Finding Aid for

PLANT ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION PHOTOGRAPHS SERIES, 1913-1953
Accession 721

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TITLE: Plant Engineering Construction photographs series

INCLUSIVE DATES: 1913-1953

QUANTITY: 16.8 cubic ft.

LANGUAGE: The materials are in English

ABSTRACT: This series contains photographs taken by Ford Motor Company photographers to document the growth of the company around the country. It mainly includes construction photographs of factories, railroad stations, and Dearborn, Michigan buildings.
ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

ACCESS RESTRICTIONS: The collection is open for research

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- General photographs series, Acc. 833
- Ford Rotunda Lantern Slides series, Acc. 1182
- Renovated Assembly Plants photographs series, Acc. 696
- Northern Michigan Operations photographs series, Acc. 270
- World’s Fair photographs series, Acc. 232
- Photographs for Ford News Bureau album series, Acc. 1505
- Photographic Library (Earle Hanger) records series, Acc. 1685

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**HISTORICAL NOTE**

Ford Motor Company photographers were dispatched across the country to document the growth of the company evident in construction projects large and small. A large number of the images are progress photographs documenting the construction of Ford Motor Company automotive assembly plants, service and repair structures, and manufacturing facilities. Particularly well represented is the construction, repair, and renovation work at the Highland Park Plant in Michigan.

Construction in non-automotive areas include views of the construction of a Detroit, Toledo, and Ironton Railroad passenger station; several hydro-electric power stations and airplane factories and hangars in Dearborn, Chicago, and Cleveland. Dearborn, Michigan projects included in the series are the Dearborn Inn, Dearborn Country Club, the Edison Institute and Greenfield Village (now The Henry Ford), and the Ford Motor Company's Dearborn Engineering Laboratory. The series is also a good source for images of many of the Ford Village Industries, Chicago and New York world's fairs buildings, and several dealerships.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The Plant Engineering Construction Photographs series is arranged alphabetically by city; all cities are in the United States. The alphabetical listing ends with Oklahoma City. Highland Park, MI occurs in its alphabetic arrangement and following Oklahoma City at the conclusion of the collection. The Lincoln Plant in Detroit, Michigan is arranged alphabetically under “L” for Lincoln. While the bulk of the photographs were taken between 1921-1945 it should be noted that the years 1913-1916 are also well documented.
SUBJECT TERMS

Names, Personal and Corporate
Ford Motor Company. Photographic Department.
Ford Motor Company. Plant Engineering Department.
Ford Motor Company. Highland Park Plant.
Lincoln Motor Company (Detroit, Mich)
Dearborn Country Club
Dearborn Inn (Dearborn Mich.)
Detroit, Toledo, and Ironton Railroad
Henry Ford (Organization)
Ford Village Industries
Stout Metal Airplane Company
World’s Fair (1934-1935: Chicago, Ill.)
New York World’s Fair (1939-1940)

Subjects
Aircraft industry
Airports
Automobile dealers
Automobile factories--California
Automobile factories--Colorado
Automobile factories--Florida
Automobile factories--Georgia
Automobile factories--Illinois
Automobile factories--Kentucky
Automobile factories--Michigan
Automobile factories--Minnesota
Automobile factories--Missouri
Automobile factories--Nebraska
Automobile factories--New Jersey
Automobile factories--North Carolina
Automobile factories--North Dakota
Automobile factories--Ohio
Automobile factories--Oklahoma
Automobile factories--Pennsylvania
Automobile factories--Tennessee
Automobile factories--Texas
Automobile factories--Virginia
Automobile factories--Design and construction
Automobile industry and trade
Ford Motor Company--Buildings
Industrial buildings
Subjects continued:
Service stations
Factories--Design and construction
Airport buildings
Hangars
Power-plants
Sawmills
Buildings--Michigan--Dearborn
Lincoln Motor Company (Detroit, Mich.)--Buildings
Stout Metal Airplane Company--Buildings

Geographic
Big Bay (Mich.)--Buildings
Ford Airport (Dearborn, Mich.)

Genre and Form
Progress photographs
Photographs
Photographic prints
Photographic negatives
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Atlanta, Georgia  
Construction and progress, 1914 (3 folders)  
Funderburk and Mitchell dealerships interiors and exteriors, garage interiors, 1927  
Power and Light wiring, 1931 |
| **Box 2** | Big Bay, Michigan - miscellaneous shots, 1943-1945 (4 folders)  
Boston, Massachusetts - Lincoln and Ford dealership by Funderburk and Mitchell, Inc., 1922-1927  
Brooklyn, Michigan - Construction of Brooklyn plant powerhouse and dam, 1938-1939 (2 folders) |
| **Box 3 and 4** | Buffalo, New York  
Construction of Buffalo plant, 1915-1930 (13 folders) |
| **Box 5** | Cambridge, Massachusetts - Ford Motor Company Service Station construction, 1924-1925  
Charlotte, North Carolina - assembly construction, 1924; roofing project, 1938 (4 folders)  
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| **Box 6** | Construction of buildings 1-100, 1926 (2 folders)  
Construction of buildings 101-, 1926 (4 folders) |
| **Box 7** | Building repair, 1939  
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Alterations and additions, 1931-1932  
Chicago, Illinois  
Assembly plant construction, 1923-1925; Turb-generator installation, 1939 (2 folders) |
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| **Box 9** | Airplane hangar construction, 1927 |
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Columbus, Ohio - construction: plant, 1916; service building, 1914 (2 folders)

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Dallas, Texas
- Assembly building construction, 1924-1925 (3 folders)
- Service building construction, 1913-1914; expansion 1936 (2 folders)

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Box 12
Dearborn, Michigan
- Airplane hangar and factory construction, 1929 (2 folders) (Stout Metal Airplane Company and Aircraft Development Corporation)
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Dearborn Engineering Lab construction, 1923-1924; powerhouse tunnel extension, 1930 (3 folders)
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Henry Ford Museum construction, 1929-1930 (2 folders)
- Dearborn Aircraft building (Rouge), 1941
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**Box 18**

  Construction progress, 1921-1922 (2 folders)
  Construction repairs, undated
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  Construction of hydro-electric station for Henry Ford & Son Inc., 1921 (3 folders)
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  Construction progress, 1922-1923

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  Highland Park, Michigan
  Building A construction and progress, 1916-1917
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  Construction progress, 1913-1914

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  Construction of building G.A.D. M-4 medium tank job, 1942 (2 folders)
  Construction of medium tank test track, 1942
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  Construction and repairs, 1937-1940
  Jacksonville, Florida
  Construction progress, 1924 (4 folders; contains 4 black and white 8x10 negatives)
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Kansas City, Kansas - construction, 1913; power plant construction, 1916; assembly plant construction, 1923-1924; power and oil house construction, 1924 (5 folders)

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Kearney, New Jersey
Construction progress, 1918-1919 (4 folders)
Construction progress, 1918-1919 and a single photo for 1922 and 1925

Box 27
Construction progress, 1918-1919 and a single photo for 1922 and 1925 (3 folders)
L’Anse, Michigan - dock photos, some with “Daniel L. Hebard” boat, undated
Lincoln Plant, Detroit, Michigan
A War Plant in the Making, Lincoln Motor Company’s photographic record…largest Liberty Motor Factory, 1918
Construction progress,
Building construction, 1922-1923
Power house construction, 1926-1928

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Marine engine and generator installation, 1926-1928 (2 folders)
Crane re-enforcement in Building #18, 1937
Driveway construction, 1939
Aluminum foundry construction, 1942

Box 29
Tank engine test cell building construction, 1942 (3 folders)
Los Angeles, California - Assembly Building construction, 1923; interior service building, 1913; exterior service building, 1926; Lincoln Mercury L.A. assembly plant, aerial, 1948 (2 folders)

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Louisville, Kentucky - plant assembly construction, 1924-1925; interiors, 1937; various Louisville branch photos, 1939 (4 folders)
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Construction progress, 1939-1940

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  Interiors of vacant 420 N. 5th street, 1937

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    Branch assembly plant, 1925-1940

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  Addition to assembly plant, pier, driveway and bulkhead construction, 1937-1938
  Various snapshots, 1939

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  Northville, Michigan - construction progress, 1935-1939 (4 folders)
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    Interiors, exteriors and construction, 1916; Service building, 1915-1916; assembly building addition, 1924 (2 folders)
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Box 40
- Highland Park, Michigan - powerhouse construction, 1914-1915 (6 folders)

Box 41
- Powerhouse alterations, 1913-1916 (7 folders) (photos #147-8878, some gaps and overlaps in numbering)

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- Prototype Eagle Ship, 1918 (7 folders)