



Finding Aid for

**SUBJECT INFORMATION FILES SUBSERIES, 1863-1958
(BULK 1950-1956)**

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OVERVIEW

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 903

CREATOR: Ford Motor Company. Archives. Oral History Section.

TITLE: Subject information files subseries

INCLUSIVE DATES: 1863-1958

BULK DATES: 1950-1956

QUANTITY: 2 cubic ft.

LANGUAGE: The materials are in English.

ABSTRACT: Owen W. Bombard headed the Oral History Section at Ford Motor Company in the 1950s. The Subject information files subseries contains reference and topical files created by Bombard and his staff.

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HISTORICAL NOTE

Owen W. Bombard, born in 1922 in Au Sable Forks, New York, received undergraduate and masters degrees from New York State College. While working towards a PhD at Columbia University, he trained with Allan Nevins in the Oral History Research Office. Bombard was hired by the Ford Motor Company in 1950 to head an Oral History Section designed to enrich the historical record already housed in the newly formed Ford Motor Company Archives. The mission of the section, according to a 1952 Bombard speech to the American Historical Association, was "to increase the quantity and quality of historical sources – to reduce the number of 'blank spots' which have forced both management and scholars to make decisions or draw conclusions based on fragmentary documentation." When the project was concluded in 1958, Bombard continued working for the Ford Motor Company, serving in various public relations departments.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The **Subject information files subseries**, 1863-1958 (2 cubic ft.), consists of reference and topical files created by Bombard and staff while Bombard headed the Ford Motor Company Archives Oral History Section. Alphabetically arranged, the material includes facts and data regarding the Ford family and the evolution of the Ford Motor Company.

SUBJECT TERMS

Names, Personal and Corporate

Bombard, Owen W., 1922-
Ford, Henry, 1863-1947
Ford, Edsel, 1893-1943
Ford family
Ford Motor Company. Archives. Oral History Section.
Henry Ford (Organization)

Subjects

Automobile industry and trade
Automobile factories
Assembly-line methods
Automobile industry workers
Ford Motor Company--History
Ford Motor Company--Employees
Ford Motor Company--Industrial relations
Ford Motor Company--Public relations
Industry and education
Aircraft industry

Subjects continued:

Industrialists

Oral history

Pacifism

Philanthropists

Radio--History

Camping

Genre or Form

Chronologies

CONTAINER LIST

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Box 1

Henry Ford biography 1863-1903
Advertising (two folders)
Aviation (Tri-Motors, etc.)
Aviation
Benz, Carl - automotive biography
Bibliography - part I (books) and addenda
Bibliography and other basic sources
Cadillac engine specifications, 1922-1956
Central office building
Competitors - General Motors Corporation - assembly plants
Dearborn Country Club
Dearborn Inn
Dearborn Independent
Detroit, Toledo and Ironton railroad
Edison Institute
Employees
Engines
Engine numbers - Model T
Fair Lane facts
Fors family birth dates
Ford Motor Company
 1905-1906
 Branches, operations and assembly plants, 1923
 Chronology - including Rouge
 Facts and figures (2 folders)
Ford firsts to 1952
Ford data book

Box 2

Ford Lincoln and Mercury engines, technical data 1908-1956
Cars and trucks - specifications
Comparative balance sheets 1903-1921
Medical program and industrial hygiene
Employees, salaries and wages
Ford Motor Company - O and A stock
Model T
 Truck and car engineering specifications, 1925
 Chassis specifications, 1926-1927
V-8 1946 equipment
Expansion since World War II
Lincoln Body types, including production dates, 1931-1936

Organization, plants, number of employees
Production
Production - World War I
1950 starting motor number coding for Ford, Mercury and Lincoln
Production
 Liberty engines
 Engines, 1904-1949
Rubber plantation
Tractor production
Traffic - marine
Radio enterprises
Schools and camps for boys
Edsel Ford
 Biography (2 folders)
 Boat "Oneika"
Ford, Henry
 Educator
 Chronology
 Racing
 Travel
Henry Ford and Thomas Edison
Ford, Henry
 Residences
 Tribune suit excerpts
 Chronology
Greenfield Village data
Henry Ford Hospital
Henry Ford Museum

Box 3

Industrial art award
Lincoln history
Lincoln Motor numbers, 1920-1935
Miscellaneous
Ford Motor Company - motor numbers
Muscle Shoals
Oral history project
Paint
Peace Ship notes and World War I production - James Shenton notes
Plant engineering - Ford expansion, postwar
Plants
Prices
Profit sharing
Production
Production and sales

Racing - 999
Rouge guide tour
Selden patent suit - K. Clark notes
Stout Metal Airplane Company
Taxicabs
Test driving
Traffic safety department
Upholstery- Ford cars
Research
 Ford Times
 Upper Peninsula
Ruddiman, Margaret Ford
U.S. automotive production, 1905-1911
Bibliography - recent books on Ford
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 12,000,000th (twelve millionth) car, 1925

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Interrupted, 1945
General plants, confidential, 1946
Ford, Lincoln, Mercury, trucks and buses, 1947
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Lincoln, Mercury 1948
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Commodity weights of material used in 1949 Ford passenger Tudor model, 1949
Estimated confidential schedule, 1949-1950
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History
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Somerville, Massachusetts plant
Steel mill
Steel shortage
Steel strike truce
Stellato, Carl
Stock car racing
Tire plant - history
Tractor division data, 1946
Tri-Motor - miscellaneous facts
Truck - production and prices, 1948
Trucker
UAW-CIO station WDET-FM
Union, general, 1949
Village industries
Wisconsin - history, "First Car a Ford"