



Finding Aid for

**FORD MOTOR COMPANY NORTHERN MICHIGAN OPERATIONS  
RECORDS, 1920-1954  
Accession 41**

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## OVERVIEW

**REPOSITORY:** Benson Ford Research Center  
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**ACCESSION NUMBER:** 41

**CREATOR:** Ford Motor Company. Ford Division. Northern Michigan Operations.

**TITLE:** Ford Motor Company Northern Michigan operations records

**INCLUSIVE DATES:** 1920-1954

**QUANTITY:** 0.8 cubic ft.

**LANGUAGE:** The materials are in English

**ABSTRACT:** This collection contains records of Ford Motor Company's land holdings in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, particularly the sale of those holdings to the Michigan College of Mining and Technology (now Michigan Technological University) in 1954. It includes newspaper clippings, scrapbooks and other records.

## ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

- ACCESS RESTRICTIONS:** Materials 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 Archives donation, 1964.
- RELATED MATERIAL:** Related material held by The Henry Ford
- Northern Michigan Operations (Ford Motor Company) records series, 1881-1946 (bulk 1925-1936), Accessions 476 and 477
  - Northern Michigan timber and land survey records, 1940-1954, Accession 1908
- PREFERRED CITATION:** Item, folder, box, accession 41, Ford Motor Company Northern Michigan operations records, Benson Ford Research Center, The Henry Ford
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## **HISTORICAL NOTE**

Part of a plan to render the company self-sufficient, Henry Ford and Ford Motor Company purchased over 313,000 acres of timberland and two iron mines in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan in the early 1920s. In 1954, Ford Motor Company donated the town of Alberta, Michigan and 1700 acres (7 km<sup>2</sup>) of land to what is now the School of Forest Resources and Environmental Science at Michigan Technological University.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The collection includes photographs and press clippings of the Ford Motor Company Fund gift of the lumbering community, Alberta, and adjacent timberlands to Michigan College of Mining and Technology in 1954; accounting instructions and construction contract for Iron Mountain; a typed "story of the Pequaming and Alberta Schools;" stories about lumbering written by school students; biographies of pioneering lumber men; a guest register for the Iron Mountain Club; and scrapbooks and clippings regarding Northern Michigan, Ford Motor Company, lumbering, and Henry Ford.

## **ARRANGEMENT**

The materials are arranged according to subject.

## **SUBJECT TERMS**

### Names, Personal and Corporate

Ford, Henry, 1863-1947

Ford Motor Company

Michigan Technological University

Michigan College of Mining and Technology

### Subjects

Forests and forestry -- Michigan

Logging -- Michigan

Lumbering -- Michigan

Lumbermen

Sawmills -- Michigan

Timber

Schools -- Michigan

### Geographic

Alberta (Mich.)

Iron Mountain (Mich.)

Pequaming (Mich.)

Upper Peninsula (Mich.)

### Genre and Form

Business records

Clippings (information artifacts)

Financial records

Instructional Materials

Photographs

Scrapbooks

## CONTAINER LIST

<b>Box no.</b>	<b>Description</b>
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### Box 1

"Suggested names of Pioneer Lumber Men and their Biographies of Upper Michigan for Names of Pequaming Schools of the Edison Institute"  
"The Story of the Pequaming and Alberta Schools"  
Ford Northern Michigan Operations News, April 1950  
Big Bay (Mich.) reconditioning proposals  
Guest register - Iron Mountain Club  
Accounting instructions and contract for construction - Iron Mountain  
Binder of press clippings about the Ford Fund gift to Houghton College, November 1954  
(Includes correspondence, clippings, releases, photos, program, speeches)  
Scrapbook of clippings about Northern Michigan, Ford, etc., 1921-1924

### Box 2

Scrapbook of clippings about Northern Michigan, Henry Ford, etc., 1920-1921  
The Iron Mountain News clippings, 1943  
Disassembled scrapbook of Henry Ford clippings  
Glider and Army/Navy "E" Award clippings  
Clippings on Henry Ford  
Iron Mountain/Northern Michigan clippings  
L'anse (Mich.) clippings  
Logging related clippings  
Miscellaneous clippings  
Muscle Shoals (Ala.) materials