



Finding Aid for

ROBERT STUART ABBOTT PAPERS, 1909-1982
Accession 1636

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OVERVIEW

REPOSITORY: Benson Ford Research Center
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ACCESSION NUMBER: 1636

CREATOR: Abbott, Robert Stuart, 1885-1982.

TITLE: Robert Stuart Abbott papers

INCLUSIVE DATES: 1909-1982

BULK DATES: 1909-1940

QUANTITY: 0.2 cubic ft.

LANGUAGE: The materials are in English.

ABSTRACT: Robert Stuart Abbott began his career with the Ford Motor Company as a salesman in 1907. He later served as both branch and district managers before acquiring his own automobile dealership. The Robert Stuart Abbott papers contain biographical and genealogical information about Abbott and his family.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

- ACCESS RESTRICTIONS:** The papers are open for research.
- COPYRIGHT:** Copyright was transferred to The Henry Ford.
- ACQUISITION:** The collection was donated to The Henry Ford by the Abbott family in 1983.
- RELATED MATERIAL:** Related materials within The Henry Ford:
- See also the William C. McMillan picture collection, circa 1920-1945, Accession 1860, for additional Ford close-up albums.
- PREFERRED CITATION:** Item, folder, box, accession 1636, Robert Stuart Abbott Papers, Benson Ford Research Center, The Henry Ford
- PROCESSING INFORMATION:** A personal family photographic scrapbook was separated and returned to the Abbott family in 1983.
- DESCRIPTION INFORMATION:** Finding aid originally prepared by staff of the Benson Ford Research Center.

The hardcopy paper finding aid was scanned, converted to MS Word electronic format by Brian Wilson in February 2011.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Robert Stuart Abbott was hired by Henry Ford in 1907 as a salesman. He was named Chicago branch assistant manager in 1909 and promoted to Atlanta branch manager in 1911. He served as branch manager in Houston, Texas, and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as well as district manager in Chicago, Illinois, before becoming vice-president of a Ford dealership in New Orleans, Louisiana. He later bought out a car dealership in Alexandria, Louisiana, where he retired in 1957.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection materials include a 1928 tribute booklet from Abbott's days as Philadelphia branch manager; a portrait of Abbott; an album entitled Ford Close-Up containing photographs of Henry Ford and other top Ford Motor Company executives, presumably created by William C. McMillan, and loose scrapbook pages compiled by Abbott containing correspondence, newspaper clippings, sales bulletins, and photographs pertaining to Ford Motor Company.

ARRANGEMENT

Materials are arranged by form.

SUBJECT TERMS

Names

Abbott, Robert Stuart, 1885-1982.
Abbott family

Subjects

Automobile dealers -- Louisiana.

Genre and Form

Photograph albums.
Photographs.
Portraits.

BOX AND FOLDER LISTING

Box no.	Description
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BOX 1

Photo Album, undated (Includes many photographs of Henry Ford with notables such as Thomas Alva Edison)

Clippings, undated (Subjects regarding Ford Motor Company)

Tribute book, undated

Portrait and two clippings