



Finding Aid for

ROBERT RANKIN PAPERS, 1940-1947
Accession 9

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OVERVIEW

REPOSITORY: Benson Ford Research Center
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ACCESSION NUMBER: 9

CREATOR: Rankin, Robert, 1887-1966.

TITLE: Robert Rankin papers

INCLUSIVE DATES: 1940-1947

QUANTITY: 1 folder

LANGUAGE: The materials are in English.

ABSTRACT: Contents consist of account of drive taken by Henry Ford on the day of his death, newspaper articles, and automobile registrations.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

- ACCESS RESTRICTIONS:** The papers 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:** Ford Motor Company Archives donation, 1964.
- RELATED MATERIAL:** Related material held by The Henry Ford:
- Robert Rankin Oral History, Accession 65
- PREFERRED CITATION:** Item, folder, box, Accession 9, Robert Rankin papers, Benson Ford Research Center, The Henry Ford
- PROCESSING INFORMATION:** Original collection inventory list prepared by staff of the Ford Motor Company Archives, 21 May 1964.
- Finding aid prepared by Brian Wilson, January 2011, using DACS, LOC EAD, and local guidelines.

HISTORICAL/BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

A native of Scotland, Robert Rankin emigrated to the United States in 1913 and became a professional chauffeur in 1919. Rankin became Clara Ford's chauffeur in 1938. Beginning in 1945, he drove for both Henry and Clara Ford. After Clara's death in 1950, he was a driver for the Ford Motor Company.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The papers consist of an account of a drive taken by Henry Ford on the day of his death, several newspaper articles, and automobile registrations.

SUBJECT TERMS

Names

Rankin, Robert, 1887-1966.

Ford, Henry, 1863-1947.

Subjects

Chauffeurs

Genre and Form

Newspaper clippings

BOX AND FOLDER LISTING

Box no. **Description**

Folder 1

MEMO ON HENRY FORD

Mr. Rankin's account of ride taken by Mr. Henry Ford with Mr. Robert Rankin on Monday afternoon, April 7, 1947.

CAR REGISTRATIONS

Mrs. Henry Ford's Lincoln Zephyr, 1943

Henry Ford's Lincoln, 1938

Letter to Mr. & Mrs. Henry Ford regarding Air Cadets, 22 June 1944

Clipping regarding Air Cadets

A. W. Sandrock, Citizen Committee (Ontario) letter to Henry Ford thanking Mr. & Mrs. Ford for their entertainment of Air Cadets, 16 June 1944

Magazine article from NEW WORLD NEWS (November 1950) "She Made The Workers Her Friends" by Alan Thornhill