

# Guide to the RE Olds & RE Olds Anderson Collection

## Summary Information

**Repository:**

Capital Area District Library/Forest Parke Library & Archives  
401 South Capitol Avenue  
Lansing, MI 48933

**Creator:** RE Olds Anderson

**Title:** RE Olds & RE Olds-Anderson Collection

**Collection No.:** 20802

**Ascension No.:** 20703

**Extent:** 3 boxes, 1.2 cubic feet

**Abstract:**

This collection consists of historical documents and artifacts pertaining to Ransom Eli Olds (1894-1950) and his many businesses. Mr. RE Olds Anderson, grandson of Ransom Eli Olds selected, sorted and organized the materials from the last known cache of documents, photographs and artifacts held by Ransom Eli Olds in his office until his death in 1950. They pertain to Ransom Eli Olds, the Olds Motor Vehicle Company, the Olds Motor Works, REO and several other companies formed by Ransom Eli Olds.

## Administrative Information

**Access Restrictions:**

This collection is open for research. However, due to the fragile condition of specific items, access may be restricted. Advance notice is requested.

**Acquisition Information:**

Donated by B. L. (Bill) Porterfield

**Usage Restrictions:**

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## **Biographical Note**

Ransom Eli Olds Anderson was the oldest grandson of RE Olds, founder of Oldsmobile, REO Motorcar Company and several other businesses and philanthropic organizations. Olds Anderson himself was an entrepreneur and philanthropist. He served as president of the R. E. Olds Co. and the Ransom Fidelity Co., both charitable organizations.

Born in Lansing in 1917 to Bruce E. Anderson and Gladys Olds he spent nearly his entire life in the area. He attended Dartmouth College then Michigan State University. During WW2 he worked as a flight instructor in Houston Texas and Oklahoma City. While studying Agricultural Engineering at MSU he ran his families' 300-plus acre farm. After the war he joined his father in the hotel business. He traveled extensively and was active in the community.

Mr. Olds Anderson was a leader to the Lansing Rotary Club, the Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Michigan Hotel Association, member of the Bank of Lansing's board of directors, board member of Woldumar Nature Center, which his mother started, was a founding member of the Lansing Convention and Visitors Bureau and was chairman of the Michigan State University Foundation. He was highly involved with the Ingham Regional Medical Center. He was director emeritus of the hospital and its foundation's board. In 1999, the hospital named the RE Olds Anderson Cardiac Rehabilitation Center for him. He died February 21, 2003 at the age of 86.

## **Collection Scope and Content Note**

These materials resulted from a relationship established between RE Olds Anderson and B. L. Porterfield that began in 1998. At that time, Mr. Porterfield was seeking funding for the Oldsmobile/GM Heritage Center. Subsequently, they collaborated on a book based on Mr. Anderson's life experiences and his relationship with his grandfather Ransom Eli Olds. In one meeting, Mr. Anderson invited Porterfield to go through some file cabinets and storage boxes that contained materials found in Ransom Eli Olds' office after he passed away in 1950. The materials had been moved from Olds' personal office on the tenth floor of the Olds Tower (later renamed Boji Tower) to the Ransom Fidelity Company office on the seventh floor.

The materials that Olds had kept stored in his office were the last known cache of documents, photographs and artifacts pertaining to Ransom Eli Olds, the Olds Motor Vehicle Company, the Olds Motor Works, REO and several other companies formed by Ransom Eli Olds. Porterfield wrote, "Most of the materials looked like they had been hastily boxed up with little organization or protection."

Mr. Anderson allowed Mr. Porterfield to remove the materials from his office in order to sort, organize and research them for possible inclusion in a second book based on the subject materials. Anderson granted Mr. Porterfield ownership of a small portion of the materials in return for his time and expenses. The remainder of the materials were returned to Mr. Anderson's family. Mr. Porterfield donated some of his materials to form this collection. The rest were to be donated to the RE Olds Transportation Museum.

## **Arrangement**

The collection is contained in three boxes of materials. The collection preserves the arrangement created by Mr. Porterfield. The first box contains seven folders, the second box contains six folders, and the third box contains nine folders. In the first box, several oversized items are found behind the folders.

The descriptions with editorial comments in the Contents List were prepared by Craig Whitford.

The collection has been captured in digital form.

## **Controlled Access Terms (LC)**

### **Subjects:**

Automotive industry  
Automobile, Gasoline  
Automobiles  
Detroit (Mich.)  
Duryea, Charles E., 1861-1938  
Duryea, J. Frank (James Frank), 1869-1967  
Ford, Henry, 1863-1947  
Ford Motor Company  
General Motors  
Grand Ledge (Mich.)  
Ingham County (Mich.)  
Lansing (Mich.)  
Michigan  
New York (New York)  
Olds, Ransom Eli, 1864-1950  
Oldsmar (FL)  
Oldsmobile automobile  
Reo Motor Car Company  
Scottish Rite (Masonic order)  
Taft, William Howard, Pres. U.S., 1857-1930

## Contents List

### Box #1

#### Folder #1 – Correspondence

Item No.	Date	Description
1	11/28/00	<a href="#">Olds to Chenoweth</a> ; Factory vignette imprint, early copy, 7 x 8.5"
2	8/20/01	<a href="#">Shettler to Olds</a> ; Huber Mfg. Co. - Lansing ltrhd; Huber Mfg. Co. Factory vignette; 8.25 x 7.25"
3	1/22/02	<a href="#">R.M.O to Olds Motor Works</a> - CDO letterhead, 8.5 x 11"
4	5/3/02	<a href="#">Agreement between Olds and City of Lansing</a> - re: Fire Alarm Box; Olds Motor Works ltr hd with factory vignettes; 8.5 x 11"
5	5/24/02	<a href="#">OMW to Olds - re: Goodrich tires</a> ; Olds Motor Works ltr hd with factory vignettes; 8.5 x 11"
6	5/1/03	<a href="#">Olds to F.L. Smith</a> - re: Experimental Room in Detroit factory; Olds Motor Works ltr hd with factory vignettes; 8.5 x 11"
7	9/30/03	<a href="#">OMW materials to Olds' house</a> ; CDO imprint on Detroit billhead; 8.25 x 7.5"
8	12/18/03	<a href="#">Hastings to Olds</a> ; Olds Motor Works ltr hd with factory vignettes; 8.5 x 11"
9	12/18/03	<a href="#">Emory to Olds</a> ; Blue imprint with CDO image from Milwaukee
10	12/18/03	<a href="#">Emory to OMW</a> ; Blue imprint with CDO image from Milwaukee
11	12/24/03	<a href="#">Emory to Olds</a> ; Blue imprint with CDO image from Milwaukee
12	12/26/03	<a href="#">Emory to Olds</a> ; Blue imprint with CDO image from Milwaukee
		Items 8-12; Correspondence between Emory Whipple Olds (brother) re accts; all with Blue imprint CDO image from Milwaukee; 8.5 x 11"
13	1/2/04	<a href="#">F.L. Smith to Olds</a> - re: Stockholders meeting; Olds Motor Works ltr hd with factory vignettes and CDO image; 8.5 x 11"
14	1/15/04	<a href="#">F.L. Smith to Olds</a> - re: N.A.A.M. Constitution; Olds Motor Works ltr hd with factory vignettes and CDO image; 8.5 x 11"
15	2/7/04	<a href="#">Olds to Borleton?</a> Hand written in pencil; re: Sale of Olds' stock; Hotel letterhead; 8.5 x 11"

- 16            9/19/04    [Autograph Letter Signed](#). Henry Ford to Ransom Eli Olds in regards to his thoughts on the Selden Patent and congratulations on the formation of Olds' new company (REO). Typed letter on Ford Motor Company letterhead; 8.5 x 11"; signed in full by automobile pioneer Henry Ford. Very Fine condition. An exceptionally rare Henry Ford signed document from one automotive pioneer to another mentioning the Selden Patent and his eagerness to discuss it with Ransom Olds.
- 17            12/9/04    [RM Owen to Olds](#) - "REO" in pencil; re: Incorporation of REO of New York; early REO letterhead with banner covering REO automobile, 8.5 x 11", 2 pages.
- 18            6/20/07    [EF Peer to Olds](#) - re: REO Car Company Dividend; 8.25 x 7.5; REO factory image with company name in headlight letterhead.
- 19            9/5/07     [EF Peer to Olds](#) - re: REO Car Company Dividend; Original Co name; 8.25 x 7.5; REO factory image with company name in headlight.
- 20            5/24/09    [Emory to Olds](#) - Hollister Block ltrhd - re: Letter between brothers; 8.5 x 11"
- 21            [Scottish Rite Autograph sheet](#) - Multiple signatures including RE Olds; 8.25 x 11" - Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Valley of Grand Rapids, Mich. Imprinted letterhead.
- 22            7/15/13    [Olds to RMO](#) - re: Reo the Fifth production costs etc.; REO factory image with company name in headlight letterhead. 8.5 x 11"
- 23            1/14/14    [Financial statement](#) - Original Gas Engine Co. imprinted letterhead; 8.5 x 11"
- 24            [Envelope](#)
- 25            2/21/14    [Ideal Power Lawn Mower Co.](#); imprinted letterhead, document damaged
- 26            [Envelope](#) features green imprint depicting an Ideal Power Lawn Mower
- 27            11/14/14   [Brown to Olds](#) - Original Gas Engine Co imprinted letterhead, 8.5 x 11"
- 28            1/19/24    [Olds to Rowley](#) - re: Biography/Co history; RE Olds Co./Bonds Mortgages imprinted letterhead, 8.5 x 11".
- 29            6/27/42    [Olds to Austin](#) - re: Olds Hall (FL) pen signed by RE Olds on Olds Tower Building imprinted letterhead, 8.5 x 11"
- 30            12/13/43   [Burns to Olds](#) - WWII Oldsmobile Letterhead with tank design, 8.5 x 11"
- 31            4/23/46    [Eldredge to Ecker](#) - Olds logo type letterhead regarding early olds vehicle relative to the early model (1897) in

the Smithsonian Institution; 8.5 x 11"

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| 32 | 10/3/46 | <a href="#">Barker to Olds</a> - regarding photograph; 8.5 x 11"                                     |
| 33 | 5/9/47  | <a href="#">Olds to Dunlop</a> - Olds Hall (FL); Olds Tower Building imprinted letterhead, 8.5 x 11" |
| 34 | 5/25/48 | <a href="#">Olds to Dunlop</a> - Olds Hall (FL); Olds Tower Building imprinted letterhead, 8.5 x 11" |

## Folder #2 – Photographic Images

Item No.	Date	Description
35	c. 1892	<a href="#">Original Cabinet Card photograph of the Experimental Olds Gasoline Steam Carriage</a> photographed by Lansing, Michigan photographers, Cassey & Riley, c. 1892. Overall card 117 x 165mm; Image 99 x 148mm; white label with red border on verso, 100 x 63mm, with typed "Second car built by RE Olds - later sold to a firm in Bombay, India." Photographic image is Fine to Fine+ with good contrast. Card mount is worn with rounded or chipped corners.  This original cabinet card photograph is of the highest rarity. It captures the young inventor at the steering lever of his second self-propelled vehicle, the first being constructed by him in 1886-87. Ransom Eli Olds continued experimenting and perfecting his motor vehicles leading to the incorporation of the Olds Motor Vehicle Company on September 7, 1897 in Lansing, Michigan where he was directed by the board to produce "one carriage in as nearly perfect a manner as possible..." From the personal archive of Ransom Eli Olds.
36	c. 1894?	<a href="#">"RE Olds 1894"</a> - early copy photograph; 126 x 88mm
37	c. 1899	<a href="#">Olds in electric</a> , c. 1899; Unpublished original; 85 x 83mm, sl. Damaged to upper right and left corners; good contrast
38	(c. 1897)	<a href="#">Smithsonian Institution's 1897 Olds</a> - Lansing 1st Gas-powered carriage; 177 x 128mm, mounted to card, crease through photograph
39	(c. 1904)	<a href="#">First REO Roadster</a> , 1904; copy photograph; 256 x 204mm.
40	c. 1903-04	<a href="#">Group of CDOs in Florida</a> , c. 1903-1904; Unpublished original; 200 x 151mm mounted to stiff grey card board. Excellent condition.

**Folder #3 – Stock Certificates**

Item No.	Date	Description
		<i>Note: Most stocks average 10 x 8 inches.</i>
41	5/25/33	<a href="#">Odol Products; Temporary Certificate</a> , 100 Shares
42	10/24/31	<a href="#">Decatur Oil &amp; Gas; 70,000 Shares</a> , Capital Stk to Reolds Farm
43	12/1/26	<a href="#">Oldsmar Hardware</a> ; 180 Shares Capital Stock
44	12/31/29	<a href="#">REOLDS Farm Company</a> ; 1000 Shares Capital Stk to RE Olds
45	1/11/21	<a href="#">REOLDS Farm Company</a> ; 1 Share Capital Stk to James Thompson
46	6/8/29	<a href="#">Grand Ledge Face Brick Co</a> ; 300 Shares Pref.; Pen signed by RE Olds
47	1/16/30	<a href="#">Detroit Bankers Company</a> ; 500 Shares Common; Pen signed by Olds
48	6/1/20	<a href="#">Lansing Improvement Company</a> ; 5 Shares Capital; Pen signed by Olds
49	6/18/1896	<a href="#">P.F.Olds &amp; Son</a> ; No Certificate number; 200 Shares Capital Stock to W.S. Olds on July 18, 1896; signed by P.F. Olds as President and RE Olds as Secretary; Transfer on verso on April 18, 1898 signed by Wallace S. Olds and witnessed by RE Hardy. "Canceled Stock" in pencil. Black imprint with Michigan State Seal vignette. 252 x 183mm. Very Fine condition. From the personal archive of Ransom Eli Olds.
50	5/13/31	<a href="#">Guardian Detroit Union Group</a> ; to RE Olds
51	1/30/41	<a href="#">Maple Leaf Aircraft Company</a> ; 2000 Shares; Signed "Ransom E. Olds"
52	12/8/39	<a href="#">Priceless Properties</a> ; 1/10th interest in an Ontario Mine.
53	12/22/24	<a href="#">Elbamar Farm</a> ; Cert No. 13; 250 Shares Capital Stock to RE Olds; Signed by RE Olds as President and Charles E. Ecker as Secretary. Tear at folds.

**Folder #4 – Checks**

Item No.	Date	Description
		<i>(Note: "rev" = Revenue stamp signed "REO." by Ransom Olds)</i>
54	11/2/27	<a href="#">Guardian Detroit Bank</a> - No. 5; Signed "RE Olds"; 215 x 76mm
55		<a href="#">Home Savings</a> ; Fragment, "REO." signed revenue stamp
56		<a href="#">Bd of Education</a> ; George H Sheets, 1899; Fragment with partial RE Olds signature

- 57 12/1/1897 [Bd of Education](#); E.P. Castner, 1897; Proxy "RE Olds" signature
- 58 [City National Bank](#), 1898; OMVC imprint at left
- 59 [P.F. Olds & Son](#), 1896 - Wichita, Kansas
- 60 [Home Savings](#); Fragment, "REO." signed revenue stamp
- 61 [City National Bank](#) Jan 25, 1898; OMVC imprint at left
- 62 [Home Savings](#) June 16, 1900; Fragment with REO revenue
- 63 [Home Savings](#) June 9, 1900; Fragment with REO rev and Partial sig
- 64 [Home Savings](#) June 4, 1900; Fragment with REO rev and Partial sig
- 65 [Lansing State Savings Bank](#), 1898; Frag. with REO rev and Partial sig
- 66 [Lansing State Savings Bank](#), 1899; Frag. with REO rev and Partial sig
- 67 [Lansing State Savings Bank](#), 1898; Frag. with REO rev and Partial sig
- 68 [Lansing State Savings Bank](#), 1898; Frag. with REO rev and Partial sig
- 69 [Lansing State Savings Bank](#), 1898; Frag. with REO rev and Partial sig
- Items 65-69
- 70 [Detroit Guardian Bank](#), 1927 - No. 10; Complete Check Signed "RE Olds"
- 71 [Detroit Guardian Bank](#), 1927 - No. 11; Complete Check Signed "RE Olds"
- 72 [Detroit Guardian Bank](#), 1927 - No. 12; Complete Check Signed "RE Olds"

**Folder #5 – Miscellaneous**

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Description</b>
73		<a href="#">State of Michigan Executive Order 1912</a> (oversized, stored outside folders at rear of Box 1)
74		<a href="#">Modern Copy of Old Motor Vehicle Company Articles of Association</a>

**Folder #6 – Programs & Checks**

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Description</b>
75	4/7/10	<a href="#">Assn. of Licensed Automobile Manufacturers (ALAM) First Annual Dinner</a> , Hotel Astor, New York, April 7, 1910. Engraved program for the event, gilt embossed ALAM logo on card cover, 165 x 216mm, tied by wide red ribbon, 16 pages, with small card tipped in of late registrants. Center panel features an incredible Selden Vehicle cartoon, 32 x 21cm, by Pulitzer Prize winning cartoonist Reuben "Rube" Lucius Goldberg (b. 1883; d. 1970). Goldberg created the characters Boob McNutt, Lala Palooza as well as Mike & Ike. Goldberg was well known for his invention cartoons. The organization of ALAM and Olds' involvement in regards to the Selden patent is well documented - Olds was one of the organizers for this event. This is RE Olds' personal program. Near mint.
76		<a href="#">Home Savings Bank</a> Jan 14, 1900; Complete check signed by RE Olds with revenue stamp
77		<a href="#">Home Savings Bank</a> Jan 6, 1900; "REO." rev; Proxy sig of RE Olds by M(etta) Olds; Complete check
78	10/1/10	<a href="#">Dinner to William Howard Taft</a> , President of the United States by the National Republican League, October 1, 1901, Hotel Astor, New York. Engraved program for the event, gilt NRL logo on card cover, 143 x 253mm, tied by white cord, frontis portrait of Taft with rubberstamp signature below, 8 pages total. Light toning. (oversized, stored outside folders at rear of Box 1)
79		<a href="#">Complimentary Dinner for Ransom E. Olds</a> at the Downey, September 8, 1910 (Lansing, Mich). Dinner program with photographic image of RE Olds on the cover, 122 x 200mm, tied by red ribbon at upper left corner, cover + 4 pages. Fine condition.
80		<a href="#">Masonic Temple Association</a> 1916

**Folder #7 – Ephemera**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Description</b>
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No.		
81		<a href="#">Original real photo post card of Roosevelt in 1907 REO</a> with RE Olds driving during the 50th Anniversary of M.A.C. in East Lansing, Michigan. A fine example of the well known image.
82		<a href="#">Original real photo post card of Roosevelt in 1907 REO</a> with RE Olds driving during the 50th Anniversary of M.A.C. in East Lansing, Michigan. A second example of the well known image with "When I had the pleasure of giving Theodore Roosevelt a ride in a Reo Car." added to the blank right panel. Fine condition.
83		<a href="#">Portrait of RE Olds</a> , c. 1920s, 6 x 8 inches
84		<a href="#">Organ in Olds Mansion</a> , 8 x 10 inches
85		<a href="#">Olds Mansion</a> , 5 x 7 inches
86		<a href="#">Portrait of RE Olds</a> , c. 1920s, 6 x 8 inches
87		<a href="#">Ransom &amp; Metta on camels</a> 1922, 6 x 4 1/2 inches
88		<a href="#">Brochure - Ideal Engine Co</a> , 3-panel
89		<a href="#">Two (2) Christmas cards</a> , one (1) New Year's card (oversized, stored outside folders at rear of Box 1), two (2) 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary cards (duplicate copy not scanned)
90		<a href="#">Two (2) copies - Ransom thank you for book</a> (duplicate copy not scanned)
91		<a href="#">Advance Press Service September</a> 17, 1925
92		<a href="#">Great Names in the Auto Industry</a> - 1949

## **Box #2**

### **Folder #1 – Photographs**

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Description</b>
93		<a href="#">Two men in 1897 car</a> "RE OLDS 1894"; Copy photograph
94		<a href="#">Original portrait of RE Olds</a> by Imes Studio (Lansing) in folder, 3 x 4 1/2 inches
95		<a href="#">1897 by Mansion</a> - original sepia photograph, 116 x 90mm, mounted to buff card. Image is damaged.
96		" <a href="#">First residence with garage</a> - 1895" on back of 4x6 photo (Item 7)
97		" " " - <a href="#">Negative of above photo</a>
98		" " " - <a href="#">5X7 retouched photo</a>
100		<a href="#">Envelope - "Guard with your life"</a> Bud to Betty
101		<a href="#">1897 car in front of Mansion</a> - cropped photograph
102		<a href="#">Full negative of above</a>
103		<a href="#">1897 Olds Trap</a> in "driveway" of an unidentified residence. Original photograph, 90 x 88mm, mounted to grey board. Back with note " <i>Ransom's Horseless Carriage with Geo, Gladys and I'm(?) it, Mrs. S.</i> " Fine

condition, It fading. An unpublished image of Olds' 1897 auto. From the personal archive of Ransom Eli Olds.

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[Full negative of the above image](#)  
[Original parade photograph of 1897 Olds towing a wagon float with a horse advertising Olds Gasoline Engines, engine below](#); RE Olds is in the driver's seat with his daughter seated in back of the '97 Olds. Unpublished photograph. 117 x 87mm, unmounted. Back of image dated "*Sept. 2, 1897.*" Superb contrast, upper and lower right corners chipped, not affecting the image. Perhaps the earliest known image of the 1897 gas powered motor vehicle and its inventor. If the date on the back fo the photographs is correct, it was taken just 5 days before the Olds Motor Vehicle Company, the first organized auto manufacturer in the State of Michigan would be formed.

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[Negative of above photo](#)

**Folder #2 – Checks**

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Description</b>
107		<a href="#">Home Savings Bank, 1900 No. 48</a> - Metta Olds signed
108		<a href="#">Home Savings Bank, 1900 No. 61</a> - RE Olds signed
109		<a href="#">Office of P.F. Olds &amp; Son Oct. 26, 1896</a> , signed by RE Hardy
110		<a href="#">Lansing State Savings Bank Sept 22, 1898</a> - Sig by RE Olds, partial (Mrs. P F Olds signature on back)

### Folder #3 – Stock Certificates

Item No.	Date	Description
111	9/17/1897	<a href="#">Olds Motor Vehicle Company; Certificate No. 1</a> for 1250 Shares Capital Stock issued to RE Olds, Trustee for P.F. Olds and Son on September 7, 1897 in Lansing, Michigan where he was directed by the board to produce <i>“one carriage in as nearly perfect a manner as possible...”</i> Black imprint with green security background and red stock certificate number; document completed in manuscript; Eagle vignette at center. Signed by A.C. Stebbins as Secretary and E.F. Cooley as Vice President. An exceptional rare and desirable financial document being the first stock certificate issued from the first automobile manufacturing company in Michigan. This and the following certificate for the Olds Gasoline Engine Works were sent to Olds on February 18, 1946 from G.C. Eldredge, Assistant Advertising Manager for Oldsmobile...as they were going through some Olds material at the plant of the Oldsmobile Division and the certificates came to light. Original letter from Eldredge and copy of response from the RE Olds company accompanies.
112	10/3/1898	<a href="#">Olds Gasoline Engine Works; Cert No. 2</a> for 2500 Shares Capital Stock to RE Olds, October 3, 1899, signed by RE Olds as Secretary and E.F. Cooley as Vice President. Stock transfer on verso to Fred L. Smith, Trustee, undated but signed by RE Olds. Black imprint with golden security background and red stock certificate number; document completed in manuscript; Eagle vignette at center. 263 x 209mm. Very Fine condition.
113	1/27/1899	<a href="#">Olds Motor Vehicle Company; Certificate No. 11</a> for One Share Capital Stock to RE Olds on January 27, 1899. Black imprint with green security background and red stock certificate number; document completed in manuscript; Eagle vignette at center. Signed by RE Hardy as Secretary and RE Olds as President. Three revenue stamps pen canceled "OMVC 1/27/99" on verso. 260 x 205mm. Very Fine condition. Perhaps the only certificate known on the Olds Motor Vehicle Company that is signed by RE Olds as President, although issued more than a year after the company was organized. Nine certificates were issued on September 7, 1897, being Nos. 1-9. Certificate 10 is

unknown at the present time.

114	4/16/30	<a href="#">Union Guardian Trust Co.</a> ; 10 Shares Capital Stock with <a href="#">letter from Guardian Detroit Union Group signed by RE Olds</a>
115	1/31/28	<a href="#">General Utilities Holding Co.</a> ; 250 Shares Common Stock; Signed in full "Ransom E. Olds", scarce form of his signature.
116	7/25/11	<a href="#">Merchants Bank</a> ; 50 Shares Capital Stock, signed on verso RE Olds
117	10/7/36	<a href="#">First Income Trading Corp.</a> ; 170 Shares Capital Stock, signed on verso "Ransom E. Olds"
118	10/13/24	<a href="#">Boyne City Railroad Co.</a> ; 10 Shares Capital Stock, signed by RE Olds, fold split, repair with tape, does not affect the signature of Olds
119	10/27/52	<a href="#">REOLDS INVESTMENT CO.</a> ; 1813 Shares Capital Stock, Signed by Roe
120	5/15/36	<a href="#">Norlina Mining Co.</a> ; 500 Shares Capital Stock, Signed by Olds as President
121	1/4/16	<a href="#">Blue Sky Motor Car Co.</a> 1000 Shares Dinner Menu
122	6/24/07	<a href="#">LA REPUBLIC Mining Co.</a> ; 3000 Shares with <a href="#">note from RE</a> as a souvenir as <a href="#">the stock is worthless.</a>
123	6/8/29	<a href="#">Grand Ledge Face Brick Company</a> ; 150 Shares Common Stock, signed by RE Olds on the verso.
124	1/22/27	<a href="#">REOLDS FARM COMPANY</a> ; 200 Shares Capital Stock
125	12/28/38	<a href="#">REOLDS FARM COMPANY</a> ; 1 Share Capital Stock

#### Folder #4 – Booklets

Item No.	Date	Description
126		<a href="#">Olds Motor Works</a> - Detroit, original example of the company catalog
127		<a href="#">Olds Motor Works</a> - Detroit and Lansing, original example
128		<a href="#">The REO - 1905</a> ; Original Cycle and Automobile Trade Journal offprint
129		<a href="#">REO - The Car of Service</a> , original REO ad item
130		<a href="#">The One Little Injun' booklet</a> - original advertising

booklet for REO

**Folder #5 – Miscellaneous**

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Description</b>
131		<a href="#">Advertisement</a> - Olds Motor Works Detroit
132		<a href="#">Envelope with 1897</a> - July 20, 1900; adhered to larger piece, envelope is torn, features well known image of the 1897 Olds
133		<a href="#">Envelope</a> - Ransom E. Olds
134		<a href="#">Envelope</a> - RE Olds Company
135		<a href="#">Envelope</a> - Ransom E. Olds
136		<a href="#">Envelope</a> - REOLDS FARMS CO.
137		<a href="#">Order Form for Curved Dash Olds</a> - ORIGINAL
138		<a href="#">Memo signed by Ransom June 22, 1942</a>
139		<a href="#">Memo signed by Ransom June 22, 1942</a>
141		<a href="#">Nine (9) photos of pages- very early booklet - later copies</a>

**Folder #6 – Duryea Automobile Package**

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Description</b>
140		Package re: Duryea Automobile Note: package contained 14 items (reproductions)– most related to a dispute between the Duryea brothers regarding dates their motor vehicles were produced. <a href="#">Item 1</a> , <a href="#">Item 2</a> , <a href="#">Item 3</a> , <a href="#">Item 4</a> , <a href="#">Item 5</a> , <a href="#">Item 6</a> , <a href="#">Item 7</a> , <a href="#">Item 8</a> <a href="#">Item 9</a> , <a href="#">Item 10</a> , <a href="#">Item 11</a> , <a href="#">Item 12</a> , <a href="#">Item 13</a> , <a href="#">Item 14</a>

**Box #3**

**Folder #1 – Olds Motor Works Memos**

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Item Description</b>
142	<a href="#">Jan. 25. 1906</a>
143	Oct. 8, 1907 – <a href="#">Stockholder Report</a> , <a href="#">Second Report</a>
144	<a href="#">Feb-09</a>
145	<a href="#">No. 21251</a>
146	<a href="#">Oct. 25 1910</a>
147	<a href="#">Sept. 25, 1922</a>
148	<a href="#">29-Jun-26</a>
149	<a href="#">7-Dec-28</a>
150	<a href="#">Dec. 10, 1928</a>
151	<a href="#">Aug. 8, 1929</a>
152	<a href="#">Sept. 16, 1935</a>
153	<a href="#">18-Jun-36</a>

**Folder #2 – OMW Division of General Motors Memos**

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Item Description</b>
154	<a href="#"><u>Nov. 22, 1937</u></a>
155	<a href="#"><u>13-Mar-40</u></a>
156	<a href="#"><u>1-Jul-40</u></a>
157	<a href="#"><u>1-Jul-40</u></a>
158	<a href="#"><u>Jan. 15, 1941</u></a>
159	<a href="#"><u>Feb. 6, 1941</u></a>
160	<a href="#"><u>21-Jul-41</u></a>
161	<a href="#"><u>22-Jul-41</u></a>
162	<a href="#"><u>Aug. 12, 1941</u></a>
163	<a href="#"><u>Aug. 25, 1941</u></a>
164	<a href="#"><u>Aug. 26, 1941</u></a>
165	<a href="#"><u>Sept. 24, 1941</u></a>
166	<a href="#"><u>Oc. 10, 1941</u></a>

#### **Folder #3 – Oldsmobile Division Memos**

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Item Description</b>
167	<a href="#"><u>7-Jun-39</u></a>
168	<a href="#"><u>Sept. 9, 1940</u></a>
169	<a href="#"><u>Feb. 26, 1941</u></a>

#### **Folder #4 – Oldsmobile Memos**

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Item Description</b>
170	<a href="#"><u>13-Apr-39</u></a>
171	<a href="#"><u>29-Apr-40</u></a>

#### **Folder #5 – Oldsmobile Dealer Letterheads**

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Item Description</b>
172	<a href="#"><u>The Oldsmobile Garage</u></a>
173	<a href="#"><u>Oldsmobile</u></a>

#### **Folder #6 – Miscellaneous GM Memos**

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Item Description</b>
174	<a href="#"><u>Aug. 31, 1932</u></a>
175	<a href="#"><u>21-Jul-33</u></a>
176	<a href="#"><u>Nov. 10, 1937</u></a>
177	<a href="#"><u>Nov. 24, 1937</u></a>
178	<a href="#"><u>Jan. 5, 1938</u></a>
179	<a href="#"><u>Nov. 14, 1938</u></a>
180	<a href="#"><u>Mar. 27, 1939</u></a>
181	<a href="#"><u>15-May-39</u></a>

182	<a href="#"><u>19-May-39</u></a>
183	<a href="#"><u>19-May-39</u></a>
184	<a href="#"><u>22-Jun-39</u></a>
185	<a href="#"><u>22-Jun-39</u></a>
186	<a href="#"><u>28-Jun-39</u></a>
187	<a href="#"><u>Mar. 14, 1940</u></a>
188	<a href="#"><u>Dec. 30, 1940</u></a>
189	<a href="#"><u>Feb. 27, 1941</u></a>
190	<a href="#"><u>18-Jul-42</u></a>
191	<a href="#"><u>10-Apr-44</u></a>
192	<a href="#"><u>12-Jun-44</u></a>

### Folder #7 – OMW Applications for Employment

Item	
No.	Item Description
193	<a href="#"><u>Aug. 5, 1926</u></a>
194	<a href="#"><u>Sept. 16, 1926</u></a>
195	<a href="#"><u>Oct. 16, 1926</u></a>
196	<a href="#"><u>Jan. 24, 1928</u></a>
197	<a href="#"><u>31-Jul-28</u></a>
198	<a href="#"><u>Nov. 24, 1928</u></a>
199	<a href="#"><u>Dec. 8, 1928</u></a>
200	<a href="#"><u>Dec. 10, 1928</u></a>
201	<a href="#"><u>Feb. 11, 1930</u></a>
202	<a href="#"><u>20-Jul-31</u></a>

### Folder #8 – OMW Payroll Cards

Item	
No.	Item Description
203	<a href="#"><u>05/16/04</u></a>
204	<a href="#"><u>11/30/04</u></a>
205	<a href="#"><u>12/28/04</u></a>
206	<a href="#"><u>06/10/07</u></a>
207	<a href="#"><u>11/01/09</u></a>
208	<a href="#"><u>11/10/10</u></a>
209	<a href="#"><u>01/xx/11</u></a>
210	<a href="#"><u>02/xx/11</u></a>
211	<a href="#"><u>12/17/11</u></a>
212	<a href="#"><u>11/28/13</u></a>
213	<a href="#"><u>09/10/14</u></a>
214	<a href="#"><u>03/29/15</u></a>
215	<a href="#"><u>10/14/15</u></a>
216	<a href="#"><u>10/16/16</u></a>
217	<a href="#"><u>11/01/16</u></a>
218	<a href="#"><u>11/15/16</u></a>
219	<a href="#"><u>10/22/17</u></a>

220	<a href="#"><u>03/26/17</u></a>
221	<a href="#"><u>10/22/17</u></a>
222	<a href="#"><u>11/26/17</u></a>
223	<a href="#"><u>08/10/17</u></a>
224	<a href="#"><u>09/18/17</u></a>
225	<a href="#"><u>11/05/17</u></a>

**Folder #9 – Aircraft Division**

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Item Description</b>
226	<a href="#"><u>04/29/14</u></a>
227	<a href="#"><u>10/08/18</u></a>
228	<a href="#"><u>10/21/18</u></a>
229	<a href="#"><u>10/08/18</u></a>
230	<a href="#"><u>09/30/18</u></a>
231	<a href="#"><u>10/18/18</u></a>
232	<a href="#"><u>06/05/17</u></a>
233	<a href="#"><u>09/07/18</u></a>
234	<a href="#"><u>07/26/18</u></a>
235	<a href="#"><u>06/11/18</u></a>
236	<a href="#"><u>08/09/18</u></a>
237	<a href="#"><u>09/22/19</u></a>
238	<a href="#"><u>06/11/19</u></a>
239	<a href="#"><u>06/16/19</u></a>
240	<a href="#"><u>09/06/19</u></a>
241	<a href="#"><u>10/07/19</u></a>
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244	<a href="#"><u>11/25/19</u></a>
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246	<a href="#"><u>02/17/19</u></a>
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259	<a href="#"><u>01/17/27</u></a>
260	<a href="#"><u>05/02/27</u></a>
261	<a href="#"><u>02/21/28</u></a>

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