



Finding Aid for

LINCOLN MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY RECORDS SERIES, 1925-1933

Accession 557

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OVERVIEW

REPOSITORY: Benson Ford Research Center
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ACCESSION NUMBER: 557

CREATOR: Ford Motor Company. Office of Henry Ford.

TITLE: Lincoln Memorial University records series

INCLUSIVE DATES: 1925-1933

QUANTITY: 0.4 cubic ft.

LANGUAGE: The materials are in English.

ABSTRACT: Henry Ford, along with Stanley Ruddiman, contributed property, equipment and materials to Lincoln Memorial University during the 1920s and 1930s. The records relate to these contributions and include a property deed, university publications, building construction specifications, and broom manufacture trade literature.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

- ACCESS RESTRICTIONS:** The records 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:** Donation from Ford Motor Company Archives, 1964.
- RELATED MATERIAL:** Related material held by The Henry Ford:
- This series forms part of the Ford Properties subgroup, Henry Ford and Ford Family papers, which includes:
 - Richmond Hill Plantation records series, Accession 97
 - Ford Farms, Pequaming, and Fair Lane records series, Accession 93
 - Jens Jenson Drawings series, Accession 797
 - Lincoln Memorial University records series, Accession 557
 - Wayside Inn records series, Accession 111
 - See also the Domestic corporation records series, 1886-1960 (bulk 1911-1955), for additional information about Banner Fork Coal Company; and the Owen W. Bombard series, Accession 65, for Stanley Ruddiman oral history
- PREFERRED CITATION:** Item, folder, box, accession 557, Lincoln Memorial University records series, Benson Ford Research Center, The Henry Ford
- PROCESSING INFORMATION:** Collection originally processed by Ford Motor Company Archives staff, circa 1964. Additional processing by Benson Ford Research Center staff, June 2011.
- DESCRIPTION INFORMATION:** Original collection inventory list prepared by Ford Motor Company Archives staff and published in May 1964. Inventory list revised to include broom manufacturing materials, June 2011. Finding aid written by Brian Wilson, June 2011, using Describing Archives: A Content Standard (DACS) and local guidelines.

BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

Located in Harrogate, Tennessee, on the Tennessee side of the Cumberland Gap, Lincoln Memorial University was chartered by the State of Tennessee in 1897, with one its tenants being to further the education of mountain youth. In this way the mission of the university was similar to that of the Berry Schools in Georgia, which Henry and Clara Ford had begun to support during the 1920s.

This same period of the 1920s saw the Ford Motor Company purchase mines in Kentucky, Ohio, and West Virginia in order to insure a steady coal supply to the Highland Park (Mich.) plant. One of these mines, the Banner Fork in southeastern Kentucky near Middlesboro, was located on the Kentucky side of the Cumberland Gap, approximately 50 miles from the Lincoln Memorial campus.

Beginning in 1926, and continuing until about 1936, Ford along with Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Ruddiman, contributed property, equipment, and other materials to the university.

Sources:

- "Beyond The Model T: The other ventures of Henry Ford", by Ford R. Bryan. 1997. Wayne State University Press: Detroit (Mich.)
- Heritage and Mission, Lincoln Memorial University website. Accessed 07 June 2011 at <http://www.lmunet.edu/about/mission.shtml>

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The records consist primarily of a property deed, publications, construction specifications, trade literature, and correspondence related to a gift of property made to the university by Henry and Clara Ford; construction of an administration and auditorium building by the university; and machinery and materials used in the production of corn brooms.

SUBJECT TERMS

Names, Personal and Corporate
Lincoln Memorial University.
Ford, Henry, 1863-1947.
Ruddiman, Stanley Perry, 1890-

Subjects

Brooms and brushes
Broomcorn brooms
Buildings--Specifications.
Real property
Rivers--Tennessee
Stream measurements

Geographic

Claiborne County (Tenn.)
Harrogate (Tenn.)
Powell River (Va. and Tenn.)

Genre and Form

Deeds.
Periodicals.
Trade catalogs.

CONTAINER LIST

Box no.	Description
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Box 1

- Warranty Deed; Henry Ford and Clara J. Ford to Lincoln Memorial University, 06 February 1933 (Deed conveys land in Claiborne County (Tenn.) to the university; related correspondence attached)
- “Mountain Herald”, October 1926 (published by Lincoln Memorial University)
- “Mountain Herald”, December 1926 (published by Lincoln Memorial University; includes article titled “Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ford Entertain”)
- Administration and Auditorium Building Construction Specifications, July 1925 (blueprint copies)
- Powell River Discharge Rate Charts, 1904-1925 (describes Powell River at Cumberland Gap project site, Claiborne County (Tenn.))
- Correspondence, 1927 (subjects include manufacture of corn brooms, construction of a new building at the university, and testing of clay soils)
- “The Broom Corn Review”, Volume 16, Number 5, 04 February 1927
- “The Broom Corn Review”, Volume 16, Number 6, 11 February 1927
- Trevor Manufacturing Sawing Machine pamphlet, circa 1927 (includes illustration of Gauge Lathe for broom and agricultural tool handles)
- Baltimore Broom Sewing Machine brochure, circa 1927 (produced by Hamilton Cassard & Company, Baltimore, Maryland)
- Broom factory workroom floorplan drawing, circa 1927 (blueprint copy)