



Finding Aid for

**FORD MOTOR COMPANY IRON MOUNTAIN PLANT RECORDS,
1950-1951
Accession 523**

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OVERVIEW

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 523

CREATOR: Ford Motor Company. Plant Engineering Department.

TITLE: Ford Motor Company Iron Mountain Plant records

INCLUSIVE DATES: 1950-1951

QUANTITY: 0.4 cubic ft.

LANGUAGE: The materials are in English

ABSTRACT: Ford Motor Company owned a large amount of land in the Upper Peninsula from the 1920s to 1954. One use of the land was the building of the Iron Mountain Plant. These records include plant engineering data on the Iron Mountain plant such as plant layouts, photographs, and technical drawings.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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- 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).
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HISTORICAL NOTE

Part of a plan to render the company self-sufficient, Henry Ford and Ford Motor Company purchased over 313,000 acres of timberland and two iron mines in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan in the early 1920s. In 1954, Ford Motor Company donated the town of Alberta, Michigan and 1700 acres (7 km²) of land to what is now the School of Forest Resources and Environmental Science at Michigan Technological University.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The records consist of plant engineering data on the Ford Motor Company Iron Mountain Plant in Northern Michigan. The six notebooks contain city maps, plant layouts, sewage layouts, building elevations, photographs, and technical drawings. The records were prepared during the company's evaluation of operations in preparation for selling off non-automotive operations units.

ARRANGEMENT

Collection is organized chronologically.

SUBJECT TERMS

Names, Personal and Corporate

Ford Motor Company. Plant Engineering Department.
Ford Motor Company. Iron Mountain Plant.

Subjects

Iron mines and mining--Michigan
Automobile--Materials
Factories--Design and construction
Industrial buildings
Ford Motor Company. Buildings.

Geographic

Iron Mountain (Mich.)

Genre and Form

Maps
Photographs
Reports
Technical Drawings

CONTAINER LIST

Box no.	Description
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Box 1

Data Book- Iron Mountain Plant Engineering Department, June 9, 1950
Basic Data-Iron Mountain Plant, January 5, 1951 (2 copies)
Iron Mountain Plant Building Data, October 12, 1951
Plant Book, October 16, 1951
Ford Motor Company Iron Mountain Hydro-Electric Plant, October 27, 1951