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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	American Auto Painting School Collection
Date:	1927-1930
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.1620
Creator:	American Auto Painting School (Chicago, IL) Hibbs, George W.
Source:	Thomas, Audrey H. (Donor)
Extent:	.25 Cubic feet (1 box)
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Collection donated to the Division of Transportation (now Division of Work & Industry) by the Estate of Audrey H. Thomas, through attorney Steven Schneebaum of Patton, Boggs and Blow in December 1993.

Provenance

Collection transferred to the Archives Center from the Division of Work & Industry in October 2024.

Processing Information

Collection processed by Alison Oswald, archivist, 2024.

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Content Description

Lessons, exam worksheets, and correspondence from George W. Hibbs's participation in a correspondence course offered by the American Auto Painting School of Chicago, Illinois.

Arrangement

Collection is arranged in two series.

Series 1: Correspondence, 1927-1929

Series 2: Lessons and Exams for George A. Hibbs, circa 1920s

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

- Automobile industry and trade
- Correspondence schools and courses

Types of Materials:

- Examinations (documents)

Names:

- Thomas, Audrey H.

Container Listing

Series 1: Correspondence, 1927-1929

Scope and Contents: The series consists of typescript correspondence from the American Auto Painting School Superintendent, G. King Franklin, welcoming George Hibbs to the school and outlining how the lesson plans and exams work, and coupons for payment.

Box 1, Folder 1 Correspondence, 1927

Box 1, Folder 2 Correspondence, 1928

Box 1, Folder 3 Correspondence, 1929

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Series 2: Lessons and Exams, circa 1920s

Scope and Contents: This series consists of handwritten in ink and pencil examination sheets, trouble reports (which pose a question), and shop orders--which depict a car that requires annotations/descriptions. All of the exams and lessons belong to George A. Hibbs and are labeled scholarship number 1561 and are graded.

Box 1, Folder 4 Exams for George A. Hibbs, circa 1920s

Box 1, Folder 5 Exams for George A. Hibbs, circa 1920s

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