



Finding Aid for

MARSHALL B. JOHNSON PAPERS, 1920-1987
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OVERVIEW

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 1730

CREATOR: Johnson, Marshall B.

TITLE: Marshall B. Johnson papers

INCLUSIVE DATES: 1920-1987

QUANTITY: 0.8 cubic ft.

LANGUAGE: The materials are in English.

ABSTRACT: Industrial designer for Aluminum Company of America. Papers include research notes, some correspondence, and articles written about Lawrence Pomeroy and the Aluminum Company of America cars.

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, 1988
- PREFERRED CITATION:** Item, folder, box, accession 1730, Marshall B. Johnson records, Benson Ford Research Center, The Henry Ford
- DESCRIPTION INFORMATION:** Original collection inventory created by Benson Ford Research Center staff, 1988. Finding aid also created by Research Center staff, and published in March 2011.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Marshall B. Johnson was an Industrial Designer for Aluminum Company of America. He became interested in the aluminum car development and corresponded with participants in order to document the process.

HISTORICAL NOTE

The name of Lawrence Pomeroy is prominent in the collection. Lawrence H. Pomeroy, a distinguished British automotive engineer, came to the United States in 1920 to work for Aluminum Company of America. His project was to develop a car using aluminum as much as possible instead of the conventional metals. Research and experimentation followed and in 1921 six four-cylinder coupes were produced.

The Pierce-Arrow Auto Company was invited to participate and build the body for the next model, a six-cylinder touring car. Ten or twelve of these automobiles were produced, one of which is now a part of the automotive collection at the Henry Ford Museum, Dearborn, Michigan.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection includes Marshall Johnson's research notes, some correspondence and photocopies of articles written about Lawrence Pomeroy and the Aluminum Company of America cars. It also contains some correspondence of Pomeroy's, articles he wrote and papers he gave along with some information on the aluminum industry in general.

ARRANGEMENT

The material is arranged alphabetically by subject or type of material.

SUBJECT TERMS

Names, Personal and Corporate
Johnson, Marshall B.
Pomeroy, Lawrence H.
Aluminum Company of America
Pierce-Arrow Auto Company

CONTAINER LIST

Box no.	Description
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Box 1

Advertising, 1919-1984
Aluminum, 1986-1987
Aluminum
 Automotive Application, 1927-1970
 Bus and Truck Application, undated
Aluminum Company of America
Aluminum Company of America, Automobiles
Aluminum Manufacturers, Inc.
Aluminum Research Laboratory
Articles
 Aluminum engines, 1960
 Chillicothe, Ohio, 1978
Audiotape; Phil Jackson interview, undated
Automobile Shows; Olympia, England and Paris, France, 1919
Automobiles; Six-Cylinder, 1925-1926
Correspondence
 1967
 1969
 1970
 1971-1973
 1974-1987
 Undated
Drawings, 1922
Duesenberg Automobile Company

Box 2

Hall, Charles Martin, 1861-1914
Hotchkiss-Gregoire, 1950
LeBaron Company
Peerless Auto, 1931
Photocopies
Pierce-Arrow Car, 1925
Pomeroy, Lawrence H., 1883-1941
Articles by L.H. Pomeroy
 "Advantages of Light-weight Reciprocating Parts", 1923
 "Aluminum in Automobiles", 1941
 "Automobile Engineering and the War"
 "Automobile Manufacturing and the War"
"Birth of the Prince Henry Vauxhall", 1911
Pomeroy, L. H.; Correspondence, 1919-1921
Pomeroy, L. H.; Correspondence, 1922-1925
Pomeroy-Vauxhall Car, circa 1915
Questionnaires, undated

Box 2 (continued)

Reports

Aluminum Touring Car, 1930

Aluminum Coupe, 1920-1928

Research notes

Books, Libraries, Museums, Newspapers

Undated (2 folders)

Society of Automotive Engineers Paper by Glaser and Johnson, 1974

Walter M. Murphy Company, 1920-1932