



Finding Aid for

**HENRY FORD FAIR LANE OFFICE RECORDS SERIES, 1895-1951
SE 002**

(Accessions 384 and 844)

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OVERVIEW

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 384 and 844

CREATOR: Ford Motor Company. Estate of Henry Ford

TITLE: Henry Ford Fair Lane Office records series

INCLUSIVE DATES: 1895-1951

QUANTITY: 0.6 cubic ft.

LANGUAGE: The materials are in English

ABSTRACT: The Henry Ford Fair Lane Office records series consists of correspondence, financial papers, expense reports, and legal papers once maintained by Leslie J. Thompson, manager of accounts at the Ford estate. The records document a variety of Ford family activities, most significantly properties, yachts, travel, and charitable contributions.

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:** Ford Motor Company Archives donation, 1964
- RELATED MATERIAL:** Related material held by The Henry Ford:
- This subseries forms part of the Estate Records subgroup, Henry Ford and Ford Family papers. Other materials in this subgroup include:
- Office of Clara Ford records series, Accession 290
- Office of Henry Ford and Clara Ford Estate series, Accession 587
- Clara Ford Estate records series, Accession 588
- Memorials series, Accessions 1136 and 1390
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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Edsel Bryant Ford died at his home in Grosse Pointe, Michigan on May 26, 1943 at age forty-nine; Henry Ford died at his home in Dearborn, Michigan on April 7, 1947 at age eighty-three; Clara Bryant Ford died at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, Michigan on September 29, 1950 at age eighty-four.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The records consist of correspondence, financial papers, expense reports, and legal papers once maintained by Leslie J. Thompson, manager of accounts at the Ford Fairlane Estate. Records document a variety of Ford family activities, most significantly properties, yachts, travel, and charitable contributions.

SUBJECT TERMS

Names, Personal and Corporate

Ford, Henry, 1863-1947.

Ford, Clara Bryant, 1866-1950

Thompson, Leslie J.

Burroughs, John, 1837-1921.

Dearborn Realty and Construction Company.

Ford Motor Company. Estate of Clara J. Ford.

Ford Motor Company. Estate of Henry Ford.

Subjects

Charities

Philanthropists

Yachts

Genre and Form

Estate records.

Financial records.

CONTAINER LIST

Box no. **Description**

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Box 1

Ford Investment Plan, 1920-1946
Philanthropies (Henry Ford - Clara J. Ford)
Properties
 Ann Arbor Land Company - Sharon Hollow Plant and Farms
 Botsford Inn
 Burroughs, John
 Cape May, New Jersey
 Dearborn, Michigan
 Dearborn - Fair Lane
 Dearborn Realty Company
 Dearborn Realty & Construction Company
 Dearborn Township
 Detroit Street Railways land
 Dexter, Michigan
 Ecorse, Michigan
 Flat Rock, Michigan
 Florida
 Frischkorn Investment Company
 Gaukler Point
 Greenfield Township (Highland Park)
 Lincoln Memorial University (Harrogate, Tenn.)
 Macon Township (located northeast of Tecumseh, Mich.)
 McGuffey birthplace
 Menlo Park, New Jersey
 Northville and Phoenix Mill
 Peninsula Township (Ford Island) Grand Traverse County, Mich.
 Quirk farms
 Raisin Township (located south of Tecumseh, Mich.)
 Redford Township, Michigan
 Richmond Hill, Georgia
 Sandwich, Ontario (near Windsor)
 Springwells Township
 Superior Township
 Tecumseh Township and Village
 Van Buren Township
 Wayside Inn (South Sudbury, Mass.)
 Waterford, Michigan
 Ypsilanti Township
Railroad car "Fairlane" (2 folders)
Steam yacht, "Sialia" (includes information on the power yacht "Sialia II")

Summary of income and disbursements, Henry Ford and Clara Ford, 1919-1950
Yachts

Miscellaneous subjects (includes information on the Detroit, Toledo & Ironton
Railroad, et al; Thomas A. Edison; Henry Ford II letter to L. J. Thompson, 29
May 1951 regarding participation in Oral History program; The Kansas City,
Mexico & Orient Railway Company; operating losses; traveling expense of
Mexican trip, 7 December 1918)

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Burroughs, 1895-1947 (compilation of information on Ford and Ford Office dealings
with John Burroughs, including purchase of properties from Burroughs family)

Detroit Department of Street Railways, 1925-1943 (information regarding Henry
Ford and Ford Motor Company dealings with Detroit Department of Street
Railways, including financial and legal data)

Edison, 1912-1938 (restatement of financial ledger records regarding Thomas A.
Edison)

Ford Foundation contributions, 1936-1943 (Photocopy)

Kansas City, Mexico & Orient Railway Company, 1901-1924 (includes information
on the history, development and operations of the railroad, and Ford financial
holdings)

Properties (statements describing properties held in New Jersey, Michigan, Georgia,
Ontario, and Florida)

Philanthropies, 1918-1950, 1975 (listings of charitable contributions made by Henry
Ford and Clara Ford)

Trips of the Fords, 1921-1949 (includes listing of trips taken by Henry Ford;
movements and operations of private railroad car "Fair Lane")

Real estate ledger copies