Finding Aid for

EDWARD S. HUFF RECORDS SUBSERIES, 1906-1933

Accession 64.167.799

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OVERVIEW

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 64.167.799

CREATOR: Huff, Edward S., 1879-1933

TITLE: Edward S. Huff Records Subseries

INCLUSIVE DATES: 1906-1933

QUANTITY: 0.4 cubic ft. (1 box)

LANGUAGE: The materials are in English.

ABSTRACT: Edward S. "Spider" Huff helped Henry Ford design electrical and ignition systems for his earliest racing vehicles and achieved racing immortality by riding with Ford during a race against Alexander Winton in October 1901. The records consist of one bound volume of automotive electrical wiring designs, sketches, and radio schematics by Huff, along with a single rough sketch.
ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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DESCRIPTION INFORMATION: Original collection inventory list prepared by staff of the Ford Motor Company Archives, circa 1964.


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BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

Edward S. "Spider" Huff helped Henry Ford design electrical and ignition systems for his earliest racing vehicles. He achieved racing immortality by riding on the running board of Henry Ford's race car during an event against the leading automobile manufacturer of the day, Alexander Winton, at the Detroit Driving Club's race track in Grosse Pointe, Michigan in October, 1901. Huff also rode into the record books helping to design and run Henry Ford's car that set the world land speed record on the ice of Lake St. Clair in January, 1904. Huff was instrumental in the concept, design and development of the flywheel magneto and insulated spark plug that made the Model T a highly reliable vehicle and helped spark the success of the company. Huff was an electrical engineer of uncommon abilities and played an important role in developing Ford ignitions and other electrical systems.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Edward S. Huff Records Subseries consists of one bound volume of automotive electrical wiring designs, sketches, and radio schematics by Huff, as well as a rough sketch which is labeled "the last sketch of E. S. Huff - 1933."

SUBJECT TERMS

Names, Personal and Corporate
Ford Motor Company
Dearborn Engineering Laboratory (Dearborn, Mich.)

Subjects
Automobile engineers
Electrical engineering
Ford Model T automobile
Ford Model A automobile
Automobiles--Electronic equipment
Automobiles--Design and construction
Automobiles--Radio equipment

Genre and Form
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Technical drawings
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|         | Sketch, circa 1933 (one mounted sketch; Object ID 64.167.799.2)    |