



Finding Aid for

DODGE BROTHERS COLLECTION, 1904-1920
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OVERVIEW

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 893

CREATOR: Ford Motor Company.

TITLE: Dodge Brothers collection

INCLUSIVE DATES: 1904-1920

QUANTITY: 0.4 cubic ft.

LANGUAGE: The materials are in English

ABSTRACT: The Dodge brothers, John and Horace, worked closely with Ford Motor Company until 1914 when they began their own automobile company. The collection consists of a miscellany of correspondence between the brothers and various Ford Motor Company executives.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

ACCESS RESTRICTIONS: The papers are open for research.

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HISTORICAL NOTE

John F. and Horace E. Dodge became leading automobile manufacturers in the United States after initially building a solid reputation for supplying high quality engine and chassis components to Oldsmobile and Ford Motor Company. The relationship between Ford and the Dodge brothers became so intertwined that John Dodge served on the Board of Directors and as a company vice president. In 1914, the Dodge brothers cut their ties with Ford and began production of a medium-priced automobile under the name plate Dodge Brothers Motor Car Company. The untimely deaths of John and Horace Dodge in 1920 led to a period of instability until the company was purchased by Walter P. Chrysler in 1928.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Dodge Brothers collection consists of a miscellany of correspondence between John and Horace Dodge and various Ford Motor Company executives. In addition there is correspondence from John Dodge in 1919 highlighting various Dodge Brothers Motor Car Company work policies.

SUBJECT TERMS

Names, Personal and Corporate

Dodge, Horace E. (Horace Elgin), 1868-1920

Dodge, John F. (John Francis), 1864-1920

Ford, Henry, 1863-1947

Ford Motor Company

Genre and Form

Correspondence

BOX AND FOLDER LISTING

Box no. **Description**

Box 1

Cover Letters

Correspondence:

Letter signed by Henry Ford to E. E. Dodge, March 22, 1904

Couzens' correspondence to H. E. Dodge, 1905

Couzens' and W. E. Flanders' correspondence to Dodge, 1906

Couzens correspondence, 1907

J. M. F. Dodge letter to H. C. Wills, March 27, 1908

Correspondence concerning Employers Association, 1911

Henry Ford letter to Dodge Brothers, April 1, 1912

Dodge Brothers letter to Couzens concerning Ford Motor Company and Dodge
Brothers lease, 1913

Notice to Shareholders - G. M. McGregor (Ford of Canada) letter, 1915

Letter signed by Henry Ford and Edsel Ford to J. F. Dodge, January 28, 1916

Correspondence concerning Dodge Brothers Ford Motor Company stock, 1917

Organizational type of correspondence, 1919

Dodge and Illinois Governor Frank O. Lowden correspondence, 1920