Descriptive Summary

Title: Nash Motors Company Records
Dates: 1890-1938
Collection Number: GC 1344
Creator/Collector: Thomas B. Jeffery Company Nash Motors Company
Extent: (Boxes: 5 legal, 14 letter, 6 1/2 letter, 1 record storage)
Repository: Seaver Center for Western History Research, Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County
Los Angeles, California 90007-4057
Abstract: The records were created by the Thomas B. Jeffery Company of Kenosha, Wisconsin and the Nash Motors Company of Maryland. Correspondence; financial and accounting records; insurance records; purchase contracts and inventory lists; Rambler price and parts lists, catalogs, sales brochures and magazines; patents. A few personal papers of Thomas B. Jeffery’s last will and testament and estate.
Language of Material: English

Access
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Biography/Administrative History
Jeffery produced its first automobile in the U.S. in 1902. In 1916 the Jeffery Company was sold to the Nash Motors Company which moved its headquarters to Kenosha.

Scope and Content of Collection
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Indexing Terms
Automobile industry and trade.

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