



Finding Aid for

FORD AVIATION ACTIVITIES RECORDS SUBSERIES, 1925-1931

Accession 413

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OVERVIEW

REPOSITORY: Benson Ford Research Center
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ACCESSION NUMBER: 413

CREATOR: Ford, Henry, 1863-1947

TITLE: Ford aviation activities records subseries

INCLUSIVE DATES: 1925-1931

QUANTITY: 2 cubic ft.

LANGUAGE: The materials are in English.

ABSTRACT: Henry Ford's business made him extremely wealthy, allowing him to focus on other interests in his later years. Aviation was one of those interests. This material contains records relating to the Ford Airport and other aviation-related topics.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

- ACCESS RESTRICTIONS:** The series 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:** Ford Motor Company Archives donation, 1964
- RELATED MATERIAL:** Related material held by The Henry Ford:
- Part of the Personal topics subject file subgroup, which includes:
- Frank Campsall records series, Catalog Number SE007 (Accessions 291 and 292)
- Non-automotive interests and activities records series, Accessions 62
- General Personal records series, Accession 23
- Water Power and Real Estate records series, Catalog Number SE006 (Accessions 288 and 289)
- PREFERRED CITATION:** Item, folder, box, accession 413, Ford aviation activities records subseries, Benson Ford Research Center, The Henry Ford
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HISTORICAL NOTE

As a result of the universal acceptance of the Model T and the national publicity resulting from the 1914 announcement of the five-dollar day, Henry Ford became extremely wealthy and a constant presence in the press, increasing public interest in his activities. From this time on and especially after his resignation from the presidency of Ford Motor Company in 1919, Henry Ford's attention turned increasingly to his numerous interests in diverse fields such as aviation, politics, hydroelectric power, industrial decentralization, industrial agriculture, education and public history.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Non-Automotive Interests and Activities series consists of three subseries, one of which is the Ford aviation activities records subseries, 1925-1931, Accession 413. These records include correspondence, reports and blueprints documenting construction of the airplane hangar building at the Ford Airport; correspondence, flight reports, weather maps, contracts and pilot applications for servicing the U.S. Air Mail routes out of the Ford Airport; and correspondence regarding Harry Brooks' first attempt at a non-stop flight to Miami, Florida, in 1928 and also his flight to Mexico City carrying Evangeline Lindbergh in late December 1927.

ARRANGEMENT

Non-Automotive Interests and Activities Records series

- Ford for President records subseries, 1916 and 1923, 1.6 cubic ft. (*Accession 62)
- Muscle Shoals records subseries, 1921-1929, 1.6 cubic ft. (*Accession 62)
- Ford aviation activities records subseries, 1925-1931, 2 cubic ft. (Accession 413)

* Separate finding aid

SUBJECT TERMS

Names, Personal and Corporate

Ford, Henry, 1863-1947

Brooks, Harry, 1902-1928

Lindbergh, Evangeline Lodge Land

Mayo, William Benson, 1866-1944

Stout Metal Airplane Company

Subjects

Aircraft industry--Michigan

Airport--Michigan

Air mail service--United States

Geographic

Ford Airport (Dearborn, Mich.)

Genre or Form

Clippings

Contracts

Maps

Photographs

CONTAINER LIST

Box no.	Description
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Box 1

Ford airplane hangar building
1925
1926
1927

Box 2

Ford airport
Air Mail reports
Daily weather maps, 1927
Flight delays
General
1928
1929
1930
Brooks, Harry - first non-stop flight to Miami attempt
Russell, Harry - report of Mexican flight with Mrs. Lindbergh

Box 3

Ford Airport - flight reports, 1926

Box 4

Engineering department - Mayo and Walker
Stout Metal Airplane Company
US Air Mail
Contracts, pilot applications and first flight cover
Correspondence
1925 -1926

Box 5

1927
1928
Oath of office