



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
Date:	1956-1966
Identifier:	AAG.MCC
Creator:	McComb, A. H., Jr., Capt. (Photographer)
Extent:	0.1 Cubic feet (208 color slides; 35mm)
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

Smithsonian Institution, Archives of American Gardens, Captain A. H. McComb Jr. slide collection.

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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)

Places:

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

18th Street Park

Glover Archbold Park

DC030: Pan American Union Building

Rock Creek Park

Tidal Basin

DC056: U.S. Botanic Garden

DC046: U.S. National Arboretum

Miscellaneous sites (including McComb's backyard)

Maryland

Maryland countryside

Unidentified site

New York

White Plains—Westchester Grounds

Virginia

Shenandoah National Park—Skyline Drive

Unidentified site

Puerto Rico

San Juan—Miscellaneous sites

Virgin Islands of the United States

St. Croix—Miscellaneous Sites

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Foreign Gardens

Creator: McComb, A. H., Jr., Capt.

Argentina

Unidentified site

Bermuda

Somerset—Miscellaneous sites

Cuba

Havana—Hotel Nacional

Denmark

Copenhagen--Unidentified site

England

London—Hampton Court

London—Hyde Park

London—Kensington Gardens

ENG019: London—Kew Gardens

London—St. James Park

London—Tower of London

Surrey—Nonsuch Park

Surrey—Unidentified site

France

FR004: Paris—Luxembourg Gardens

Germany

Bremen—Inn Garden

Haiti

Port-au-Prince—El Rancho Hotel

Italy

Capri—Miscellaneous sites

Jamaica

Ochos Rios—Anglican churchyard

Ochos Rios—Shaw Park Hotel

Miscellaneous sites

Panama

Ancon—Hotel Tivoli

Panama City—Botanical Gardens

Panama City—Signal Hill

Old Panama

Miscellaneous sites

Trinidad and Tobago

Tobago—Miscellaneous sites

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