



Finding Aid for

**JOSEPH GALAMB PAPERS, 1907-1919**  
**Accession 82**

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## OVERVIEW

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**ACCESSION NUMBER:** 82

**CREATOR:** Galamb, Joseph A., 1881-1955

**TITLE:** Joseph Galamb papers

**INCLUSIVE DATES:** 1907-1919

**QUANTITY:** 1 folder

**LANGUAGE:** The materials are in English

**ABSTRACT:** Joseph Galamb was a key member of Ford Motor Company from 1905-1944. He played an important role in the design of the Model T and subsequent Ford vehicles. This small accession includes sketches, photostats, postcards and communication between Galamb, Henry Ford and Edsel Ford.

## 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:** Motor Company Archives donation, 1964.
- RELATED MATERIAL:** Related material held by The Henry Ford  
- John F. Dodge Estate Trust Lawsuit collection, 1902-1928 (bulk 1925-1928), Accession 96
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## BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Born in Hungary in 1899, Joseph Galamb came to the United States in 1903 to see the upcoming St. Louis World's Fair. Although he intended to return to Europe, he chose to stay in America instead, taking on a variety of jobs before landing a position at Ford Motor Company in 1905. He would remain employed at Ford for the next 39 years. Galamb was a designer and played an important role in the design of the Model T. His work on the Model T, as per Henry Ford's wishes, designed a car more focused on durability than style. Over the next four decades, Galamb would take on more projects at Ford, including designing a racing car, submarine detectors and an early experimental tractor. He would also gather more responsibility, becoming the head of automotive body and frame design before retiring in 1944 following a heart attack. He died in 1955.

Sources:

Bryan, Ford Richardson. *Henry's Lieutenants*. Detroit: Wayne State University Press, 1993.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This small accession of material includes photostats of several sketches of mechanical parts, postcards signed by Henry and Edsel Ford, a letter to Galamb from Edsel Ford, and a memo and departmental communication from Henry Ford.

## ARRANGEMENT

The papers are arranged according to format.

## SUBJECT TERMS

### Names, Personal and Corporate

Galamb, Joseph A., 1881-1955

Ford Motor Company -- Employees

### Subjects

Automobile industry and trade

Automobiles -- Design and construction

Engineers

Tractors -- Design and construction

### Genre and Form

Photographs

Postcards

Sketches

## CONTAINER LIST

<b>Box no.</b>	<b>Description</b>
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### Box 2 of Small Accessions

Folder #82 - Joseph Galamb Correspondence

Sketches (positive and negative photostats for each)

Muffler intake exhaust all in one

Front axel (2 sketches)

Pulley drive on front

Water cooling system, October 27, 1916

Tractor, 1907

Tractor, January 1909

Postcards (negative photostats)

Signed by Henry Ford from Paris R. P. 1912

Signed by Edsel Ford from Fort Myers, Florida, 1914

Signed by Henry Ford from the Grand Canyon, Arizona, 1915

Signed by Edsel Ford from Denver, Colorado, 1915

Signed by Edsel Ford from Altadena, California, 1913

Letter and envelope, from Altadena, California, signed, "Yours faithfully, Edsel B. Ford," January 1913

Departmental communication signed "Henry Ford," May 8, 1918 (positive photostat)

Memo to Joe Galamb, from Henry Ford, June 23, 1919 (positive and negative Photostat copies)