



Finding Aid for

DEARBORN INDEPENDENT GRAPHIC FILES, 1922-1926

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OVERVIEW

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 91.98

CREATOR: Dearborn Publishing Co.

TITLE: Dearborn Independent Graphic files

INCLUSIVE DATES: 1922-1926

QUANTITY: 5.33 liner ft. and 1 oversize box

LANGUAGE: The materials are in English

ABSTRACT: Photoprints and drawings used to illustrate articles in *the Dearborn Independent* during a portion of Henry Ford's ownership.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

ACCESS RESTRICTIONS: The records are open for research

COPYRIGHT: Copyright has been transferred to the Henry Ford by the donor. Copyright for some items in the collection may still be held by their respective creator(s).

ACQUISITION: Acquired, 1991

RELATED MATERIAL: Related material held by The Henry Ford:
- Dearborn Independent records, Accessions 218, 271, and 273.
- *The Dearborn Independent* (periodical)

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BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

The Dearborn Independent began publication in 1901 in Dearborn, Michigan. It was published between 1901 and 1905 by J.J. Brown of the Suburban Publishing Company, and from 1905 until 1918 by M.T. Woodruff. Henry Ford purchased the small-town weekly in November 1918 to provide a forum in which to rectify what he felt were misinterpretations of his opinions by the press, and as an outlet for his ideas on social issues. The Dearborn Publishing Company, which published *The Dearborn Independent*, was formed in November 1918, with Henry Ford as president, Clara Ford, vice-president, Edsel Ford, secretary-treasurer and E.G. Pipp, editor. The first publication under Henry Ford's ownership was issued on January 11, 1919.

Articles covered a wide range of topics and geographical areas, both national and international. The following fields were particularly well-covered: politics; industry and agriculture; transportation; education and training; science and technology; health and welfare; leisure and travel; entertainment and the arts.

The newspaper is remembered chiefly as a vehicle for Henry Ford's anti-Semitic views, aired in two campaigns in 1920-1921 and 1924-1925. The second, and most notorious, campaign criticized Chicago attorney Aaron Sapiro for organizing farmers into what Ford felt were unfair marketing monopolies. Sapiro brought a defamation of character lawsuit against Henry Ford in March 1927 which was settled out of court the following July. Henry Ford published his last issue of *The Dearborn Independent* in December 1927.

Despite its vast circulation, with subscriptions exceeding 900,000 at its peak in 1925 and 1926, *The Dearborn Independent* was not a commercial success during the Ford era, losing \$5 million in 8 years. In late 1928, *The Dearborn Independent* subsequently resumed publication as a tri-weekly newspaper, under the new ownership of George O. St. Charles. It was amalgamated with *The Dearborn Press* in 1961, under the title, *The Dearborn Press-The Dearborn Independent*. In 1963, the name was dropped entirely from the newspaper, which continued to be published as *The Dearborn Press*.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

These files were found in the home of James Clyde Gilbert, who was secretary to William J. Cameron for 20 years, including the period of Cameron's editorship of *The Dearborn Independent* between 1921 and 1927. The collection was acquired by the Benson Ford Research Center of The Henry Ford in 1991.

The collection includes photoprints and drawings which were used to illustrate articles in *The Dearborn Independent* during a portion of the period of Henry Ford's ownership. The range of subject matter of the images is vast. The following examples give an idea of the diversity: laboratory technicians smashing plates in Washington DC to test the relative durability of American and imported crockery; hydro-electric power plants; blind war veterans plucking chickens in a rehabilitation project; inventions that include lie detectors, electronic medical

equipment to diagnose disease, and coffee decaffeinator; Seminole Indians in full tribal costume instructing wealthy American women in archery; children visiting art galleries; bread lines in New York; the destruction of illegal gambling and distilling equipment during Prohibition; and an elderly African-American woman fleeing the flooded Mississippi River with her few remaining possessions.

The illustrations, and corresponding texts in which the images appeared, are organized by date of issue. The images are further subdivided by individual article within each folder. Related images taken to illustrate articles but never published are included in the corresponding folders. Miscellaneous graphics that cannot be identified with a particular article in *The Dearborn Independent* are included in box 16. There is also a box 17 which holds oversized material.

SUBJECT TERMS

Names, Personal and Corporate

Dearborn independent
Dearborn Publishing Company
Ford, Henry, 1863-1947

Subjects

Fashion--Periodicals
International relations--Periodicals
Political participation
Travel--Periodicals
Business--Periodicals
Antisemitism
Anti-Jewish propaganda
Newspapers
Reporters and reporting

Genre and Form

Drawings
Periodicals
Photographs

CONTAINER LIST

Box no.	Description
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BOX 1

- 1-1 January 14, 1922, Graphics
- 1-2 January 21, 1922, Graphics
- 1-3 January 28, 1922, Graphics (1 of 2 folders)
- 1-4 January 28, 1922, Graphics (2 of 2 folders)
- 1-5 February 18, 1922, Graphics
- 1-6 February 25, 1922, Graphics
- 1-7 March 4, 1922, Graphics
- 1-8 March 11, 1922, Graphics
- 1-9 March 18, 1922, Graphics
- 1-10 March 25, 1922, Graphics
- 1-11 April 1, 1922, Graphics
- 1-12 April 29, 1922, Graphics

BOX 2

- 2-1 May 6, 1922, Graphics
- 2-2 May 13, 1922, Graphics
- 2-3 May 27, 1922, Graphics
- 2-4 June 3, 1922, Graphics
- 2-5 June 10, 1922, Graphics
- 2-6 June 17, 1922, Graphics
- 2-7 June 24, 1922, Graphics
- 2-8 July 1, 1922, Graphics
- 2-9 July 8, 1922, Graphics
- 2-10 July 22, 1922, Graphics
- 2-11 July 29, 1922, Graphics
- 2-12 August 12, 1922, Graphics
- 2-13 August 19, 1922, Graphics
- 2-14 August 26, 1922, Text
- 2-15 August 26, 1922, Graphics

BOX 3

- 3-1 September 2, 1922, Text
- 3-2 September 2, 1922, Graphics
- 3-3 September 9, 1922, Text
- 3-4 September 9, 1922, Graphics
- 3-5 September 16, 1922, Text
- 3-6 September 16, 1922, Graphics (1 of 2 folders)
- 3-7 September 16, 1922, Graphics (2 of 2 folders)
- 3-8 September 23, 1922, Text
- 3-9 September 23, 1922, Graphics
- 3-10 September 30, 1922, Text
- 3-11 September 30, 1922, Graphics

- 3-12 October 7, 1922, Graphics
- 3-13 October 14, 1922 Text
- 3-14 October 14, 1922, Graphics
- 3-15 October 21, 1922, Text
- 3-16 October 21, 1922, Graphics
- 3-17 October 28, 1922, Text
- 3-18 October 28, 1922, Graphics

BOX 4

- 4-1 November 11, 1922, Text
- 4-2 November 11, 1922, Graphics
- 4-3 November 18, 1922, Text
- 4-4 November 18, 1922, Graphics
- 4-5 November 25, 1922, Graphics
- 4-5a December 2, 1922, Graphics
- 4-6 December 9, 1922, Text
- 4-7 December 9, 1922, Graphics (1 of 2 folders)
- 4-8 December 9, 1922, Graphics (2 of 2 folders)
- 4-9 December 16, 1922, Text
- 4-10 December 16, 1922, Graphics
- 4-11 December 23, 1922, Text
- 4-12 December 23, 1922, Graphics
- 4-13 December 30, 1922, Graphics
- 4-14 December 30, 1922, Text

BOX 5

- 5-1 January 13, 1923, Text
- 5-2 January 13, 1923, Graphics
- 5-3 January 20, 1923, Text
- 5-4 January 20, 1923, Graphics
- 5-5 January 27, 1923, Text
- 5-6 January 27, 1923, Graphics
- 5-7 February 3, 1923, Text
- 5-8 February 3, 1923, Graphics
- 5-9 February, 10, 1923, Text
- 5-10 February 10, 1923, Graphics
- 5-11 February 17, 1923, Text
- 5-12 February 17, 1923, Graphics
- 5-13 February 24, 1923, Text
- 5-14 February 24, 1923, Graphics

BOX 6

- 6-1 March 3, 1923, Text
- 6-2 March 3, 1923, Graphics
- 6-3 March 10, 1923, Text
- 6-4 March 10, 1923, Graphics

- 6-5 March 17, 1923, Text
- 6-6 March 17, 1923, Graphics
- 6-7 March 24, 1923, Text
- 6-8 March 24, 1923, Graphics
- 6-9 March 31, 1923, Text
- 6-10 March 31, 1923, Graphics
- 6-11 April 14, 1923, Text
- 6-12 April 14, 1923, Graphics
- 6-13 April 21, 1923, Text
- 6-14 April 21, 1923, Graphics

BOX 7

- 7-1 May 26, 1923, Text
- 7-2 May 26, 1923, Graphics
- 7-3 June 2, 1923, Text
- 7-4 June 2, 1923, Graphics
- 7-5 June 16, 1923, Text
- 7-6 June 16, 1923, Graphics
- 7-7 June 23, 1923, Text
- 7-8 June 23, 1923, Graphics
- 7-9 June 30, 1923, Text
- 7-10 June 30, 1923, Graphics
- 7-11 July 7, 1923, Text
- 7-12 July 7, 1923, Graphics
- 7-13 July 14, 1923, Text
- 7-14 July 14, 1923, Graphics
- 7-15 July 21, 1923, Text
- 7-16 July 21, 1923, Graphics
- 7-17 July 28, 1923, Text
- 7-18 July 28, 1923, Graphics
- 7-19 August 4, 1923, Text
- 7-20 August 4, 1923, Graphics
- 7-21 August 11, 1923, Text
- 7-22 August 11, 1923, Graphics
- 7-23 August 18, 1923, Text
- 7-24 August 18, 1923, Graphics

BOX 8

- 8-1 September 8, 1923, Text
- 8-2 September 8, 1923, Graphics
- 8-3 September 15, 1923, Text
- 8-4 September 15, 1923, Graphics
- 8-5 September 22, 1923, Text
- 8-6 September 22, 1923, Graphics
- 8-7 September 29, 1923, Text
- 8-8 September 29, 1923, Graphics

- 8-9 October 6, 1923, Text
- 8-10 October 6, 1923, Graphics
- 8-11 October 13, 1923, Text
- 8-12 October 13, 1923, Graphics
- 8-13 October 27, 1923, Text
- 8-14 October 27, 1923, Graphics

BOX 9

- 9-1 November 3, 1923, Text
- 9-2 November 3, 1923, Graphics
- 9-3 November 10, 1923, Text
- 9-4 November 10, 1923, Graphics
- 9-5 November 17, 1923, Text
- 9-6 November 17, 1923, Graphics
- 9-7 November 24, 1923, Text
- 9-8 November 24, 1923, Graphics
- 9-9 December 2, 1922, Text
- 9-10 December 1, 1923, Text
- 9-11 December 1, 1923, Graphics
- 9-12 December 8, 1923, Text
- 9-13 December 8, 1923, Graphics
- 9-14 December 15, 1923, Text
- 9-15 December 15, 1923, Graphics
- 9-16 December 22, 1923, Text
- 9-17 December 22, 1923, Graphics
- 9-18 December 29, 1923, Text
- 9-19 December 29, 1923, Graphics

BOX 10

- 10-1 January 5, 1924, Graphics
- 10-2 January 12, 1924, Text
- 10-3 January 12, 1924, Graphics
- 10-4 January 19, 1924, Text
- 10-5 January 19, 1924, Graphics
- 10-6 January 26, 1924, Text
- 10-7 January 26, 1924, Graphics
- 10-8 February 9, 1924, Text
- 10-9 February 9, 1924, Graphics
- 10-10 February 16, 1924, Text
- 10-11 February 16, 1924, Graphics
- 10-12 March 8, 1924, Text
- 10-13 March 8, 1924, Graphics

BOX 11

- 11-1 April 12, 1924, Text
- 11-2 April 12, 1924, Graphics

11-3 April 19, 1924, Text
11-4 April 19, 1924, Graphics
11-5 April 26, 1924, Text
11-6 April 26, 1924, Graphics
11-7 May 10, 1924, Text
11-8 May 10, 1924, Graphics
11-9 May 17, 1924, Text
11-10 May 17, 1924, Graphics
11-11 June 14, 1924, Text
11-12 June 14, 1924, Graphics
11-13 June 21, 1924, Text
11-14 June 21, 1924, Graphics

BOX 12

12-1 July 26, 1924, Text
12-2 July 26, 1924, Graphics
12-3 August 2, 1924, Text
12-4 August 2, 1924, Graphics
12-5 August 9, 1924, Text
12-6 August 9, 1924, Graphics
12-7 August 16, 1924, Text
12-8 August 16, 1924, Graphics
12-9 August 23, 1924, Text
12-10 August 23, 1924, Graphics
12-11 August 30, 1924, Text
12-12 August 30, 1924, Graphics
12-13 September 6, 1924, Text
12-14 September 6, 1924, Graphics
12-15 September 13, 1924, Text
12-16 September 13, 1924, Graphics
12-17 September 27, 1924, Text
12-18 September 27, 1924, Graphics
12-19 October 11, 1924, Text
12-20 October 11, 1924, Graphics
12-21 October 18, 1924, Text
12-22 October 18, 1924, Graphics
12-23 October 25, 1924, Text
12-24 October 25, 1924, Graphics
12-25 November 1, 1924, Text
12-26 November 1, 1924, Graphics
12-27 December 6, 1924, Text
12-28 December 6, 1924, Graphics
12-30 December 13, 1924, Text
12-31 December 13, 1924, Graphics
12-32 December 20, 1924, Text
12-33 December 20, 1924, Graphics

- 12-34 December 27, 1924, Text
- 12-35 December 27, 1924, Graphics

BOX 13

- 13-1 January 3, 1925, Text
- 13-2 January 3, 1925, Graphics
- 13-3 January 10, 1925, Text
- 13-4 January 10, 1925, Graphics
- 13-5 January 17, 1925, Text
- 13-6 January 17, 1925, Graphics
- 13-7 January 24, 1925, Text
- 13-8 January 24, 1925, Graphics
- 13-9 January 31, 1925, Text
- 13-10 January 31, 1925, Graphics
- 13-11 February 7, 1925, Text
- 13-12 February 7, 1925, Graphics
- 13-13 February 14, 1925, Text
- 13-14 February 14, 1925, Graphics
- 13-15 February 21, 1925, Text
- 13-16 February 21, 1925, Graphics
- 13-17 February 28, 1925, Text
- 13-18 February 28, 1925, Graphics
- 13-19 March 7, 1925, Text
- 13-20 March 7, 1925, Graphics
- 13-21 March 14, 1925, Text
- 13-22 March 14, 1925, Graphics
- 13-23 April 4, 1925, Text
- 13-24 April 4, 1925, Graphics
- 13-25 April 11, 1925, Text
- 13-26 April 11, 1925, Graphics
- 13-27 April 18, 1925, Text
- 13-28 April 18, 1925, Graphics
- 13-29 April 25, 1925, Text
- 13-30 April 25, 1925, Graphics

BOX 14

- 14-1 May 2, 1925, Text
- 14-2 May 2, 1925, Graphics
- 14-3 May 9, 1925, Text
- 14-4 May 9, 1925, Graphics
- 14-5 May 16, 1925, Text
- 14-6 May 16, 1925, Graphics
- 14-7 May 23, 1925, Text
- 14-8 May 23, 1925, Graphics
- 14-9 June 20, 1925, Text
- 14-10 June 20, 1925, Graphics

- 14-11 July 4, 1925, Text
- 14-12 July 4, 1925, Graphics
- 14-13 July 11, 1925, Text
- 14-14 July 11, 1925, Graphics
- 14-15 July 18, 1925, Text
- 14-16 July 18, 1925, Graphics

BOX 15

- 15-1 April 3, 1926, Text
- 15-2 April 3, 1926, Graphics
- 15-3 April 10, 1926, Text
- 15-4 April 10, 1926, Graphics
- 15-5 April 17, 1926, Text
- 15-6 April 17, 1926, Graphics
- 15-7 May 22, 1926, Text
- 15-8 May 22, 1926, Graphics
- 15-9 May 29, 1926, Text
- 15-10 May 29, 1926, Graphics
- 15-11 June 12, 1926, Text
- 15-12 June 12, 1926, Graphics
- 15-13 July 3, 1926, Text
- 15-14 July 3, 1926, Graphics
- 15-15 July 17, 1926, Text
- 15-16 July 17, 1926, Graphics
- 15-17 August 21, 1926, Text
- 15-18 August 21, 1926, Graphics
- 15-19 August 28, 1926, Text
- 15-20 August 28, 1926, Graphics
- 15-21 October 9, 1926, Text
- 15-22 October 9, 1926, Graphics
- 15-23 November 6, 1926, Text
- 15-24 November 6, 1926, Graphics
- 15-25 December 4, 1926, Text
- 15-26 December 4, 1926, Graphics

BOX 16

- 16-1 1922, Graphics
- 16-2 1923, Graphics
- 16-3 1924, Graphics
- 16-4 1925, Graphics
- 16-5 Undated, Graphics

BOX 17 (oversize, size F)

- 17-1 March 11, 1922, Graphics
- 17-2 March 25, 1922, Graphics
- 17-3 October 14, 1922, Graphics

BOX 17 continued:

- 17-4 September 30, 1922, Graphics
- 17-5 August 11, 1923, Graphics
- 17-6 July 28, 1923, Graphics
- 17-7 February 9, 1924, Graphics
- 17-8 April 26, 1924, Graphics
- 17-9 August 23, 1924, Graphics
- 17-10 December 13, 1924, Graphics
- 17-11 February 21, 1925, Graphics
- 17-12 February 28, 1925, Graphics
- 17-13 April 18, 1925, Graphics
- 17-14 May 16, 1925, Graphics
- 17-15 May 23, 1925, Graphics
- 17-16 June 20, 1925, Graphics
- 17-17 June 20, 1925, Graphics
- 17-18 Undated