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OVERVIEW

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 1638

CREATOR: Conde, John Arnold, 1918-

TITLE: John Arnold Conde papers

INCLUSIVE DATES: 1937-1948

QUANTITY: 1 cubic ft.

LANGUAGE: The materials are in English

ABSTRACT: John Arnold Conde worked for American Motors Corporation and later served as the Curator of Transportation at the Edison Institute (now The Henry Ford). His papers include drawings, photographs and patents for car models and parts from the 1930s and 1940s.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

ACCESS RESTRICTIONS: The collection is open for research

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

After retiring from American Motors Corporation, Conde was Curator of Transportation at the Edison Institute (now The Henry Ford) and wrote several books about automobiles and the history of the automobile industry.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The John A. Conde papers consist of copies of patents covering automobile seating and hood designs, 1947-1948 model 8A drawings, weight tables and correspondence. The collection includes a sketch book of pencil drawings covering conceptual designs of Ford body elements and the V8 logo for the 1938 models. The collection also includes a presentation portfolio of promotional material from Budd Company highlighting the unitized body and chassis design and photographs of models illustrating the body and chassis.

SUBJECT TERMS

Names, Personal and Corporate

Conde, John Arnold, 1918-

Subjects

Automobile drafting
Automobile industry and trade
Automobiles--Design and construction
Ford automobile

Genre and Form

Design drawings
Patents
Photographs

CONTAINER LIST

Box no.	Description
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Box 1

Scrapbook of 1938 Ford sketches and drawings, 1937
Presentation folder displaying the attachment of the power plant and drive unit to the unitized body, 1946
Body sketches for Ford Model 8A, 1947-1948
Patent presentations of E.D. Scott and E.A. Herider
 Spring seat construction
 Hood support and lock
 Adjustable vehicle seat
Five photos of Ford Tri-motor equipped with diesel motor (photocopies)