



Finding Aid for

**VIGGO J. THOMSEN PHOTOGRAPHS, 1925-1935**  
**Accession 1160**

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## OVERVIEW

REPOSITORY: Benson Ford Research Center  
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ACCESSION NUMBER: 1160

CREATOR: Thomsen, Viggo J., 1909-1973

TITLE: Viggo J. Thomsen photographs

INCLUSIVE DATES: 1925-1935

QUANTITY: 0.2 cubic ft.

LANGUAGE: The materials are in English

ABSTRACT: Viggo J. Thomsen worked on the Ford Motor Company ship fleet at the Rouge plant from 1932 to 1942. His photograph collection contains pictures of the ships, crews and passengers.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

- ACCESS RESTRICTIONS:** The collection is 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 donation, 1964
- PREFERRED CITATION:** Item, folder, box, accession 1160, Viggo J. Thomsen photographs, Benson Ford Research Center, The Henry Ford
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## **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE**

Viggo J. Thomsen was employed by the Ford Motor Company between 1932 and 1943. He held a number of positions while associated with the ship fleet at the Rouge plant including marine, watchman, oiler, wheelman, and deckhand. In 1942, he worked for the Plant Protection Department.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The collection contains Ford Fleet maritime snapshots including images of ships and freighters such as the M/S East Indian, the M/S Edgewater, and the M/S Henry Ford II. Also represented are waterfront views, lock and canal scenes, shipboard views, loading and unloading operations, and officer and crew portraits.

## **SUBJECT TERMS**

### Names, Personal and Corporate

Thomsen, Viggo J., 1909-1973

Ford, Henry, 1863-1947

Sorensen, Charles E. (Charles Emil), 1881-1968

Ford Motor Company

Ford Fleet

Henry Ford II (Ship)

Edgewater (Ship)

East Indian (Ship)

### Subjects

Ford Motor Company--Marine operations

Ford Motor Company--Employees

Cargo ships

Shipping--Great Lakes

Ships--Great Lakes

Canals

### Genre and Form

Photographs

Group portraits

## CONTAINER LIST

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

- Letter explaining pictures
- Henry Ford and Charles Sorensen, July 22, 1935
- Crew and officers at work
- Crew and officer portraits
- Ice-covered ships
- Interior views
- Loading and unloading
- Lock and canal scenes
- Officers and crew-posed photographs
- Passengers at work and at leisure
- Ships
  - East Indian
  - Edgewater
  - Henry Ford II
  - Unidentified
- Waterfront views