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OVERVIEW

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ABSTRACT: Frank Ernest Hill collaborated with Allan Nevins in the 1950s on the first two volumes of a comprehensive history of Henry Ford and the Ford Motor Company. He co-authored a third volume. The papers are comprised of research material.

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HISTORICAL NOTE

Frank Ernest Hill, under the auspices of Columbia University, collaborated with Allan Nevins in the 1950s on the first two volumes of a comprehensive history of Henry Ford and the Ford Motor Company. He co-authored a third volume.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The papers are comprised of research material collected and created by Frank Ernest Hill, collaborator with Allan Nevins in a three volume history of Henry Ford and the Ford Motor Company. Each series contains clipped articles, handwritten notes and typewritten notes.

The first series, **Subject File**, 1950-1966 (2.4 cubic ft.), relates to the automotive industry in general, including design and styling, plants and facilities, the Detroit environment, labor and management relations, and the impact on the industry of two world wars.

The second, **Henry Ford File series**, 1950-1966 (2.0 cubic ft.), regards Henry Ford, Clara Ford, Edsel Ford, Henry Ford II, and William Clay Ford, although the bulk relates to Henry and his philanthropies, friendships, residences, antiquarian and educational interests.

The third, **Ford Motor Company File series**, 1950-1966 (2.4 cubic ft.), includes data about the company organized around functions such as advertising, engineering, finance, labor relations, production, sales, and company activities during World War I and World War II. The material on labor relations and World War II are particularly strong.

The fourth series, **Administrative Material series**, 1950-1966 (9 cubic ft.), includes Hill correspondence from 1952 to 1966, comments on various sections of the volumes, manuscript drafts, and notes organized by chapters. Researchers should note that the Administrative material is only roughly processed.

ARRANGEMENT

The papers are arranged in four series:

- Series I: Subject File
- Series II: Henry Ford File
- Series III: Ford Motor Company File
- Series IV: Administrative Material

SUBJECT TERMS

Names, Personal and Corporate

Hill, Frank Ernest 1888-1969

Nevins, Allan, 1890-1971.

Ford, Henry, 1863-1947.

Ford, Clara Bryant, 1866-1950

Ford, Edsel, 1893-1943.

Ford, Henry, 1917-1987.

Ford, William Clay, 1925-

Ford family

Ford Motor Company -- History.

Ford Motor Company -- Industrial relations.

Henry Ford (Organization). Greenfield Village.

Henry Ford (Organization). Henry Ford Museum.

Subjects

Automobile industry and trade

Automobile industry workers

Automobile factories

Airlines

Ford automobile

Lincoln automobile

Industry and education

Labor -- History.

Trade unions -- Automobile industry workers.

Philanthropists

World War, 1914-1918

World War, 1939-1945

Geographic

Detroit (Mich.) -- History

Genre and Form

Genealogies.

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SUBJECT FILE

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- Automotive - Early to 1901 (2 folders)
- Automotive - 1902
- Automotive Developments to 1901
- Auto Industry – Canada (2 folders)
- Auto Industry - Combinations
- Auto Industry – Companies (2 folders)
- Auto Industry - Design and Styling (2 folders)
- Auto Industry – General, 1914-1921
- Auto Industry – General, 1921-1927
- Auto Industry – General, 1927-1953
- Auto Industry – General, after 1933 (2 folders)
- Auto Industry – Inflation, 1914-1917
- Auto Industry - Installment Selling (2 folders)

Box 2

- Auto Industry - Models and Prices (2 folders)
- Auto Industry - Organizations in the Field (2 folders)
- Auto Industry – Patents (2 folders)
- Auto Industry
 - Plants
 - Design and Routine
 - Expansion and Routine
 - Expansion
 - Post War Boom, 1918-1920
 - Post War Recession, 1920-1921
 - Production (Totals) (2 folders)
 - Recession, 1929-1939
 - Shows (2 folders)
 - Suppliers (2 folders)
 - Tractors
 - War Work
 - World War I, 1914-1917
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 - World War II
 - War - Later War Work

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- Automotive Pioneers
- Bennett, Harry
- Chevrolet Motor Co.
- Chrysler (2 folders)
- Couzens, James (2 folders)

Dearborn Independent
Detroit Automobile Co.
Detroit - Automotive Industries
Detroit - Dearborn - Auto. Center
Detroit - Industries, General
Detroit - Industries, 1903-1915
Detroit - Industries - Methods and Materials
Engines - Internal Combustion (Greenblatt Notes) (2 folders)
Engines - Steam

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Ford Foundation (2 folders)
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 Chevrolet Division
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 Founding and History
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 Labor
 Labor and Labor Policies (2 folders)
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Highways and Roads (2 folders)
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Labor - Automotive Workers
Labor - CIC (2 folders)

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Labor
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 Detroit
 Detroit, after 1933
 Employees Associations (2 folders)
 Employers Attitudes
 Employment - Detroit
 Employment and Unemployment
 Employment and Unemployment, Detroit
 Espionage (2 folders)
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 Government
 Heliker Interviews
 Ideas and Attitudes (2 folders)
 Ideological Organizations
 Living Conditions
 Murphy, Frank
 Police (Detroit)

Policies of other Companies than Ford
Other Plants
Outside Ford Motor Company, 1914-1925
Outside Ford Motor Company, 1927-1953
Outside Ford Motor Company, Auto Workers Union
Outside Ford Motor Company, N.F.A

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Racial and Group Discrimination (2 folders)
Strikes (2 folders)
Unemployment Insurance
Union Organization (2 folders)
Union Organization - Outside Ford
Wages (2 folders)
Wages and Hours
Wagner Act
War Conditions and Activities
War Conditions in Factories (2 folders)
War Conditions - Speed-up, etc.
World War I - Effect, 1914-1917
World War I - Reconversion Period 1919-1921
War - World War II
War - Reconversion Period
Maps of Townships, Dearborn
Miscellaneous
Marcus, Daimler, Auto Designers
Olds Motor Vehicle Co.
World War II, Pre-Entry

HENRY FORD FILE

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Ford, Clara Bryant (2 folders)
Ford, Clara Bryant - General
Ford, Edsel
Ford, Edsel and Father
Ford, Edsel
 Character and Business Methods (3 folders)
 Family (2 folders)
 Residences
 Residences and Hobbies
Ford, Henry
 Antiquarian Interests
 Author (2 folders)
 Character and Business Habits
 Character and Business Methods
 Chicago Tribune Suit

Courtship and Marriage
Crowther, Samuel
Death
Descriptions of
Edsel
Educational and Antiquarian Interests – General (2 folders)

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Institute of Agricultural Engineers
Georgia Schools
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Family, after 1933
Family Chart
Farming (3 folders)
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Friends and Social
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Genealogy
Health (2 folders)
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Interviews
Minority Stockholders Suit
Miscellaneous
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Pacifist, Peace Ship, before December 2, 1915
Pacifist, Peace Ship, after December 2, 1915
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FORD MOTOR COMPANY FILE

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Dodge Brothers
The Edsel

Engineering
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Engineering, Research and Development

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 Breech, E. R.
 Crusoe, L. D.
 Davis, J. R.
 Dykstra, J.
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 Ford, William C.
 Harder, D. S.
 Houston, R.
 Lundy, J. E.
 Martin, J. P.
 McNamara, R. S.
 Miller, A. B.
 Mills, B.
 Patterson, C.
 Williams, W.
 Wright, J. L.
 Yntema, T. O.

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Wages Hours
Wages and Hours
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Selden Patent Suit
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