



Finding Aid for

**CLAUD E. FORD PAPERS, 1860-1965 (BULK 1930-1965)
Accession 1676**

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OVERVIEW

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 1676

CREATOR: Ford, Claud E., 1879-1965

TITLE: Claud E. Ford papers

INCLUSIVE DATES: 1860-1965

BULK DATES: 1930-1965

QUANTITY: 2 cubic ft.

LANGUAGE: The materials are in English

ABSTRACT: Claud E. Ford was a distant relative of Henry Ford who worked for the U. S. Postal Service. His papers include correspondence, diaries and photographs, many of which feature other members of the Ford family.

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:** Donated by Ralph and Dorothy Higgins, 1975
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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Claud Elsworth Ford of Caledonia, Michigan, was the son of William Henry Ford, also of Caledonia, and Catherine Wilson Ford. William Henry Ford, 1844-1939, was the son of William Samuel Ford, 1819-1898 of Dearborn, Michigan. William Samuel Ford was double first cousin to Henry Ford's father, William, 1826-1905. Claud Ford was married to Sarah Davis Ford.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The papers are comprised of correspondence, financial records, photographs (many unidentified), daily diaries, and various mementos. Photographs include William H. and Claud E. Ford and their wives along with many relatives who were also relatives of Henry Ford. Personal mementos pertain to Claud Ford and his friendship with Henry Ford. Papers pertain to the postal career of Claud Ford and his retirement from the U. S. Postal Department in 1934.

SUBJECT TERMS

Names, Personal and Corporate

Ford, Claud E., 1879-1965

Ford family

Ford, Henry, 1863-1947

Ford, William, 1826-1905

Ford, William Henry, 1844-1939

Ford, Sarah Davis

Genre and Form

Financial records

Diaries

Genealogies

Photographs

Photograph albums

Picture postcards

Cartes-de-visite

CONTAINER LIST

Box no.	Description
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Box 1

Birth certificate: Claud E. Ford, 1879
Commencement program: Caledonia High School, 1897
Correspondence
 Official, 1903-1937
 Personal, 1906-1963
Deeds and legal records, 1875-1966
Financial records
 Income tax returns, 1936-1954
 Income tax returns, 1955-1964
 Investments, 1930s-1960s
 Miscellaneous
Genealogy
Mementos, 1933 (including coin commemorating Ford Motor Company 30th Anniversary)
Memorial book
 Catherine Wilson Ford, 1942
 William H. Ford, 1939
Membership cards: American Protective League, Home Defense League, 1918

Box 2

Montgomery Ward & Co., - Wholesale Price List, 1883
Notebooks
Photographs
 Unidentified relatives, 1860-1880 (cartes de visite)
 William H. Ford, circa 1865 (carte de visite)
 Catherine (Wilson) Ford, circa 1872 (carte de visite)
 Identified Relatives, 1860-1880 (cartes de visite)
 Identified Relatives. 1880s (cabinet)
 Unidentified Relatives. 1880s (cabinet)
 Claud E. Ford, 1884 (carte de visite)
 William, Catherine, and Claud Ford, circa 1895 (cabinet)
 Claud E. Ford, circa 1895 (cabinet)
 Wedding Portrait of Claud and Sarah Ford, 1900
 Portrait of Claud E. Ford, circa 1910
 Unidentified Relative, circa 1910 (cabinet)
 Charles Ford and daughter, Nellie, 1917
 Snapshot album, circa 1920
 Unidentified relatives and friends, 1920s
 Snapshots, 1920s-1930s
 William Ford and Henry Ford at Dearborn, 1925
 Portrait of Raymond and Douglas Ford, 1930
 Snapshots, 1930s

Claud E. Ford, circa 1935
Claud and Sarah Ford, circa 1960
Scrapbook
Valentine: William E. Ford to Catherine Ford, 1902
Visitors' passes: U.S. House and Senate, 1936
Wedding book: Claud and Sarah (Davis) Ford, 1900
Western Union telegrams, 1880s
World's Columbian Exposition ticket and souvenir, Chicago, 1893

Box 3

Daily diaries, 1933-1948

Box 4

Daily diaries, 1949-1961

Box 5

Carved wooden chain (hand carved by William H. Ford)
Daily diaries, 1962-1965
Scrapbook