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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Gardens
Title:	Perry H. Wheeler collection
Date:	1880-1984 (bulk 1950-1965)
Identifier:	AAG.WHE
Creator:	Wheeler, Perry H., 1914-1989 (Landscape architect) Stengle, James M., Dr. (Photographer) University of Georgia Garden Club of America Emory University American Society of Landscape Architects
Extent:	25.75 Cubic feet 3,958 Photographs
Language:	English .
Summary:	The Perry H. Wheeler Collection includes the design, client and business records of Perry H. Wheeler, a landscape architect best known for his work on numerous townhouse gardens in the Georgetown neighborhood of Washington, D.C., during the 1960s as well as the redesign of the White House Rose Garden in collaboration with Rachel Lambert ('Bunny') Mellon during the Kennedy administration.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Gift from the estate of James M. Stengle, 1993.

Provenance

Immediately prior to their being donated to the Smithsonian, the holdings making up the Perry H. Wheeler Collection were in the possession of Millicent West, a member of the Garden Club of America and his partner James Stengle.

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Biographical Note

Perry Hunt Wheeler (1913-1989), a Georgia native, began his higher education at Emory University, going on to graduate from the University of Georgia with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in 1937. Immediately afterward Wheeler enrolled in Harvard University from which he earned a graduate degree in Landscape Architecture in 1938. After graduation, Wheeler collaborated on garden projects in Atlanta, Georgia with fellow landscape architect Helen Hawkins Clarke. During World War II, Wheeler moved to Washington, D.C. to serve under the Office of Civilian Defense and the Office of Strategic Services Camouflage Division. Following the war, Wheeler worked at Garden House a Georgetown shop where he advised homeowners on tasteful garden design, accessories, and furnishings. By 1948 Wheeler had established a landscape architecture practice in Washington, D.C. His practice grew via word of mouth through Washington's social circles and through a shared office with landscape architect Rose Ishbel Greely, and later with architect Gertrude Sawyer.

In 1947, he formed a 'bachelor household' in Georgetown with James Snitzler. Later, at the invitation of Rachel Lambert "Bunny" Mellon, he and Snitzler created a second home outside of Washington called "Spring Hill" on property owned by Mellon. Shortly after Snitzler's death in 1968, Wheeler moved permanently to Middleburg, Virginia and continued to travel, lecture, and consult with clients. Wheeler semi-retired in 1981 to 'Budfield,' a property in Rectortown, Virginia where he passed away in 1989, leaving his estate to his partner, James M. Stengle.

Wheeler is best known for his work on private gardens in Washington's Georgetown neighborhood. He frequently employed the use of intricate brickwork, low-maintenance planting, and simple water features in creating his charming and functional designs. His most noteworthy commissions outside the private realm include collaboration with Bunny Mellon on the White House Rose Garden, designing a Garden Club of America-commissioned gazebo and its surroundings for the U.S. National Arboretum, and plantings for the National Cathedral and President John F. Kennedy's gravesite in Arlington National Cemetery.

Scope and Contents

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There are also over 3,000 35mm slides dating from the 1950s and 1960s that document Wheeler's personal travels to Europe, Africa, South America, the Caribbean, Canada, and the American West.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Gardens -- Washington (D.C.)
- Landscape architects
- Presidents -- United States
- Presidents' spouses -- United States

Types of Materials:

- Awards
- Certificates
- Clippings
- Correspondence
- Invitations
- Invoices
- Lists
- Negatives
- Photographic prints
- Photographs
- Plans (drawings)
- Slides (photographs)

Names:

- Arlington National Cemetery (Arlington, Va.)
- Bonnet, Henri, Ambassador
- Bonnet, Henri, Madam
- Estes, Billie Sol
- Harriman, Pamela Digby Churchill Hayward, 1920-1997
- Johnson, Lady Bird, 1912-2007
- Mellon, Paul
- Mellon, Rachel Lambert
- Mesta, Perle, 1889-1975
- National Arboretum (U.S.)
- Onassis, Jacqueline Kennedy, 1929-1994
- Palmer, Bertha Honoré, 1849-1918
- Truman, Margaret
- Washington National Cathedral (Washington, D.C.)

Places:

- Africa
- Canada
- Caribbean
- Europe
- Georgetown (Washington, D.C.)
- South America
- West (U.S.)
- White House (Washington, D.C.)

Container Listing

Project Files

Delaware

DE038: Wilmington -- Bois des Fosses
 Owner: duPont, Pierre S., III
 Notes: Varying Form: Brantwyn, later

Box 1, Folder 26 DE038: Correspondence and Design Files, 1959-1961
 1 File

District of Columbia

DC059: Washington -- Hugh D. Auchincloss Garden
 Owner: Auchincloss, Hugh D.
 Auchincloss, Janet

Box 1, Folder 1-2 DC059: Correspondence and Design Files, 1963
 2 Files

Box 1, Folder 57 DC059: Correspondence and Invoices, 1958-1961
 1 File

Map-case 1, Folder 9B, 9C DC059: Oversize Plans, 1963
 19 Drawings (visual works)

DC010: Washington -- British Embassy
 Owner: Great Britain. Embassy (U.S.)

Box 1, Folder 6 DC010: Correspondence and Design Files, 1954-1961
 1 File

DC069: Washington -- David & Evangeline Bruce Garden
 Owner: Bruce, David
 Bruce, Evangeline

Box 1, Folder 7 DC069: Correspondence and Design Files, 1961-1965
 1 File

Box 1, Folder 57 DC069: Correspondence and Invoices, 1958-1961

1 File

Map-case 1, Folder
6D

DC069: Oversize Plans, 1955-1961
15 Drawings (visual works)

DC076: Washington -- Joseph Bryan, III Garden
Owner: Bryan, Joseph, III

Box 1, Folder 8

DC076: Correspondence and Design Files, 1953
1 File

DC077: Washington -- Edward R. Burling Garden
Owner: Burling, Edward R., Jr.

Box 1, Folder 10

DC077: Correspondence and Design Files, 1959-1960
1 File

DC078: Washington -- Cambodian Embassy
Owner: Cambodia. Embassy (U.S.)

Box 1, Folder 11

DC078: Correspondence and Design Files, 1954
1 File

DC080: Washington -- Robert Carney Garden
Owner: Carney, Robert

Box 1, Folder 13

DC080: Correspondence and Design Files, 1956-1957
1 File

Box 1, Folder 58

DC080: Correspondence and Invoices, 1958-1961
1 File

DC081: Washington -- LeRoy & Mary Collins Garden
Owner: Collins, LeRoy

Box 1, Folder 20

DC081: Correspondence and Design Files, 1963-1966
1 File

DC082: Washington -- Phillip Cook Garden
Owner: Cook, Phillip

Box 1, Folder 21

DC082: Correspondence and Design Files, 1964-1965
1 File

DC070: Washington -- Decatur House

Map-case 1, Folder 7A	DC070: Oversize Plans, 1966 3 Drawings (visual works)
	DC083: Washington -- Andre de Limur Garden Owner: de Limur, Andre
Box 1, Folder 24	DC083: Correspondence and Design Files, 1956 1 File
	DC031: Washington -- Mrs. Rufus Dorsey Garden Owner: Dorsey, Rufus, Mrs.
Box 1, Folder 25	DC031: Correspondence and Design Files, circa 1950-1965 1 File
	DC017: Washington -- Ralph O. Easton Garden Owner: Easton, Ralph O.
	DC017: Easton Garden, Garden Images Image(s): Washington -- Easton Garden Owner: Easton, Ralph O.
Box 1, Folder 27	DC017: Correspondence and Design Files, 1951 1 File
	DC027: Washington -- Elzey-Row House Owner: Snitzler, James M.
	DC027: Elzey-Row House, Garden Images Image(s): Washington -- Elzey-Row House Owner: Snitzler, James M.
Box 5	DC027: Photograph from House and Garden by Andre Kertesz, circa 1951-1961 1 Photograph
Box 2, Folder 31	DC027: Correspondence and Design Files, 1951-1955 1 File
Map-case 1, Folder 8E	DC027: Oversize Plans, circa 1951-1955 5 Drawings (visual works)
	DC075: Washington -- Emerson Bigelow Garden Owner: Bigelow, Emerson
Box 1, Folder 5	DC075: Correspondence and Design Files, 1952 1 File
	DC084: Washington -- Eustis Emmet Garden

	Owner: Emmet, Eustis
Box 1, Folder 29	DC084: Correspondence and Design Files, 1952-1964 1 File
	DC085: Washington -- Lee M. Folger Garden Owner: Folger, Lee M. Folger, Lee, Mrs.
Box 1, Folder 30	DC085: Correspondence and Design Files, 1961-1962 1 File
	DC086: Washington -- Wallace H. Fulton Garden Owner: Fulton, Wallace H.
Box 1, Folder 32	DC086: Correspondence and Design Files, 1959-1963 1 File
Box 1, Folder 57, 58	DC086: Correspondence and Invoices, 1958-1963 2 Files
	DC087: Washington -- Arthur W. Gardner Garden Owner: Gardner, Arthur W. Gardner, Arthur W., Mrs.
Box 1, Folder 33	DC087: Correspondence and Design Files, 1966 1 File
	DC088: Washington -- George A. Garrett Garden Owner: Garrett, George A., Hon. Garrett, George A., Mrs.
	DC088: Garrett Garden, Garden Images Image(s): Washington -- Garrett Garden Owner: Garrett, George A., Hon. Garrett, George A., Mrs.
Box 10	DC088: Garden Images, 1956 1 Roll
Box 1, Folder 34	DC088: Correspondence and Design Files, 1952-1958 1 File
Box 1, Folder 57	DC088: Correspondence and Invoices, 1959-1963 1 File
	DC089: Washington -- Mrs. Acton Gerlach Garden Owner: Gerlach, Acton, Mrs.

Box 1, Folder 36 DC089: Correspondence and Design Files, 1951-1952
1 File

DC039: Washington -- Gerhard A. Gesell Garden
Owner: Gesell, Gerhardt A.

Box 12 DC039: Garden Images, circa 1951-1953
3 Photographs

Box 1, Folder 37 DC039: Correspondence and Design Files, 1951-1953
1 File

DC090: Washington -- Edwin D. Graves, Jr. Garden
Owner: Graves, Edwin D., Jr.

Box 1, Folder 38 DC090: Correspondence and Design Files, 1952
1 File

DC040: Washington -- Gordon Gray Garden
Owner: Gray, Gordon

Box 12 DC040: Garden Image, circa 1958-1968
1 Photograph

Box 1, Folder 39 DC040: Correspondence and Design Files, 1958-1968
1 File

Box 1, Folder 57, 58 DC040: Correspondence and Invoices, 1958-1961
2 Files

DC019: Washington -- Rose Greely Garden
Owner: Greely, Rose, 1887-1969

DC019: Greely Garden, Garden Images
Image(s): [Washington -- Greely Garden](#)
Landscape Greely, Rose, 1887-1969
architect:
Former owner: Greely, Rose, 1887-1969
Notes:

The folder includes worksheets.

Noted landscape architect Rose Greely's Washington, D.C., home garden was photographed by Perry Wheeler in the late 1940s. It had been under development since at least the 1920s. The compact (20 feet wide by 65 feet long) Colonial Revival design was in keeping with the scale of Greely's Federal style Georgetown home. Seasonally rotational plantings in borders and beds included spring bulbs, boxwood edging, other evergreens, and gravel paths. A small terrace seating area with chairs was placed at the far end of the garden, while another seating area with a small fountain and pool was adjacent to the

house. Garden ornaments included a strawberry pot and a hand-blown glass flagon. Greely's architectural drawings and papers, including those relating to her garden, are housed in Special Collections at the University of Virginia Library, Charlottesville, Virginia.

Persons associated with the garden include Rose Greely (landscape architect and former owner, ca. 1920-1969).

Greely Garden related holdings consist of 1 folder (6 slides (photographs))

Garden has been featured in "A Garden on a Narrow City Lot in Georgetown," *House Beautiful* (November 1932), pp. 316-317.

Garden has been featured in "House of Miss Rose Greely," *The Architectural Forum* (August 1934), pp. 109-111.

Garden has been featured in "A Compact City Garden," *House & Garden* (December 1939), p. 57.

Garden has been featured in Richardson Wright, *House & Garden's Book of Gardening* (New York: The Condé Nast Publications, Inc., 1940), p. 89.

Topic: Gardens -- Washington (D.C.)

Place: Greely Garden (Washington, D.C.)

United States of America -- District of Columbia -- Washington

DC019004: [Greely Garden]: looking out toward the garden from the terrace adjacent to the house., [between 1945 and 1949]

1 Slides (photographs) (col.; 35 mm.)

[Image\(s\): \[Greely Garden\] \[slide \(photograph\)\]: looking out toward the garden from the terrace adjacent to the house.](#)

Photographer: Wheeler, Perry H., 1914-1989

Topic: Gardens -- Washington (D.C.)

Fences -- wooden

Hedges

Walkways, gravel

Tulips

Chairs

Strawberry jars

Edging, brick

Fountains

Stairs, brick

Plants, Potted

Boxwood

Outdoor furniture

Place: Greely Garden (Washington, D.C.)

United States of America -- District of Columbia --

Washington

Genre/Form: Slides (photographs)

DC019005: [Greely Garden]: looking toward the house terrace from the garden., [between 1945 and 1949]

1 Slides (photographs) (col.; 35 mm.)
 Image(s): [\[Greely Garden\]](#) [\[slide \(photograph\)\]](#): looking toward the house terrace from the garden.
 Photographer: Wheeler, Perry H., 1914-1989
 Notes: Rose Greely is the woman on the far left.
 Topic: Gardens -- Washington (D.C.)
 Fences -- wooden
 Hedges
 Walkways, gravel
 Tulips
 Chairs
 Strawberry jars
 Edging, brick
 Boxwood
 Bulbs
 Outdoor furniture
 Terraces
 Women
 Dogs
 Place: Greely Garden (Washington, D.C.)
 United States of America -- District of Columbia -- Washington
 Genre/Form: Slides (photographs)

DC019006: [\[Greely Garden\]](#): flowerbeds edged in hedges, gravel walkways., [\[between 1945 and 1949\]](#)
 1 Slides (photographs) (col.; 35 mm.)
 Image(s): [\[Greely Garden\]](#) [\[slide \(photograph\)\]](#): flowerbeds edged in hedges, gravel walkways.
 Photographer: Wheeler, Perry H., 1914-1989
 Topic: Gardens -- Washington (D.C.)
 Fences -- wooden
 Hedges
 Walkways, gravel
 Tulips
 Chairs
 Strawberry jars
 Edging, brick
 Place: Greely Garden (Washington, D.C.)
 United States of America -- District of Columbia -- Washington
 Genre/Form: Slides (photographs)

DC091: Washington -- James L. Greenfield Garden
 Owner: Greenfield, James L.

Box 1, Folder 42

DC091: Correspondence and Design Files, 1965-1966
 1 File

DC092: Washington -- H. Struve Hensel Garden

	Owner: Hensel, H. Struve
Box 1, Folder 44	DC092: Correspondence and Design Files, 1955-1960 1 File
Box 1, Folder 58	DC092: Correspondence and Invoices, 1958-1961 1 File

DC020: Washington -- Christian A. Herter Garden

DC020: Herter Garden, Garden Images

[Image\(s\): Washington -- Herter Garden](#)

Landscape architect: Wheeler, Perry H., 1914-1989

Former owner: Herter, Christian Archibald, 1895-1966
Herter, Mary Caroline Pratt, 1895-1980

Notes: The folders include worksheets, copies of magazine and newspaper articles featuring the garden, orders and invoices, correspondence, and other information.

The Georgetown garden of Christian A. Herter and Mary Caroline Pratt Herter involved Perry Wheeler for a period of about 10 years. Wheeler's association began in 1954, when he provided additions to an original plan (with plant names) by Cary Millholland Parker, and lasted until at least 1964, when he created a new design for the garden's pool. Typical of Georgetown gardens, the Herter Garden occupied a relatively small space behind its Federal period house, situated cheek by jowl with its neighbors. Privacy was provided by brick walls, a bamboo fence, and shrub and tree plantings. A wide brick walkway led to a small ornamental pool at the back of the garden, while smaller brick walkways provided additional circulation. Azaleas, magnolia, boxwood, spring bulbs, and other plantings amply filled the garden space, while seating was provided on a terrace area near the pool.

Persons associated with the garden include Perry H. Wheeler (landscape architect, 1954-1964) and Christian Archibald and Mary Caroline Pratt Herter (former owners, 1943-1980).

Herter Garden related holdings consist of 3 folders (30 slides (photographs); 2 photographic prints; 1 safety film negative; 10 plans; 3 drawings; 1 blueprint)

Garden Club of America Collection, ca. 1920-[ongoing].

Garden has been featured in "Nothing's Too Good for a Georgetown Tree," The Washington Post and Times Herald (March 6, 1955), Section F.

Garden has been featured in "That Georgetown Way of Life," House Beautiful (March 1961), pp. 100-101.

Garden has been featured in Stanley Schuler, America's Great Private Gardens (New York: Macmillan, 1967), pp. 59-62.

Topic: Gardens -- Washington (D.C.)

Place: Herter Garden (Washington, D.C.)
United States of America -- District of Columbia -- Washington

DC020001: [Herter Garden]: view of garden in spring, showing lawn, walkways and flowering trees in containers., 1959 Apr.

1 Slides (photographs) (col.; 35 mm.)

[Image\(s\): \[Herter Garden\] \[slide \(photograph\)\]: view of garden in spring, showing lawn, walkways and flowering trees in containers.](#)

Photographer: Wheeler, Perry H., 1914-1989

Topic: Gardens -- Washington (D.C.)

Patios, brick

Chairs -- Iron

Azaleas

Dogwoods

Outdoor furniture

Tulips

Barrels

Place: Herter Garden (Washington, D.C.)
United States of America -- District of Columbia --
Washington

Genre/Form: Slides (photographs)

DC020006: [Herter Garden]: head-on view of pond and surrounding terrace., 1959 Apr.

1 Slides (photographs) (col.; 35 mm.)

[Image\(s\): \[Herter Garden\] \[slide \(photograph\)\]: head-on view of pond and surrounding terrace.](#)

Photographer: Wheeler, Perry H., 1914-1989

Topic: Gardens -- Washington (D.C.)

Azaleas

Boxwood

Walls, brick

Walkways, brick

Fountains

Place: Herter Garden (Washington, D.C.)
United States of America -- District of Columbia --
Washington

Genre/Form: Slides (photographs)

DC020012: [Herter Garden]: corner of lawn and walkway leading to stairs., 1959 Apr.

1 Slides (photographs) (col.; 35 mm.)

[Image\(s\): \[Herter Garden\] \[slide \(photograph\)\]: corner of lawn and walkway leading to stairs.](#)

Photographer: Wheeler, Perry H., 1914-1989

Topic: Gardens -- Washington (D.C.)

Azaleas

Walkways, brick

Chairs -- Iron

Magnolias

Rhododendrons

Stairs
Latticework
Place: Herter Garden (Washington, D.C.)
United States of America -- District of Columbia --
Washington
Genre/Form: Slides (photographs)

DC020019: [Herter Garden]: view of azaleas and brick walkway., 1959 Apr.
1 Slides (photographs) (col.; 35 mm.)
[Image\(s\): \[Herter Garden\] \[slide \(photograph\)\]: view of azaleas and brick walkway.](#)
Photographer: Wheeler, Perry H., 1914-1989
Topic: Gardens -- Washington (D.C.)
Azaleas
Walkways, brick
Tulips
Place: Herter Garden (Washington, D.C.)
United States of America -- District of Columbia --
Washington
Genre/Form: Slides (photographs)

Box 1, Folder 45 DC020: Correspondence and Design Files, 1955-1964
1 File

Box 1, Folder 57, 58 DC020: Correspondence and Invoices, 1958-1963
2 Files

DC045: Washington -- Hillwood
Owner: Post, Marjorie Merriweather
Notes: Varying Form: Abremont, formerly

Box 11 DC045: Garden Images, 1957
2 Photographs

Box 1, Folder 46 DC045: Correspondence and Design Files, 1965
1 File

Box 1, Folder 57 DC045: Correspondence and Invoices, 1958-1961
1 File

Box 3, Folder 2 DC045: Correspondence and Article, circa 1960-1965
1 File

DC093: Washington -- James R. Hunt, Jr. Garden
Owner: Hunt, James R., Jr.

Box 1, Folder 49 DC093: Correspondence and Design Files, 1958-1964
1 File

Box 1, Folder 57 DC093: Correspondence and Invoices, 1959-1963

	1 File
	DC094: Washington -- Charles Lamb Jones Garden Owner: Jones, Charles Lamb
Box 1, Folder 50	DC094: Correspondence and Design Files, 1956-1958 1 File
	DC018: Washington -- Robert Kerr Garden Owner: Kerr, Robert
Box 1, Folder 55	DC018: Correspondence and Design Files, 1952-1953 1 File
	DC095: Washington -- Slocum Kingsbury Garden Owner: Kingsbury, Slocum
Box 1, Folder 56	DC095: Correspondence and Design Files, circa 1950-1965 1 File
	DC096: Washington -- Henry Labouisse Garden Owner: Labouisse, Henry
Box 2, Folder 1	DC096: Correspondence and Design Files, 1961 1 File
	DC071: Washington -- Lafayette Square
Map-case 1, Folder 7A	DC071: Oversize Plans, 1965-1969 3 Drawings (visual works)
	DC021: Washington -- Lambert Garden
	DC021: Lambert Garden, Garden Images Image(s): Washington -- Lambert Garden
Box 1, Folder 57	DC021: Correspondence and Invoices, 1958-1961 1 File
	DC097: Washington -- Oates Leiter Garden Owner: Leiter, Oates
Box 2, Folder 2	DC097: Correspondence and Design Files, 1959-1965 1 File
Box 1, Folder 57	DC097: Correspondence and Invoices, 1959-1963

1 File

DC023: Washington -- Les Ormes (The Elms)

DC023: Les Ormes, Garden Images

[Image\(s\): Washington -- Les Ormes](#)

Landscape Wheeler, Perry H., 1914-1989

architect:

Former owner: Mesta, Perle, 1889-1975

Tyson, George, 1869-1963

Tyson, Marguerite Skirvin, d. 1963

Johnson, Lyndon B. (Lyndon Baines), 1908-1973

Johnson, Lady Bird, 1912-2007

Notes: The folders include worksheets, magazine and newspaper clippings, plans (drawings), and other information.

Les Ormes (The Elms) was the home of George and Marguerite Skirvin Tyson and Mrs. Tyson's sister, the well-known Washington hostess and political figure Perle Skirvin Mesta. Perry Wheeler created the landscape design for the property, which was situated in the hilly Spring Valley section of the city, and gave it a French flavor in keeping with the style of the house and the taste of its owners. Taking advantage of the natural slope of the site, Wheeler designed a series of terraces which incorporated existing flowering trees amidst flagstone surfaces and gravel walkways. Seating areas were placed throughout, while spring bulbs--Thalia daffodils, tulips, and grape hyacinths--provided abundant color. At one end of the house the terraces descended to a fountain pool and summer house punctuated with large holly standards. The property was sold in the early 1960s to then Vice-President Lyndon Baines Johnson and Ladybird Johnson. The Tyson-Mesta menage moved to an apartment for which Perry Wheeler did one design, for a terrace roof, included in the Archives of American Gardens as series DC120.

Persons associated with the garden include Perry H. Wheeler (landscape architect, 1955-1956); Perle Skirvin Mesta (former owner, ca. 1955-1961); and George and Marguerite Skirvin Tyson (former owners, ca. 1955-1961); and Lyndon Baines and Ladybird Johnson (former owners, ca. 1961-1963).

Les Ormes related holdings consist of 3 folders (19 slides (photographs); 10 safety film negatives; 11 plans (drawings))

Garden has been featured in Betty Beale, "Handsome Mesta-Tyson Home to Have Housewarming Today," *The Sunday Star* (February 5, 1956).

Garden has been featured in Mary V. R. Thayer, "Guests at Tregaron Take Peek at Russian Treasures," *The Washington Post and Times Herald* (May 6, 1956), F5.

Topic: Gardens -- Washington (D.C.)

Place: Les Ormes (Washington, D.C.)

United States of America -- District of Columbia -- Washington

DC023002: [Les Ormes]: garden walkway lined with pansies and tulips, with stone stairs leading up to a terrace., [between 1955 and 1960]

1 Slides (photographs) (col.; 35 mm.)

Image(s): [Les Ormes] [slide (photograph)]: garden walkway lined with pansies and tulips, with stone stairs leading up to a terrace.

Photographer: Wheeler, Perry H., 1914-1989

Topic: Gardens -- Washington (D.C.)

Bulbs

Tulips

Pansies

Daffodils

Hyacinths

Walkways, gravel

Terraces

Stairs, stone

Walls, stone

Flowering trees

Dogwoods

Shrubs

Fences -- wooden

Place: Les Ormes (Washington, D.C.)

United States of America -- District of Columbia --

Washington

Genre/Form: Slides (photographs)

DC023008: [Les Ormes]: terrace planting of daffodils and grape hyacinths., [between 1955 and 1960]

1 Slides (photographs) (col.; 35 mm.)

Image(s): [Les Ormes] [slide (photograph)]: terrace planting of daffodils and grape hyacinths.

Photographer: Wheeler, Perry H., 1914-1989

Topic: Gardens -- Washington (D.C.)

Bulbs

Daffodils

Hyacinths

Walkways, gravel

Terraces

Flowering trees

Dogwoods

Shrubs

Fences -- wooden

Espaliers

Place: Les Ormes (Washington, D.C.)

United States of America -- District of Columbia --

Washington

Genre/Form: Slides (photographs)

DC023015: [Les Ormes]: looking up stone stairs to the two terraces., [between 1955 and 1960]

1 Slides (photographs) (col.; 35 mm.)

[Image\(s\): \[Les Ormes\] \[slide \(photograph\)\]: looking up stone stairs to the two terraces.](#)

Photographer: Wheeler, Perry H., 1914-1989

Topic: Gardens -- Washington (D.C.)

Bulbs

Daffodils

Terraces

Flowering trees

Dogwoods

Shrubs

Stairs, stone

Houses

Outdoor furniture

Awnings

Place: Les Ormes (Washington, D.C.)

United States of America -- District of Columbia --

Washington

Genre/Form: Slides (photographs)

DC023018: [Les Ormes]: outdoor seating area., [between 1955 and 1960]

1 Slides (photographs) (col.; 35 mm.)

[Image\(s\): \[Les Ormes\] \[slide \(photograph\)\]: outdoor seating area.](#)

Photographer: Wheeler, Perry H., 1914-1989

Topic: Gardens -- Washington (D.C.)

Shrubs

Outdoor furniture

Trees

Fences -- wooden

Bird feeders

Chairs

Tables

Deck chairs

Place: Les Ormes (Washington, D.C.)

United States of America -- District of Columbia --

Washington

Genre/Form: Slides (photographs)

DC023019: [Les Ormes]: looking down from a terrace to a fountain and garden house on another terrace., [between 1955 and 1960]

1 Slides (photographs) (col.; 35 mm.)

[Image\(s\): \[Les Ormes\] \[slide \(photograph\)\]: looking down from a terrace to a fountain and garden house on another terrace.](#)

Photographer: Wheeler, Perry H., 1914-1989

Topic: Gardens -- Washington (D.C.)

Shrubs

Trees

Flowering trees

Bulbs

Tulips

Hyacinths

Daffodils

Standard
Fountains
Garden houses
Terraces
Place: Les Ormes (Washington, D.C.)
United States of America -- District of Columbia --
Washington
Genre/Form: Slides (photographs)

Box 10 DC023: Garden Images, 1956
1 Roll

Box 2, Folder 15, 40A DC023: Correspondence and Design Files, 1954-1956
2 Files

DC098: Washington -- Harold Francis Linder Garden

DC098: Linder Garden, Garden Images
[Image\(s\): Washington -- Linder Garden](#)
Owner: Linder, Harold Francis

Box 2, Folder 3 DC098: Correspondence and Design Files, circa 1950-1965
1 File

DC099: Washington -- Chisholm Lindsey Garden
Owner: Lindsey, Chisholm

Box 2, Folder 4 DC099: Correspondence and Design Files, 1964-1965
1 File

DC009: Washington -- Paul B. Magnuson Garden

DC009: Stroud Garden, Garden Images
[Image\(s\): Washington -- Stroud Garden](#)
Landscape architect: Greely, Rose, 1887-1969

Former owner: Wheeler, Perry H., 1914-1989
Stroud, Franklin L. Dr., d. 2008
Magnuson, Laura T.
Magnuson, Paul B.
Shoemaker, Frances
Jones, Fred W.

Notes: The folders include worksheets, plans, financial documents, correspondence, plant lists, copies and photocopies of articles featuring the garden, and other information.

Noted landscape architect Rose Greely did the original design for this garden, while Perry Wheeler undertook extensive remodeling beginning in the early 1950s. A typical small Georgetown garden only 48 feet wide, its privacy was assured by a wisteria-topped brick wall, shade trees, and shrubs around

its borders. The plan divided the area into several distinct sections, including a shade terrace, living terrace, lawn, lawn terrace, and even a small circular formal vegetable and herb garden. A fountain adjacent to the living terrace provided white noise to mask the sounds of the urban setting. The Wheeler portion of the series includes not only visual images but plans, financial records, and other documentation. Greely's architectural drawings and papers are housed in Special Collections at the University of Virginia Library, Charlottesville, Virginia.

Persons associated with the garden include Rose Greely (landscape architect, circa 1920-1940); Perry H. Wheeler (landscape architect, circa 1951-1964); Dr. Franklin L. Stroud (former owner, 1976-2008); Paul B. and Laura T. Magnuson (former owners, 1946-1974); Frances Shoemaker (former owner); and Fred W. Jones (former owner).

Stroud Garden related holdings consist of 3 folders (26 slides (photographs); 1 photographic print; 104 safety film negatives) Garden Club of America Collection, ca. 1920-[ongoing].

Garden has been featured in Lee Walsh, "That Georgetown Way of Life," House Beautiful (March 1961).

Topic: Gardens -- Washington (D.C.)
Place: Stroud Garden (Washington, D.C.)
United States of America -- District of Columbia -- Washington

Box 12 DC009: Garden Image, circa 1960-1967
1 Photograph

Box 2, Folder 6 DC009: Correspondence and Design Files, 1951-1967
1 File

Box 1, Folder 57 DC009: Correspondence and Invoices, 1958-1961
1 File

DC048: Washington -- Mary Stuart Maury Garden
Owner: Maury, Mary Stuart

Map-case 1, Folder 8D DC048: Oversize Plan, circa 1950-1965
1 Drawings (visual works)

DC100: Washington -- John A. McCone Garden

DC100: McCone Garden, Garden Images
[Image\(s\): Washington -- McCone Garden](#)
Owner: McConell, John A.

Box 11 DC100: Garden Image, circa 1950-1965

	1 Photograph
Box 2, Folder 7	DC100: Correspondence and Design Files, circa 1950-1965 1 File
Box 1, Folder 57, 58	DC100: Correspondence and Invoices, 1958-1963 2 Files
Map-case 1, Folder 8C, 8D	DC100: Oversize Plans, 1957-1963 16 Drawings (visual works)
	DC101: Washington -- David E. McGiffert Garden Owner: McGiffert, David E.
Box 2, Folder 8	DC101: Correspondence and Design Files, 1964 1 File
	DC024: Washington -- E. Perkins McGuire Garden
	<p>DC024: McGuire Garden, Garden Images Image(s): Washington -- McGuire Garden Landscape Wheeler, Perry H., 1914-1989 architect: Former owner: McGuire, E. Perkins McGuire, E. Perkins, Mrs.</p> <p>Notes: The folders include worksheets, landscape designs, nursery invoices with plant names, correspondence, and other information.</p> <p>Located in the Kalorama neighborhood of Washington, the McGuire Garden was designed by Perry Wheeler in 1957 and was fully established by the time he photographed it in the spring of 1959. Its large flagstone, cast stone, and Belgian paver terrace was especially striking when viewed from above, highlighting its interlocking circle and semi-circle pattern. A central fountain provided a focal point, while the perimeter of the space featured a variety of trees and shrubs including osmanthus, boxwood, azalea, holly, and magnolia. Small beds were planted with bulbs for the spring and presumably featured changing seasonal splashes of color. Ample seating for outdoor entertaining was also provided. A 1965 letter from Mrs. McGuire to Wheeler regarding a bulb purchase shows that Wheeler maintained an ongoing relationship with this client.</p> <p>Persons associated with the garden include Perry H. Wheeler (landscape architect, 1957-1965) and Mr. and Mrs. E. Perkins McGuire (former owners, ca. 1957-1965).</p> <p>McGuire Garden related holdings consist of 2 folders (11 slides (photographs); 2 film transparencies)</p> <p>Topic: Gardens -- Washington (D.C.) Place: McGuire Garden (Washington, D.C.)</p>

United States of America -- District of Columbia -- Washington

DC024002: [McGuire Garden]: view of bed of daffodils in relation to the house., 1959 Apr.

1 Slides (photographs) (col.; 35 mm.)

[Image\(s\): \[McGuire Garden\] \[slide \(photograph\)\]: view of bed of daffodils in relation to the house.](#)

Photographer: Wheeler, Perry H., 1914-1989

Topic: Gardens -- Washington (D.C.)

Chairs -- Iron

Tables, iron

Benches, stone

Tulips

Espaliers

Place: McGuire Garden (Washington, D.C.)

United States of America -- District of Columbia --

Washington

Genre/Form: Slides (photographs)

DC024004: [McGuire Garden]: view of furniture arrangement on patio; sunburst settee., 1959 Apr.

1 Slides (photographs) (col.; 35 mm.)

[Image\(s\): \[McGuire Garden\] \[slide \(photograph\)\]: view of furniture arrangement on patio; sunburst settee.](#)

Photographer: Wheeler, Perry H., 1914-1989

Topic: Gardens -- Washington (D.C.)

Chairs -- Iron

Tables, iron

Tulips

Espaliers

Fences -- wooden

Finials

Daffodils

Settees

Place: McGuire Garden (Washington, D.C.)

United States of America -- District of Columbia --

Washington

Genre/Form: Slides (photographs)

DC024005: [McGuire Garden]: view of furniture in relation to the fountain., 1959 Apr.

1 Slides (photographs) (col.; 35 mm.)

[Image\(s\): \[McGuire Garden\] \[slide \(photograph\)\]: view of furniture in relation to the fountain.](#)

Photographer: Wheeler, Perry H., 1914-1989

Topic: Gardens -- Washington (D.C.)

Chairs -- Iron

Tables, iron

Daffodils

Sculpture

Fountains

Flowering trees
Deck chairs
Place: McGuire Garden (Washington, D.C.)
United States of America -- District of Columbia --
Washington
Genre/Form: Slides (photographs)

DC024008: [McGuire Garden]: bird's eye view of fountain, patio, flagstone and garden furniture including sunburst settee., 1959 Apr.

1 Slides (photographs) (col.; 35 mm.)

Image(s): [\[McGuire Garden\] \[slide \(photograph\)\]: bird's eye view of fountain, patio, flagstone and garden furniture including sunburst settee.](#)

Photographer: Wheeler, Perry H., 1914-1989

Topic: Gardens -- Washington (D.C.)

Chairs -- Iron

Tables, iron

Daffodils

Sculpture

Fountains

Flowering trees

Patios, flagstone

Outdoor furniture

Hedges

Aerial views

Deck chairs

Place: McGuire Garden (Washington, D.C.)

United States of America -- District of Columbia --

Washington

Genre/Form: Slides (photographs)

Box 11 DC024: Garden Images, circa 1958-1965
2 Transparencies

Box 2, Folder 9 DC024: Correspondence and Design Files, 1957-1958
1 File

Box 1, Folder 58 DC024: Correspondence and Invoices, 1958-1961
1 File

DC072: Washington -- Rachel Mellon Garden
Owner: Mellon, Rachel Lambert

Box 2, Folder 12-14 DC072: Correspondence and Design Files, circa 1959-1968
3 Files

Box 1, Folder 57, 58 DC072: Correspondence and Invoices, 1958-1963

2 Files

Map-case 1, Folder 9D DC072: Oversize Plans, 1959-1960
4 Drawings (visual works)

DC102: Washington -- Mrs. Almer Stillwell Monroney Garden
Owner: Monroney, A.S., Mrs.

Box 2, Folder 17 DC102: Correspondence and Design Files, 1952-1962
1 File

Box 1, Folder 57 DC102: Correspondence and Invoices, 1959-1963
1 File

DC025: Washington -- Curtis B. Munson Garden

DC025: Munson Garden, Garden Images
[Image\(s\): Washington -- Munson Garden](#)
Owner: Munson, Curtis B.

Box 12 DC025: Garden Image, circa 1952-1960
1 Photograph

Box 2, Folder 19 DC025: Correspondence and Design Files, 1952-1956
1 File

Box 1, Folder 57 DC025: Correspondence and Invoices, 1958-1961
1 File

DC113: Washington -- O Street, Georgetown Garden
Owner: Thayer, Robert H. Hon.

Box 2, Folder 36 DC113: Correspondence and Design Files, 1965
1 File

DC026: Washington -- Neill Phillips Garden

DC026: Phillips Garden, Garden Images
[Image\(s\): Washington -- Phillips Garden](#)
Landscape architect: Wheeler, Perry H., 1914-1989
Former owner: Phillips, Neill Admiral
Phillips, Grace Hendrick, d. 1966
Notes: The folders include worksheets, copies of magazine and newspaper articles featuring the garden, and other information. The Georgetown garden of Admiral Neill Phillips and his wife Grace Hendrick Phillips (for whom a boxwood cultivar was named) was designed by Perry Wheeler in 1952, with construction and installation moving forward in that year. By

April 1953 the garden was featured on the annual Georgetown Garden Tour. Wheeler's design for the small space included a brick wall for privacy, brick paving of most of the garden area, and an unusually shaped pool with twin fountain spouts and a striking sculpture. A variety of shrubs and small trees lined the perimeter, with emphasis on boxwood. Seating was provided throughout the garden. Duplicates of many of the images, the originals of which are in the Perry Wheeler Collection, may be found in the Garden Club of America Collection. The prints originated with Condé Nast Publications and appear to have been associated with a magazine article about the garden.

Persons associated with the garden include Perry H. Wheeler (landscape architect, 1952-1953) and Admiral Neill Phillips and Grace Hendrick Phillips (former owners, 1951-1966).

Phillips Garden related holdings consist of 3 folders (28 slides (photographs); 1 film transparency; 7 photographic prints; 7 plans)

Garden Club of America Collection, ca. 1920-[ongoing].

Garden has been featured in "Gardens in Flower," The Sunday Star (April 19, 1953), Section D.

Garden has been featured in House & Garden, February 1957.

Topic: Gardens -- Washington (D.C.)

Place: Phillips Garden (Washington, D.C.)

United States of America -- District of Columbia -- Washington

DC026001: [Phillips Garden]: brick courtyard with bushes, tree, pond, and sculpture., 1953.

1 Film transparency (col.; 4 x 5 in.)

1 Slides (photographs) (col.; 35 mm.)

Image(s): [\[Phillips Garden\] \[film transparency and slide \(photograph\)\]: brick courtyard with bushes, tree, pond, and sculpture.](#)

Photographer: Condé Nast Publications

Notes: The slide (photograph) was made from the transparency and is in the Garden Club of America Collection.

Topic: Gardens -- Washington (D.C.)

Walls, brick

Sculpture

Trees

Ponds

Place: Phillips Garden (Washington, D.C.)

United States of America -- District of Columbia --

Washington

Genre/Form: Slides (photographs)

Film transparencies

DC026004: [Phillips Garden]: construction of pool at center, brick wall (completed) in background., 1952.

2 Slides (photographs) (col.; 35 mm.)

Image(s): [\[Phillips Garden\] \[slide \(photograph\)\]: construction of pool at center, brick wall \(completed\) in background.](#)

Photographer: Wheeler, Perry H., 1914-1989
 Topic: Gardens -- Washington (D.C.)
 Walls, brick
 Construction sites
 Outdoor furniture
 Place: Phillips Garden (Washington, D.C.)
 United States of America -- District of Columbia --
 Washington
 Genre/Form: Slides (photographs)

DC026005: [Phillips Garden]: construction of the terrace, springtime., 1952.

2 Slides (photographs) (col.; 35 mm.)

[Image\(s\): \[Phillips Garden\] \[slide \(photograph\)\]: construction of the terrace, springtime.](#)

Photographer: Wheeler, Perry H., 1914-1989
 Topic: Gardens -- Washington (D.C.)
 Walls, brick
 Construction sites
 Men
 Flowering trees
 Dogwoods
 Bricks
 Place: Phillips Garden (Washington, D.C.)
 United States of America -- District of Columbia --
 Washington
 Genre/Form: Slides (photographs)

DC026011: [Phillips Garden]: view of conversation area in shade., 1953.

2 Slides (photographs) (col.; 35 mm.)

[Image\(s\): \[Phillips Garden\] \[slide \(photograph\)\]: view of conversation area in shade.](#)

Photographer: Wheeler, Perry H., 1914-1989
 Topic: Gardens -- Washington (D.C.)
 Walls, brick
 Patios, brick
 Chairs -- Iron
 Outdoor furniture
 Place: Phillips Garden (Washington, D.C.)
 United States of America -- District of Columbia --
 Washington
 Genre/Form: Slides (photographs)

Box 10 DC026: Garden Images, 1955
1 Roll

Box 5 DC026: Photographs from House and Garden by Andre , circa 1955-1961
5 Photographs

Box 12 DC026: Garden Images from House and Garden, circa 1955-1961

13 Photographs

Box 12	DC026: Garden Image from House and Garden, circa 1955-1961 1 Transparency
Box 2, Folder 21	DC026: Correspondence and Design Files, 1953-1957 1 File
Box 1, Folder 58	DC026: Correspondence and Invoices, 1958-1961 1 File
Map-case 1, Folder 6A	DC026: Oversize Plans, 1952 8 Drawings (visual works)
DC103: Washington -- Paul Porter Garden	
DC103: Porter Garden, Garden Images Image(s): Washington -- Porter Garden Owner: Porter, Paul	
Box 11	DC103: Garden Images, circa 1957-1965 13 Transparencies
Box 5	DC103: Photographs from House and Garden by Andre Kertesz, circa 1957-1961 3 Photographs
Box 2, Folder 22	DC103: Correspondence and Design Files, 1957 1 File
Box 1, Folder 57, 58	DC103: Correspondence and Invoices, 1958-1963 2 Files
DC104: Washington -- Abba Philip Schwartz Garden Owner: Schwartz, Abba Philip	
Box 2, Folder 23-24	DC104: Correspondence and Design Files, 1961-1966 2 Files
Box 1, Folder 57	DC104: Correspondence and Invoices, 1959-1963 1 File
DC106: Washington -- Bernard M. Shanley Garden Owner: Shanley, Bernard M.	
Box 2, Folder 26	DC106: Correspondence and Design Files, 1965-1967 1 File

DC107: Washington -- Page H. Slaughter Garden

Owner: Slaughter, Page H.

Box 2, Folder 27	DC107: Correspondence and Design Files, 1963-1964 1 File
Box 1, Folder 57	DC107: Correspondence and Invoices, 1959-1963 1 File
	DC108: Washington -- Gregory B. Smith Garden Owner: Smith, Gregory B.
Box 12	DC108: Garden Images, circa 1954-1964 2 Photographs
Box 2, Folder 28	DC108: Correspondence and Design Files, 1954-1964 1 File
Box 1, Folder 58	DC108: Correspondence and Invoices, 1958-1961 1 File
	DC109: Washington -- Horace B. & Elizabeth Z. Smith Garden Owner: Smith, Horace B. Smith, Elizabeth Z.
Box 2, Folder 30	DC109: Correspondence and Design Files, 1940 1 File
	DC029: Washington -- Snitzler-Wheeler Garden
	DC029: Snitzler-Wheeler Garden, Garden Images Image(s): Washington -- Snitzler Garden Owner: Snitzler, James M. Wheeler, Perry H., 1914-1989
Box 12	DC029: Garden and Home Interior Images, 1965-1966 104 Photographs
Box 11	DC029: Garden Images, circa 1951-1965 10 Microfilm
Box 2, Folder 31	DC029: Correspondence and Design Files, 1951-1955 1 File
Box 2, Folder 54	DC029: Correspondence and Invoices, 1955-1961 1 File
Box 1, Folder 57, 58	DC029: Correspondence and Invoices, 1958-1961

	2 Files
Map-case 1, Folder 8E	DC029: Oversize Plans, 1955-1957 8 Drawings (visual works)
Box 4	DC029: Watercolor by Keith Haralson, 1956 1 Watercolor
	DC110: Washington -- Emalea W. Steele Garden Owner: Steele, Emalea W.
Box 2, Folder 32	DC110: Correspondence and Design Files, 1956-1957 1 File
	DC111: Washington -- John L. Sullivan Garden Owner: Sullivan, John L.
Box 2, Folder 34	DC111: Correspondence and Design Files, 1956 1 File
	DC112: Washington -- Edward Sweeney Garden Owner: Sweeney, Edward
Box 2, Folder 35	DC112: Correspondence and Design Files, 1950-1951 1 File
	DC114: Washington -- Benjamin W. Thoron Garden Owner: Thoron, Benjamin W.
Box 2, Folder 37	DC114: Correspondence and Design Files, 1954-1955 1 File
	DC115: Washington -- Russell Train Garden Owner: Train, Russell E., 1920-2012
Box 2, Folder 38	DC115: Correspondence and Design Files, 1956 1 File
	DC016: Washington -- Tregaron Owner: Davies, Joseph Edward (1876-11-29-1958-05-09)
	DC016: Tregaron, Garden Images Image(s): Washington -- Tregaron
	DC120: Washington -- George & Marguerite Tyson Garden Owner: Tyson, George, 1869-1963 Tyson, Marguerite Skirvin, d. 1963
Box 2, Folder 15, 40B	DC120: Correspondence and Design Files, 1956-1961

	2 Files
	DC116: Washington -- Alan Valentine Garden Owner: Valentine, Alan
Box 2, Folder 42	DC116: Correspondence and Design Files, 1956 1 File
	DC117: Washington -- George Y. Wheeler Garden Owner: Wheeler, George Y.
Box 2, Folder 51	DC117: Correspondence and Design Files, 1955 1 File
	DC118: Washington -- Frank G. & Polly Wisner Garden Owner: Wisner, Frank Gardiner, d. 1965 Wisner, Polly (Mary Ellis Knowles), 1912-2002
Box 2, Folder 52	DC118: Correspondence and Design Files, 1951-1962 1 File
Box 1, Folder 57, 58	DC118: Correspondence and Invoices, 1958-1963 2 Files
	DC147: Washington -- Lombard Vicker [Vicher?] Garden
Box 5	DC147: Garden Image, circa 1950-1965 1 Photograph
	DC046: Washington -- United States National Arboretum Owner: National Arboretum (U.S.)
Box 11	DC046: Garden Images, 1963 13 Photographs
Box 6	DC046: Garden House, circa 1965-1975 1 Photographic print (Framed)
Box 2, Folder 41	DC046: Correspondence and Design Files, 1963-1965 1 File
Map-case 1, Folder 8D	DC046: Oversize Plans, 1958 8 Drawings (visual works)
	DC015: Washington -- Washington National Cathedral
	DC015: Washington National Cathedral, Garden Images Image(s): Washington -- Washington National Cathedral

	Creator: Washington National Cathedral (Washington, D.C.)
Box 1, Folder 43-49	DC015: Correspondence and Design Files, 1954-1962 7 Files
Box 1, Folder 57, 58	DC015: Correspondence and Invoices, 1958-1963 2 Files
Map-case 1, Folder 6B, 6C	DC015: Oversize Plans, 1927-1960 22 Drawings (visual works)
	DC057: Washington -- The White House
Box 3	DC057: Photographs from White House and National Park Service Photographers, circa 1948-1968 212 Photographs
Box 11	DC057: East Garden, circa 1961-1966 2 Photographs
Box 6	DC057: West Garden, circa 1961-1966 1 Photographic print (Framed)
Box 5	DC057: Perry Wheeler on White House Grounds with Unidentified Man, circa 1961-1966 1 Photographic print (Framed)
Box 5	DC057_WHE001: East Garden (inscribed by Jacqueline Kennedy), circa 1964-1966 1 Photographic print (Framed)
Box 3, Folder 9-12	DC057: Correspondence and Design Files, 1956-1966 4 Files
Box 2, Folder 50	DC057: Correspondence and Design Files, 1961 1 File
Box 2, Folder 62	DC057: Newspaper Clippings, circa 1962-1966 1 File
Map-case 1, Folder 7A, 7B, 7C, 7D	DC057: Oversize Plans, 1961-1963 44 Drawings (visual works)
	DC079: Washington -- National Capital Flower and Garden Show Owner: Camellia Society of the Potomac Valley
Box 12	DC079: Garden Images, circa 1950-1965

2 Photographs

Box 1, Folder 12

DC079: Correspondence and Design Files, 1957
1 File

DC162: Washington -- Unidentified Garden by Perry Wheeler, circa 1950-1965

DC162: Unidentified Garden by Perry Wheeler, Garden Images
[Image\(s\): Washington -- Unidentified Garden by Perry Wheeler](#)

DC163: Washington -- Unidentified Garden by Perry Wheeler, circa 1950-1965

DC163: Unidentified Garden by Perry Wheeler, Garden Images
[Image\(s\): Washington -- Unidentified Garden by Perry Wheeler](#)

DC164: Washington -- Unidentified Garden (by Perry Wheeler?), circa 1950-1965

DC164: Unidentified Garden (by Perry Wheeler?), Garden Images
[Image\(s\): Washington -- Unidentified Garden \(by Perry Wheeler?\)](#)DC165: Washington -- Unidentified Garden under construction (by Perry Wheeler?),
circa 1950-1965

DC165: Garden Images, circa 1950-1965

Georgia

GA055: Atlanta -- John O. Chiles Garden

GA055: Garden Images
[Image\(s\): Atlanta -- Chiles Garden](#)
Owner: Chiles, John O.

Box 11

GA055: Garden Image, circa 1945-1955
1 Photograph

Box 1, Folder 17

GA055: Correspondence and Design Files, 1940
1 File

Illinois

IL112: Lake Forest -- Arthur M. Wood Garden
Owner: Wood, Arthur M.

Box 2, Folder 53

IL112: Correspondence and Design Files, 1954-1955

1 File

Maryland

MD054: Baltimore -- Tyrconnell

Box 1, Folder 57

MD054: Correspondence and Invoices, 1959-1963
1 File

MD059: Brookeville -- G. Howland Chase Garden

Owner: Chase, G. Howland

Box 1, Folder 15

MD059: Correspondence and Design Files, 1958-1959
1 File

Box 1, Folder 58

MD059: Correspondence and Invoices, 1958-1961
1 File

MD067: Chevy Chase -- William Chase Garden

Owner: Chase, William

Box 1, Folder 16

MD067: Correspondence and Design Files, 1948-1950
1 File

MD137: Galena -- Frank G. and Polly Wisner Garden

Image(s): [Galena -- Wisner Garden](#)Creator: Wisner, Polly (Mary Ellis Knowles), 1912-2002
Wisner, Frank Gardiner, d. 1965

Garden Images

Box 2, Folder 52

MD137: Correspondence and Design Files, 1951-1962
1 File

Box 1, Folder 57, 58

MD137: Correspondence and Invoices, 1958-1963
2 Files

MD203: Towson -- Stella Maris Hospice

Owner: Stella Maris Hospice

Box 2, Folder 33

MD203: Correspondence and Design Files, 1954-1955
1 File

Massachusetts

MA194: Lenox -- Brookhurst

Owner: Morris, Stephen V. C.

Box 2, Folder 18 MA194: Correspondence and Design Files, 1965-1966
1 File

MA320: Manchester -- Gregory B. Smith Garden
Owner: Smith, Gregory B.

Box 2, Folder 29 MA320: Correspondence and Design Files, 1955
1 File

Box 1, Folder 58 MA320: Correspondence and Invoices, 1958-1961
1 File

Missouri

MO071: St. Louis -- Mrs. Warren T. Chandler Garden
Owner: Chandler, Warren T., Mrs.

Box 1, Folder 14 MO071: Correspondence and Design Files, 1960-1965
1 File

Box 1, Folder 57 MO071: Correspondence and Invoices, 1959-1963
1 File

New Jersey

NJ281: Princeton -- Roland T. Ely Garden
Owner: Ely, Roland T.

Box 1, Folder 28 NJ281: Correspondence and Design Files, 1957-1963
1 File

Box 1, Folder 57 NJ281: Correspondence and Invoices, 1959-1963
1 File

New York

NY371: Corning -- Glen W. Cole Garden

NY371: Garden Images

Image(s): [Corning -- Cole Garden](#)

Landscape Wheeler, Perry H., 1914-1989

architect:

Architect: Roudebush, Francis W.

Former owner: Cole, Glen W., Mrs.

Notes: The folders include worksheets and other information.

Perry H. Wheeler did the landscape design work for Mrs. Glen W. Cole's home on Spencer Hill in Corning, New York, during the late 1950s. Mrs. Cole's husband had been president of the Corning Glass Works from 1941 to 1946. Wheeler's photographs show the home's stone terrace in spring, with its tulip bed accents, flowering trees, and striking views of the surrounding hills. Outdoor furnishings with umbrellas and an awning for shade completed this ideal setting for entertaining. Plans in the series include Wheeler's graphite drawings, while the blueprints are of architect Francis W. Roudebush's designs for the house.

Persons associated with the garden include Perry H. Wheeler (landscape architect, ca. 1956-1958); Francis W. Roudebush (architect, ca. 1955-1956); and Mrs. Glen W. Cole (former owner, ca. 1955-1960).

Cole Garden related holdings consist of 2 folders (5 slides (photographs); 1 photographic print; 7 blueprints; 3 plans)

Topic: Gardens -- New York -- Corning
Place: Cole Garden (Corning, New York)
United States of America -- New York -- Steuben County -- Corning

NY371001: [Cole Garden]: view of patio with outdoor furniture and urn., 1959 May.

1 Slides (photographs) (col.; 35 mm.)

[Image\(s\): \[Cole Garden\] \[slide \(photograph\)\]: view of patio with outdoor furniture and urn.](#)

Photographer: Wheeler, Perry H., 1914-1989

Topic: Gardens -- New York -- Corning
Chairs -- Iron
Tables, iron
Patios, flagstone
Tulips
Urns
Deck chairs

Place: Cole Garden (Corning, New York)
United States of America -- New York -- Steuben County -- Corning

Genre/Form: Slides (photographs)

NY371002: [Cole Garden]: broad view of terrace and seating area., 1959 May.

1 Slides (photographs) (col.; 35 mm.)

[Image\(s\): \[Cole Garden\] \[slide \(photograph\)\]: broad view of terrace and seating area.](#)

Photographer: Wheeler, Perry H., 1914-1989

Topic: Gardens -- New York -- Corning
Chairs -- Iron
Tables, iron
Patios, flagstone
Tulips
Urns

Place: Deck chairs
Cole Garden (Corning, New York)
United States of America -- New York -- Steuben County --
Corning
Genre/Form: Slides (photographs)

NY371003: [Cole Garden]: view of terrace, awning at left., 1959 May.
1 Slides (photographs) (col.; 35 mm.)
[Image\(s\): \[Cole Garden\] \[slide \(photograph\)\]: view of terrace, awning at left.](#)

Photographer: Wheeler, Perry H., 1914-1989
Topic: Gardens -- New York -- Corning
Chairs -- Iron
Tables, iron
Patios, flagstone
Tulips
Urns
Awnings
Deck chairs
Place: Cole Garden (Corning, New York)
United States of America -- New York -- Steuben County --
Corning
Genre/Form: Slides (photographs)

Box 12 NY371: Garden Image, circa 1955-1965
1 Photograph

Box 1, Folder 19 NY371: Correspondence and Design Files, circa 1950-1965
1 File

Box 1, Folder 57, 58 NY371: Correspondence and Invoices, 1958-1963
2 Files

Map-case 1, Folder 9B NY371: Oversize Plans, 1955-1958
10 Drawings (visual works)

NY790: Fishers Island -- Phillips Garden

NY790: Garden Images
[Image\(s\): Fishers Island -- Phillips Garden](#)

NY792: New York -- Unidentified Roof Garden

Map-case 1, Folder 9D NY792: Oversize Plan, circa 1955-1965
1 Drawings (visual works)

NY793: New York -- Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine, The
Creator: Loeing, Albert P.

Box 2, Folder 5 NY793: Correspondence and Design Files, 1959

1 File

NY876: New York -- Paul and Rachel Mellon Garden

Map-case 1, Folder
6ANY876: Oversize Plans, circa 1960-1969
4 Drawings (visual works)

Pennsylvania

PA611: Mechanicsburg -- Lydia Auchincloss Garden
Former owner: Auchincloss, Lydia

Box 1, Folder 3

PA611: Correspondence and Design Files, 1966
1 File

Virginia

VA357: Alexandria -- William W. Koontz Garden
Owner: Koontz, W. W.

Box 1, Folder 59

VA357: Correspondence and Design Files, 1947-1959
1 File

VA091: Arlington -- Custis-Lee Mansion

Box 1, Folder 53-54

VA091: Correspondence and Design Files, 1962-1968
2 FilesVA182: Arlington -- President John F. Kennedy Gravesite at Arlington National
CemeteryOwner: Arlington National Cemetery (Arlington, Va.)
Creator: Kennedy, John F. (John Fitzgerald), 1917-1963

VA182: Garden Images

Image(s): [Arlington -- Arlington National Cemetery](#)Owner: Arlington National Cemetery (Arlington, Va.)
Creator: Kennedy, John F. (John Fitzgerald), 1917-1963

Box 11

VA182: Garden Images, 1967
18 Photographs

Box 11

VA182: Garden Images, 1967
12 Film negative

Box 1, Folder 53-54

VA182: Correspondence and Design Files, 1962-1968

2 Files

Map-case 1, Folder 9A, OS	VA182: Oversize Plans, 1966-1967 16 Drawings (visual works)
	VA376: McLean -- Kennedy Garden Former owner: Kennedy, Edward M. (Edward Moore), 1932-2009
Box 1, Folder 52	VA376: Correspondence and Design Files, 1968 1 File
Map-case 1, Folder 9D, OS	VA376: Oversize Plans, 1967-1968 3 Drawings (visual works)
	VA353: Rectortown -- Budfield
Box 12	VA353: Garden Images by Lucy Brown, circa 1980-1984 50 Photographs
Box 11	VA353: Garden Images, circa 1980-1984 19 Photographs
Box 11	VA353: Garden Images, circa 1980-1984 24 Film negative
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Map-case 1, Folder 7D, 9D	VA353: Oversize Plans, circa 1980-1984 10 Drawings (visual works)
	VA354: Upperville -- Trinity Episcopal Church Creator: Mellon, Rachel Lambert Trinity Church (Upperville, Virginia)

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Unknown Location

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	WHE001: Unidentified -- Unidentified Gardens (by Perry Wheeler?)
	WHE003: Unidentified Courtyard WHE003
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	WHE005: Unidentified Gardens and Sites WHE005
	WHE005: Unidentified -- Unidentified Gardens and Sites
	WHE006: Unidentified House under Construction WHE006
	WHE006: Unidentified -- Unidentified House under Construction
	WHE007: Unidentified Garden WHE007
	WHE007: Unidentified -- Unidentified Garden

WHE008: Unidentified School or Hospital WHE008

WHE008: [Unidentified -- Unidentified School or Hospital](#)

WHE009: Unidentified Farm and Garden WHE009

WHE009: [Unidentified -- Unidentified Farm and Garden](#)

WHE010: Unidentified Brick Rowhouse WHE010

WHE010: [Unidentified -- Unidentified Brick Rowhouse](#)

WHE011: Unidentified Garden(s) under Construction WHE011

WHE011: [Unidentified -- Unidentified Garden\(s\) under Construction](#)

WHE012: Unidentified Garden WHE012

WHE012: [Unidentified -- Unidentified Garden](#)

WHE013: Unidentified Garden WHE013

WHE013: [Unidentified -- Unidentified Garden](#)

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WHE021: Garden Images

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WHE022: Garden Images

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WHE023: Garden Images

WHE025: Unidentified Garden WHE025

WHE025: Garden Images

WHE026: Unidentified Garden WHE026

WHE026: Garden Images

WHE027: Unidentified Garden WHE027

WHE027: Garden Images

WHE028: Unidentified Garden WHE028

WHE028: Garden Images

WHE029: Unidentified Garden WHE029

WHE029: Garden Images

WHE030: Unidentified Gardens WHE030

Box 4, Folder 1

WHE030: Plans, circa 1950-1978
6 Drawings (visual works)

Unidentified Gardens (possibly Perry Wheeler designs)

Box 10, Slidebox A

Garden Images, circa 1950-1965
35 Slides (photographs)

Box 10

Garden Images, circa 1950-1965

1 Microfilm

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California

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Massachusetts

MA140: Manchester-by-the-Sea -- Apple Trees

Landscape Bowditch, Ernest W.

architect:

Provenance: North Shore Garden Club of Massachusetts

Notes: The folders include a work sheet, site plans, sample plant list, and copies of articles.

The layout of the original estate is primarily intact, with several new garden areas added by the current owners. The original sunken formal garden from the early twentieth century was re designed and simplified in the mid-1980s; and renovated again in the 1990s. Newer garden gardens (ca. 1998-2004) include a cottage garden, a parterre rose garden, a shady shed garden, and a kitchen garden. The property includes original old specimen trees and shrubs--most at least 75 years old. .

Persons and organizations associated with the property include: Gerard Bement (former owner, 1896-1903); Stephen Van Rensselaer and Henrietta Grew Crosby (former owners, 1903-1957); Mr. and Mrs. George Carr (former owners, 1957-1963); Mrs. and Mrs. Parsons (former owners, 1963-1968); Dr. Richard Head (former owner, 1968-1972); Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kaloost (former owners (1972-1980); Morrison & Rockley (builders, 1896); Ernest W. Bowditch (landscape architect, ca. 1910); Bruno Toss (head gardener, ca. 1925-1958); and Louise Jewett (garden designer, ca. 1985).

Apple Trees related holdings consist of 2 folders (13 35 mm. slides)
Garden Club of America Collection, ca. 1920-[ongoing].

Topic: Cottage gardens
Raised bed gardening
Formal gardens
Sunken gardens
Vegetable gardening
Rose gardens
Gardens -- Massachusetts -- Manchester-by-the-Sea

Place: Apple Trees (Manchester-by-the-Sea, Massachusetts)
United States of America -- Massachusetts -- Essex County --
Manchester

MA140001: [Apple Trees]: view of patio area next to house; white hydrangea., 1955.

1 Slides (photographs) (col.; 35 mm.)

Photographer: Wheeler, Perry H., 1914-1989

Notes: 1955 is an assumed date for the image.

Topic: Outdoor furniture
Containers
Chairs
Tables
Hydrangeas
Gardens -- Massachusetts -- Manchester-by-the-Sea
Container gardening
Plants, Potted
Patios

Place: Apple Trees (Manchester-by-the-Sea, Massachusetts)
United States of America -- Massachusetts -- Essex County --
Manchester

Genre/Form: Slides (photographs)

Rhode Island

RI035: Newport -- Beacon Hill, RI

Former owner: James, Arthur Curtiss
James, Harriet Eddy [Hetty], 1868-1941

Gardener: Greatorex, John

Rosarian: Foote, Harriett Risley, 1863-

Contractor: Peckham Brothers
Hempstead of Boston

Lantern slide
maker: Van Altena, Edward

Landscape
architect: Olmsted Brothers

Provenance: Garden Club of New Haven

Creator: Powell, Alan, M/Ms
Hamilton, Samuel, Mrs.

Notes: The folder includes correspondence, articles and information sheet
compiled by GCA representative.

"There is an austere elegance about a green garden; pink or yellow or red are frivolous except as accents, but the garden that appeals to the romantic, universal soul is the blue garden. That is why the Blue Garden of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Curtiss James was the ultimate goal of so many Newport Pilgrims. A very stately garden it is with the iridescent quality which blue flowers that really are mauve and purple and grayish, rather than true, sharp blue, impart. Its irregular symmetry makes it difficult to describe without a ground plan. At the two far distant ends are colonnades with gray rocks and irregular green plantations beyond, and the lower end is a circle of matchless turf whose boundary is rock and shrubs. The upper part is a circle, too, formed by a rustic lattice of slender split branches over which grow Clematis Jackmanii, mauve Sweet-peas and other charming creepers, backed by Cedars and Pines. In the center are two pools fed by water that trickles from beneath the colonnade."

"A thousand foot rose garden was blasted out of granite rock. A long grass allee originated by the reflecting pool, was planted with 5,000 roses of many varieties. The allee ascended several levels of stone walls and steps and climaxed under a high granite cliff, where a splendid stone and ironwork balustrade and imposing pergola were located. Mr. James died in 1942, all the roses were dug and sold and nature moved in to sow her seeds."

"The Beacon Hill house was left unoccupied and in 1967 finally succumbed to vandalism and fire." The gardens have been restored by subsequent owners.

Persons associated with the property include: Arthur Curtiss James (former owner, 1909-1940); Olmsted Brothers (landscape architects); John Greatorex (superintendent of grounds and landscape gardener); Harriet R. Foote (garden designer and rosarian); Peckham Brothers (contractors for rose garden); Hempstead of Boston (landscape contractors/superintendent); Edward Van Altena (lantern slide maker).

The Garden Club of New Haven facilitated the submission of this garden's documentation.

Beacon Hill, RI related holdings consist of 3 folders (5 hand colored glass lantern slides; 35 35mm slides (photographs); 5 8X10 glass plate negatives)

Garden Club of America Collection, ca. 1920-[ongoing].

Thomas Warren Sears photograph collection, 1900-1966.

Records related to this site can be found at the Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site, Olmsted Job Number 03558, Arthur Curtiss James.

Garden featured in Levee, Arleyn A. *The Blue Garden: Recapturing an Iconic Newport Landscape*. Newport: Redwood Library and Athenaeum, 2016.

Garden featured in Griswold, Mac and Weller, Eleanor. *Golden Age of American Gardens*. New York: Harry N. Abrams, Inc., 1991.

Garden featured in Phelps, Harriet Jackson. Newport in Flower. Newport, RI: Preservation Society of Newport County, 1979, page 101-112.

Topic: Gardens -- Rhode Island -- Newport
Place: Beacon Hill (Newport, Rhode Island)
United States of America -- Rhode Island -- Newport County -- Newport

Virginia

VA004: Aldie -- Oak Hill (VA)
Former owner: Gouveneur, Mrs.
Quimby
Littleton, Frank
Delashmutt, Thomas, Mr.
Delashmutt, Thomas, Mrs.
Monroe, James, 1758-1831
Architect: Jefferson, Thomas, 1743-1826
Landscape architect: Jefferson, Thomas, 1743-1826
Designer: Hoban, James Capt
Notes: Folders include work sheets and copies of articles.
President James Monroe built Oak Hill as a retirement property in Loudon County in 1823. The plans are said to have been drawn by Thomas Jefferson. The property became a Virginia Historic Landmark and a National Historic Landmark.
Persons associated with the property include: President James Monroe (former owner, 1831); Mrs. Gouveneur (former owner, 1831-1850); Colonel John Fairfax (former owner, 1850-); Dr. Quimby (former owner); Henry Fairfax (former owner, ?-1920); Frank Littleton (former owner, 1920-1948); Mr. and Mrs. Thomas DeLashmutt (former owners, 1948-?); Thomas Jefferson (supposed architect); Captain James Hoban (designer, 1823); and Henry David Whitfield (architect of wing extensions, ca. 1920).
Oak Hill (VA) related holdings consist of 3 folders (3 glass lantern slides and 18 35 mm. slides)
Garden Club of America Collection, ca. 1920-[ongoing].
Garden has been featured in Mrs. William R. Massie and Mrs. Andrew H. Christian, comp., Descriptive Guide Book of Virginia's Old Gardens (Garden Club of America), p. 83.
Garden has been featured in Frances Archer Christian and Susanne Williams Massie, eds., Homes and Gardens in Old Virginia (Richmond, Virginia: Garrett and Massie, Incorporated, 1962), pp. 75-79.
Garden has been featured in Roon Frost, "Oak Hill," in Early American Life (April 1984), p. 73.

Topic: Gardens -- Virginia -- Aldie
Place: Oak Hill (Aldie, Virginia)

United States of America -- Virginia -- Loudoun County -- Aldie

VA042: Charlottesville -- Monticello

VA351: [Middleburg](#) -- [Metcalf Garden](#)

Dr. James M. Stengle Images

Photographer: Stengle, James M., Dr.

General: Images in this series were photographed by Dr. James M. Stengle.

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Box 4	Topiary Trees and Hedges, Watercolor by Dabney, circa 1960-1968 1 Watercolor
Box 4	A Beachcomber's Botany, inscribed by Elizabeth Sayre, 1968 1 Book Author: Petry, Loren C. (Loren Clifford), 1887- Illustrator: Norman, Marcia Gaylord Publisher: Chatham Conservation Foundation

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