



Finding Aid for

**PURCHASING AGENTS RECORDS SUBGROUP, 1911-1953**

**SE011**

**(Accessions 92, 370, 528)**

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## OVERVIEW

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**ACCESSION NUMBER:** 92, 370, 528

**CREATOR:** Ford Motor Company. Purchasing Division

**TITLE:** Purchasing Agents records subgroup

**INCLUSIVE DATES:** 1911-1953

**QUANTITY:** 6 cubic ft.

**LANGUAGE:** The materials are in English.

**ABSTRACT:** The Purchasing Agents records subgroup contains records pertaining to lumber and sawmill operations, steel purchasing, and materials testing.

## ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

- ACCESS RESTRICTIONS:** The series is open for research. Researchers should note that some materials are unprocessed.
- 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:** Ford Motor Company Archives donation, 1964
- RELATED MATERIAL:** Related material held by The Henry Ford:  
Part of the Ford Motor Company Purchasing records collection, which includes:  
- Purchasing Department (Ford Motor Company) records subgroup  
- Executive records subgroup
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## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Purchasing Agents records subgroup is made up of three series.

The Lumber and Sawmill Correspondence series, 1927-1947 (1.6 cubic ft.), Accession 370, consists of correspondence, working papers, reports, and cost data for lumber production at Ford's northern Michigan operations. The series includes log sheets of jobber bids, sawmill capacity and production reports, and cost data for cutting, transporting, and milling lumber.

The Steel Section Purchasing records series, 1911-1943 (2.4 cubic ft.), Accession 92, consists of unbound ledger sheets detailing steel prices for parts and assemblies from various suppliers.

The Material Specification Testing Reports series, 1951-1953 (2 cubic ft.), Accession 528, contains inspection sample reports and laboratory test data for various materials used in automobile manufacturing including leather, vinyl, and cloth. The inspection and test analysis data include color fade testing, wear testing, and strength.

## SUBJECT TERMS

### Names, Personal and Corporate

Ford Motor Company. Purchasing Division.  
Ford Motor Company--Purchasing

### Subjects

Automobile industry and trade--Purchasing  
Logging--Michigan  
Lumbering--Michigan  
Sawmills--Michigan  
Industrial procurement  
Steel  
Materials--Testing  
Colorfastness (Textiles)  
Leather--Testing

### Genre or Form

Samples

**CONTAINER LIST**

**Box no.**                      **Description**

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**LUMBER AND SAWMILL CORRESPONDENCE SERIES, 1927-1947  
(ACCESSION 370)**

**Box 1**

1927-1937

Logs

1927-1929

1930-1932

Correspondence re: logging agreements from August 1933-1935

Logging data, 1935-1936

Logging, 1937

**Box 2**

1939-1941

1939

Logging, 1940

1940-1941

Logging costs, comparisons, etc., 1938-1939

**Box 3**

1941-1944

Logging

1941-1942

1943-1944

1942-1943

Sawmill production

**Box 4**

1944-1947

Logging operations, July 1, 1945 - July 1, 1946

Log shipments

Logging operations

1946-1947

1944-1945

**STEEL SECTION PURCHASING RECORDS SERIES, 1911-1940 (ACCESSION  
92)**

**Box 1**

Steel prices

1911-1912

1913

1914

1916-1917

1919-1920

1923 (2nd quarter)  
1924  
1923-1924 (summaries)  
1925  
1926  
1927

**Box 2**

1928  
1929  
April - December, 1930

**Box 3**

January - April, 1931  
May - December, 1931  
January - March, 1932  
April - December, 1932  
1933

**Box 4**

1935  
1936  
1935-1936  
1937

**Box 5**

1938  
1939  
1940  
Mansfield Sheet and Tin Plate Company  
Memos  
    1920  
    1923  
Vanadium, 1919-1920

**Box 6**

Plating division - process and specifications  
Steel purchasing  
    Contracts, 1918  
    Specifications  
        1919  
        1920  
        1923

**MATERIAL SPECIFICATION TESTING REPORTS SERIES, 1951-1953  
(ACCESSION 528)**

**Box 1 and 2**

Copies of Engineering laboratory reports (unprocessed materials on sample inspections, includes Inspection Sample Report for Body Cloth, 1953; Leather sample inspection reports - Genuine leather, 1952-1953; Leather - Vinyl artificial - sample inspection reports, 1952; Textile purchase sample-test reports 1952-1953)