



Finding Aid for

Automobile Plant Construction Photographs, 1918 and 1940-1941

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OVERVIEW

REPOSITORY: Benson Ford Research Center
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ACCESSION NUMBER: 2012.47

CREATOR: Mow, Floyd V.

TITLE: Automobile Plant Construction Photographs

INCLUSIVE DATES: 1918, 1940-1941

QUANTITY: 0.4 cubic ft. (1 box)

LANGUAGE: The materials are in English.

ABSTRACT: The Automobile Plant Construction Photographs consist of 136 black-and-white photographic prints of images taken during construction of the Ford Motor Company Rouge River Plant located in Dearborn, Michigan, and of a Chevrolet Service Parts Division building located in Saginaw, Michigan.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

- ACCESS RESTRICTIONS:** The photographs 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 in 2012.
- ALTERNATE FORMS:** The contents of this collection have been fully digitized and are available online at:
<https://www.thehenryford.org/collections-and-research/digital-collections/>.
- RELATED MATERIAL:** Related material held by The Henry Ford:
- Plant Engineering Construction Photographs Series, 1913-1953. Accession 64.167.721.
- PREFERRED CITATION:** Item, folder, box, accession 2012.47, Automobile Plant Construction Photographs, Benson Ford Research Center, The Henry Ford
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BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

Floyd V. Mow was a construction superintendent for Albert Kahn Associates during the period of construction of the Ford Motor Company Rouge River Plant, and possibly beyond. It is assumed that Mr. Mow collected these photographs during his time with Kahn.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Automobile Plant Construction Photographs collection (0.4 cubic ft.) consists of 136 black-and-white photographic prints of images taken during construction of the Ford Motor Company Rouge River Plant located in Dearborn, Michigan, and of a Chevrolet Service Parts Division building located in Saginaw, Michigan. Both of these buildings were designed by Albert Kahn Associates. The images of the Rouge Plant construction date from February to March, 1918, and the images of the Chevrolet building construction date from October, 1940 to April, 1941.

Also included in the collection is a small portrait of the collector, Floyd Mow.

SUBJECT TERMS

Names, Personal and Corporate

Mow, Floyd V.

Albert Kahn Associates

Ford Motor Company. Rouge River Plant (Dearborn, Mich)

General Motors Corporation. Chevrolet Motor Division

Subjects

Automobile factories

Automobile industry and trade

Design and construction

Geographic

Dearborn (Mich.)

Saginaw (Mich.)

Genre and Form

Photographs

Photographic prints

CONTAINER LIST

Box no. **Description**

Box 1

Portrait of Floyd V. Mow, undated

Ford Rouge Plant Construction

20 February - 1 March 1918 (Negative numbers 21329 - 21399)

13 March - 27 March 1918 (Negative numbers 21512 - 21615)

4 April - 22 April 1918 (Negative numbers 21711 - 21875)

26 April - 6 May 1918 (Negative numbers 21913 - 22012)

8 May - 11 May 1918 (Negative numbers 22025 - 22080)

16 May - 21 May 1918 (Negative numbers 22100 - 22172)

Chevrolet Service Parts Division Building, Saginaw, Michigan, October 1940 - April
1941