



Finding Aid for

LAURENCE S. SHELDRIK PAPERS, 1932-1948
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OVERVIEW

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CREATOR: Sheldrick, L. S. (Laurence S.), 1892-1981.

TITLE: Laurence S. Sheldrick papers

INCLUSIVE DATES: 1932-1948

QUANTITY: 0.4 cubic ft.

LANGUAGE: The materials are in English.

ABSTRACT: Laurence S. Sheldrick was a draftsman and designer for Lincoln Motor Company and Ford Motor Company. He worked a variety of design projects including automotive, tank, and aircraft engines and the 9N Fordson tractor. The papers include correspondence, reports and photographs related to that design work.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

Laurence S. Sheldrick was born on October 4, 1892. He joined the Lincoln Motor Company in 1922 after it was purchased by Henry Ford. First a layout draftsman, he worked on Lincoln designs, the X-8 engine, and later tank and aircraft engines. He was in charge of the 9N Fordson tractor design project. Sheldrick died in January of 1981.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The papers include correspondence about tank engines; photostatic copies of Sheldrick's personal appointment calendar from 1941-1943; report and photographs of 1932 Ford V-8 33,000 mile test run; and information compiled by Fish, Richardson & Neave law firm for the Ferguson vs. Ford Motor Company lawsuit. The later includes excerpts from the Engineering Department log relating to tractor design from November 1938 to January 1940, and an oral interview of Sheldrick conducted in 1948.

ARRANGEMENT

Materials are arranged alphabetically.

SUBJECT TERMS

Names, Personal and Corporate

Sheldrick, L. S. (Laurence S.), 1892-1981.

Ford Motor Company -- Employees.

Subjects

Automobiles -- Performance

Ferguson tractors

Fordson tractors

Mechanical engineers

Tractors

Genre and Form

Correspondence

Diaries

Test reports

CONTAINER LIST

Box no. **Description**

Box 1

SHELDRIK PAPERS

Correspondence (Photostatic copies)

Correspondence, etc., relative to Ferguson Tractor

Sheldrick Diary

 1941 (2 folders)

 1942 (2 folders)

 1943 (2 folders)

Pennzoil 33,000 mile test run report, 1932 (Ford V-8)