



Finding Aid for

FRANK HADAS PAPERS, 1905-1924
Accession 488

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OVERVIEW

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 488

CREATOR: Hadas, Franks, 1882-

TITLE: Frank Hadas papers

INCLUSIVE DATES: 1905-1924

QUANTITY: 0.8 cubic ft.

LANGUAGE: The materials are in English.

ABSTRACT: Frank Hadas worked as a branch assembly plant inspector for Ford Motor Company from 1912-1926. His papers include papers and photographs relating to his work at Ford Motor Company, as well as an album of personal and family photographs.

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:** Ford Motor Company donation, 1964 and donation by Mrs. L. G. Vice, 1984
- RELATED MATERIAL:** Related material held by The Henry Ford: Frank Hadas oral history, part of the Oral History subgroup, 1951-1961, Accession 65
- PREFERRED CITATION:** Item, folder, box, accession 488, Frank Hadas papers, Benson Ford Research Center, The Henry Ford
- PROCESSING INFORMATION:** Collection processed by Ford Motor Company Archives staff, May 1964, and added to by Benson Ford Research Center staff, 1984.
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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Frank Hadas was born August 24, 1882 in Detroit, Michigan. He began work with the Ford Motor Company at the Piquette Plant in 1905, working his way up to chief tester and then assembler. He became branch assembly plant inspector around 1912. Working as an aide and assistant to William S. Knudsen, Hadas helped develop more than twenty-eight Ford branch factories. For fifteen years, he traveled around the country visiting branches and dealers while promoting the beginnings of a unified service policy. During World War I, Knudsen put him in charge of a \$46 million contract producing Eagle boats, a submarine chaser designed by the Navy and manufactured at a new shipbuilding plant on the Rouge River in Dearborn. Hadas left the company in 1926.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Frank Hadas personal papers, 1905-1924, consist of papers and photographs relating to his work at Ford Motor Company, as well as an album of personal and family photographs. The papers contain maps of foreign and domestic branches; a bound volume titled "Record of the Electric Installation on Eagle Boats"; address book of Rouge plant personnel; correspondence and departmental communications regarding shipbuilding, dealers and dealerships, and branch plants. Photographs include a panoramic view of the attendees of the 1923 Branch Managers Convention, car and tank photographs circa 1916, and personal photos of family, travel, hunting and fishing. Frank Hadas' oral history, in Accession 65, includes a description of images in the photograph albums.

SUBJECT TERMS

Names, Personal and Corporate

Hadas, Frank, 1882-
Ford Motor Company
Ford Motor Company. Rouge River Plant.

Subjects

World War, 1914-1918--Equipment and supplies
Shipbuilding
Automobile dealers
Factory management
Hunting
Fishing
Automobile industry and trade
Ford Motor Company--Employees
Branches (Business enterprises)
Eagle boats

Genre and Form

Panoramas
Photographs
Photograph albums
Maps

CONTAINER LIST

Box no.	Description
Box 1	<p>Notebooks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Personnel names, address, phone numbers and job titles, December 1, 1920Plant engineering statistics, undated <p>Personal Papers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">"Principal Duties of Service Manager," undatedGeneral Stores report by branch for June-August, 1923Report of 4th meeting of Operating Committee, August 10, no yearHadas correspondence concerning Ship Building operations, 1918Departmental communication to P. E. Martin listing items which have caused complaints from branches and dealers, January 16, 1922Uintah Railway Company Trip July 25, 1905Dealer and Dealership procedures, standards, responsibilities, etc., undated <p>Miscellaneous papers, 1914-1924 (correspondence, meeting minutes, financial records)</p> <p>"Record of the Electric Installation on Eagle Boats," Ford Motor Company, 1919 (bound volume)</p>
Box 2	<p>Photographs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Albums (2)Miscellaneous loose photographsBranch Managers Convention, June 8, 1923 (rolled panorama photograph)