



Smithsonian Gardens

Historic gardens postcard collection, circa 1905-1947

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Gardens
Title:	Historic Gardens Postcard collection
Identifier:	AAG.PTC
Date:	circa 1887-1947
Extent:	200 Postcards (black and white, color ;)
Language:	English
Summary:	<p>The Historic Gardens Postcard Collection includes 200 postcards of historic views of various public gardens, parks, monuments, and buildings throughout the United States and some foreign countries, including Canada, France and Cuba. Some private gardens and estates and many Washington, D.C. attractions are also represented. Roughly half of the postcards were mailed; the remaining postcards were not written on or posted. Areas represented include Arizona, California, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Texas and Virginia. Foreign views show gardens in Havana, Paris, and Canada. About a dozen cards feature various views of Smithsonian Institution museums along the National Mall in Washington, D.C.</p>

Administrative Information

Provenance

Postcards were acquired by Smithsonian Horticulture Services Division staff for reference purposes. Most were purchased at yard sales or antique stores in the 1980s.

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Arrangement

This collection is unprocessed.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Buildings
- Gardens -- Canada
- Gardens -- Cuba
- Gardens -- France
- Gardens -- United States
- Historic sites
- Monuments
- Parks
- Washington Monument (Washington, D.C.) -- 1900-1910

Types of Materials:

- Postcards

Names:

- Smithsonian Institution
- United States Capitol (Washington, D.C.)

Geographic Names:

- White House (Washington, D.C.)

Container Listing

Series 1: Postcards by location

Alaska -- Sitka

Box 1 1216 Old Grave Yard

Arizona -- Tucson

Box 1 Gazebo in City Park

California -- Pasadena

"Floral Parade," possibly the Tournament of Roses New Years Day parade in Pasadena?, 1909

Colorado Street and Maryland Pergola

California -- Hollywood

CA131: Gardens at Dr. A. G. Castle's Mansion, San Souci

CA121: Gardens at Paul de Longpre's Residence.

California -- San Francisco

Aerial view of World's Fair Magic City on Treasure Island, Golden Gate International Exposition on San Francisco Bay, 1939

Sunken Gardens, Exhibit Palaces and Exposititon Tower, Golden Gate International Exposition on San Francisco Bay, 1939

California -- Sacramento

CA095: State Capitol and Grounds

California -- San Diego

Exhibits of France at the California State Building, Panama-California International Exposition, 1917

Colorado -- Woodmen

Box 1 M. W. of A. Sanatorium series. No. 22 Main building and grounds. Receipt for a subscription for "The Modern Woodman", 1928

District of Columbia -- Washington -- Capitol

Tree plantings around Capitol building, 1902

DC062: District of Columbia -- Washington -- The Mall

Pennsylvania Avenue from the United States Treasury Building (Route of the Presidential Inauguration)

Plantings in front of Agricultural Building

Washington Monument, Close-ups and panoramic views., 1906-1912

DC056: District of Columbia -- Washington -- United States Botanic Garden

Box 1 Bartholdi Fountain, National Botanical Garden (United States Botanic Garden)

Capitol Reflecting Pool, National Botanical Garden (United States Botanic Garden)

DC055: District of Columbia -- Washington -- Smithsonian Institution

Arts and Industries Building, 1912, undated

National Museum, also referred to as the National Museum of Natural History)

The Smithsonian Institution Building, 1907-1949

DC057: District of Columbia -- Washington -- White House

"Court of Honor (Made of Cedar Trees) in Front of White House During Inauguration March 4, 1913"

East entrance of White House, 1911-1935

North lawn of the White House, 1905-1910

South lawn pool of the White House

District of Columbia -- Washington -- Soldier's Home

Box 1 Grounds of the Soldier's Home

Delaware -- Brandywine Springs

Box 1 Toboggan Slide Roller Coaster, George A. Wolf, 1905

Florida -- Ormond

Box 1 Gardens at the home of John D. Rockefeller

Florida -- St. Augustine

Live Oak Drive, Oldest Orange Grove, St. Augustine, Florida

Hawaii -- Kauai -- Kalaheo

Olu Pua Botanic Garden, Estate with the plantation manor in the background,
1977

Illinois -- Chicago

Conservatory, Lincoln Park , 1908

Box 1 IL074: Palmer House, Flower Beds in Lincoln Park, Rock Island Elevators,
1904

Private garden on Humboldt Blvd, looking south toward Fullerton Avenue,
1910

The Chrysler Motors Building and Pool, Chicago's World's Fair, Century of
Progress, 1933-1934

Indiana -- South Bend

"Where the Beaubendo Creek winds its way through Idyelvania--Roseland"

Indiana -- Logansport

Fountain in Riverside Park

Louisiana -- New Orleans

Pirate's Alley, New Orleans, La

Maine -- Calais

Box 1 Memorial Park, 1917

Maine -- Bath

City Park and Roberts Fountain, 1907-1916

Maine -- Philips

Main Street, Horse drawn carriage and watering trough, 1913

Maine -- Camden

MA070: "Bok Amphitheater," also known as the Camden Public Library Amphitheatre and Park, designed by Fletcher Steele.

Norumbega Grounds, Shermans Point, Camden Harbor, 1912

Maine -- Bangor

Chapin Park

Soldier's Monument, Mount Hope Cemetery

Maine -- Augusta

"Britt House, Oldest Dwelling House in Augusta. Built of Logs by a Hessian Soldier in 1780."

MA059: Gardens at the residence of Percy V. Hill, 1932

Governor Enoch Lincoln's Tomb

Governor's residence, also known as the Blaine Mansion, 1910-1931

Japanese Tea House on the grounds of the Hon. W. H. Gannett, 1917

Post office, 1915

State Capitol and grounds in winter, 1914

State Capitol, also called State House, 1911-1913

State hospital, also known as the State Insane Asylum

View of park and street cars at State Grove and Western Ave from Augusta House, 1912

Maine -- Bar Harbor

Italian Garden

The Oven, Bar Harbor, Acadia National Park, Mt. Desert Island, Me.

Maine -- Auburn

Plantings at the Gateway to Lake Grove, 1907?

Maine -- Lewiston

Fountain and seating at City Park, 1909

Maine State Fair Grounds, Maine Farmer and Kennebec Journal, 1921

Maine -- Falmouth

Grounds at the casino at Underwood Spring Park, 1908

Maine -- Rockland

Harbor at Owls Head

Maine -- Seal Harbor

Sea Cliff Drive, 1909

Maine -- Gardiner

Grounds of Oakland Mansion, also known as Oaklands, 1930

Maine -- Old Orchard Beach

The Pier at night, 1948

Maine -- Freeport

Casco Castle and Park, 1905

Maine -- Thomaston

"Knox Memorial," also known as the General Henry Knox Mansion or Montpelier, 1944

Maine -- Limerick

Arbor, stone wall in residential garden, 1923

Maine -- Belgrade Lakes

The 6th fairway at the Belgrade Lakes Golf Club

Maine -- Brunswick

Class of 1875 Memorial Gate, Bowdoin College

Maine -- Belfast

Taliferro residence

Maine -- Portland

Cape Cottage Casino, Cape Elizabeth, 1907-1915

Deering Oaks Park, Circle park, designed by William Goodwin

ME081: Longfellow's Mansion

Maine General Hospital and Western Promenade

Western Promenade

Maryland -- Baltimore

Box 1 MD063: Conservatory Druid Hill Park, 1907

Massachusetts - West Bedford

Ivy covered residence

Michigan -- Detroit

Box 1 Drinking fountain, Gladwin Park, Water Works Park

Minnesota -- St. Paul

Box 1 Children's Playground, Harriet Island

Nebraska -- Alliance

Box 1 Water lily pond at City Park

New Jersey -- Paterson

Box 1 NJ258: Belle Vista Castle, residence of C. Lambert, 1907

New Jersey -- Lakewood

Georgian Court and Sunken gardens at the residence of George Jay Gould

New York -- Unidentified

Flower vendor display, 1905

New York -- Tarrytown-on-Hudson

NY697: "Rockwood Hall," residence of William Rockefeller, 1908

New York -- Rochester

NY589: Lily pond at the George Eastman's Gardens

Willow Pond, East Avenue, showing W. D. Hayes residence, 1919

New York -- Williamsville

I. Oechsner's Dream Island

New York -- Cambridge

Jerome B. Rice's residence

New York -- New York

NY417: Andrew Carnegie's Residence, also known as the Cooper Hewitt Museum, 1904

New York -- Tarrytown

Box 1

NY459: Lyndhurst, residence of Miss Helen Gould, 1912

New York -- Flushing Meadows

Bird's Eye View over Constitution Mall, New York World's Fair, 1939-1940

Statuary, Constitutional Mall, New York World's Fair, Underwood and Underwood photograph, 1939-1940

Tulip Gardens, Plaza of Light, New York World's Fair, 1939-1940

New York -- Brooklyn

Umbrella Tree, Prospect Park

North Carolina -- Linville

Grandfather Mountain, Altitude 5,964 feet. "In the Heart of the Blue Ridge."

Ohio -- Alliance

Box 1

OH193: "Gla Morgan," Col. W. H. Morgan's residence and grounds

Ohio -- Bucyrus

Town square

Ohio -- Cincinnati

Tyler-Davidson Fountain

Oregon -- Portland

A royal strutter (peacock) in Lambert Gardens, before 1968

Box 1

Ghost tree, zinnia garden in Lambert Gardens with poem "Day unto Day" by Ellen E. Larson, before 1968

Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia

Box 1

William Penn's Mansion, Fairmount Park

Texas -- Fort Worth

Box 1

Carpet bedding design in City Park, 1908

Vermont -- Unidentified

Maple Sugar Making in Vermont (2 postcards), 1942-1954

Vermont -- Bennington

Molly Stark Trail Looking Toward Bennington, VT

Virginia -- Arlington

VA091: Arlington Mansion, Home of Robert E. Lee

Virginia -- Mount Vernon

Box 1

VA001: Gardens of Mount Vernon

Virginia -- Rockbridge County

Box 1

Natural Bridge

Belgium -- Brussels

Grand Place, Tapis de fleurs, Market place, Flower carpet, 1977

Canada -- Toronto

Box 1

Bridge and fountains at Centre Island Park

Canada -- Hamilton

Rock Garden

Cuba -- Havana

A private residence In Coronella

A private residence in Vedado

Country Club Park

Las Casas River, Isle of Pines

Maceo Park

Mendoza Park

Patio of American Embassy

Plantings on Fifth Avenue, Reparto Miramar

Plantings on the road to Marianao Beach

France -- Paris

Box 1

Le Grand Palais des Champs-Elysees

Germany -- Berlin

Botanischer Garten, Arboretum in winter, Foto W. Lack, 1977

Englischer Garten, 1977

Germany -- Hannover

Brassocattleya orchid at Berggarten, 1977

Herrenhausen, Grosser Garten, 1977

Germany -- Wiesbaden

Kurpark, Palmengarten, 1977

Switzerland -- Geneve

"L'horloge fleurie," Flower clock, 1977

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