



Finding Aid for

VICTOR J. PERINI PAPERS, 1918-1931
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OVERVIEW

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 494

CREATOR: Perini, Victor J., 1889-1941

TITLE: Victor J. Perini papers

INCLUSIVE DATES: 1918-1931

QUANTITY: 0.2 cubic ft. and 1 oversize box

LANGUAGE: The materials are in English

ABSTRACT: Victor J. Perini began working for Ford Motor Company in 1910. He supervised Ford operations in locations around the world, including New York, England and Brazil. His papers consist of photographs of the different locations at which he worked.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Victor J. Perini was born in New York City in 1889. He began his career as a tool maker in New Jersey and moved to Detroit in 1910. He started working at Ford Motor Company as a toolmaker at the company's Piquette Avenue plant in Detroit, Michigan in April 1910. He worked his way up to become superintendent of the Motor Building at Ford's Highland Park Plant and supervised construction of the Liberty aircraft motor during World War I. In 1922, Perini was assigned to supervise construction of a hydro-electric power plant at Green Island, New York. In 1924, he was sent to oversee the reorganization of the Ford assembly plant in Manchester, England, and in 1926 he was assigned to Iron Mountain, Michigan to take charge of lumber and sawmill operations. In 1930, Perini was tasked to take over and operate the newly established Ford rubber plantations at Belterra and Fordlandia in Brazil.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Victor J. Perini papers consist primarily of personal photographs documenting the various Ford Motor Company positions he held. The papers include photographs of Liberty motors; the Green Island, New York power plant; assembly lines at the Ford plant in Manchester, England; promotional photographs of the 250,000th Model T produced in England; and employee housing and plant operations at the Iron Mountain sawmill. Of special interest is an unbound album of construction progress photographs documenting the development of Ford rubber operations in Brazil between 1928 and 1931.

SUBJECT TERMS

Names, Personal and Corporate

Perini, Victor J., 1889-1941

Compania Ford Industrial do Ford Brasil

Ford Motor Company Ltd.

Subjects

Airplanes--Motors

Assembly-line methods

Lumbering--Michigan

Plantations--Amazon River Region

Power plants

Rubber industry and trade--Brazil

Rubber

Rubber plants

Sawmills

Geographic

Brazil

Iron Mountain (Mich.)

Green Island (New York)

Genre and Form

Photographs

Photograph albums

Progress photographs

CONTAINER LIST

Box no.	Description
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Box 1

Map of Pará, Brazil, 1918
Liberty Motor, 1918
Green Island, New York, 1922
Manchester, England, 1924-1925
Iron Mountain, Michigan, 1926-1929
Fordlandia and Boa Vista, 1930-1931

Box 2 Oversize

Rubber plantation, 1929-1931 (unbound scrapbook)