



Finding Aid for

**PHILIP VAN DOREN STERN PAPERS, 1954-1955**  
**Accession 560**

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## OVERVIEW

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 560

CREATOR: Stern, Philip Van Doren, 1900-1984

TITLE: Philip Van Doren Stern papers

INCLUSIVE DATES: 1954-1955

QUANTITY: 1.2 cubic ft.

LANGUAGE: The materials are in English

ABSTRACT: The Philip Van Doren Stern papers contain research material collected for Stern's book on the Model T, *Tin Lizzie*.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

- ACCESS RESTRICTIONS:** The collection is open for research
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## **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE**

Philip Van Doren Stern was born in Pennsylvania in 1900, grew up in New Jersey, and graduated from Rutgers University. An author, historian, and editor, Stern worked for several firms including Pocket Books, Simon & Schuster, and Alfred A. Knopf. He served in World War II as general manager of Armed Services Editions from 1943 until the end of the war. Stern's writings included nonfiction on the Civil War era, Abraham Lincoln, Henry David Thoreau, Edgar Allan Poe, and the Model T automobile.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The papers are comprised of research material collected by Philip Stern while writing a book about the Ford Model T automobile titled *Tin Lizzie*. Included are lists of Model T engine numbers from 1908 to 1927, along with the number of cars built; reproductions of oral histories, articles, correspondence and other documents; an outline for the book; and draft manuscripts.

## **SUBJECT TERMS**

Names, Personal and Corporate  
Stern, Philip Van Doren, 1900-1984  
Ford Motor Company--History

Subjects  
Ford Model T automobile--History

## CONTAINER LIST

<b>Box no.</b>	<b>Description</b>
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### **Box 1**

Research materials  
Articles, correspondence (some Photostats)  
Statistical information  
Reminiscences (Photostats)

### **Box 2**

Research notes  
Manuscript drafts

### **Box 3**

Outline of Model T book