



Finding Aid for

WINTON MOTOR CARRIAGE COMPANY RECORDS, 1897-1928

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OVERVIEW

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CREATOR: Winton Motor Carriage Company

TITLE: Winton Motor Carriage Company records

INCLUSIVE DATES: 1897-1928

QUANTITY: 0.2 cubic ft.

LANGUAGE: The materials are in English.

ABSTRACT: Records of proceedings of the stockholders and directors for the Winton Motor Carriage Company and the Winton Engine Company during the period 1887-1928.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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HISTORICAL NOTE

Alexander Winton, a Scotsman, came to Cleveland, Ohio, and formed the Winton Bicycle Co. His first single-cylinder car was built in 1896. In 1897 Winton formed the Winton Motor Carriage Co. To try out his car, he drove from Cleveland to New York City. In 1898, production started and 22 cars were sold. Winton was the first to set up an orderly production schedule. During WWI, the company switched to heavy military production. Due to high prices after WWI sales dropped. Winton tried for a consolidation with several other companies without success.

In his glory days, Alexander Winton's worth was estimated at \$5,000,000. When he died in 1932 his estate was valued at \$50,000. The Winton Motor Car Company turned from making automobiles to producing diesel engines and motors in 1925 and became the Winton Engine Company.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The records consist of stockholder and director proceedings for both the Winton Motor Car Company and the Winton Engine Company.

SUBJECT TERMS

Names

Winton Motor Carriage Company
Winton Engine Company

Subjects

Automobile industry and trade--Finance
Automobile industry and trade--Management
Automobile industry and trade--Ohio--Cleveland.

Locations

Cleveland (Ohio)

Genre and Form

Business records

BOX AND FOLDER LISTING

Box no.	Description
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BOX 1

Records of Proceedings of the Stockholders and Directors
 Winton Engine Company, 1924-1928 (1 bound volume)
 Winton Motor Carriage Company, 1899-1922 (1 folder)
 Winton Motor Carriage Company, 1897-1921 (1 bound volume)