



Finding Aid for

**FORD FARMS, PEQUAMING, AND FAIR LANE
RECORDS SERIES, 1914-1935**

Accession 93

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OVERVIEW

REPOSITORY: Benson Ford Research Center
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ACCESSION NUMBER: 93

CREATOR: Ford Motor Company. Office of Henry Ford.

TITLE: Ford Farms, Pequaming and Fair Lane records series

INCLUSIVE DATES: 1914-1935

QUANTITY: 1 volume and 2 oversize folders.

LANGUAGE: The materials are in English.

ABSTRACT: In addition to the Dearborn, Michigan, Fair Lane Estate, Henry and Clara Ford owned properties for personal and business-related purposes in other locations within Michigan. The series is comprised of architectural drawings and photographs illustrating the town of Pequaming, Michigan; the Fair Lane entrance gates and lodge; and Ford Farms in Dearborn, Michigan.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

- ACCESS RESTRICTIONS:** The records 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 by Ford Motor Company Archives in 1964.
- RELATED MATERIAL:** Related material held by The Henry Ford:
- The series is part of the Ford Properties subgroup, which also includes:
- Wayside Inn records series, 1890-1945, Accession 111
- Richmond Hill Plantation records series, 1773-1954, Accession 97
- Jens Jensen drawings series, 1914-1921, Accession 797
- Lincoln Memorial University records series, 1925-1933, Accession 557
- PREFERRED CITATION:** Item, folder, box, accession 93, Ford Farms, Pequaming and Fair Lane records series, Benson Ford Research Center, The Henry Ford
- PROCESSING INFORMATION:** Collection processed staff of the Ford Motor Company Archives, circa 1964.
- DESCRIPTION INFORMATION:** Original collection inventory list prepared by Ford Motor Company Archives staff, May 1964. Inventory revised to include architectural drawings by staff of The Henry Ford, March 1982. Finding aid written by staff of The Henry Ford, June 2011.
- Finding aid prepared using Describing Archives: A Content Standard (DACS) and local guidelines.

HISTORICAL NOTE

In addition to the Dearborn, Michigan, Fair Lane Estate, Henry and Clara Ford owned properties for personal and business-related purposes in numerous states including Georgia, Massachusetts, Florida, Tennessee, Ohio, Kentucky, and West Virginia. Richmond Hill (Georgia) was a winter residence, where the Ford's also focused on improving community life, schools, and medical care, while working toward increased agricultural productivity. The Wayside Inn in Sudbury, Massachusetts, America's oldest inn, was purchased and restored by Henry Ford in 1923, along with 2,487 additional acres acquired to preserve the Inn's natural setting. In Tennessee, Ford purchased land abridging his coal mines specifically to donate to Lincoln Memorial University. In 1923 Ford purchased the northern Michigan lumbering town of Pequaming, complete with three churches, schools, a town hall, a hotel, a powerhouse, sawmill, docks, tugs, and eighty-five houses.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The series consists of three groups of materials. The first group is a set of ink-on-linen architectural drawings illustrating the main entrance gate and gate lodge of the Fair Lane Estate. The second group of materials consists of a bound set of blue print maps showing the layout of the Ford Farms fields, including acreage and types of plantings. The third group consists of a single photograph album containing large black-and-white prints, which illustrate the area and activities in and around Pequaming, Michigan.

ARRANGEMENT

Materials are arranged by size and format.

SUBJECT TERMS

Names, Personal and Corporate

Ford Motor Company. Office of Henry Ford.
Ford, Henry, 1863-1947--Homes and haunts.
Henry Ford Farms.
Fair Lane (Dearborn, Mich.)
LaRue, D. W.
Willeke, Leonard Bernard, 1884-1970
Zahnnow, C. A.

Subjects

Historic buildings
Lumbering--Michigan.
Sawmills--Michigan.
Gates--Michigan.

Geographic

Dearborn (Mich.)
Pequaming (Mich.)

Genre and Form

Architectural drawings
Maps
Photographs
Photographic prints

CONTAINER LIST

Box no.	Description
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Box 1

Folder 1

Drawing, "Gate Lodge for Mr. Henry Ford, Dearborn Mich.", undated (4 sheets; produced by Leonard Willeke, Architect, Detroit, Michigan)

Drawing, "Block Plan of Gate Lodge and Main Entrance to Estate of Mr. Henry Ford, Dearborn Mich.", undated (1 sheet; produced by Leonard Willeke, Architect, Detroit, Michigan)

C.A. Zahnow (Ford Motor Company) memo describing drawings, 18 April 1951 (photocopy)

Folder 2

"Maps of Ford Farms - Garden Copy", 1931-1935 (25 bound blueprint reproductions of maps illustrating Ford Farms fields located in Dearborn (Mich.); maps contain information on acreage and plantings; volume also includes 4 maps of gardens for Belleville, Willow Run, Rawsonville, and Melvindale (Mich.) schools)

Box 2

Album, "Pequaming", circa 1950 (leather-bound photograph album; professionally produced album containing 11x14 inch black-and-white photographic prints and printed data regarding Pequaming and Ford Pequaming operations; prints are identified and numbered)