



Finding Aid for

W. DORWIN TEAGUE PAPERS, 1937-2001 (Bulk 1960-1999)

Accession 2004.2

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OVERVIEW

REPOSITORY: Benson Ford Research Center
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ACCESSION NUMBER: 2004.2

CREATOR: Teague, W. Dorwin

TITLE: W. Dorwin Teague papers

INCLUSIVE DATES: 1937-2001

BULK DATES: 1960-1999

QUANTITY: 59 cubic ft., 12 oversize boxes, and 5 oversize folders

LANGUAGE: The materials are in English.

ABSTRACT: Dorwin Teague was a noted industrial designer. The collection is comprised of material from both his personal and professional life. Included are correspondence, family photographs, project files, photographs, and slides, patents and miscellaneous speeches, writings and books.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

- ACCESS RESTRICTIONS:** The papers are open for research.
- Access to unprocessed electronic files within the Professional Series is unavailable due to lack of appropriate software and hardware.
- 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:** Donation, 2004
- RELATED MATERIAL:** Related material at The Henry Ford:
- Automotive Design Oral History Collection, Accession 1673 (oral interview with W. Dorwin Teague)
- Related material beyond The Henry Ford:
- Walter Dorwin Teague Collection at Special Collections Research Center, Syracuse University Library
<http://scrc.syr.edu>
- PREFERRED CITATION:** Item, folder, box, accession 2004.2, W. Dorwin Teague papers, Benson Ford Research Center, The Henry Ford
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- Finding aid prepared using Describing Archives: A Content Standard (DACS) and local guidelines.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

W. Dorwin Teague, also known as Dorwin Teague and Walter Dorwin Teague Jr., was the son of the noted designer Walter Dorwin Teague Sr. and became a widely respected industrial designer in his own right. Born July 2, 1910 he achieved fame while a student at MIT by flying by Ford Try-Motor to his father's studio in New York City to work on the design for the body of the innovative Marmon 16 automobile. His early career was spent working as in his father's office and in 1952 became a partner in Walter Dorwin Teague Associates. In 1967 he opened his own office, Dorwin Teague, Inc. of Nyack, NY, and functioned strictly as an architect and industrial designer. As an inventor Teague received 92 patents between 1936 and 1992. In 2004 he became one of the first inductees into the Car Design Hall of Fame at the Concours d'Elegance at Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. Teague was a car enthusiast and an avid sailor. He was the author of numerous articles on sailing and a member of the New York Yacht Club.

This collection covers Dorwin Teague's later years from the late 1960s until 2002. During this period he was involved with a wide variety of projects ranging from snowmaking and skiing equipment to energy efficient homes, bicycle brakes, consumer products, a two man scooter, camping equipment and a hand-powered deep well water pump designed for the World Bank which enabled small communities in India and Africa to have a reliable source of clean water.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The collection is comprised of two series. The **PERSONAL** series (17 cubic ft. and 1 oversized box), 1962-2001, relates to Dorwin Teague's personal interests in drawing, boating, and family life. Also included is his personal correspondence. The **PROFESSIONAL** series (42 cubic ft., 11 oversized boxes and 5 oversize folders), 1937-2000, which makes up the bulk of the collection, consists mostly of his industrial design work which he started after his career as an automobile designer. There are, however, a few automobile sketches scattered throughout the collection. Researchers should note that access to electronic files contained within this series is unavailable due to lack of appropriate software and hardware.

SUBJECT TERMS

Names, Personal and Corporate

Teague, W. Dorwin

Walter Dorwin Teague Associates

Subjects

Automobiles--Design and construction

Industrial designers

Inventors

Housing--Energy conservation

Household electronics--Design and construction

Household appliances--Design and construction

Skis and skiing

Winter sports

Genre and Form

Design drawings

Floppy disks

Photograph albums

Photographs

CONTAINER LIST

Box no. **Description**

PERSONAL SERIES

Box 1

Artwork (see also oversize box 60)
 Sketches and Drawings, undated
 Aircraft
 Automobiles
 Automobile Racing
 Character Studies
 Products
 Sketch Book
 Sports
Family Photo Album, undated
Clubs and Society Affiliations

Box 2

Correspondence
 Topical (arranged by topic), 1965-2002
 A-D

Box 3

E-ME

Box 4

MI-Teague

Box 5

Teague-Z

Box 6

General (arranged by date)
 1960-1982

Box 7

1983-1999

Box 8

Family Photos and Slides

Box 9

Framed Photos

Box 10-17

Sailing

PROFESSIONAL SERIES

Box 18

Projects, 1969-1996
Project Files
Master Billings – BS (Bob Sled)

Box 19

BUC (Bucannan Electrical Products – CGS (Columbia Gas Systems)

Box 20

CGS (continued)

Box 21

CMS – CSS

Box 22

Den – Dig

Box 23

DTI 1 – 3 (Hi-Jac Ski Boots & Heater)

Box 24

DTI 3 – 5 (Heater, Coffee Maker, Ski Binding)

Box 25

DTI 5 (continued) (Ski Binding)

Box 26

DTI 6, 1972-1980)
6 – Minimum Energy House
7 – Ski Binding
8 – Adjustable Wrench
9 – Fuel Container for Camp Stove
10 – System to Create Sew At Home Patterns
11 – Two Man Scooter
12 – Directional Sail
13 – Solar Energy Kit
14 – Down Hill Skiing (Touring Kit)
15 – Skis
16 – Sailing, Oar Lock
17 & 18 – Missing
19 – Blood Pressure Measurement Instrument

Box 27

DTI (continued), 1974-1981
20 – Solar Collector
21 – Boat Bottom Washer
22 – Sailing (Compass Card Marker)
23 – Ski Rack
24 – Refrigerator
ESNA – Solid State Programmer
GAF Corp – Lawsuit
GAR – Garcia Corp (Camping Equipment)
GIL 1

Box 28

HKS – MED, 1969-1979

Box 29

MED – MEH (Solar Energy Dwelling for Southern Cal. Gas), 1973-1975

Box 30

MEH (continued) – Moog – (Moog Inc. Electrohydraulic Servovalves), 1971-1974

Box 31

MOOG (continued), 1972-1973

Box 32

MUR – OXY, 1972-1981
MUR - Murphy Door Bed
NAT - National Recreational Industries
NAUT - Motor
OXY - Sailing

Box 33

PC – SCO, 1968-1988
PC (Packaged Products)
PII (Steamboat Springs Nightclub)
REL (Reliable Fire Sprinkler System)
RSD (Radiant System Division – Hand Held Heater)
SOC (Scott Mathuser Corp – Bicycle Brake)

Box 34

SOC (continued), 1983-1991

Box 35

SOC (continued) – SOCAL (Southern Cal. Gas Co. – Energy Efficient Home), 1968-1988

- Box 36** SOCAL (continued)
- Box 37** SOCAL (continued)
- Box 38** SOCAL (continued)
- Box 39** SOCAL (continued) – STAN (Stanley Tool Corp)
- Box 40** STK (Snow Gun - Artificial Snow Maker), 1990-1992
- Box 41** STK (continued)
SUB (Suburban Sports Centers)
TAP (Tappan Kitchen Systems)
- Box 42** TIP (Nautilus Toothbrush) – World Bank Water Pump Project, 1975-1996
- Box 43** World Bank Water Pump Project (continued)
Project Design Drawings (see oversized boxes and folders)
- Box 44-46** Project Photographs (3 boxes)
- Box 47-49** Project Slides (3 boxes)
- Box 50** Patents, 1937-1997, Awards, 1960-1974
Meeting Minutes, 1967-1968
Sock Certificates, 1967 and 1983
- Box 51** Topical Files
- Box 52** Personnel Files

Box 53

Computer Disks (ACCESS RESTRICTED; unprocessed; consists of 77 3.5 inch floppy disks; files may have been produced using Smith Corona Personal Word Processor (PWP) software and hardware.)

Box 54-59

Miscellaneous Speeches, Writings and Books

Box 60 (oversize)

PERSONAL

Artwork

Sketches and Drawings

Aircraft

Automobiles

Automobile Racing

Character Studies

Products

Sketch Book

Sports

Family Photo Album

Box 61 (oversize)

PROFESSIONAL

Project Design Drawings

Project Design Drawings (The drawings relate to the projects but don't always carry the project prefix codes. The list below reflects the identity marked on the drawing.)

MOO

Box 62 (oversize)

Miscellaneous Drawings (Unprocessed)

Box 63 (oversize)

BUC, CTD, MED

Box 64 (oversize)

DEN (Snow Gun)

Box 65 (oversize)

KEY, HIJAC, EFI, OXY (Sprinkler Valve, Murphy Door Bed)

Box 66 (oversize)

SOCAL

Box 67 (oversize)

NAT, STA

Box 68 (oversize)

HKS, DIG (Teague Home) & SOC

Box 69 (oversize)

CAS, LTZ (camera), Trailer, Rotron Burner, Polaroid (camera), Folding Door

Box 70 (oversize)

BIX, Nautilus, Can Opener

Box 71 (oversize)

Miscellaneous Drafting Supplies

Folder 72 (oversize)

Vehicles

Folder 73 (oversize)

Ships & Boats

Folder 74 (oversize)

Architecture

Folder 75 (oversize)

Afridev Handpump (World Bank?)

Folder 76 (oversize)

CGS (Columbia Gas)