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CLAUD E. FORD PAPERS, 1860-1965 (BULK 1930-1965)
Accession 1676

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 1676

CREATOR: Ford, Claud E., 1879-1965

TITLE: Claud E. Ford papers

INCLUSIVE DATES: 1860-1965

BULK DATES: 1930-1965

QUANTITY: 2 cubic ft.

LANGUAGE: The materials are in English

ABSTRACT: Claud E. Ford was a distant relative of Henry Ford who worked for the U. S. Postal Service. His papers include correspondence, diaries and photographs, many of which feature other members of the Ford family.
ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Claud Elsworth Ford of Caledonia, Michigan, was the son of William Henry Ford, also of Caledonia, and Catherine Wilson Ford. William Henry Ford, 1844-1939, was the son of William Samuel Ford, 1819-1898 of Dearborn, Michigan. William Samuel Ford was double first cousin to Henry Ford's father, William, 1826-1905. Claud Ford was married to Sarah Davis Ford.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The papers are comprised of correspondence, financial records, photographs (many unidentified), daily diaries, and various mementos. Photographs include William H. and Claud E. Ford and their wives along with many relatives who were also relatives of Henry Ford. Personal mementos pertain to Claud Ford and his friendship with Henry Ford. Papers pertain to the postal career of Claud Ford and his retirement from the U. S. Postal Department in 1934.

SUBJECT TERMS

- Names, Personal and Corporate
  - Ford, Claud E., 1879-1965
  - Ford family
  - Ford, Henry, 1863-1947
  - Ford, William, 1826-1905
  - Ford, William Henry, 1844-1939
  - Ford, Sarah Davis

- Genre and Form
  - Financial records
  - Diaries
  - Genealogies
  - Photographs
  - Photograph albums
  - Picture postcards
  - Cartes-de-visite
## CONTAINER LIST

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### Box 1
- Birth certificate: Claud E. Ford, 1879
- Commencement program: Caledonia High School, 1897
- Correspondence
  - Official, 1903-1937
  - Personal, 1906-1963
- Deeds and legal records, 1875-1966
- Financial records
  - Income tax returns, 1936-1954
  - Income tax returns, 1955-1964
  - Investments, 1930s-1960s
  - Miscellaneous
- Genealogy
  - Mementos, 1933 (including coin commemorating Ford Motor Company 30th Anniversary)
- Memorial book
  - Catherine Wilson Ford, 1942
  - William H. Ford, 1939
- Membership cards: American Protective League, Home Defense League, 1918

### Box 2
- Montgomery Ward & Co., - Wholesale Price List, 1883
- Notebooks
- Photographs
  - Unidentified relatives, 1860-1880 (cartes de visite)
  - William H. Ford, circa 1865 (carte de visite)
  - Catherine (Wilson) Ford, circa 1872 (carte de visite)
  - Identified Relatives, 1860-1880 (cartes de visite)
  - Identified Relatives, 1880s (cabinet)
  - Unidentified Relatives, 1880s (cabinet)
  - Claud E. Ford, 1884 (carte de visite)
  - William, Catherine, and Claud Ford, circa 1895 (cabinet)
  - Claud E. Ford, circa 1895 (cabinet)
  - Wedding Portrait of Claud and Sarah Ford, 1900
  - Portrait of Claud E. Ford, circa 1910
  - Unidentified Relative, circa 1910 (cabinet)
  - Charles Ford and daughter, Nellie, 1917
  - Snapshot album, circa 1920
  - Unidentified relatives and friends, 1920s
  - Snapshots, 1920s-1930s
  - William Ford and Henry Ford at Dearborn, 1925
  - Portrait of Raymond and Douglas Ford, 1930
  - Snapshots, 1930s
Claud E. Ford, circa 1935
Claud and Sarah Ford, circa 1960
Scrapbook
Valentine: William E. Ford to Catherine Ford, 1902
Visitors’ passes: U.S. House and Senate, 1936
Wedding book: Claud and Sarah (Davis) Ford, 1900
Western Union telegrams, 1880s
World’s Columbian Exposition ticket and souvenir, Chicago, 1893

**Box 3**
Daily diaries, 1933-1948

**Box 4**
Daily diaries, 1949-1961

**Box 5**
Carved wooden chain (hand carved by William H. Ford)
Daily diaries, 1962-1965
Scrapbook