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(BULK 1950-1956)

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TITLE: Subject information files subseries

INCLUSIVE DATES: 1863-1958

BULK DATES: 1950-1956

QUANTITY: 2 cubic ft.

LANGUAGE: The materials are in English.

ABSTRACT: Owen W. Bombard headed the Oral History Section at Ford Motor Company in the 1950s. The Subject information files subseries contains reference and topical files created by Bombard and his staff.
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HISTORICAL NOTE

Owen W. Bombard, born in 1922 in Au Sable Forks, New York, received undergraduate and masters degrees from New York State College. While working towards a PhD at Columbia University, he trained with Allan Nevins in the Oral History Research Office. Bombard was hired by the Ford Motor Company in 1950 to head an Oral History Section designed to enrich the historical record already housed in the newly formed Ford Motor Company Archives. The mission of the section, according to a 1952 Bombard speech to the American Historical Association, was "to increase the quantity and quality of historical sources – to reduce the number of 'blank spots' which have forced both management and scholars to make decisions or draw conclusions based on fragmentary documentation." When the project was concluded in 1958, Bombard continued working for the Ford Motor Company, serving in various public relations departments.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Subject information files subseries, 1863-1958 (2 cubic ft.), consists of reference and topical files created by Bombard and staff while Bombard headed the Ford Motor Company Archives Oral History Section. Alphabetically arranged, the material includes facts and data regarding the Ford family and the evolution of the Ford Motor Company.

SUBJECT TERMS

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Ford family
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