



Finding Aid for

**RICHMOND HILL PLANTATION RECORDS SERIES, 1773-1954
(bulk 1933-1954)**

Accession 97

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OVERVIEW

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 97

CREATOR: Ford Motor Company. Estate of Henry Ford

TITLE: Richmond Hill Plantation records series

INCLUSIVE DATES: 1773-1954

BULK DATES: 1933-1954

QUANTITY: 1.6 cubic ft.

LANGUAGE: The materials are in English.

ABSTRACT: Richmond Hill Plantation, located in Georgia, was built as a winter residence for the Fords. The records document the history of the Richmond Hill region, including Fort McAllister, as well as daily activities of the Georgia operations, primarily between 1940 and 1951.

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:** The records were donated to The Henry Ford by the Ford Motor Company Archives in 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 also includes:
- Wayside Inn records series, Accession 111
- Ford Farms, Pequaming, and Fair Lane records series, Accession 93
- Jens Jenson Drawings series, Accession 797
- Lincoln Memorial University records series, Accession 557
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HISTORICAL NOTE

Richmond Hill was built as a winter residence for the Fords. Although Henry and Clara stayed in Georgia only a month or so each spring, the plantation operated all year. The Fords implemented programs designed to improve community life, schools, and medical care while working at the same time toward increased agricultural and lumbering productivity.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The records document the Richmond Hill and Ways, Georgia regions, as well as daily activities of plantation operations, primarily between 1940 and 1951. Also well documented is Fort McAllister, a Civil War fort located on Chisholm, one of the twenty plantations purchased by Ford that became Richmond Hill.

SUBJECT TERMS

Names, Personal and Corporate

Ford, Clara Bryant, 1866-1950

Ford, Henry, 1863-1947 -- Homes and haunts.

Subjects

Plantations--Georgia.

Geographic

Fort McAllister (Ga. : Fort)

Richmond Hill (Ga.)

Genre and Form

Maps

Photographs

CONTAINER LIST

Box no.	Description
Box 1	Operating Records Appraisal Equipment and Furniture, 1950-1951 Timber Estimate, 1950-1951 Value of Property, 1951 and undated Correspondence, 1941-1946 (3 folders) Financial Records Construction Costs, 1938-1951 General, 1940-1951
Box 2	General Information Recommendations, circa 1945 Report, 1945 (includes photographs of buildings) Legal Documents Agreements, 1940-1951 Deeds, 1943-1951 Rentals, 1947-1950 Estate of Henry Ford, 1951
Box 3	Land, 1941-1942 Maps, undated (2 folders) Fort McAllister Cook, R.J., "Sand and Grit," 1938 Correspondence to J.F. Gregory re: History of Fort McAllister Gordon, C. Arthur, "Fort McAllister" Gregory, J.F. Correspondence, 1938-1939 Gregory, J. F., "Fort McAllister," undated Histories: "Short History of Richmond Hill" and "Fort McAllister," undated Maps (2 folders) Partridge, Georgia Watson, "A Brief Synopsis of Fort McAllister," undated Photographic History of the Civil War, Illustrations, undated Photographs, undated (copy) Warnell, Ada, "Sketch, Richmond Hill and Fort McAllister," 1940
Box 4	Young, Rogers W., "Brief Selected Bibliography of Fort McAllister," 1938 Miscellaneous Education of Children at Ways, undated Ford Farms Maps Harn, Julia E., "Old Canoochee Backwoods Sketches," 1933 Hermitage Plantation Register (of Visitors), 1933-1935 Kelsall, Roger, Photocopy of letter dated 1773 Ford Farms History, undated Non-Substantive