big Bay (Mich.)
Botsford Inn (Mich.)
Bryan County (Ga.)
Chester (Pa.)
Clarkston (Mich.)
Flat Rock (Mich.)
Hamilton (Ohio)
Hudson Mills (Mich.)

SUBJECT TERMS (continued)

Geographic (continued)

Macon (Mich.)

Manchester (Mich.)

Milford (Mich.)

Mount Clemons (Mich.)

Richmond Hill (Ga.)

Scio Township (Mich.)

Somerville (Mass.)

Southfield (Mich.)

Tecumseh (Mich.)

Waterford (Mich.)

Willow Run (Mich.)

Ypsilanti (Mich.)

Genre and Form

Blueprints (reprographic copies)

Contracts

Maps

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Bryan County (Ga.); correspondence, maps, 1944-1948
Bryan County (Ga.) correspondence, maps, 1930-1944
Chester (Pa.); correspondence, descriptions, maps, 1926-1961
Chicago (Ill.); plot plan of plant, 1949
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Delhi (Mich.); Huron Farms, maps, water rights, 1932-1947
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Milford (Mich.); Opens, Alfred, Backoff, Bush tracts, 1937, 1943
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Sharon (Mich.); mill parcel, 1939-1961
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Willow Run (Mich.); ordnance area, 1942, 1946
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Willow Run (Mich.); water supply, 1941-1947
Wing Lake (Mich.); Oakland Co., 1938-1942
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