



Finding Aid for

WILLIAM W. CARSWELL PAPERS, 1919-1926
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OVERVIEW

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 489

CREATOR: Carswell, William W., 1882-1965

TITLE: William W. Carswell papers

INCLUSIVE DATES: 1919-1926

QUANTITY: 0.2 cubic ft.

LANGUAGE: The materials are in English

ABSTRACT: William W. Carswell served as the Superintendent of Stock at Ford Motor Company's Highland Park Plant from 1911-1928. His papers include departmental communications, a notebook of chemicals, photographs, and three small artifacts that serve as examples of the products made at Ford factories.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

William W. Carswell was born June 23, 1882. He was hired by Ford Motor Company in 1909 and appointed Superintendent of Stock in 1911. The Superintendent of Stock supervised all production, raw materials, and supplies at the Highland Park plant. As Superintendent of Stock, Carswell also supervised plant transportation equipment and staff. Carswell left Ford Motor Company in 1928.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection includes two departmental communications to Carswell including one from Edsel Ford concerning the responsibilities of the Superintendent of Stock position; a notebook of chemicals in alphabetical order and how they are used at Ford Motor Company; a folio of notebook sheets containing stock related reports; one photograph of an early Model T assembly line; and eleven photographs of various stock department storage facilities. The collection also contains three artifacts from the Ford Motor Company: a piece of the first safety glass produced; a prism of the first glass produced; and a piece of the first bar of steel that come through the 14" Merchant Mill machine at the River Rouge plant on November 23, 1925.

SUBJECT TERMS

Names, Personal and Corporate

Carswell, William W., 1882-1965
Ford Motor Company. Highland Park Plant.

Subjects

Automobiles--Equipment and supplies
Automobile industry and trade--Inventories
Glass in automobiles
Warehouses

Genre and Form

Photographs

CONTAINER LIST

Box no.	Description
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Box 1

Artifacts

Piece of first safety glass made at Ford Motor Company

Prism of first glass made at Ford Motor Company

Piece from first bar of steel through 14 inch Merchant Mill at River Rouge,
November 23, 1925

Technical, chemical and engineering data (small notebook)

Comparative operation data (folio of notebook sheets)

Departmental communication from Edsel Ford instruction concerning personnel, August
6, 1919

Departmental communication to Carswell informing him he has been placed on list of
those entitled to privileges of Company's dining room, May 28, 1919

Photographs

Early model T assembly line

Interior photographs of various stock department cribs, storage facilities, etc.