Finding Aid for

FORD MOTOR COMPANY TOKENS, COINS, MEDALLIONS, AND BADGES COLLECTION, 1915-2001
Accession 1812

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OVERVIEW

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 1812

CREATOR: Benson Ford Research Center

TITLE: Ford Motor Company tokens, coins, medallions, and badges collection

INCLUSIVE DATES: 1915-2001

QUANTITY: 0.4 cubic ft.

LANGUAGE: The materials are in English

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

ACCESS RESTRICTIONS: The collection 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 and later donations

RELATED MATERIAL: Related material held by The Henry Ford:
- E. A. Walters papers, 1901-1944, Accession 491

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**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The Ford Motor Company tokens, coins, medallions, and badges collection is an assembled collection of physical objects from various accessions. Numerous tokens, medallions, and similar objects were created to commemorate important anniversaries and milestones for Henry Ford, his family, and the Ford Motor Company. Other pieces, such as employee badges and some tokens used as "company money," originally had some official intended use and only later became collector's items. Many of the tokens were originally sold or given away at exhibitions such as the 1934 Chicago World's Fair. In addition to the objects (or in some cases images of the objects), the collection includes photocopies of articles on the history and description of various employee identification and security badges, tokens, coins, medals, and medallions, along with citations of sources of further information. The collection includes items from Accessions 491 and Accession 1, among others.

**SUBJECT TERMS**

- Names, Personal or Corporate
  - Ford, Henry, 1863-1947
  - Ford Motor Company

- Subjects
  - Automobile industry and trade
  - Exhibitions
  - Ford automobile
  - Lincoln automobile
  - Ford Motor Company--Anniversaries
  - Ford Motor Company--Centennial celebrations

- Genre and Form
  - Badges
  - Medallions
  - Tokens
CONTAINER LIST

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| Box 1   | Index and articles, 1950-2001  
Henry Ford Special pass token, 1915 (photocopy)  
Highland Park employee badge, Ford store tool check, Ford store ID tag and World War I employee ID card, 1918  
Fordson Coal Company coins, 1920  
National Air Tour silver medallion, 1925 (photocopy)  
Large Henry Ford medallion, 1925  
National Foreign Trade Conference medallion, 1927  
30 Years of Progress token - Detroit show, 1933  
30 Years of Progress token - New York show, 1933  
Chicago Century of Progress token, 1934  
San Diego Exposition token, 1935  
New Ford Strip Mill token, 1935  
New Model Introduction Show for Ford Dealers token, 1937  
Ford of Canada - King George VI coronation token, 1937  
Henry and Clara Ford 50th wedding anniversary metal shell token, 1938  
28 millionth Ford car token, 1940  
Henry Ford Trade School - 25th anniversary token, 1941  
Henry Ford's World War II employee badge, 1941 (photocopy)  
Industrial Arts Award medallion, 1950 (photocopy)  
Ford Motor Company 50th anniversary token, 1953  
Ford Motor Company 50th anniversary medallion, 1953  
Henry Ford "Help the other fellow" penny, 1953 (dated 1917; cast later)  
Henry Ford Centennial of Birth medallion, 1963  
Mercury car 15th anniversary token, 1964  
Lincoln car 50th anniversary token, 1971  
Golden anniversary of Lincoln Continental, 1972  
Ford Motor Company 75th anniversary token, 1978  
Ford Motor Company 75th anniversary medallion, 1978  
Copenhagen, Denmark factory badge and letter, circa 1937  
Freedoms Foundation Inc. medallion honoring Ford Motor Company, 1950 |