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Frederic H. Leubuscher Slide Collection, circa 1930-1940

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Gardens
Title:	Frederic H. Leubuscher slide collection
Identifier:	AAG.LBR
Date:	circa 1930-1940
Extent:	0.1 Cubic feet (106 slides; 35mm)
Creator:	Leubuscher, Frederic Costain, Harold Haliday
Language:	English .
Summary:	The Frederic H. Leubuscher Collection contains 106 duplicate 35mm slides documenting examples of Leubuscher's landscape architecture design work in New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Rhode Island and other locations.

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition Note

Donated to the Smithsonian Institution's Horticulture Services Division by Leubuscher's daughter in 2000.

Provenance

Images in the Frederic H. Leubuscher Collection were compiled by his daughter. They were taken by Leubuscher or copied from other sources.

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Biographical Note

Landscape architect Frederic H. Leubuscher (1906-1995) studied civil and mechanical engineering at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institution, but his interest in landscape design arose after he created an artificial pool and stream on his father's estate in Essex Fells, NJ. Leubuscher became well-known throughout New England, thanks to his many award-winning exhibits at the International Flower Show and his 6 gold medals from the American Rock Garden Society and the Garden Club of America. He retired from the practice of landscape design in 1945 and went on to design drafting tools for Keuffel and Esser Co.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Gardens -- New Jersey
- Gardens -- New York
- Gardens -- North Carolina
- Gardens -- Rhode Island
- Gardens -- United States

Types of Materials:

- Slides (photographs)

Container Listing

Series 1: Garden Images

New Jersey

NJ272: Montclair -- Louise Glass Home

The folder includes a worksheet.

Louise Glass Home related holdings consist of 1 folder (6 35 mm. slides)

The garden house is the focal point of a garden of petunias in the summer. In the spring, the flower beds were planted with tulips in a serpentine pattern-- thus imparting a dramatic statement. At the opposite end of the property is a sculpted lawn with flowerbeds and shrubs in a vista garden.

Person(s) associated with the garden include Louise Glass (former owner).

Topic: Gardens -- New Jersey -- Montclair
Place: Louise Glass Home (Montclair, New Jersey)
United States of America -- New Jersey -- Essex County --
Montclair

NJ272001: [Louise Glass Home]: curvilinear bed of tulips in foreground of "vista" garden., [1940?]
1 Slide (col.; 35 mm.)

[Image\(s\): \[Louise Glass Home\]: curvilinear bed of tulips in foreground of "vista" garden.: \[1940?\]](#)

Leubuscher, Frederic, Photographer

Topic: Bulbs
Chairs
Flowering shrubs
Garden borders
Garden houses
Gardens -- New Jersey -- Montclair
Lawns
Outdoor furniture
Trees
Tulips
Walls, stone

Place: Louise Glass Home (Montclair, New Jersey)
United States of America -- New Jersey -- Essex
County -- Montclair

NJ272003: [Louise Glass Home]: straight tulip beds border lawn in front of garden house., [1940?]

1 Slide (col.; 35 mm.)

Image(s): [Louise Glass Home]: straight tulip beds border lawn in front of garden house.: [1940?]

Leubuscher, Frederic, Photographer

Topic: Bulbs
Chairs
Flowering shrubs
Garden borders
Garden houses
Gardens -- New Jersey -- Montclair
Lawns
Outdoor furniture
Trees
Tulips
Walls, stone

Place: Louise Glass Home (Montclair, New Jersey)
United States of America -- New Jersey -- Essex
County -- Montclair

New York

NY570: Orange -- Miss Dorothy Willard Estate

Leubuscher, Frederic, Landscape architect

The folder includes a worksheet.

Miss Dorothy Willard Estate related holdings consist of 1 folder (8 35 mm. slides)

Knowing he was going to construct a moraine here, F. H. Leubuscher first used bulky pieces of western New Jersey sandstone in the quarry garden at the 1939 International flower Show in Madison Square Garden, New York City, and then moved them here. The rocks were arranged to appear as if they had been dislodged from an underlying strata. A waterfall feeds the swimming hole. A concealed underground chamber house filters and recirculates the water. The entrance gate to the estate was brought from Europe with scattered motifs across it. These were regrouped into a coherent pattern by Leubuscher.

Person(s) associated with the garden include Dorothy Willard (former owner) and Frederic H. Leubuscher (landscape architect).

Bibliography

Garden featured in *Fine Gardens* (1940, 1941, 1942).

Topic: Gardens -- New York -- Sneedens Landing

Place: Miss Dorothy Willard Estate (Sneedens Landing, New York)
United States of America -- New York -- Nassau County --
Sands Point

NY570001: [Miss Dorothy Willard Estate]: driveway to gate with planted bank., 1939.

1 Slide (col.; 35 mm.)

Image(s): [Miss Dorothy Willard Estate] [slide]: driveway to gate with planted bank.

Leubuscher, Frederic, Photographer

Topic: Driveways
Gates
Retaining walls
Shrubs
Trees

Place: United States of America -- New York -- Rockland County -- Orange -- Palisades

NY570002: [Miss Dorothy Willard Estate]: rock garden with stream on sloped lawn., 1939.

1 Slide (col.; 35 mm.)

Image(s): [Miss Dorothy Willard Estate] [slide]: rock garden with stream on sloped lawn.

Leubuscher, Frederic, Photographer

Topic: Lawns
Rock gardens
Rocks
Streams

Place: United States of America -- New York -- Rockland County -- Orange -- Palisades

NY548: Sands Point -- Louis Rabinowitz Estate

Leubuscher, Frederic, Landscape architect

The folder includes a worksheet.

Louis Rabinowitz Estate related holdings consist of 1 folder (5 35 mm. slides)

F. H. Leubuscher considered rock gardens an outcropping in an alpine garden. The rock ledges are built of New Jersey limestone. A stream drips from the ledge. The buried limestone gives the effect of a buried ledge. The pool was a later project, but was one of several pools done for clients. The shelter had two changing rooms.

Person(s) associated with the garden include Louis Rabinowitz (former owner) and Frederic H. Leubuscher (landscape architect).

Bibliography

Garden featured in *Fine Gardens* (1940, 1941, 1942).

Topic: Gardens -- New York -- Sands Point
Place: Louis Rabinowitz Estate (Sands Point, New York)
United States of America -- New York -- Nassau County -- Sands Point

NY548001: [Louis Rabinowitz Estate]: alpine garden with limestone ledges at pond., 1940.

1 Slide (col.; 35 mm.)

[Image\(s\): \[Louis Rabinowitz Estate\] \[slide\]: alpine garden with limestone ledges at pond.](#)

Leubuscher, Frederic, Photographer

Topic: Alpine gardens
 Evergreens
 Gardens -- New York -- Sands Point
 Japanese maple
 Lawns
 Perennials
 Ponds
 Rock gardens
 Stones
 Trees

Place: Louis Rabinowitz Estate (Sands Point, New York)
 United States of America -- New York -- Nassau County
 -- Sands Point

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