

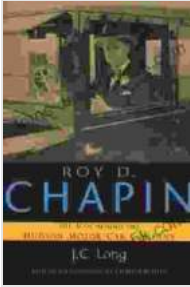
The Man Behind The Hudson Motor Car Company Great Lakes Series: Howard Coffin's Pioneering Spirit and Enduring Legacy



: The Birth of an Automotive Visionary

In the annals of American automotive history, the name Howard Coffin stands tall as a pioneer who laid the foundation for one of the most beloved and enduring car companies of the 20th century: Hudson Motor Car Company. Coffin, a brilliant engineer and visionary entrepreneur, played a pivotal role in shaping the early automotive landscape, particularly with his masterful creation, the Hudson Great Lakes Series.

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Early Life and Educational Pursuits: The Foundation of an Innovator

Howard Earle Coffin was born on September 6, 1873, in Hudson, Michigan. From a young age, he displayed an unquenchable thirst for knowledge and a keen interest in mechanics. After graduating from high school, Coffin enrolled at the University of Michigan, where he studied mechanical engineering and excelled in his studies.

The Genesis of Hudson Motor Car Company: Embracing the Automobile Revolution

In 1903, Coffin joined the Detroit-based Northern Manufacturing Company, which was struggling to produce a viable automobile. Under Coffin's astute leadership, the company underwent a transformative overhaul, and in 1909, the Hudson Motor Car Company was officially born.

The Hudson Great Lakes Series: A Benchmark of Automotive Excellence

Coffin's greatest triumph within Hudson Motor Car Company was the creation of the Great Lakes Series. Introduced in 1916, these vehicles represented the epitome of American automotive engineering and

craftsmanship. The series featured a sleek and stylish design, a powerful engine, and a host of innovative features that set them apart from the competition.

Among the many innovations incorporated into the Great Lakes Series were:

- A unitized body construction, which provided increased strength and durability
- A four-wheel braking system, ensuring improved safety and control
- A high-compression engine, delivering exceptional power and performance

Marketing Mastermind: Positioning Hudson as the People's Car

Beyond his engineering prowess, Coffin was also a brilliant marketer. He recognized the importance of affordability and accessibility in the burgeoning automotive market. Under his guidance, Hudson Motor Car Company adopted a customer-centric approach, positioning itself as the provider of reliable and well-priced vehicles for the average American family.

The Essex: Expanding Hudson's Appeal to a Wider Audience

In 1919, Coffin introduced the Essex, a smaller and more affordable car than the Great Lakes Series. The Essex was targeted at a broader audience, solidifying Hudson Motor Car Company's position as a major player in the automotive industry.

Industry Leadership and National Service: A Legacy of Innovation and Patriotism

Coffin's influence extended beyond the walls of Hudson Motor Car Company. He served as president of the Society of Automotive Engineers and played a key role in the establishment of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (NACA), the predecessor to NASA.

During World War I, Coffin dedicated his expertise to the war effort, leading the production of Liberty engines for military aircraft. His unwavering patriotism and dedication earned him the Distinguished Service Medal.

Later Years and Legacy: A Pioneer Remembered

After retiring from Hudson Motor Car Company in 1930, Coffin remained active in the automotive industry. He served as a consultant for several companies and continued to promote technological advancements in the field.

Howard Earle Coffin passed away in 1937, leaving behind a legacy of innovation, leadership, and entrepreneurial spirit. His contributions to the automotive industry are immense, and his impact continues to be felt today.

The Enduring Legacy of the Hudson Great Lakes Series

The Hudson Great Lakes Series stands as a testament to Howard Coffin's pioneering vision and engineering brilliance. These vehicles, with their combination of style, performance, and affordability, captured the hearts and minds of Americans.

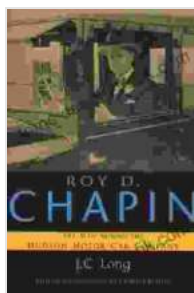
The Great Lakes Series' popularity made Hudson Motor Car Company a household name, and it remained a major force in the automotive industry

for decades to come. Even today, classic Hudson Great Lakes Series vehicles are highly sought after by collectors and enthusiasts alike, a testament to their enduring appeal and the lasting legacy of their creator.

: The Visionary Who Shaped an American Icon

Howard Earle Coffin was a true pioneer of the American automotive industry. His innovative spirit, engineering prowess, and marketing acumen laid the foundation for one of the most iconic car companies of all time. The Hudson Great Lakes Series, his crowning achievement, remains a shining example of his enduring legacy.

Coffin's contributions extended far beyond the realm of automobiles. As a leader in the industry and a dedicated patriot, he left an indelible mark on American society. His pioneering spirit and commitment to excellence serve as an inspiration to generations of automotive enthusiasts and entrepreneurs alike.

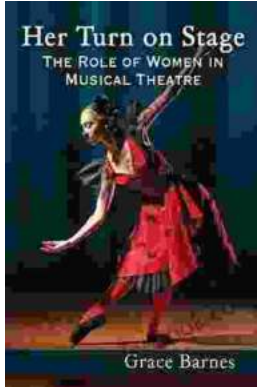


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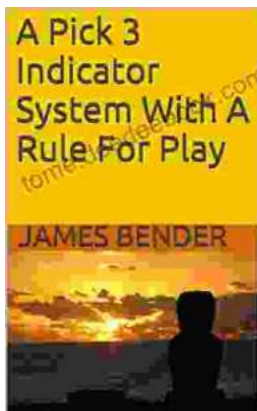
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