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Descriptive Summary

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Biography

John H. Eagal Sr. was one of the earliest American automobile dealers. At the end of his life (1973) he was the oldest living Ford dealer. Eagal began his career as a Studebaker factory worker and mechanic. Studebaker sent him west to establish its first dealership in San Francisco (1907). He left Studebaker for Oldsmobile (1910), then took over San Francisco's original Ford agency, the William L. Hughson Co., in 1913. Eagal marketed the Fordson tractor (1917) and two years later moved to Stockton as Ford's salesman for this product. In 1920 he became Stockton's second Ford automobile dealer and there he remained for over fifty years. Eagal was active in the California State Automobile Dealers Association, serving as President (1937-38) and as a Director for fourteen years.

Scope and Content

The Eagal Collection includes: 19th century Eagal family correspondence; family scrapbooks and photograph albums containing many images of early automobiles; business papers; published and typescript biographical material on John H.
BOX ONE: EAGAL FAMILY PAPERS
1.1 REMINISCENCES OF JOHN H. EAGAL, SR., 1952 [from interview for the Oral History Section of the Ford Motor Company Archives, 68 pages]
1.2 STOCK CERTIFICATE BOOK FOR THE ALTHOUSE-EAGAL CO., June 6, 1919 [47 items, 14cm]
1.3 MINUTES OF THE ALTHOUSE-EAGAL CO., 1919-1944 [80 pages, 21cm.]
1.4 JOSEPH EAGAL, June 15, 1841 [1 item, Washington Volunteers Union, notice of inspection]
1.5 M. J. EAGAL, 1862-1877, [9 items, military documents, correspondence and poetry]
1.6 T.D. EAGAL CORRESPONDENCE, 1839-1842, [22 items; with Elizabeth Scott, brothers and others]
1.7 T.D. EAGAL CORRESPONDENCE, 1843-1849, [25 items; with wife and relatives]
1.8 T.D. EAGAL CORRESPONDENCE, 1853-1865 [23 items; with relatives]
1.9 T.D. EAGAL CORRESPONDENCE, 1866-1881 [27 items; with relatives]
1.10 T.D. EAGAL PAPERS, 1881-1903 [21 items, correspondence, business papers, legal briefs]
1.11 ALTHOUSE-EAGAL CO., 1934 [ 5 items, records, business papers]
1.12 ALTHOUSE-EAGAL CO. CORPORATE RECORDS [copies, 40 pp.]
1.13 MISCELLANOUS SCRAP [ca. 40 itmes, newspaper clippings, rail tickets, advertisements, etc.]
1.14 MISCELLANOUS SCRAP [10 items, newspaper clippings]
1.15 EAGAL FAMILY PHOTOGRAPHS [3items]
1.16 PHOTOGRAPH OF AUTO GARAGE IN IRON MOUNTAIN MICHIGAN, 1915
1.17 JOHN H. EAGAL, SR.'S 95TH BIRTHDAY PRESENTATION, 12-3-70 [use restricted; 2 photos]

BOX TWO: ALBUMS & SCRAPBOOKS
2.1 LEATHER BOUND SCRAPBOOK, 1812-1889 [36cm., 100 pages, newspaper clippings, correspondence, poetry, family news, obituaries, etc., (index on page 1)]
2.2 PHOTOGRAPH ALBUM, 1903-1918 [black ringbinder, 30cm., 32 pages, ca. 60 photographs, mostly of automobiles]
2.3 PHOTOGRAPH ALBUM, 1919-1953 [red ringbinder, 30cm., 70 pages, ca. 80 photographs, mostly of automobiles]

BOX 3: BOOKS & PAMPHLETS
3.1 "INSTRUCTIONS FOR FORD, MODEL N CAR, DETROIT, 1906 ." [pamphlet]
3.2 "FORD MODEL T INSTRUCTION BOOK, DETROIT, 1913" [pamphlet; reprint, 1954; 2 copies]
3.3 "OLD TIME NEWS; OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF THE AUTOMOBILE OLD TIMERS, INC." (July 1943-October 1947) [10 issues]
3.4 KEATS, JOHN. THE INSOLENT CHARIOTS
3.5 SORENSEN, CHARLES E. MY FORTY YEARS WITH FORD
3.6 RICHARDS, WILLIAM C. THE LAST BILLIONARE
3.7 CORLE, EDWIN. JOHN STUDEBAKER AND AMERICAN DREAM [2 copies]
3.8 CLYMER, FLOYD. HISTORICAL MOTOR SCRAPBOOK
3.9 WHITE, LEE STORUT, FAREWELL TO MODEL T

BOX 4: MORE BOOKS & PAMPHLETS
4.1 "FORD LIFE," [Vol. 1 Nos. 4 and 5, three copies of each, with articles by John H. Eagal]
4.2 CLYMER, FLOYD, HENRY'S WONDERFUL MODEL T
4.3 FORD MOTOR COMPANY. FORTY YEARS, 1903-1943
4.4 FORD MOTOR COMPANY. AUTO-UNIVERSUM, 1964
4.5 STERN, PHILIP VAN DOREN, TIN LIZZY.
4.6 SIMONDS, WILLIAM A., FORD, MOTOR GENIUS.
BOX FIVE: SCRAPBOOKS #2
5.1 MELZAR, EAGAL. MILITARY ORDER OF THE LOYAL LEGION, CERTIFICATE, 1886
5.2 SCRAPBOOK NO. 1 (1875-1935) [brown, 36 cm.; newspaper clippings, photographs and memorabilia, etc. with a biography of Eagal's father and grandfather on the inside front cover]
5.3 SCRAPBOOK NO. 2 (June 1935-December 1944) [black]
5.4 SCRAPBOOK NO. 3 (January 1945-September 1961) [black]