



Finding Aid for

**HARRIET PEARSON STEINKE GENEALOGY COLLECTION, 1819-1938  
(BULK 1924-1938)  
Accession 1571**

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## OVERVIEW

**REPOSITORY:** Benson Ford Research Center  
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**ACCESSION NUMBER:** 1571

**CREATOR:** Steinke, Harriet Pearson

**TITLE:** Harriet Pearson Steinke genealogy collection

**INCLUSIVE DATES:** 1819-1938

**BULK DATES:** 1924-1938

**QUANTITY:** 0.4 cubic ft.

**LANGUAGE:** The materials are in English

**ABSTRACT:** Harriet Pearson Steinke assembled this collection of genealogical materials relating to William S. Ford, cousin to Henry Ford's father, William Ford. The materials include genealogy forms, correspondence, photographs, receipts and newspaper clippings.

## **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 Harriet Pearson Steinke, 1981
- PREFERRED CITATION:** Item, folder, box, accession 1571, Harriet Pearson Steinke genealogy collection, Benson Ford Research Center, The Henry Ford
- PROCESSING INFORMATION:** Collection processed by Benson Ford Research Center staff, October 1981.
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## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

All of the papers are related to Ford family genealogy. Except for a set of approximately 200 genealogy sheets compiled by Raymond Laird for Henry Ford, the documents are photocopies of material collected by Harriet Steinke. Ms. Steinke was Laird's niece. The genealogy sheets cover the descendants of William Ford, 1775-1818, and Rebecca Jennings Ford, 1776-1851. It is thought that Laird compiled the data between 1934 and 1938. Photocopied items are primarily concerned with William S. Ford and his son John. (Note: this is not the William Ford who was the father of Henry Ford, founder of the Ford Motor Company. William S. Ford was a double first cousin to Henry's father.) Items in the collection include property tax receipts, correspondence regarding estate matters, a William S. Ford and Ann Ford 50th wedding invitation, a William S. Ford obituary, and a few family photographs. There is also a booklet entitled "Carriages of Two Centuries" with drawings of carriages from the Edison Institute (now The Henry Ford) that participated in a 1924 parade in Dearborn, Michigan, and an album of postcards collected by Ann Ford.

## SUBJECT TERMS

### Names, Personal and Corporate

Ford family  
Laird, Raymond H., 1898-1968  
Ford, Henry, 1863-1947  
Ford, William S., 1819-1898  
Ford, Ann Ketchum, 1820-1893  
Ford, John N., 1851-1916  
Ford, Rebecca Jennings, 1776-1851  
Ford, William, 1775-1818  
Henry Ford (Organization)

### Subjects

Carriages and carts

### Geographic

Dearborn (Mich.)

### Genre and Form

Postcards  
Genealogies  
Photographs

## CONTAINER LIST

**Box no.**                      **Description**

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### Box 1

Genealogy forms  
1-49  
151-210  
Scrapbook of Anna Ford (postcards and greeting cards)  
Personal papers of William S. Ford and John N. Ford (2 folders; contains several items concerning William S. Ford; all photocopies)  
Property tax receipts, 1844, 1859, 1863, 1889  
Fire insurance receipts, 1868-1879  
Probate fee receipts for the estate of William S Ford, 1898  
Probate fee receipts for the state of Ann Ketchum Ford, 1893  
Receipt for \$69 paid to Josephine Ford Newsome by John N. Ford, administrator of William S. Ford estate, 1900  
Receipt to John N. Ford for payment for monument for William S. Ford, 1899  
Letter stating share of William S. Ford estate to go to Rebecca Ford Gilson and Charles Richardson, husband of Emma Ford, 1900  
Letter to Mary F. Ford (wife of John N. Ford) concerning ownership rights to estate of Rebecca Ford Gilson, 1928  
Obituary note regarding William S. Ford, 1928  
Quit claim deed to land for 1<sup>st</sup> Methodist Episcopal Church of Greenfield, William S. Ford church trustee, 1860  
Announcement for 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of William and Ann Ford, 1889  
Poem by Emma Ford (Mrs. Charles Richardson) 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 1879  
Newspaper account of 50th wedding anniversary of William and Ann, 1889  
Photograph of William S. Ford home on Joy Road, circa 1925  
Wedding invitation for Ivy Richardson - granddaughter of William, 1906  
Wedding invitation- Nettie Richardson -granddaughter of William, 1909  
Photograph of sons of William S. and Ann Ford, circa 1875  
Photograph of daughters of William S. and Ann Ford, circa 1875  
Photograph of John N. Ford, son of William S. and Ann Ford  
Pageant Program, "Carriages of Two Centuries," July 4, 1924  
Folder describing Maxwell's Warren Telegraph Subdivision, circa 1925  
Other records