



Smithsonian Gardens

Captain A. H. McComb Jr.
slide collection, 1956-1966

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Gardens
Title:	Captain A. H. McComb Jr. slide collection
Identifier:	AAG.MCC
Date:	1956-1966
Extent:	0.25 Cubic feet (230 color slides; 35mm)
Creator:	McComb, A. H., Jr., Capt.
Language:	English
Summary:	The Captain A.H. McComb, Jr. Collection includes approximately 230 35mm slides of public and private gardens and landscapes dating from 1956 to 1966, photographed by Captain A.H. McComb, Jr. at sites in Washington, D.C., Maryland, Virginia, New York, United States Virgin Islands, Argentina, Bermuda, Capri, Cuba, Denmark, England, France, Germany, Haiti, Jamaica, Panama, Puerto Rico, and Tobago.
Container:	Box 1, Box 2; Box 1, Box 2

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Captain and Mrs. A.H. McComb donated the collection to the Office of Horticulture in (later Smithsonian Gardens) in 1981.

Provenance

The Captain A. H. McComb Jr. Collection was generated by Capt. McComb from 1956 to 1966.

Other Finding Aid Note

The Captain A. H. McComb, Jr. Collection was accompanied by a typewritten list of numbered slides with a description of each.

Processing information

The Captain A.H. McComb, Jr. Collection was processed by AAG intern Bella Wenum in 2013.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Captain Archibald H. "Bud" McComb, Jr. of Winchester, Virginia, (May 27, 1913-February 8, 2003), was the Chief of International Maritime Safety Coordinating Staff at the United States Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, D.C and life member of the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers.

Scope and Contents

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Arrangement

Arranged into 2 series:

1. U.S. Gardens
2. Foreign Gardens

The original arrangement, which is maintained, consists of a two-part numbering system based on sequential (and chronological) rolls of film and the slides within each roll. Each roll was numbered sequentially by, presumably, Capt. McComb as were the slides within each roll (e.g. 1-1, 1-2, 1-3, and 7-1, 7-2, 7-3, etc.) with gaps in the numbering sequences representing slides not included in the donation to the Smithsonian.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Flowers
- Plants
- Travel photography
- Trees

Types of Materials:

- Slides (photographs)

Geographic Names:

- Bermuda Islands
- Copenhagen (Denmark)
- Cuba
- England
- Germany
- Haiti
- Jamaica
- Panama
- Paris (France)
- Puerto Rico
- Trinidad and Tobago
- Virgin Islands of the United States
- Washington (D.C.)

Container Listing

United States Gardens

District of Columbia

Park near 14th Street Bridge (Roll 1)

18th Street Park (Roll 6)

Glover Archbold Park (Roll 4)

Pan American Building (Roll 22)

Rock Creek Park (Rolls 52, 53)

Tidal Basin (Roll 5)

U.S. Botanic Garden (Roll 15)

U.S. National Arboretum (Rolls 44, 45)

Miscellaneous sites (including McComb's backyard) (Roll 15)

Maryland

Maryland countryside (Roll 14)

Unidentified site (Roll 14)

New York

White Plains—Westchester Grounds (Rolls 4, 13, 15)

Virginia

Shenandoah National Park—Skyline Drive (Roll 21)

Unidentified site (Roll 21)

Puerto Rico

San Juan—Miscellaneous sites (Rolls 1, 2)

Virgin Islands of the United States

St. Croix—Miscellaneous Sites (Rolls 41, 42)

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Foreign Gardens

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Argentina

Unidentified site (Roll 40)

Bermuda

Somerset—Miscellaneous sites (Roll 51)

Cuba

Havana—Hotel Nacional (Roll 3)

Denmark

Copenhagen--Unidentified site (Roll 55)

England

London—Hampton Court (Roll 47)

London—Hyde Park (Rolls 43, 48)

London—Kensington Gardens (Roll 25)

London—Kew Gardens (Rolls 47, 48, 56)

London—St. James Park (Rolls 37, 50)

London—Tower of London (Roll 39)

Surrey—Nonsuch Park (Roll 44)

Surrey—Unidentified site (Roll 24)

France

Paris—Luxembourg Gardens (Roll 54)

Germany

Bremen—Inn Garden (Roll 32)

Haiti

Port-au-Prince—El Rancho Hotel (Roll 2)

Italy

Capri—Miscellaneous sites (Roll 30)

Jamaica

Ochos Rios—Anglican churchyard (Roll 7)

Ochos Rios—Shaw Park Hotel (Roll 9)

Miscellaneous sites (Rolls 27, 28, 34, 35, 36)

Panama

Ancon—Hotel Tivoli (Roll 16)

Panama City—Botanical Gardens (Roll 16)

Panama City—Signal Hill (Roll 16)

Old Panama (Roll 19)

Miscellaneous sites (Roll 20)

Trinidad and Tobago

Tobago—Miscellaneous sites (Roll 16)

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