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Collection Overview

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Content Description

(14) glass stereographs documenting seven Philadelphia-area gardens visited during a tour sponsored by the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, circa 1935-1950.

Arrangement

The stereographs were housed in a small box with slips of paper around batches of the stereographs labelled with a garden name or owner. The stereographs were identified with a particular garden based on this arrangement, though it is possible that not all of the identifications are accurate.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Gardens -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia

Container Listing

Garden Images, circa 1935-1950

14 Stereographs

Pennsylvania

PA014_PHS: Ambler -- Dawesfield, circa 1935-1950

2 Stereographs

Former owner: Cooke, George Johnes
Cooke, Elizabeth Lewis Meade
Cheston, James, IV, 1899-1994
Cheston, Elizabeth Lewis Cooke, 1909-1967

Notes: Since 1728 until nearly the end of the 20th century Dawesfield was owned continuously by descendants of Abraham Dawes. In 1777 it was Washington's headquarters for a short time and is listed on the National register of Historic Places. The grounds are noted for their historic specimen trees.

PA014_PHS001: [Dawesfield: stone wall, tulip border, and lawn, circa 1935-1950](#)

1 Stereograph

Place: Dawesfield (Ambler, Pennsylvania)
United States of America -- Pennsylvania -- Montgomery
County -- Ambler

Topic: Gardens -- Pennsylvania -- Ambler
Walls, stone
Garden borders
Tulips
Lawns

PA014_PHS002: [Dawesfield: giant specimen trees and the springhouse, circa 1935-1950](#)

1 Stereograph

Place: Dawesfield (Ambler, Pennsylvania)
United States of America -- Pennsylvania -- Montgomery
County -- Ambler

Topic: Gardens -- Pennsylvania -- Ambler
Springhouses

PA852_PHS: Exton -- Grimmet, circa 1935-1950

2 Stereographs

Former owner: Ostheimer, Martha McIlvaine, 1877-1939
Ostheimer, Maurice, 1873-1954
Ostheimer, Alfred James, 1908-1983
Ostheimer, Ruth Magargle, 1906-1979

Architect: McIlvaine, Gilbert

Notes: The Tudor style house and gardens at Grimmet were designed in 1924 by architect John Gilbert McIlvaine (1881-1939). The gardens included terraces, stone retaining walls and stairs, and circular pools.

PA852_PHS001: [Grimmet: house and circular pool, circa 1935-1950](#)

1 Stereograph

Place: Grimmet (Exton, Pennsylvania)
United States of America--Pennsylvania--Chester County--
Exton

Topic: Gardens--Pennsylvania--Exton
Mansions
Pools
Stairs, stone
Girls

PA852_PHS002: [Grimmet: grass walkway lined by garden borders and trees, circa 1935-1950](#)

1 Stereograph

Place: Grimmet (Exton, Pennsylvania)
United States of America--Pennsylvania--Chester County--
Exton

Topic: Gardens--Pennsylvania--Exton
Walkways, grass
Garden borders

PA008_PHS: Fort Washington -- The Highlands, circa 1935-1950

1 Stereograph

Former owner: Sheaff Family
Sinkler, Caroline, 1860-1949
Roosevelt, Nicholas Guy, 1883?-1965
Roosevelt, Emily Wharton Sickler, 1884-1970

Architect: Eyre, Wilson, 1858-1944

Landscape architect: Eyre, Wilson, 1858-1944

Creator: Highlands Historical Society

Notes: The Highlands estate was first developed in the 18th century, with construction of the house being completed in 1796. Passing through several owners, including the Sheaff family, the property was sold in 1917 to Caroline Sinkler, who was instrumental in the restoration of the house and formal gardens. Subsequent owners Emily and Nicholas Roosevelt donated The Highlands to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in 1957. Now comprising 44 acres, it is operated as a museum and historic site by the Highlands Historical Society.

PA008_PHS001: [The Highlands: boxwood lined grass and stone walkway viewed from inside a pergola, circa 1935-1950](#)

1 Stereograph

Place: The Highlands (Fort Washington, Pennsylvania)
United States of America -- Pennsylvania -- Montgomery
County -- Fort Washington

Topic: Gardens -- Pennsylvania -- Fort Washington

Walkways, grass
Walkways, flagstone
Boxwood
Pergolas

PA055_PHS: Malvern -- Valley Mill Farm, circa 1935-1950

4 Stereographs

Former owner: Haughton, Richard
Haughton, Marie Voight
Colley, Robert H.

Notes: Situated adjacent to the Great Valley Mill, this garden's location is sometimes given as Paoli or Tredyffrin [township], both of which are adjacent and/or overlap with Malvern. The extensive rock gardens were developed by Richard (1877-1947) and Marie Voight Haughton (circa 1891-?). The property was sold in the 1940s to Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Colley, who changed its name to Mill Run.

PA055_PHS001: [Valley Mill Farm: looking toward the house across Valley Creek and the hillside rock garden, circa 1935-1950](#)

1 Stereograph

Place: Mill Run (Malvern, Pennsylvania)
United States of America -- Pennsylvania -- Chester County --
Malvern

Topic: Gardens -- Pennsylvania -- Malvern
Creeks
Rock gardens
Hillsides

PA055_PHS002: [Valley Mill Farm: looking from the hillside rock garden toward Valley Creek, circa 1935-1950](#)

1 Stereograph

Place: Mill Run (Malvern, Pennsylvania)
United States of America -- Pennsylvania -- Chester County --
Malvern

Topic: Gardens -- Pennsylvania -- Malvern
Hillsides
Rock gardens
Creeks

PA055_PHS003: [Valley Mill Farm: hillside rock garden, pond, and spring bulbs, circa 1935-1950](#)

1 Stereograph

Topic: Rock gardens
Ponds
Bulbs (Plants)

Place: Gardens -- Pennsylvania -- Malvern
Valley Mill Farm (Malvern, Pennsylvania)
United States of America -- Pennsylvania -- Chester County --
Malvern

PA055_PHS004: [Valley Mill Farm: hillside rock garden, pond, and spring bulbs, circa 1935-1950](#)

1 Stereograph

Place: Valley Mill Farm (Malvern, Pennsylvania)
United States of America -- Pennsylvania -- Chester County -- Malvern

Topic: Gardens -- Pennsylvania -- Malvern
Rock gardens
Ponds
Bulbs (Plants)

PA213_PHS: Philadelphia (Chestnut Hill) -- Krisheim, circa 1935-1950

1 Stereograph

Former owner: Woodward, George, Dr.
Woodward, Gertrude

Landscape design company: Olmsted Brothers

Landscape architect:

Dawson, James F. (James Frederick), 1874-1941

Notes: Krisheim, built between 1910 and 1912, was the home of physician turned real estate developer George Woodward (1863-1952) and his wife Gertrude Houston Woodward (1863-1961). Its extensive grounds led down to Cresheim Creek, a tributary of the Wissahickon. Although ownership passed from the family to the United Presbyterian Church in 1964, the property returned to the family 20 years later and has subsequently seen a complete restoration of both the house and gardens.

PA213_PHS001: [Krisheim: probably Cresheim Creek, with the Krisheim estate's gardener's cottage visible in the upper right, circa 1935-1950](#)

1 Stereograph

Place: Krisheim (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania)
United States of America -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia County -- Philadelphia -- Chestnut Hill

Topic: Gardens -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia
Cottages
Creeks
Walkways, stone
Hillsides

PA392_PHS: Whitemarsh Township -- Oxmoor, circa 1935-1950

2 Stereographs

Former owner: Bullitt, Orville Horwitz, 1895-1979
Bullitt, Susan Ingersoll, 1896-1987

Notes: Oxmoor was located on Skippack Pike in Whitemarsh. Built in the Norman style, its gardens were frequently opened for tours. Susan Bullitt was a member of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society and The Weeders garden club.

PA392_PHS001: [Oxmoor: circular pool with stone surround and blossoming cherry trees, circa 1935-1950](#)

1 Stereograph

Place: Oxmoor (Whitemarsh, Pennsylvania)
Gardens -- Pennsylvania -- Whitemarsh
United States of America -- Pennsylvania -- Montgomery
County -- Whitemarsh

Topic: Pools
Flowering trees
Cherry blossoms
Flagstone

PA392_PHS003: [Oxmoor: an unidentified woman standing in front of a wisteria draped gateway, circa 1935-1950](#)

1 Stereograph

Topic: Gates
Wisteria
Ironwork

Place: Gardens -- Pennsylvania -- Whitemarsh
Oxmoor (Whitemarsh, Pennsylvania)
United States of America -- Pennsylvania -- Montgomery
County -- Whitemarsh

PA060_PHS: West Chester -- Town's End Farm, circa 1935-1950

2 Stereographs

Former owner: Allinson, Mary Mallet Prevost Shipley, 1892-1982
Allinson, Edward Page, 1887-1963

Notes: The property's name reflects its original ownership by the Townsend family as well as its location just outside the town limits of West Chester. The Federal style home was built in 1806.

PA060_PHS001: [Town's End Farm: rock garden and spring bulb border, circa 1935-1950](#)

1 Stereograph

Place: Town's End Farm (West Chester, Pennsylvania)
United States of America -- Pennsylvania -- Chester County --
West Chester

Topic: Gardens -- Pennsylvania -- West Chester
Garden borders
Rock gardens
Bulbs (Plants)
Tulips

PA060_PHS003: [Town's End Farm: looking toward the house across the topiary garden, circa 1935-1950](#)

1 Stereograph

Place: Town's End Farm (West Chester, Pennsylvania)
United States of America -- Pennsylvania -- Chester County --
West Chester

Topic: Gardens -- Pennsylvania -- West Chester
Houses

Topiary work
Shrubs
Lawns
Irises (Plants)

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