



Finding Aid for

CLARA FORD ESTATE RECORDS SERIES, 1947-1955
Accession 588

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OVERVIEW

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 588

CREATOR: Ford Motor Company. Estate of Henry Ford.

TITLE: Clara Ford Estate records series

INCLUSIVE DATES: 1947-1955

QUANTITY: 2 cubic ft.

LANGUAGE: The materials are in English.

ABSTRACT: The Clara Ford Estate records were maintained during the settlement of the estate after Clara Ford's death. They are primarily comprised of tax related material, appraisal and inventory documents, trust related documents, estate sale catalogs, and disbursement records.

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:** Ford Motor Company donation, 1964
- RELATED MATERIAL:** Related material held by The Henry Ford:
- These records form part of the Estate Records subgroup, Henry Ford and Ford Family papers, which includes:
- Henry Ford Fair Lane Office series, Accessions 384 and 844
- Office of Henry Ford and Clara Ford Estate series, Accession 587
- Office of Clara Ford records series, Accession 290
- Memorials series, Accession 1136 and 1390
- PREFERRED CITATION:** Item, folder, box, accession 588, Clara Ford Estate records series, Benson Ford Research Center, The Henry Ford
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- DESCRIPTION INFORMATION:** Original collection inventory list prepared by staff of the Ford Motor Company Archives, January 1963 and updated by Benson Ford Research Center staff, April 2005.
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- Finding aid prepared using Describing Archives: A Content Standard (DACs) and local guidelines.

HISTORICAL NOTE

Edsel Bryant Ford died at his home in Grosse Pointe, Michigan on May 26, 1943 at age forty-nine; Henry Ford died at his home in Dearborn, Michigan on April 7, 1947 at age eighty-three; Clara Bryant Ford died at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, Michigan on September 29, 1950 at age eighty-four.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Clara Ford Estate records were maintained during the settlement of the estate after Clara Ford's death. They are primarily comprised of tax related material, appraisal and inventory documents, trust related documents, Parke-Bernet Galleries, Inc. estate sale catalogs, and disbursement records. There are also two folders regarding a claim on the estate filed by Clara's brother, Roy Bryant; summaries of sympathies received; and records relating to the cemetery where Henry Ford and Clara Ford are buried.

ARRANGEMENT

The materials are arranged alphabetically by subject

SUBJECT TERMS

Names, Personal and Corporate

Ford, Clara Bryant, 1866-1950

Bryant, Edgar LeRoy.

Ford family

Subjects

Cemeteries

Charities

Condolence notes.

Genre and Form

Estate records

Financial records

Ledgers

Obituaries

BOX AND FOLDER LISTING

Box no.	Description
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Box 1

Accounting, 1951-1952
Address book, undated
Administrator, 1950
Appraisal, 1951 (4 folders)
Bodman, Longley, Bogle photostats, 1952 (4 folders)
Cathedral service, 1950

Box 2

Cemetery and church, 1950 (3 folders)
Claims, 1951
Distribution of dividends, 1951-1953
Fair Lane sale, 1951
Federal gift tax, 1951
Federal estate tax, 1951
Federal income taxes
 General, 1951-1952
 Consent of limitation, 1949
Fees for executors and attorneys, 1951-1953
Fiduciary income tax, 1951
Funds, 1950
Funeral, 1950
General, 1950-1953
Insurance, 1947
Inventories
 Parke-Bernet Galleries, Inc., 1951 (3 folders)

Box 3

Parke-Bernet Galleries, Inc., 1951 (2 folders)
Fidelity Appraisal Company, 1951 (2 folders)
Huron Mountain Club, 1950
Other and correspondence, 1951-1952
 Grandchildren (Benson, Henry Ford II, Josephine, William Clay), 1951 (4 folders)
Last will and testament, 1950
Legacies, 1950-1951
Loans, interest, etc., 1952
Michigan intangible tax, 1951
Personal property liquidation, 1951
Power of attorney, 1951
Proof of claim, 1951
Property sale, 1951-1952

Box 4

Rents, 1951
Stock, 1951
Sympathy cards etc., 1950
Testamentary letters, 1950
Treasury bills, 1951
Trusts, 1950 (3 folders)
Miscellaneous
 Disbursements, 1948-1950 (2 folders)

Box 5

 Financial, 1947-1951
 Edgar LeRoy Bryant claim, 1951-1955 (3 folders)
 Parke-Bernet Galleries, Inc. catalogs, 1951-1952

Box 6

 Parke-Bernet Galleries, Inc. card index, 1951-1952 (6 booklets)