



Finding Aid for

**AUGUSTUS POST PAPERS, 1928-1944 (BULK 1939-1944)
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OVERVIEW

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 1765

CREATOR: Post, Augustus

TITLE: Augustus Post papers

INCLUSIVE DATES: 1928-1944

BULK DATES: 1939-1944

QUANTITY: 0.4 cubic ft.

LANGUAGE: The materials are in English

ABSTRACT: Major Augustus Post purchased the first automobile sold in New York City, and in 1899, along with several others, organized the first public garage in the United States. Post later founded the Automobile Old Timers Association, and this collection contains Post's personal records of the Association, including information concerning annual meetings, purposes, projects and members, along with a group of Post's personal correspondence.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

- ACCESS RESTRICTIONS:** The collection is 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:** Donated by Henry Austin Clark, Jr., in 1992
- PREFERRED CITATION:** Item, folder, box, accession 1765, Augustus Post papers, Benson Ford Research Center, The Henry Ford
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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Major Augustus Post purchased the first automobile sold in New York City. In 1899, along with several others, he organized the first public garage in the United States in this city on 66th Street near Columbus Avenue, for the convenience of those businessmen who had no place to park their automobiles. Major Post was a founder of the Automobile Club of America and Chairman of its Touring and Highway Commission. In that office he urged the National Association of Highway Commissioners to lay out the numerically marked system of national highways currently in use.

Augustus Post was a founding member of the Automobile Old Timers Association, an organization of 130 automotive pioneers, established in 1939. Qualification for membership required that an individual be associated with the motor vehicle sphere for a minimum of twenty-five years.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains Post's personal records of the Automobile Old Timers Association, including information concerning annual meetings, purposes, projects and members. Also included is a collection of Post's personal correspondence.

SUBJECT TERMS

Names, Personal and Corporate

Post, Augustus

American Automobile Association

Automobile Old Timers Association

Subjects

Automobile industry and trade

Geographic

New York (N.Y.)

Genre and Form

Business records

Correspondence

CONTAINER LIST

Box no. **Description**

Box 1

Automobile Old Timers Association

Applications, undated

Bulletin, 1943

Clippings, circa 1940

Committee Appointments, undated

Dues receipts, 1941

Financial reports, 1939-1940

Incorporation, 1939

Legislation and interests, 1940-1943

Meetings

1939

1940

1941

1942

1944

Membership Roster, 1942

Pioneers, 1944

Stationery, undated

Business and calling cards, undated

Clippings

Baruch, Sloan, 1943-1944

Ford, Balzar, Rainier, Duryea, 1942

Old Pioneers, 1928

Correspondence

1939-1940

1941-1942

1943-1944

Undated