



# Smithsonian *Gardens*

## Ellen Shipman Garden Photography Collection, circa 1925-1940

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Gardens
<b>Title:</b>	Ellen Shipman Garden Photography Collection
<b>Date:</b>	circa 1925-1940
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAG.SHP
<b>Creator:</b>	Shipman, Ellen (Landscape architect)
<b>Extent:</b>	0.48 Cubic feet (3 boxes; film negatives, glass plate negatives, glass lantern slides, and autochromes)
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Taylor Belcher, III and Anthony W. Belcher donated the collection to the Archives of American Gardens in 2021.

### Related Materials

Cornell University Library's Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections includes the Ellen McGowan Biddle Shipman papers, 1914-1946, Collection Number 1259.

### Available Formats

The Ellen McGowan Biddle Shipman papers, 1914-1946, Collection Number 1259 in the Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections at Cornell University Library include copies of some of the images in this collection.

### Preferred Citation

Smithsonian Institution, Archives of American Gardens, Ellen Shipman garden photography collection.

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## **Biographical / Historical**

Ellen (Biddle) Shipman (1869-1950) was a pioneering landscape architect who designed hundreds of gardens throughout the United States from the late 1910s throughout the 1940s. She was mentored by architect and landscape architect Charles A Platt and gained professional experience in his office. Shipman made a point of hiring women to work in her Manhattan office. Most of her commissions were for private clients, though she did design several public spaces including school campuses, library grounds, and memorials.

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## **Content Description**

The Ellen Shipman Garden Photography Collection consists of (350) film and glass plate negatives, glass lantern slides, and autochromes that document over fifty gardens designed by landscape architect Ellen Shipman. The negatives copy photographs and plans from Shipman's office and are not the original 'masters.'

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## **Arrangement**

The collection is arranged geographically by state, according to the location of the garden.

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## **General**

About half of the negatives were originally housed in paper sleeves, most of which were labelled with the client name. The rest were in unlabelled boxes and account for most of the unidentified gardens in the collection. None of the photographic images were captioned or dated; the garden plans specify the client and location.

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## **Names and Subject Terms**

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

Subjects:

Gardens -- United States

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## Container Listing

### Gardens

#### Connecticut

Box 1	CT764: Greenwich -- Achelis Garden, circa 1925-1940 8 Glass plate negatives Owner: Achelis, Frederick G.
Box 1	CT691: Greenwich -- Mitchell Garden, circa 1925-1940 9 Film negative Owner: Mitchell, Ormsby, Mrs.
Box 1	CT765: Greenwich -- Live Oak, circa 1925-1940 1 Film negative Owner: Williams, Clark (Myron Clark), 1870-1946
Box 1	CT360: Hartford -- Aetna Life and Casualty Insurance Company, circa 1925-1940 14 Film negative
Box 1	CT128: Ridgefield -- Rippowam, circa 1925-1940 4 Glass plate negatives

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#### Delaware

Box 1	DE005: Wilmington -- Owl's Nest, circa 1925-1940 8 Film negative
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#### Kentucky

Box 1	KY063: Lexington -- Cave Hill, circa 1925-1940 8 Glass plate negatives
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#### Louisiana

Box 1	LA029: New Orleans -- Longue Vue Gardens, 1938-1939 1 Film negative
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#### Maine

Box 1	ME024: York Harbor -- Starboard Cottage, circa 1925-1940
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2 Glass plate negatives

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## Massachusetts

Box 1; MA202: Brookline -- Greenough Garden, circa 1925-1940  
Box 3 1 Glass plate negative  
1 Glass lantern slide

Box 1 MA353: Groton -- Lowthorpe School of Landscape Architecture, 1938  
1 Film negative

Box 1 MA203: Mattapoisett -- Bohemia Manor, circa 1925-1940  
4 Glass plate negatives

Box 1 MA356: Milton -- Spalding Garden, circa 1925-1940  
1 Film negative

Box 3 MA563: Milton -- McGinley Garden, circa 1925-1940  
1 Film negative

Box 1 MA611: Wenham -- Old Farm, circa 1925-1940  
6 Glass plate negatives

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## Michigan

Box 1 MI002: Grosse Pointe -- The Moorings, circa 1925-1940  
6 Glass plate negatives

Box 1 MI003: Grosse Pointe -- FitzSimons Garden, circa 1925-1940  
2 Glass plate negatives

Box 1 MI009: Grosse Pointe -- The Hedges, circa 1925-1940  
1 Film negative

Box 1 MI091: Grosse Pointe -- Edgeroad, circa 1925-1940  
10 Glass plate negatives

Box 1 MI129: Grosse Pointe -- Alger Garden, circa 1925-1940  
1 Glass plate negative

Box 1 MI039: Grosse Pointe Farms -- Barbour Garden, circa 1925-1940  
6 Glass plate negatives

Box 1 MI051: Grosse Pointe Farms -- Rose Terrace, circa 1925-1940

21 Film negative

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## New Hampshire

Box 1                      NH003: Plainfield -- Brook Place, circa 1925-1940  
3 Glass plate negatives

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## New Jersey

Box 1                      NJ250: Far Hills -- Ripplebrook Farm, circa 1925-1940  
10 Film negative

Box 1                      NJ124: Gladstone -- Hamilton Farms, circa 1925-1940  
5 Glass plate negatives

Box 1                      NJ246: Princeton -- Priory Court, circa 1925-1940  
1 Film negative

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## New York

Box 1;  
Box 2                      NY260: Brookville -- Topsfield, circa 1925-1940  
20 Glass plate negatives

Box 2;  
Box 3                      NY882: Cooperstown -- Fynmere, circa 1925-1940  
19 Glass plate negatives

Box 1                      NY117: Glen Head -- Rynwood, circa 1925-1940  
3 Glass plate negatives

Box 2                      NY1201: Irvington -- King Garden, circa 1925-1940  
1 Film negative

Box 3                      NY115: Lloyd Harbor -- Windy Hill, circa 1925-1940  
1 Glass lantern slide

Box 2                      NY892: Mount Kisco -- Penwood, circa 1925-1940  
9 Glass plate negatives

Box 2                      NY1199: Rye -- Allen Garden, circa 1925-1940  
9 Film negative

Box 2                      NY1203: Syosset -- Overfields, circa 1925-1940  
6 Film negative

Box 2                      NY1200: White Plains -- Homeside, circa 1925-1940

1 Film negative

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## Ohio

Box 2; OH060: Chagrin Falls -- Halfred Farms, circa 1925-1940  
3 Glass plate negatives  
Box 3 1 Autochromes (photographs)

Box 2; OH101: Cleveland -- Clapp Garden, circa 1925-1940  
8 Film negative  
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## Pennsylvania

Box 2 PA849: Pittsburgh -- Smith Garden, 1927  
16 Glass plate negatives

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## Texas

Box 2 TX208: Graham -- Stewart Garden, 1935  
1 Film negative

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## Vermont

Box 2 VT017: Springfield -- North Mowing, circa 1925-1940  
1 Glass plate negative

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## Virginia

Box 2 VA001: Alexandria -- Mount Vernon, 1937  
1 Film negative

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## Unidentified Location

Box 2 SHP001: Unidentified Location -- Unidentified Garden(s), circa 1925-1940  
3 Glass plate negatives

Box 2 SHP002: Unidentified Location -- Unidentified Garden(s), circa 1925-1940  
9 Film negative

Box 2 SHP003: Unidentified Location -- Unidentified Garden(s), circa 1925-1940  
7 Film negative

Box 2 SHP004: Unidentified Location -- Unidentified Garden, circa 1925-1940



1 Film negative

Box 2	SHP005: Unidentified Location -- Unidentified Garden(s), circa 1925-1940 23 Film negative
Box 2	SHP006: Unidentified Location -- Unidentified Garden(s), circa 1925-1940 11 Film negative
Box 3	SHP007: Unidentified Location -- Unidentified Garden(s), circa 1925-1940 9 Film negative
Box 3	SHP008: Unidentified Location -- Unidentified Garden(s), circa 1925-1940 12 Film negative
Box 3	SHP009: Unidentified Location -- Unidentified Garden, circa 1925-1940 3 Film negative
Box 3	SHP010: Unidentified Location -- Unidentified Garden(s), circa 1925-1940 3 Glass lantern slide
Box 3	SHP011: Unidentified Location -- Unidentified Garden(s), circa 1925-1940 13 Film negative
Box 3	SHP012: Unidentified Location -- Unidentified Garden(s), circa 1925-1940 16 Film negative
Box 3	SHP013: Unidentified Location -- Unidentified Garden, circa 1925-1940 1 Film negative
Box 3	SHP014: Unidentified Location -- Unidentified Garden, circa 1925-1940 1 Glass lantern slide
Box 3	SHP015: Unidentified Location -- Unidentified Garden(s), circa 1925-1940 2 Glass lantern slide

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