



Finding Aid for

**NORTHERN MICHIGAN TIMBER AND LAND SURVEY RECORDS,
1920-1953
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OVERVIEW

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 1908

CREATOR: Ford Motor Company. Ford Division. Northern Michigan Operations

TITLE: Northern Michigan timber and land survey records

INCLUSIVE DATES: 1920-1953

QUANTITY: 17 volumes

LANGUAGE: The materials are in English

ABSTRACT: The Northern Michigan timber and land survey records contain information on Ford-owned properties such as the market value of timber and land surveys.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Northern Michigan Timber and Land Survey records consist of two series. The Timber Market Valuation series contains nine oversized volumes. The volumes summarize type and market value of timber on Ford-owned properties in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, including Alberta, Amasa, Champion, Skanee, and miscellaneous properties near Alpena, Michigan and eastern Wisconsin. The Land Survey records series consists of eight oversized volumes with summary survey data collected by local "cruisers" hired by Ford. The volumes include land and timber evaluations, topographical sketches, and other notes regarding soil quality and drainage. The ledgers are arranged according to section, range, and township. The records also include one volume summarizing land, lumber, and mineral values of Ford properties donated to the Ford Motor Company Fund in December 1953.

SUBJECT TERMS

Names, Personal or Corporate

Ford Motor Company. Ford Division. Northern Michigan Operations.

Subjects

Logging--Michigan

Commercial real estate

Real property--Valuation

Lumbering--Michigan

Timber--Valuation

Genre and Form

Ledgers

Topographic surveys

CONTAINER LIST

Box no. **Description**

TIMBER MARKET VALUATION

Ledgers 1 and 2

Amasa Area, 1952-1953

Ledgers 3 and 4

Champion Area, 1952-1953

Ledgers 5 and 6

Skanee Area, 1952-1953

Ledger 7

Alberta Area, 1952-1953

Ledger 8

Area Control and Miscellaneous Properties including Wisconsin, 1952-1953

Ledger 9

Ford Timber Market Values, 1952-1953

LAND SURVEY RECORDS

Ledger 10

Ranges 21 to 28 West, including ranges 3, 4, 9 and 19 East, 1935-1949

Ledger 11

Range 29 West, 1929-1951

Ledger 12

Range 30 West, 1920-1949

Ledger 13

Range 31 West, 1920-1950

Ledger 14

Range 32 West, 1924-1951

Ledger 15

Range 33 West, 1920-1951

Ledger 16

Ranges 34-35 West, 1920-1951

Ledger 17

Appraisal of Ford Timberland Donated to Ford Motor Company Fund, 1953