



Finding Aid for

**GARY MOTOR TRUCK COMPANY RECORDS,
1916-1918 (bulk 1917)**

Accession 1772

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OVERVIEW

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 1772

CREATOR: Gary Motor Truck Company

TITLE: Gary Motor Truck Company records

INCLUSIVE DATES: 1916-1918

BULK DATES: 1917

QUANTITY: 0.4 cubic ft.

LANGUAGE: The materials are in English.

ABSTRACT: This collection documents the Gary Motor Truck Company during its formative years through business records that include bids submitted to supply trucks to various businesses, correspondence, vehicle specifications and maintenance instructions and surveys of efficiency comparing truck power and horse power.

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:** The records were donated to the Benson Ford Research Center in 1992 by the family of Henry Austin Clark, Jr.
- RELATED MATERIAL:** Related material held by The Henry Ford:
- Truck Product Literature Collection, Accession 180. Gary Truck Co. (1916-1918).
- PREFERRED CITATION:** Item, folder, accession 1772, Gary Motor Truck Company records, Benson Ford Research Center, The Henry Ford
- DESCRIPTION INFORMATION:** The collection finding aid was revised by Brian Wilson in November 2010 to: create an electronic version in MS Word; add Folder 9 to the contents list; correct grammar and punctuation errors.

HISTORICAL NOTE

The Gary Motor Truck Company of Gary, Indiana, existed between 1916-1912. The first truck models were powered by Continental Motors and were available in five sizes from 3/4 ton to 2 ton.

In 1922 the company name was changed to Gary Truck Corporation. The change of name coincided with a change in engine supplier, Budas being used from 1922 until the company went out of business in 1927. During this time a wider range of one to five ton capacity trucks were offered.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection documents the company during its formative years with bids submitted to supply trucks to various businesses, correspondence, vehicle specifications and maintenance instructions and surveys of efficiency comparing truck power and horse power.

ARRANGEMENT

The materials are arranged alphabetically by subject.

SUBJECT TERMS

Names

Gary Motor Truck Company

Subjects

Truck industry--Indiana--Gary

Trucks

Trucks--Design and construction

Trucks--Specifications

Locations

Gary (Ind.)

Genre and Form

Business records

Design drawings

BOX AND FOLDER LISTING

Box no.	Description
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BOX 1

	Accessory price lists, 1917
	Bids, 1917-1918
	Correspondence, 1917
	Correspondence, 1918
	Drawings, undated
	Efficiency survey, undated
	Invoices, 1917
	Maintenance instructions, undated
	Order forms, circa 1917
	Payment coupons, 1917
	Specifications, Model K, undated
	Stationary, undated