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The goal of this project is to document the lives and careers of those people who have shaped the American landscape. To this end, the Historic Landscape Initiative of the National Park Service’s Preservation Assistance Division, in cooperation with the Catalog of Landscape Records at Wave Hill, has begun the implementation of a database to contain biographic, bibliographic and archival information on these individuals. The project seeks to document not only professional landscape architects, but all those who have played a significant role in shaping our designed landscape heritage — horticulturists, landscape gardeners, architects, engineers, educators, writers, cemetery designers, planners, and others. This interim publication represents an attempt to make this resource available to researchers and practitioners. However, it does not constitute a complete record of the information received to this date. Many have had to be excluded due to space constraints...and the work continues.
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The contributions of nearly two hundred regional contributors must also be gratefully recognized. As described in the introduction that follows, this database project will take several years to realize. In many instances individual entries were contributed for this publication and have not been included for a variety of reasons (these are described in greater detail in the introduction).

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The recognition of these visionary pioneers within a preservation treatment construct is not only critical, but it will greatly expand the foundation of knowledge when attempting to make educated treatment decisions for these irreplaceable resources.

Charles A. Birnbaum, Project Director
September 1993
INTRODUCTION

In the United States there is no singular sourcebook or finding aid for researchers seeking information on those visionary practitioners who have had a significant impact on the designed American landscape. Possessing a broad range of skills and training, these historical figures included landscape gardeners, horticulturists, nursery owners, landscape architects, engineers, planners, architects, cemetery designers, golf course architects, superintendents, educators and writers. To date, these unchronicled practitioners have posed a challenge for landscape historians and landscape architects alike when attempting to evaluate a property's significance, or establish its necessary context.

As an indication of this need and surge in interest, American Landscape Architecture: Designers and Places was published in 1989 as part of the Building Watchers Series by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the American Society of Landscape Architects and the Preservation Press. The book contains twenty-one illustrated designer profiles with an equal number of descriptions of landscape types. In the introduction, the editor William H. Tishler stated, "A better understanding of this legacy can help us shape future environments that will continue, and perhaps even strengthen, the inseparable relationship Americans have always had with their land." This philosophy while well stated is not new. In 1923, under the direction of the Committee on Education of the American Institute of Architects, The Significance of the Fine Arts was first published. The publication included individual author contributions on such topics as Landscape Design (Frederick Law Olmsted, Jr.), City Planning (Edward Herbert Bennett), and Industrial Arts (Huger Elliott). In the book's epilogue, C. Howard Walker stated "to perform we must comprehend the work of our predecessors, for of what avail is it to attempt to carry on the torch kept alive by our ancestors, if we have no knowledge of what fed its flame?" In response to long standing need, this publication and its associated ongoing data base, Pioneers of American Landscape Design: An Annotated Bibliography, has been undertaken. To date, over one hundred entries have been completed with several thousand related annotations. This publication presents a representative cross section of sixty-one entries. For each there is a brief biographical profile, annotated period and modern sources, a concise statement on the location and contents of archival collections, and a likeness of the practitioner or an illustration of a related landscape project. Following these entries, (pp. 137-142) is a list of the pioneer designers for which we currently have insufficient information. This list, which now numbers over 700, continues to grow as research yields new findings. A citation submission form is included. The form may be copied, as needed, and sent back to the National Park Service Preservation Assistance Division to share findings of your own. With this sharing of information, the data base can continue to grow. We also encourage outside researchers to contact the Preservation Assistance Division directly so that a cursory review of the current database holdings may be undertaken.

This first publication is thus intended to be a sampling. In developing the content, every effort has been made to represent a diversity of disciplines, a range of time periods, influences on the profession, regional diversity, and new information. As additional information is generated and as the project matures, it is hoped that this publication will be the first in an ongoing series.

To illustrate the breadth of these publications contents, let's consider the practitioners dating from the late eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. This includes: Jacob Bigelow (1787-1879); Wilhelm Christian Bischoff (1797-1881); Howard Daniels (1815-1863); Henry A.S. Dearborn (1783-1851); Hans Jacob Ehlers (1804-1858); Louis Augustus Ehlers (1835-1911); George Heussler (1751-1817); Louis LeConte (1782-1838); Andre Parmentier (1780-1830); Adolph Strauch (1821-1883) and Adonijah Strong Welch (1821-1883) Collectively these individuals laid out parks and pleasure grounds, cemeteries, estates, and home grounds throughout the country. It is important to also note that many of these practitioners may benefit from additional research. For example, the exhaustive research that was recently undertaken on Parmentier by Cynthia Zaitzevsky yielded "only five documented projects" and "two Canadian projects are recent discoveries." With several exceptions (e.g. Bigelow, Dearborn), these individuals have not been well
represented in modern landscape architectural publications, creating further challenges when seeking additional information.

Equally neglected have been many of the horticulturists contained in this data base project. This is especially surprising when one considers how frequently many of these individuals contributed to journals in their lifetime - collectively their publications are in the hundreds. Sample contributions here include: Liberty Hyde Bailey (1879-1979); Lester Rowntree (1879-1979); Charles Sprague Sargent (1841-1927); Kate Olivia Sessions (1857-1940) and John Aston Warder (1812-1883). In the entry on Lester Rowntree, Virginia Lopez Begg states, "she influenced the gardens of her era by introducing California native plants to a wide audience through her writing, and by making seeds available to gardeners worldwide." This is a goal of many contemporary heiroom plant growers. In addition to the preservation potential of these horticulturists' associated works, we can also consider their contributions in the context of the current environmental and management ethics emerging in the landscape architectural profession today.

Another group that has been overlooked to date are the landscape and garden writers of the first half of this century. To illustrate this point, consider the legacy of editor and writer Wilhelm Miller (1869-1938). As Christopher Vernon states in his entry, "By the time of his death, Miller's publications numbered in the hundreds. Neither Country Life in America nor The Garden Magazine published an obituary." The influence of other garden writers such as Frances Duncan (1877-1972); Louisa Yeomans (Mrs. Frances) King (1863-1948); Louise Shelton (1867-1934); Louise Beebe Wilder (1878-1938); and Richardson Wright (1886-1961) have yet to be understood. This is ironic when one considers how many of the personal libraries of many of the nation's premier landscape architects in the first quarter of this century included their writings.

When establishing the criteria for those landscape architects or landscape architectural firms to include, individuals who have been the subject of recent books, selected chapters in publications, or detailed monographs (e.g. Fletcher Steele, Florence Yoch, Russell Page, and Jens Jensen) have not been included in this endeavor.

Frederick Law Olmsted Jr. (center) with Percival Gallagher (right) and James Frederick Dawson, (left) ca. 1920s (Country Life in America).
However, these significant practitioners will be included in the database. A cross-section of those landscape architects contained in this publication include: William Stanley Abbott (1908-1975); Marjorie Sewell Cautley (1891-1954); Stephen Child (1866-1936); Henry Vincent Hubbard (1875-1947); George Edward Kessler (1862-1923); Samuel Parsons, Jr. (1844-1923); Arthur Asahel Shurcliff (1870-1957), Grace Tabor (1873-?) and the firms of Clarke & Rapuano (New York City, NY); Hare & Hare (Kansas City, MO) and Lord and Shryver (Salem, OR).

Additionally, individual entries have not been included for Frederick Law Olmsted Sr. (1822-1903), Frederick Law Olmsted Jr. (1870-1957) or John Charles Olmsted (1852-1920) for the above-stated reasons. A recognition of their contributions is generally understood in much of the research, related publications and project work that has been undertaken over the last two decades.

A word about the database: consider the term "Olmsted" as a search command within the current database holdings. If the user were to scan the 100 individual biographical profiles as a starting point, the results would yield over thirty findings in just under one minute. Upon a closer inspection the information that follows may be gleaned from a printout or an on-screen review:

1. The number of design professionals to be employed by the Olmsted Office is tremendous. Representative examples from this cursory review include: William Welles Bosworth (1889), Myrl Elijah Bottomley (1922), James Frederick Dawson (1896-1940), Alling Stephen DeForest (1897, 1899-1900), Paul Rubens Frost (1909-1910), George Gibbs, Jr. (1905-1914, 1923-1933), Roland Stewart Hoyt (1922-1925), Henry Vincent Hubbard (1901-1906, 1920-1947), Warren Henry Manning (1888-1895), William Lyman Phillips (1911-1933), Bremer Whidden Pond (1909-1911), Arthur Asahel Shurcliff (1896-1903), Edward Clark Whiting (1905-1962) and Alanson Phelps Wyman (1899-1902).

2. The following individuals graduated from the Harvard program under the direction of Frederick Law Olmsted Jr.: Stephen Child, George Carroll Cone, George Gibbs Jr., S. Herbert Hare, Ernst Herman Herminghouse, Henry Vincent Hubbard, William Lyman Phillips, Bremer Whidden Pond and Arthur Asahel Shurcliff.

3. Important associations may also be established. The following is only a sampling of some of the project collaborations between the Olmsted firm and other professionals referenced in the database: Edward Herbert Bennett (Chicago Neighborhood Parks), William Benque (Central Park Competition), Saco Rienk DeBoer (Denver's Mountain Park System and Park and Parkway System), Calvin C. Laney (Rochester Park System) and George Edward Kessler (A letter of endorsement from F. L. Olmsted Sr. led to his first professional position to take charge of a Merriam, KS park; later associations with the office on Roland Park, Baltimore, MD).

This is the type of contextual information access that may be readily obtained from the database. This information can be further searched to understand which of these practitioners were in either the Brookline, MA or Palos Verdes, CA offices, who were among the first graduating class at Harvard, or who the Olmsted Office sent to Europe to document landscapes.

Additionally, if a user approaches the database with only the name of a property, for example "Naumkeag", the database would reveal both of its designers, Nathan Franklin Barrett (1845-1919) and Fletcher Steele (1885-1971). To increase the contextual research field, other estates could be searched broadly throughout the U.S. or only the state or region. Other qualifiers such as "French" or "Formal" could be used to limit the search field, and so on.

The completion of this database will take several years. It will also require an ongoing institutional commitment to maintain and update its contents on a regular basis. Ultimately, within this decade, a researcher will be able to sit down at any library terminal with Library of Congress access, and obtain the necessary contextual information to understand a landscape's integrity and significance, and to guide the development of a defensible treatment and management plan for an individual property...so indeed we can begin to "comprehend the work of our predecessors."
Opposite: A meeting of the ASLA at Colonial Williamsburg, ca. 1930 (Photo courtesy of the Manuscript Division, Library of Congress.)
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Abbott, Stanley William, b. 1908, d. 1975. Stanley William Abbott was born on March 13, 1908, in Yonkers, NY. At the age of 17, he entered Cornell University's program in landscape architecture, concentrating on land use planning and park design. After graduating with a B.A. in landscape architecture (1930), Abbott's first professional position was with the Finger Lakes State Parks Commission in Ithaca, NY. A year later, he left Ithaca to become Public Information Officer in charge of annual reports and photography for the Westchester County (NY) Parks Commission, where he worked with two pioneers of parkway design in the U.S., Jay Downer and Gilmore D. Clarke. Downer and Clarke trained Abbott and recommended him for the position of Resident Landscape Architect in charge of designing the nation's most extensive parkway project, the Blue Ridge Parkway. Consequently, in December, 1933, at the age of 26, Abbott was placed in charge of choosing the Parkway's route, designing and overseeing the construction of the road, which extended almost 500 miles through the mountains of Virginia and North Carolina.

In 1943, with the Parkway almost two-thirds complete, Abbott was drafted into the United States Army, where he served as a corporal in the Army Corps of Engineers at Fort Lewis, WA. Completing his military service in 1946, Abbott returned to the National Park Service as Regional Landscape Architect for Region One in Richmond, VA. He was later named Supervising Landscape Architect (1950) for the Mississippi River Parkway, which stretches from Lake Itasca, MN to the Gulf of Mexico. Abbott also served as a member of the study team for the new Cascades National Park (WA). From 1953 until his retirement from the Park Service in 1966, he served as Superintendent of the Colonial National Historical Park, Yorktown, VA.

In 1966, Abbott went into private practice with his son, Carlton Sturgess Abbott, forming Abbott Associates, a firm of architects and landscape architects located in Williamsburg, VA. Among his significant projects in Virginia were the redesign of the gardens of the Governor's Mansion (Richmond); the major site planning for: Virginia Military Institute, Hollins College, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Radford College, Mary Baldwin College and Roanoke College. Abbott also served as a consultant on the design of interstate highways, planned a number of Virginia's state and city parks including Seashore State Park (Virginia Beach), James River Park (Richmond), Waller Mill Park (Williamsburg), Chippokes Plantation State Park, York River State Park, and False Cape State Park. He also designed numerous residential gardens.


Among the many honors Abbott received throughout his career were the U.S. Department of the Interior's Distinguished Service Award and a citation for his work in historic preservation and design from the Virginia Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. He was a member of the American Society of Landscape Architects, which elected him a Fellow, and, in addition to being the Chair of the Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission, he served on numerous commissions and civic organizations. The highest award for academic excellence and promise as a professional bestowed upon a graduating landscape architecture student at the University of Virginia is named in his honor, as are Virginia Tech's awards for the best senior project and master's thesis.


Abbott, Stanley W.* Confidential Memo to Regional Director Taylor, Region One.* 3 December 1943. Summary of problems of Blue Ridge Parkway -- a progress report. (Blue Ridge Parkway Archives, Asheville, NC).


Abbott, Stanley W.* "Parkways: A New Philosophy." American Planning and Civic Annual.* 1951: 41-45. Discusses the importance of rural and regional parkways and outlines plans for the Mississippi Parkway that would reach from Lake Itasca, MN to the Gulf of Mexico.


Jolley, Harley E. *The Blue Ridge Parkway.* Knoxville, TN: University of Tennessee Press; 1970. Tells the story behind the establishment of the Blue Ridge Parkway, including descriptions of the early days of construction.


Proceedings of Mid-Continent Regional Park and Recreation Conference, March 20, 1952. [Minneapolis, MN]: University of Minnesota; 1952. *"Remarks Concerning the National Parks"* by Stanley W. Abbott (pp. 82-84).

There are no formal archival collections pertaining to Stanley H. Abbott. However, the firm of Carlton Abbott and Partners, Williamsburg, VA does hold documents
relating to Abbott's private practice work. Additional materials are held by the Blue Ridge Parkway Archives, Asheville, NC, with limited holdings at the Frances Loeb Library, Harvard University.

Contributed by Nancy Robinson

Allen, Nellie Beatrice, b. 1869, d. 1961. Nellie Beatrice Allen (née Osborn) was born on October 23, 1869 in Cameron, MO. She attended the Lowthorpe School of Landscape Architecture for Women in Groton, MA (1916-1919) under the name of Beatrice Osborn Allen, and may have received further training prior to travelling to Italy and England in 1921.

By the mid-1920s she was lecturing on garden design and history in New England. She returned to Europe on a number of occasions between 1921 and 1949. She was particularly influenced by the work of Gertrude Jekyll, to whom she was introduced in 1921 by Lawrence Weaver. Allen returned to *Munstead Wood,* Jekyll’s home, in 1930 and 1938. From the 1920s to the 1940s, Allen maintained a private practice in New York City where she specialized in residential landscape design in the New York/New England area. Like many graduates of the Lowthorpe program, Allen focused on perennials and planting design, excelling in the design of English-style perennial borders, such as those at *Dellwood* (John Henry Hammond House, Mount Kisco, NY) and *Brookmeade* (Mrs. Isabel Dodge Sloane House, Locust Valley, NY). Brookmeade’s double borders featured blue flowers, a direct link with a Lowthorpe School project involving a study of Jekyll’s color borders.

Allen specialized in knot gardens and geometrically hedged green gardens that incorporated traditional herbaceous perennials and were inspired by the Italian and English gardens she had seen on her trips to Europe. Allen’s early interest in green gardens was apparent in her thesis project at Lowthorpe (1919), which featured a knot garden with yew bird topiaries similar to those she later photographed at Great Dixter and other English gardens in the 1930s. At least four of her gardens include these features: the knot garden for the 1939 New York World’s Fair in Flushing which she designed in collaboration with Constance Boardman; the well-publicized garden for Mrs. Oakleigh Thorne at Millbrook, NY; the yew buttress garden for Edith Notman’s "Three Waters Estate" in Gloucester, MA; and the Bishop’s Garden for Washington Cathedral. Allen’s work was photographed by Mattie Edwards Hewitt, Frances

Nellie Beatrice Osborn Allen, 1914. (Photo courtesy of Osborn Allen.)

Benjamin Johnston, and Richard Averill Smith. It was also displayed regularly at the annual exhibitions of the Architectural League of New York.

Prior to her death in New York City on December 25, 1961, Nellie Beatrice Allen was a Member-at-Large of the Garden Club of America, as well as the English-Speaking Union in London and the Committee on Old Roses. She was also an active member of the Lowthorpe School Alumnae Association.


The Bedford Garden Club houses a collection of photographs and plans of the work of Nellie B. Allen, although it is not complete. Slide copies of the collection are on deposit at the Archives of American Gardens, Smithsonian Institution. Album of photographs of English gardens (1930-1938), private collection.

Contributed by Judith B. Tankard

Bailey, Liberty Hyde, b. 1858, d. 1954. Liberty Hyde Bailey was born in 1858 on a farm in South Haven, MI that his parents had built on the Michigan frontier. Studying under botanist William J. Beal, Bailey earned both a B.S. (1882) and M.S. (1886) from Michigan State Agricultural College (now Michigan State University) in East Lansing. Between working on his degrees, Bailey took time to work as an assistant to botanist Asa Gray at Harvard College (1882-84). After completing his Master's degree, Bailey stayed on at Michigan State Agricultural College as a Professor of Horticulture and organized the Department of Horticulture and Landscape Gardening (1885), which was the first of its kind in the country. Bailey accepted a similar position at Cornell University in Ithaca, NY (1888) where he became Director of the Cornell College of Agriculture, Dean of its faculty, and Professor of Rural Economy. At Cornell, Bailey organized the first farm extension program in the country and greatly expanded other programs in the College of Agriculture.

In 1913, he retired to devote time to his writing, editing, and lecturing, which ranged widely from practical agriculture, horticulture, and landscape design to philosophy, civics, nature study, evolution, and conservation. His book, *The Holy Earth* (1915), was an eloquent plea for the development of an environmental ethic. His prodigious work as an editor included the *Cyclopedia of American Horticulture* (4 volumes, 1900-1902), the *Cyclopedia of American Agriculture* (4 volumes, 1907-1909), and magazines *American Garden* (1890-1893) and *Country Life in America* (during the early 1900s).

Bailey was appointed by President Theodore Roosevelt to head the Country Life Commission (1908) to survey conditions of life in rural America and make recommendations for their improvement. The recommendations of the Commission provided a broad framework for agricultural education and extension work at land-grant colleges throughout the U.S. Bailey’s numerous awards and honors included: the Marshall P. Wilder Bronze (1885) and Silver (1921 and 1947) Medals; the Veitch Silver (1897) and Gold (1927) Medals of the Royal Horticultural Society, London; the Gold Medal...
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(1947) of the National Institute of Social Sciences; the George Robert White Gold Medal of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society (1927); and honorary membership in the American Society of Landscape Architects.


Bailey, Liberty Hyde (with Wilhelm Miller). Cyclopedia of American Horticulture. New York: Macmillan Company; 1904. Bailey's expressed intent here was to "provide a record of American horticulture at the close of the 19th century." This four volume set includes information on plants and various horticultural practices.

Bailey, Liberty Hyde. Cyclopedia of American Agriculture. New York: Macmillan Company; 1907-1909. In this four volume set, Bailey strove to provide practical information for farmers as well as historic, social, and economic information about farm life in rural communities.

Bailey, Liberty Hyde. The Farm and Garden Rule Book. New York: Macmillan Company; 1889. (Subsequent editions - 1892, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1901, 1902, 1904, 1905, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1911). Includes practical information for farmers on topics such as soil conditions, fertilizers, seeds, planting approaches, forestry practices, farm engineering, etc.

Bailey, Liberty Hyde. The Garden Lover. New York: Macmillan Company; 1928. This article expands on Bailey's earlier House and Garden article on the same topic, urging homeowners to take a greater interest in growing a wide variety of plants, thereby helping to preserve garden species diversity.


Liberty Hyde Bailey, 1913. On retirement as Dean, Cornell College of Agriculture. (Landscape Architecture Magazine, April 1955.)
on Bailey's previous work, provides descriptions and a listing of common garden plants and garden features.


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Bailey laments the mass production emphasis of the wholesale plant trade and what he sees as a loss of species diversity in garden plants. He suggests that the home gardener can play a major role in plant conservation.


Barker, E. Eugene. "Liberty Hyde Bailey, Philosopher and Poet." Cornell Plantations. Spring 1958; 14(1): 13-15. The author argues that Bailey's work as a poet and philosopher are not often emphasized enough. He points out that Bailey's true ambition was the betterment of lives of people regarding science as a tool to make it happen.


Cornell University Library, Ithaca, NY maintains an extensive collection of correspondence and other miscellaneous materials relating to Liberty Hyde Bailey. Additional information is also held at the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities.

Contributed by Robert E. Grese

Bennett, Edward Herbert, b. 1874, d. 1954. Edward H. Bennett was born in 1874 in England. The son of a master mariner, he received early training at the Merchant's Venturer's School in Bristol prior to immigrating to the United States in 1890 at his father's urging. Within several years of his arrival, Bennett began pursuing an architectural career and accepted a position in the architectural office of Robert White. Bennett was provided with a scholarship to the Ecole des Beaux Arts in Paris by American philanthropist Mrs. Phoebe Apperson Hearst. His studies there (1895-1902) were interrupted by a two-year period during which he worked in an architectural office in London. His training at the Ecole stressed a thorough understanding of classicism and unified monumentally scaled compositions. It laid the foundation for his future planning career.

Bennett moved to New York City in 1902 where he accepted a position in the office of George B. Post, who was responsible for such commissions as the Manufacturers and Liberal Arts Building of the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago. While working in Post's office, Bennett met Daniel H. Burnham, who had an extremely busy architectural office in Chicago. Burnham, one of the country's most prominent classicists, "borrowed" Bennett from Post's office in 1903 to work on a design competition for the military academy at West Point. Although their design did not win the competition, Burnham was sufficiently pleased with Bennett to offer him a position with the D. H. Burnham and Co. firm in 1904.

Bennett's first assignment, in collaboration with the Olmsted Brothers firm, was for the architectural work of what ultimately became one of the nation's most comprehensive systems of neighborhood parks. Created to serve overcrowded immigrant neighborhoods, these new parks on Chicago's South Side created a prototype for "playground parks." During this period, Bennett also worked with Burnham on the Plan for San Francisco, one of the country's earliest municipal plans, and by 1906, he was collaborating with Burnham on studies leading to the Plan of Chicago. Commissioned by the Commercial Club of Chicago, the Plan was co-authored by the two and published in 1909. It presented a unified vision for the city, including transportation systems, an extension to the existing park system, an outer greenbelt, and a municipal civic center. Following the national attention drawn by the Plan, the two received numerous requests from other municipalities. Although Burnham often declined the work, Bennett accepted planning commissions for Minneapolis, MN, Portland, OR and Cedar Rapids, IA, while continuing to work part-time in Burnham's office.

After Burnham's death, Bennett was hired as the Consulting Architect to the Chicago Plan Commission (1913-1930). This position allowed him to design and oversee the implementation of numerous classically rendered public works, including nearly twenty bridges. While working for the Commission, Bennett also maintained a private architectural practice, which, by 1922 had become the firm of Bennett, Parsons, Frost, and Thomas. Parsons and Thomas, like Bennett, were trained at the Ecole, and, prior to coming to Chicago, Frost worked as the Supervising Architect of the Treasury in Washington, D.C. Between the late 1910s and late 1920s, Bennett's firm was extremely busy. A few projects were for individual landscapes, often executed in the French Renaissance style, such as Chicago's Grant Park, Bennett's own Lake Forest, IL estate "Bagatelle," and a resort community in Montecito, CA. However, the firm specialized in developing plans for regions, cities, civic centers, subdivisions, river fronts, and universities. Although their plans typically adhered to the tenets of the City Beautiful Movement, the firm also emphasized technical work, such as traffic and zoning studies, which had become the focus of the planning field. In addition to the San Francisco and Chicago work, prominent projects included the Denver Civic Center, Brooklyn City Plan, Detroit City Plan, and studies contributing to the Regional Plan of New York and Environs. Bennett's large scale planning work dwindled during the
Depression. However smaller commissions, such as the George Rogers Clark Memorial in Vincennes, IN, the 1933 Century of Progress Exposition in Chicago, IL, and the Federal Triangle in Washington, D.C., sustained his practice until the 1940s. Edward Bennett died in 1954, though his firm continues today under the direction of his son, Edward Bennett, Jr. and other partners.


following year, he settled in Boston, MA, where he
opened a medical practice and became a cultural leader.
Bigelow’s medical philosophy opposed artificial
interference in the processes of nature, especially the
traditional bleedings and purgings that characterized
“heroic” disease treatment; while at the same time, he
was one of the first doctors to use chloroform to ease the
pain associated with childbirth.

Bigelow was elected to Boston’s Anthology Club, the
Athenaeum, the Massachusetts Historical Society, the
American Association of Arts and Sciences (1812), the
American Philosophical Society (1818), and several
international medical and scientific societies. At Harvard
College and its new medical school, he taught botany,
*materia medica* (medical use of plants), and the
application of the sciences to the useful arts — a field he
termed “technology,” introducing the word to American
usage in 1829, when he published a book on his course.
He also published four volumes on taxonomic horticulture:
*Florula Bostoniensis* (1814 and 1824) and *American
Medical Botany* (1817-1820), illustrated in color from
copperplates by a method he invented. These books won
him a certificate of “hommage” from the Société
Linnéenne de Paris, commendation by the Royal Horticultural
Society of London, and election as an honorary
member of the Horticultural Society of Paris (1830).

In 1825, following an 1823 controversy that threatened to
close existing burial grounds in Boston, Bigelow invited
a dozen other urban leaders to his home to propose that
they form a voluntary association to create an extramural
cemetery for the city “interspersed with trees, shrubs, and
flowers, in a wood or a landscape garden.” His
suggestion for such a designed, naturalistic burial
landscape that would also function as a holistic, cultural
institution was unprecedented in the U.S., where
“unnatural” urban graveyards were the norm. The project
stalled, however, until undertaken under the auspices of
the new Massachusetts Horticultural Society (1829), of
which Bigelow was Corresponding Secretary. The
Horticultural Society’s first President, General Henry A.
S. Dearborn, laid out the initial landscape design for
Mount Auburn Cemetery, drawing inspiration from
principles of classical design, eighteenth-century
picturesque English gardens, and Père Lachaise Cemetery
outside of Paris (1804).

Mount Auburn’s founders realized that creation of a
picturesque landscape would entail more than simply
choosing an appropriately varied terrain with rambling
avenues, paths, ponds, and trees planted to augment the
naturalistic effect. They planned from the start to

Dr. Jacob Bigelow. (Photo courtesy of Blanche Linden-Ward.)

“embellish” the grounds with functional and ornamental
“public” structures of eclectic architectural designs
suggesting antiquity. Art, in the form of “eye-catchers”
or “fabriques”, would “improve” upon Nature, following
the example of eighteenth-century English garden
aesthetics. Bigelow personally provided architectural
designs for several of these picturesque “embellishments,”
including the Egyptian gate (1832, 1843), the cast-iron
fence with Egyptian motifs (1844), the “Protestant”
Gothic chapel (1844), and the Norman tower named in
honor of George Washington (1852).

Bigelow served as President of Mount Auburn Cemetery
(1845-1871), and, in this capacity, exerted his greatest
influence on its landscape. During his tenure, he
advocated the alteration of the cemetery’s landscape from
its original “rural” or “picturesque” aesthetic to a
“gardenesque” aesthetic. To this end, in the 1860s, he
reduced the original tree canopy by half in order to
introduce ornamental plantings, initially indigenous
mountain laurel and rhododendrons.
Bigelow, Jacob. "Extract from 'Nature in Disease.'" Mount Auburn Memorial. 31 August 1859; 1(2): 90. Bigelow's revolutionary theories of treatment of illness broke with the standard "heroic" treatments of bleeding and purging of his era, arguing to let nature take its course.


Curtis, George T[ichnor]. "Mount Auburn." New England Magazine. October 1834; 70: 316. Curtis, related to many of the cemetery's early leaders (he was son-in-law of its first President Joseph Story), praises Mount Auburn's ability to permit people "to rid themselves of Time among the final homes of those who have exchanged it for eternity."

Dearborn, Nathaniel S. Dearborn's Guide through Mount Auburn Cemetery. Boston: N. Dearborn; 1852 (6th Rev. Ed.). Nathaniel Dearborn, the publisher and guidebook author, has often been erroneously confused with Henry A. S. Dearborn. In this slim pamphlet, updated periodically, the author describes the picturesque landscape and guides the visitor to notable monuments.

Ellis, George E. Memoir of Dr. Jacob Bigelow. Cambridge, MA: John Wilson & Son; 1880. This minister and family friend credits Bigelow with the design of Mount Auburn's landscape.


French, Stanley. "The Cemetery as Cultural Institution: The Establishment of Mount Auburn and the 'Rural
Cemetery' Movement." American Quarterly. March 1974; 26: 37-59. A brief but serious historical account of the founding of Mount Auburn as a cultural institution and how it sparked the movement in other cities to create similar picturesque landscapes.


King, Moses. Mount Auburn Cemetery, Including also a Brief History and Description of Cambridge. . . Cambridge, MA: Harvard Square, Moses King; 1885.


[Walker, Stephen Duncan]. Rural Cemetery and Public Walk. Baltimore, MD: Sands & Neilson; 1835. One of the many accounts of cemeteries copied after Mount Auburn's example that acknowledges the seminal role of Bigelow.

Walter, Cornelia. The Rural Cemeteries of America: Mount Auburn Illustrated in a Series of Views from Drawings Taken on the Spot...with Descriptive Notices. New York: R. Martin; 1847. Walter, editor of the Boston Transcript and a friend of Bigelow, gives him full credit for conceiving the idea of the cemetery while exaggerating his role in its design.

Archival collections that maintain holdings related to Dr. Jacob Bigelow include The Massachusetts Historical Society, which includes a fragmentary portion of the Bigelow family papers (the bulk of his public correspondence has been lost); The Massachusetts
Horticultural Society, which has documents and records on the founding years (1831-1835) of Mount Auburn when the cemetery was still affiliated with the Society; and Mount Auburn Cemetery, especially the "Trustees' Minutes" in "Proprietors' and Trustees' Records," manuscript books, and published Annual Reports.

Contributed by Blanche Linden-Ward, Ph.D.

Bischoff, Wilhelm (William) Christian, b. 1797, d. 1881. Wilhelm C. Bischoff was born on April 13, 1797 in Homburg, Rheinfalz, Germany. He was third in a line of Royal Court Gardeners at Nymphenburg Palace near Munich. His grandfather, Johann Heinrich Bischoff, was Royal Residence Gardener and Orangery Gardener; his father, Wilhelm Bischoff (1747-1828), was Prince Electoral Court Gardener (1801-1806), later Royal Court Gardener (1806-1821). Wilhelm C. Bischoff assumed his father's responsibilities as Royal Court Gardener in 1821, serving until his retirement in 1852. Bischoff Garden, one of the Palace gardens, was named for Wilhelm C. Bischoff. Bischoff was the protege of Friedrich Wilhelm von Sckell, later knighted for his work in English gardens, who had a school for "artistic gardeners" in Bavaria.

Bischoff came to the U.S. in the early 1850s to visit his daughter, Juliana Bischoff Knorr (1831-1896), who lived in Savannah, GA. While in Savannah, Bischoff received a commission for the design of Forsyth Park. The Park had been created in 1851, by the Savannah City Council, which set aside land in an area that was, at that time, at the edge of the city. It was the first major park in Savannah, expanding the idea of urban greenspace beyond the squares incorporated into Savannah's original city plan (designed by James Oglethorpe, 1733). Bischoff provided the original plan of the Park, subsequently modified by Savannah's City Surveyor, John B. Hogg. In *History of Savannah, Georgia* (1890), Forsyth Park is described by Charles C. Jones, Jr. as "one of the most beautiful parks in the United States...its greatest charm being its modesty, simplicity, and the unique conservation of the native forest pine." Jones attributes the design of the park to the "distinguished landscape gardener William C. Bischoff.*

A character-defining feature of Forsyth Park, the central cast iron fountain, was installed in 1858. Purported to be the largest of its kind in the United States at that time, some believe it was modeled after the design that took the prize at the first international exhibition in London (1844), while others claim it is a copy of a fountain in the Place de la Concorde, Paris.

Bischoff remained in the U.S., although he spent periods of time in his native Germany. He bought a farm outside Savannah, believed to have been located in Effingham County near Springfield, where he established a nursery and tree farm and operated an agricultural school. Wilhelm C. Bischoff died in Bavaria on February 17, 1881.

Larisoy, R. Ward Jr. Forsyth Park. Savannah, GA: Savannah Historical Association; 1975. Entry to an historical essay contest. The history of Forsyth Park from its inception, including information relating to the plantings, monuments, and statuary added over the years.


Wilson, Adelaide. Historic and Picturesque Savannah. [Boston]: The Boston Photogravure Co.; 1889. Includes an historical description of Forsyth Park from a view contemporary with the time.

Historic Savannah Foundation, Inc. Historic Savannah. Savannah, GA: Historic Savannah Foundation, Inc.; 1968. Includes section on Bischoff's connection with Savannah and Forsyth Park. Mentions his daughter as a resident of Savannah and Bischoff's role as the Royal Gardener at the Nymphenburg Palace.


Colquitt, Adrian. "Forsyth Park, Savannah's Lovely Centerpiece." Savannah Morning News. 6 May 1928: 7 (Sec. C). Recounts Forsyth Park's history, age and origin. Written when the park was 75 years old, it focuses on changes, personalities, and events with a good deal of period detail.


Archival collections with holdings pertaining to Wilhelm C. Bischoff include the archives of the Georgia Historical Society, Savannah, GA, which has a Bischoff genealogy file; the papers of Dr. Louis Knorr, Bischoff's son-in-law and Secretary of the Society (1850-1851); and a file on Forsyth Park. Additional materials are held by the Chatham-Effingham-Liberty Regional Library, Savannah, GA.

Contributed by Rosetta Radtke

Bosworth, William Welles, b. 1869, d. 1966. William Welles Bosworth was born and raised in Marietta, OH. He received a degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in Boston, MA (1889), and then worked in the Boston office of architects Shepley, Rutan and Coolidge, before taking a job in the Brookline, MA office of Olmsted, Olmsted & Eliot.

As a young man, Bosworth travelled to Europe with William Robert Ware, Editor of American Architect. He returned to the U.S. and briefly opened his own firm before returning to Europe to study in London with Alma-Tadema and then moving to Paris for further training at the Ecole des Beaux Arts. In 1900, he again returned to the U.S. and joined the firm of Carrere and Hastings prior to opening his own office in New York in 1901. Bosworth's longest client relationship and most productive single commission was "Pocantico Hills," the Rockefeller estate near Tarrytown, NY (1907-1916). Through his design of the formal and ornamental gardens
at "Kykuit" on that estate, he formed an association with John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Through him Bosworth received the commission for Samuel Untermyer's estate, "Greystone," in Yonkers, NY (1912-1915) and other rewarding city commissions. Bosworth's major architectural works include a Pan-American Exposition building (1901), Buffalo, NY; the Magdalen Association Asylum (1908), New York City; the Major L'Enfant Memorial (1912), Arlington, VA; the house for Senator Nelson W. Aldrich (1912), Warwick, RI; the MIT main buildings and campus plan (1913), Cambridge, MA; the AT&T Building (1917), New York City; the house for John D. Rockefeller, Jr. (1915-1917), New York City; the Cartier Building (1917), New York City; and the Scarborough-on-Hudson School (1919), Scarborough, NY. He built his own summer retreat, "Zoynion" (Sunium), at Tannersville in the Catskills, and also had a Long Island estate, "Old Trees," (renovation) at Matinecock. Bosworth knew many of the leading artists of his day, and often including their sculpture in fountains in his landscape designs. Bosworth served briefly in France during WWI, returning to continue work on the "Kykuit" gardens and other commissions. In 1922, he moved to Europe to oversee post-war restorations of French national monuments damaged in the war, enlisting the help of John D. Rockefeller, Jr. to fund these restorations. For his contributions, he was awarded the French Legion of Honor and the Cross of the Commander of the Order of Arts and Letters. Except for the period of Nazi occupation, he remained in France until his death on June 4, 1966 at his home near Paris.


Selected materials relating to William Welles Bosworth are held at "Kykuit," the John D. Rockefeller estate, "Pocantico Hills", Tarrytown, NY and at the Rockefeller Architectural Center, New York City, NY.

Contributed by Hugh J. McCauley


Bottomley, Myrl E. Key to Common Deciduous Wood Plants, a Perennial Key Based on Leaf Characteristics. 1922/1925. Unpublished manuscript (80 pp.) produced while Bottomley was at Iowa State. Based on the system devised by R. W. Curtis in Foliage Key to Evergreens.


Discussion of fences, trellises, urns, water, and the like. Includes 3 photos of gardens (no designer credited), which bear little resemblance to his designs in Design of Small Properties.


The University of Cincinnati Library holdings include lecture notes and the drawings that served to illustrate Bottomley’s last book. The primary emphasis of this collection is his teaching career.

Contributed by Barry Hannegan, Ph.D.

Cautley, Marjorie Sewell, b. 1891, d. 1954. Marjorie Sewell was born into a navy family and spent part of her early years in Japan and Guam. Orphaned at age 12, she returned to the U.S., where she was raised by relatives in Brooklyn, NY and New Jersey. Sewell was educated at the Packer Institute for Collegiate Studies in Brooklyn, NY, before going on to study landscape architecture at Cornell’s School of Agriculture (B.S., 1917).

After graduation, she worked for Warren Manning in Billerica, MA, during a period when his office was at the height of its volume of work. She then went to Alton, IL (1918), and was employed by California architect Julia Morgan to do “work war supervising the construction of a hotel for war workers.” WWI ended shortly thereafter, and she returned to New Jersey to start her own private practice, using her maiden name, Sewell, and married name, Cautley, during different periods in her career.

In 1921, she began work on Roosevelt Common, a 30-acre community park in Tenafly, NJ, her first park project. It contained, among other elements, an arboretum of native plants. In 1922, Sewell-Cautley wrote a series of seven articles for Country Life in America, in which she demonstrated how a designer could provide practical and pleasant gardens for modest homes.

Sewell-Cautley’s career took a profound turn when, in 1924, she was hired by Clarence Stein and Henry Wright, philanthropist-intellectuals backing the garden city movement, as part of a team effort to solve the east coast “housing problem”. The four projects for which she served as landscape architect are: Sunnyside Gardens, Sunnyside, NYC (1924-1928), Phipps Garden Apartments, Sunnyside, NYC (1930, 1935), Hillside Homes, NYC (1935), and Radburn, Fairlawn, NJ, (1928-1930). Although bureaucracy and bankruptcy caused by the Depression helped to keep the planners from achieving their utopian ideals, retrospective descriptions of these developments have traced common themes: the practical use of native plants within a quasi-public green, dwellings and private gardens that face an interior common space, and a sense of community and sharing among the residents.

Sewell-Cautley also taught site planning and landscape design as a part-time lecturer at both Columbia University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (1935-1937). During this same period, she published Garden Design (1935), and was appointed landscape consultant to the State of New Hampshire to oversee Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) projects in ten State Parks under Roosevelt’s New Deal. New Hampshire’s Kingston and Wentworth Parks still show the fundamentals of her plans, drafted in 1935 and 1936.

In 1937, Sewell-Cautley was stricken with an illness that dominated the rest of her life. She was hospitalized for several years, yet still produced articles for House and Garden, American City, House Beautiful, and the Journal of the American Institute of Planners. During a period of remission, she was able to further educate herself in city planning, earning an M.A. from the University of Pennsylvania (1943). Her thesis, published in part as an article in American City, proposed renovation methods for blighted areas in Philadelphia.

Marjorie Sewell-Cautley, c. 1930. (Photo courtesy Neil Walker.)
Cautley, Marjorie S. "New Hampshire's Planned Park Projects." American City. May 1934; 43-45. Work as consultant to NH State Parks; WPA; plans; photos.


Cautley, Marjorie S. "Planting at Radburn." Landscape Architecture. October 1930; 23-29. Rationale for Cautley's extensive use of native plants; photos; plan.


The Avery Archives, Columbia University, NY has archival holdings including over 100 plans on trace and ink on linen of Radburn and Phipps Garden Apartments in Sunnyside, NY. Holdings in a private collection include "Phipps Garden Apartments," and "Radburn, Town for the Motor Age," two 16 mm films, ca. 1932. Edited by Nell Walker to video, Lexington, MA 1993.

Contributed by Nell Walker

Child, Stephen, b. 1866, d. 1936. Stephen Child was born in Newton, MA in 1866. He graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (1888), and spent the next thirteen years in various engineering positions, moving from Buffalo, NY to New York City to Washington, DC to Boston, MA. He then returned to his hometown, where he remained for 10 years and worked in the City Engineer's Office.

In 1901, Child moved to Staten Island, NY, for a brief stay as business manager at Gordon Farms. Then, in 1902, he embarked on a major career change, enrolling as a special student in Harvard's Lawrence Scientific School, where he studied landscape architecture and city planning under Frederick Law Olmsted, Jr. In 1903, Child left the school to establish an office for the "private practice of Landscape Architecture and Consulting Engineering," maintaining a Boston office (1903-1914), as well as a winter office in Santa Barbara, CA (1908-1914).

In Massachusetts, Child created designs for Stoneleigh Park Land Subdivision (Watertown), Montserrat Highlands (Beverly), the Woodland Park Hotel (Auburndale), the Children's Hospital Grounds (Wellesley Hills), the grounds of the West End Thread Company (Millbury), the estate of Ivar Sjostrom (Andover), and a plan for the development of the Charles River Basin. In the Santa Barbara area, Child's work included two estates and a subdivision, as well as an unrealized plan for a circumferential road referred to as "Round the City Boulevard."

By 1914, Child had moved to San Francisco, where his primary focus became city planning. His work during...
this period included Roeding Park (Fresno) and Alum Rock Park (San Jose). Child's monograph on Alum Rock Park (1912) identifies him as an advocate for the exclusive use of native plants, and reveals Child's sensitivity to the local context of his designs. An established professional at this point, Child served as West Coast Chapter representative to the American Society of Landscape Architects (1912-1928) and, in 1917, he was one of 52 charter members of the American City Planning Institute. Child's writings articulate his advocacy for the profession of landscape architecture. In nearly fifty articles, directed toward engineers, architects, and other professionals, as well as the general public, Child explained the benefits of his profession. In 1928, he wrote Landscape Architecture: A Series of Letters, an imaginary correspondence between the client and the landscape architect, to inform the public about the profession.

During WWI, Child designed war industry housing as a Town Planner with the U.S. Housing Corporation; his projects included designs at Indianhead, MD and Dahlgren, VA. Child, along with J. S. Pray and F. L. Olmsted, Jr., was a member of a special committee formed by ASLA to provide the services of experienced American city planners to assist in war reconstruction work in Belgium. In this capacity, Child visited Europe repeatedly (1920-1923), and reported back to his colleagues in the U.S. through numerous publications.

Child's last known work was the Colonia Solana subdivision in Tucson, AZ (1928). Central to this design were his reliance on native plants and sensitivity to local topography. Child developed heart problems after his retirement in 1929, and died in 1936 in Painesville, OH following a long illness.

Child, Stephen. "The Landscape Architect and City Engineer." The American City. February 1912; 6: 464-469. Child details how city planners and engineers can benefit from landscape architects in such tasks as...
building, utility and reservoir placement in a variety of settings. Child wrote a number of articles for The American City throughout the 1920s, some detailing his visits to Europe to assist in post-WWI reconstruction, and some dealing with his philosophy of city planning. Volumes include 26 (1922, pp. 437-441 and 560-562); 36 (1927, pp. 507-510) and December 1928.


Child, Stephen. "Simplified Plumbing and Heating in Inexpensive Industrial Communities." The Architect and Engineer. December 1924: 94-97. Child describes European, especially Italian, methods for simplifying the installation of necessities in low-cost housing and suggests their partial importation to America. Child also wrote a number of articles on city planning for The Architect and Engineer including articles in the June and September, 1927 issues (pp. 108-110 and pp. 86-89); issues number 90 and 91 (1927; pp. 70-71 and pp. 49-52); and a 1931 issue (Vol. 105, No. 3; pp. 53-56).


Child, Stephen. "Some Impressions of Landscape Architecture of Today in England and America." Landscape Architecture. July 1913; 3: 158-165. Child praises English attempts to provide middle class housing in several new towns, but criticizes their disregard for site topography. He cites German planning and Forest Hills, NY as positive examples. Child wrote a number of articles for Landscape Architecture, particularly during the early 1920s, when he described his visits to Europe as a representative of ASLA.

Child, Stephen. Landscape Architecture: A Definition and a Resume of its Past and Present. Chicago, IL: R. J. Haight; 1911. A detailed history of landscape architecture, its American and European background and earlier practitioners, especially Frederick Law Olmsted, Sr. Also includes two subdivision plans by Child that are focused around local topography.

Child, Stephen. Landscape Architecture. Palo Alto, CA: Stanford University Press; 1928. Substantially the same as Child's 1911 history and explanation of the profession, Landscape Architecture: A Definition and Resume of its Past and Present. Includes additional material on city planning and a call to design for the "spirit or genius of the city."


Child, Stephen. A Plan for the Development of Alum Rock Park. 1912 (Revised 1916, 1929). This monograph is Child's most detailed statement of his design philosophy. He recognizes the unique character of "this wild and scenic reservation" near San Jose, CA and calls for the removal of all exotic plants. (Bancroft Library Archives, University of California at Berkeley.)


Child, Stephen; Pray, J. S.; and Olmsted, F. L. Report for the Year 1918 of the Special Committee to Cooperate with the Comite Neerlande Belge d'Art Civique. Boston, MA: Harvard University; 1919. A report of the ASLA special committee (composed of the authors) formed to provide the services of American city planners to assist in war reconstruction work in Belgium. (Loeb Library and University of Arizona, Tucson Special Collections.)


The Commonwealth. 1929-1930. Several articles about Child or reporting on his ideas, as they relate to the Commonwealth Club of California. Includes Child's views on the need for a National Planning Foundation and some of his work with the City Planning Commission.

Crosby, W. and Shurtleff (Shurcliff), A. "Imagination in City Planning." American Society of Civil Engineers, Papers and Discussions. August 1928; 54: 2147-2149. A favorable reaction by the authors to Child's April, 1928 article of the same name in ASCE's Proceedings.


Santa Barbara Morning Press. 1908-1914. Several articles, mostly social notes. Of particular interest, an article (8 June 1913) that gives a detailed description of Child's plan for a "Round the City Boulevard." Articles place Child and City Beautiful advocate C. M. Robinson in Santa Barbara at the same time.

Scott, Mel. American City Planning Since 1890. Berkeley and Los Angeles, CA: University of California; 1969. Names Child as one of the 52 charter members of the American City Planning Institute of 1917. Also describes the formation of the United States Housing Corporation and its interdisciplinary collaboration between architects, landscape architects, and engineers.


The University of Arizona Library, Tucson, AZ, holds archival materials in its special collections that relate to Stephen Child. Additionally, the Catalog of the Harvard University's Loeb Library lists more than 50 articles by or about Stephen Child (compiled by Theodora Kimball Hubbard.)

By Mary Blaine Korff.
Clarke, Gilmore David, b. 1892, d. 1982. Gilmore D. Clarke graduated from Cornell University with a degree in landscape architecture (1913). Upon graduation, he joined the Bronx River Commission, which had been formed by the NY state legislature to seek the methods and funds by which to clean the severely polluted Bronx River in Westchester County. Clarke’s training prompted him to propose a pleasure drive along the course of the river as a way of restoring the waterway and keeping it maintained.

Following this commission, Clarke joined the U.S. Army (1917) and served as a Major in the Sixth Engineers in France during WWI, receiving the Silver Star Medal, the Purple Heart and several citations. He remained a member of the Engineers Reserve until 1940. Returning to civilian life, he interned with Charles Downing Lay, and was soon appointed Superintendent for the construction of the Bronx River Parkway and Consulting Landscape Architect for the Westchester County Park Commission (1923-1935). During those years, Clarke designed the entire parkway system for Westchester County in addition to many of its integral parks.

In 1935, Clarke joined the faculty of Cornell University as a Professor of Landscape Architecture, and, three years later, was appointed Dean of the College of Architecture. While teaching in Ithaca, NY, Clarke also maintained a private practice in New York City, and in 1937, invited Michael Rapuano to join him as his partner in a landscape architectural and consulting engineering firm.

In 1932, President Hoover appointed Clarke as landscape architect on the National Fine Arts Commission, and he served as the Commission’s President from 1937 to 1950. Clarke was elected a Fellow of the American Society of Landscape Architects, and served as the organization’s president (1949-1950). He received a Doctor of Humane Letters from Yale University and was the recipient of Medals of Honor from the Architectural League of New York (1931), the National Sculpture Society (1970), and the Century Association (1972). Clarke was also an accomplished poet, publishing several books of sonnets.

Rapuano, Michael, b. 1904, d. 1975. Michael Rapuano was born in Syracuse, NY, the son of the Superintendent of that city’s Park Department. He studied landscape architecture at Cornell University, where he received a BLA (1927). Following graduation, Rapuano won a fellowship to the American Academy in Rome, later becoming a President of the Academy.

Upon his return from Rome, Rapuano joined the Westchester County [NY] Park Commission and later entered into private practice in New York City, prior to his partnership with Gilmore D. Clarke. Rapuano, like Clarke, was closely associated with the design and development of the park and parkway system of Westchester County (1930-1933), which has served as a model for many counties and metropolitan areas in the country. He was also associated with the design and redesign of many parks in the City of New York (1933-1936), including the redesign of Riverside Drive and the design of the Henry Hudson Parkway from 79th Street to the Westchester County line.

From early in his career, when he was associated with the design of urban residential communities in New York City for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company (Parkchester, Stuyvesant Town, Peter Cooper Village, and Riverston) and Gateway Center in Pittsburgh for the Equitable Life Assurance Society, Rapuano was involved in urban planning and design. He served as a consultant to Philadelphia, PA; Cleveland, OH; Nashville, TN; Middletown, CT; and, most notably, Bethlehem, PA. In Bethlehem, where he served as consultant to mayors of three administrations, the Redevelopment Authority, Moravian College, Lehigh University and the Bethlehem Steel Corporation, Rapuano oversaw designs for its Civic Center, Center City and urban renewal projects undertaken by his office beginning in 1956. He was also Chair of the Urban Advisors to the Federal Highway Administration and, on May 1, 1968, the Advisors published a report entitled The Freeway in the City, considered by many a milestone in urban design dealing with highways.

Rapuano was a member of numerous commissions and organizations including: the Art Commission of the City of New York (1939-1946); the National Commission of Fine Arts (1958-1962, appointed by President Eisenhower); the American Academy of Arts and Letters; the National Institute of Arts and Letters; the Pennsylvania Avenue Commission (1969-1972, appointed by President Nixon); the New York Botanical Garden Board of Trustees; and the American Society of Landscape Architects, which elected him a Fellow. In 1975, while working on the estate of J. Seward Johnson in Princeton, NJ, Rapuano suffered a heart attack, dying at his home later that day.

Clarke & Rapuano Inc. Significant projects of the office include the United Nations Headquarters in New York City, the grounds of both New York World’s Fairs (1939 and 1964), the Power Authority of New York State
and the St. Lawrence Seaway, as well as several college campuses and numerous New York City and Long Island parks and parkways. The firm also prepared a redesign for Mount Royal Park in Montreal, Canada, and authored the master plan for Montreal’s Maisonneuve Park. Additionally, Clarke & Rapuano directed the preliminary designs for the Garden State Parkway (NJ), considered to be one of the safest traffic arteries in the U.S. as measured by its low accident rate, and was associated with the design of the New Jersey section of the Palisades Interstate Parkway and New York City’s Deegan and Van Wyck Expressways. The firm was also responsible for the original planning and design for the Schuykill Expressway in Philadelphia and the design of the network of interstate highways for metropolitan Nashville, TN.


Architectural Forum. 1938-1957. Numerous issues of Architectural Forum mention the work of Clarke and Rapuano. This includes the May 1938 (pp. 343-349); July 1940 (pp. 60, 64, 68, 72); November 1946 (pp. 116-120); April 1947 (pp. 74-75); June, 1953 (pp. 162-167); December 1953 (pp. 112-116); and April 1957 (pp. 12, 16).


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The New York Times. Throughout the existence of the firm of Clarke & Rapuano, there have been many articles in The New York Times written either by them (often letters to the Editor by Clarke) or commenting on their work. Articles often include as-built or construction photos


The firm of Clarke & Rapuano Inc. continues to operate in New York City and holds documents relating to its founders’ work. Limited holdings may also be found at the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania in Oakland, PA.

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Coffin, Marian Cruger, b. 1876, d. 1957. Marian Cruger Coffin was born in New York City on September 16, 1876 and raised by her mother, Alice Church Coffin. She attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (1902-1904) and completed the program in landscape architecture as a special student. While there, she studied architectural design and engineering, drawing and drafting, science, math and horticulture as well as landscape architectural design, under the direction of Guy Lowell. Coffin was trained in both formal and naturalistic landscape design with a strong spatial orientation. She toured Europe twice during her college career to study the great gardens and in 1904, returned to New York to open her own small office.

At first, Coffin designed flower gardens and small residential properties. However, by 1912, her design for the residence of Edward Sprague in Flushing, NY was published in Country Life in America and more challenging commissions followed. She designed approximately fifty large estate gardens in the northeast, primarily in New York State and Delaware. Among her more prominent clients were Childs Frick, Marshall Field, Edward F. Hutton, Frederick Frelinghuysen and Henry F. du Pont. Her work appeared frequently in the magazines Country Life in America, House and Garden, Architectural Record and Home and Garden Builder between 1910 and 1935. Coffin also had institutional clients such as the University of Delaware (1918-1940s) and the New York Botanical Garden (1942-1957), where she designed the Robert Montgomery Conifer Collection, the Havemeyer Lilac Collection and a pavilion for the Rose Garden originally designed by Beatrix Jones Farrand.

Coffin received important referrals from friends of the family, such as Henry F. du Pont (1880-1969), the millionaire collector of American antiques, who took an interest in her career. Du Pont also employed her to landscape the grounds of his summer home known as "Chestertown House" in Southampton, Long Island, NY (1924-1928) and to re-arrange the gardens of his palatial house-museum, "Winterthur," in Delaware. Between 1928 and 1932, Coffin and her architectural associate, James M. Scheiner, designed the complex of walks, drives, buttressed terraces, swimming pool, bath houses, and gardens for "Winterthur," their largest single commission. In 1955, she returned to help design the "April Garden" (now known as the "Sundial Garden" of Winterthur Museum and Gardens). Coffin considered her work at "Winterthur" to be one of her finest achievements, along with the formal garden she designed at "Clayton," the home of Mr. and Mrs. Childs Frick in Roslyn, NY (1926). The "Georgian Garden" as it became known, was a statement of elegant simplicity in keeping with the Georgian Revival mansion designed by Ogden Codman, Jr. in 1900 (today the Nassau County Museum of Fine Arts). Other significant projects undertaken at the height of her career included: William M. Bullitt’s "Oxmoor" near Louisville, KY (1911); H. Rodney Sharp’s "Gibralta" in Wilmington, DE (1917-1925); Charles Sabin’s "Bayberry Land" in Southampton, NY (1918-1919); Gordon Knox Bell’s "The Belfry" in Katonah, NY (1920); Marshall Field’s Winter Cottage Garden at "Caumsett" in Lloyds Neck, NY (1920-23); Edward F. Hutton’s "Hillwood" in Wheatley Hills, NY (1922); Stephen H. Pell’s "King’s Garden" at Fort Ticonderoga, NY (1924) and Edgar Bassick’s "The Oaks" in Bridgeport, CT (1928).

Throughout her career, Coffin strove to achieve the highest professional standards and to educate others in the subtleties of fine landscape design. She joined the Marlan Cruger Coffin. "Gibralta," estate of H. Rodney Sharp, Esq., Wilmington, DE, planting near the swimming pool. (P. H. Elwood, American Landscape Architecture, 1924.)
American Society of Landscape Architects in 1906 and was elected a Fellow in 1918. She offered young women apprenticeships in her office to help overcome the discrimination she felt persisted in the field. Landscape architect Clara Stimson Coffin (1894-1982) worked for Coffin before establishing her own successful firm in New York. During the Depression, when many practices went out of business, Coffin survived by moving her office to her home in New Haven, CT and retaining her assistants on a contract basis only. She sought out public projects and authored *Trees and Shrubs for Landscape Effects* (1940), the only work in which she described her approach to landscape design at length. She competed in the annual design exhibitions of the Architectural League of New York (1907-1937) and received their Gold Medal of Honor (1930). In 1946, Hobart and William Smith Colleges in Geneva, NY granted Coffin an honorary Doctorate of Letters, declaring her to be “an artist whose medium is the living earth.”


Coffin, Marian. *Trees and Shrubs for Landscape Effects.* New York: Charles Scribner’s Sons; 1940. *Most complete expression by Coffin on her theories and approaches to landscape design. 71 photos, most unidentified, but many designed by Coffin. Photographs by Mattie Edwards Hewitt, Samuel H. Gottscho, Harry G. Healy, and others.*


Newton, Norman T. Design on the Land: The Development of Landscape Architecture. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press; 1971. Author briefly mentions Coffin as "among the most able designers of the profession" during the Country Place Era.


Archival collections with holdings on Coffin include Winterthur Library and Archives, Winterthur Museum and Gardens, DE -- the largest intact collection of Coffin's professional correspondence, graphics, photos, and personal correspondence with members of the du Pont family. Additional materials are housed at Eleutherian Mills Historical Library, Hagley Foundation, Greenville, DE (personal correspondence with members of the du Pont family); The New York Botanical Garden, Bronx, NY (some plans for garden areas, 1940-1957); The Nassau County Museum of Fine Arts, Roslyn, NY (correspondence with Mrs. Childs Frick; plans; photos); and the Mattie Edwards Hewitt Archive, Nassau County Historical Museum, Eisenhower Park, East Meadow, NY (several b/w photos of Coffin gardens).

Contributed by Valencia Libby

Daniels, Howard, b. 1815, d. 1863. Howard Daniels was born in New York City and according to his only known obituary, began his career as a landscape gardener at the "Cemetery at Cincinnati," perhaps a reference to Spring Grove Cemetery. By 1844 or earlier, he was in practice as an architect in Cincinnati, although it is unknown at this writing where he received his training. In that same year, he won the design competition for the Montgomery County Courthouse in Dayton, OH. Although Daniels listed himself as an architect for many years in various directories, the courthouse is his only known architectural work.

His career as a landscape gardener is first documented by the 1845 commission to design Cincinnati's Spring Grove Cemetery. In Ohio, Daniels also designed Woodland Cemetery in Xenia (1847-1848) and Green Lawn in Columbus (1849). He moved to New York City in 1851, and an advertisement that he placed in an 1855 issue of The Horticulturist states that he had laid out fifteen cemeteries and an equal number of private grounds and offered his services for "Plans for Parks, Cemeteries, Country Seats, Villas, Farms, Orchards, Gardens, &c., also designs in all styles for Mansions, Villas, Cottages, Conservatories, Green-houses, Rustic Statuary, &c." Cemeteries completed by 1855 include, in addition to those noted above, Woodland, Cleveland, OH (1852-1853) and Poughkeepsie Rural (1853) among others. No designs for private grounds have yet been identified.

In 1855-1856, Daniels travelled throughout England, visiting parks and gardens. Period sources noted that Daniels' trip was undertaken with the intent of improving the "taste" of his countrymen, and he offered his impressions and analysis of English landscapes in a series...
of seven letters published in The Magazine of Horticulture. These letters and his subsequent articles in The Horticulturist were widely read and thus, his views on landscape gardening may have been influential among his peers and the general public. On his return from Europe (1857), Daniels worked with Eugene A. Baumann, and perhaps A. J. Davis, at Llewellyn Park, NJ. His influence on the design of Llewellyn Park is unknown. However, in his subsequent article on villa parks, published in The Horticulturist (1858), Daniels defined the desirable elements of a designed suburb, clearly attempting to influence the planning of America’s first suburbs. In 1858, Daniels was awarded fourth place in the Central Park design competition for his “Manhattan” plan. Although he did not win the competition, Daniels’ entry, like his studies and writings, shows him to have been an active participant in formation of the profession of landscape architecture in the U.S. In 1859, Daniels laid out Syracuse’s Oakwood Cemetery, his last known and, arguably, his finest design for a rural cemetery. He was then hired to design Druid Hill Park (1860) in Baltimore, MD, where he also served as Superintendent (1860-1863). Despite limitations imposed by wartime conditions, Daniels planned and executed the major elements required in the conversion of Druid Hill from a private estate to a public park. Daniels’ article on the park, published in The Horticulturist in 1860, was another of his efforts to influence public taste. Directed at the citizens of American cities contemplating the creation of urban parks, the article promoted public gardens as “…the next great step in rural progress.” In 1863, Daniels provided consultation for Matthew Vassar at Vassar College and competed with James Renwick for the commission to landscape the College grounds. Renwick’s plan was chosen and Daniels’ design has subsequently been lost. Howard Daniels died in Baltimore later that same year.


Daniels, Howard. “Advertisement.” The Horticulturist. March 1855; (5). Documents Daniel’s “having laid out fifteen rural cemeteries and a corresponding number of private grounds.”


Daniels, Howard. “European Parks, No. III.” Magazine of Horticulture. November 1855; 21: 509-514. Description of Chatsworth, where Daniels “fully realized, for the first time, what (he) had always imagined fine English parks to be...”


Mead, Peter B. "Editor’s Table." *The Horticulturist.* February 1864; n.s. (14): 71. Only known obituary for Howard Daniels.


Historic views of Oakwood Cemetery are housed at the Onondaga County Historical Association, Syracuse, NY.

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Dawson, James Frederick, b. 1874, d. 1941. James Frederick Dawson was born into a family of horticulturists on January 13, 1874 at Harvard’s Arnold Arboretum in Cambridge, MA. His father, Jackson Thornton Dawson, served as Superintendent of the Arboretum during the first forty years of its development. The younger Dawson graduated from Roxbury Latin School in Boston (1894) and then attended Harvard’s Bussey Institute for studies related to landscape architecture (1896). Between 1896 and 1904 he spent extended periods in Europe as a part of his Olmsted apprenticeship to study and document plant materials and landscapes. His subsequent work shows the influence of this exposure to Italian and French formal design.

James F Dawson a principal in Olmsted Brothers, Landscape Architects, had a 44-year affiliation with the Olmsted firm. He entered Olmsted, Olmsted & Eliot in 1896, became an associate partner in Olmsted Brothers in 1906, established the Olmsted West Coast Office at Redondo Beach, CA in 1920, and was the managing senior partner at the firm’s main office in Brookline, MA at the time of his death. He travelled extensively for the firm throughout this tenure.

His commissions with Olmsted Brothers included residential estates and communities, resorts, golf courses, the grounds of hotels and businesses, state capitol buildings, and schools, as well as arboreta, parks, and parkways. Much of Dawson’s earlier work was done in association with John Charles Olmsted. Among their collaborations were: the park and parkway systems of Portland, OR, Seattle and Spokane, WA (1903-1939); the San Diego Exposition (1911); the Washington State Capitol grounds (1911-1931); and the Broadmoor Hotel, Colorado Springs, CO (1916-1927). Dawson and Frederick Law Olmsted, Jr. collaborated on the design of Palos Verdes Estates, CA, a residential community (1914-31) and Fort Tryon Park, NY (1927-1935).

Dawson’s private estate designs included: the grounds of George Woodward, Philadelphia, PA (1910-1934); Jay P. Graves, Spokane, WA (1910-1912); William Coe, Oyster Bay, NY (1918-1937). He was also the principal designer of Washington Park Arboretum, Seattle, WA (1934-1939). Dawson became a member of the American Society of Landscape Architects (1905), and was elected a Fellow of that organization (1914).

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Archival collections maintaining material on James Frederick Dawson include the Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site, Brookline, MA; the Library of Congress, Manuscripts Division, Washington, DC; and the University of Washington, Northwest Collections and Manuscript Division, Seattle, WA.

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James Frederick Dawson. At Palos Verdes Estates (CA). Pictured at the first completed unit of Malaga Cove Business Plaza. (Photo courtesy of Robert Fletcher Dawson).
Dearborn, Henry A. S., b. 1783, d. 1851. Henry A. S. Dearborn was born in Exeter, NH and spent his boyhood in Maine. He attended Williams College for two years before entering the College of William and Mary. He graduated in 1803. He studied law for three years in Virginia spending one year at the office of Joseph Story, who later became a U.S. Supreme Court Justice. During the War of 1812, Dearborn was appointed Superintendent in charge of the erection of forts in Portland harbor and a General in the Massachusetts militia. These posts gave him practical experience in military engineering through earth works. He developed an avocation in architecture, illustrating and researching a personal study of Grecian architecture (1828).

Disliking the practice of law, Dearborn devoted himself to public service through politics, holding a variety of significant offices, including one term in the U.S. Congress. A distinguished gentleman horticulturist he experimented extensively with plants at "Brinley Place" his estate in then-rural Roxbury. Dearborn was a founder and the first President of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society (1829) which, as with the London (1805), New York (1822), Paris (1826) and Philadelphia (1827) Horticultural Societies spread scientific naturalism and the taste for pastoralism. Dearborn intended the Society to help remedy the deficiency of nurseries and to promote development of profitable and ornamental plants that would grow in New England. He was elected an honorary member of the Horticultural Society of Paris in 1830.

Under the auspices of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, Dearborn laid out the 72-acre picturesque landscape of Mount Auburn Cemetery (1831) in the suburban town of Cambridge, MA, four miles west of Boston. To help him design Mount Auburn, Dearborn ordered books from France and England. He relied especially on John Evelyn's Silva and illustrated descriptions of the innovative Père Lachaise Cemetery, Paris (1804). Dearborn also explained that he applied classical design principles to make his design of avenues, paths, and ponds responsive to the natural topography as "a well-managed park." Dearborn's design preserved and accentuated the panoramic views and the dramatically varied terrain of the site. Aided by the civil engineer and surveyor Alexander Wadsworth and advised by a committee of horticulturists, Dearborn oversaw the establishment of the cemetery as an innovative cultural institution, and the nation's first "rural" cemetery. Dearborn even performed much of the manual labor himself, transplanting many indigenous forest trees from his personal nurseries to create a naturalistic "rural" appearance. When Dearborn's political duties took him away, George Brimmer supervised implementation of the design. By 1833, with an additional land purchase, Mount Auburn comprised 110 acres and was "the pleasantest place of resort" in the Boston metropolitan area. Dearborn's work at Mount Auburn influenced John Claudius Loudon in England, a corresponding member of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, in his essay "On the Laying Out and Uses of Cemeteries" (1843). Mount Auburn became an acknowledged prototype for other American "rural" or garden cemeteries (1830s-1860s) and for the first urban public parks.

Dearborn had also hoped to create an experimental garden at Mount Auburn. However, funds were not available and the project was never fully implemented. Dearborn's ambitious plans had envisioned making Mount Auburn an "Institution of Education of Scientific and Practical Gardeners," a practical school of horticulture and design staffed by instructors teaching "a science and an art... requiring an extensive acquaintance with Natural History
and Physics, Botany, Menerology [sic], Hydraulics, Mechanics, Architecture, Chemistry, and Entomology." Dearborn hoped Mount Auburn would become a school of landscape design, complete with library, models, maps, plans and elevations of buildings, as well as studio space. To teach students to create "rural" landscapes and architecture, using as a precedent Joseph Paxton's use of the London Horticultural Society gardens. Such an organized academic curriculum in landscape architecture would not exist in America for another seventy years.

Dearborn's affiliation with Mount Auburn ended in 1835, when the cemetery separated from the Horticultural Society because of irreconcilable differences and purposes. Mount Auburn was independently chartered as a non-profit (eleemosynary), non-denominational corporation. It continued to pay the Horticultural Society a portion of lot sale proceeds until 1975. Subsequent landscape development was the product of committees, increasingly dominated by Dr. Jacob Bigelow, who served as President (1845-1871) and who, along with his proponents, tried to claim credit for the initial landscape design after Dearborn's death.

Dearborn continued his career in politics and the militia. As mayor of Roxbury in 1847, he promoted the idea, raised in 1846, of creating Forest Hills Cemetery under municipal auspices in the suburbs to the south of Boston. He headed the committee that chose a suitable 71-acre site, two tracts of land with the sort of varied terrain conducive to the formation of a picturesque landscape, and, as at Mount Auburn, he laid out the grounds. He was assisted by Daniel Brins, a Scottish landscape gardener who was appointed Superintendent. Dearborn established nurseries on the property to provide "a constant and ready supply of the most desirable trees and shrubs". By 1850, over ten thousand native and twenty thousand European trees had been transplanted at the cemetery to give it the desired "rural" appearance. An attempt was made to introduce as many trees as would flourish in the New England climate, including several rare varieties, so as to make the grounds an "arboretum". They were artfully arranged for dramatic effect. Dearborn is buried under a marble Corinthian column on Mount Dearborn in Forest Hills.

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Dearborn, Henry A. S. *A Treatise on Grecian Architecture (2 Vols.). 1828. Folio manuscript with Dearborn's personal study of the principles of Greek...*
architectural design illustrated with his own drawings. (Rare Books Room, Boston Public Library.)


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Putnam, George. An Address Delivered before the City Government and Citizens of Roxbury on the Life and Character of the Late Henry A. S. Dearborn, Mayor of the City, Sept. 3rd, 1851. Roxbury, MA: Norfolk County Journal Press; 1851. Excerpts printed in the Boston Courier and the Boston Daily Advertiser. To counteract the claims of Bigelow and his friends to having created Mount Auburn, this minister's eulogy credits Dearborn for the initial landscape design.

Transactions of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, 1829-1838 (Vol. I). Boston: William D. Ticknor; 1847. "An Account of the Proceedings in Relation to the Experimental Garden and Cemetery of Mount Auburn," (p. 68) is Dearborn's narrative of the initial plans for an experimental garden as well as burial space within a picturesque landscape; "An Account of the Work Done at Mount Auburn during the Year 1832"; and "General Dearborn's Address: Delivered before the Massachusetts Horticultural Society on the Celebration of their First Anniversary, Sept. 19, 1829."

Walker, Samuel. "Horticultural Societies." The Horticulturist. February 1851; 6(2): 92. Walker, then-President of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society credits Dearborn with "the beautiful and chaste arrangement" of Mount Auburn as a "Garden of Graves."


Archival collections with holdings on Dearborn include the Boston Public Library Rare Books Room, with various correspondence and Dearborn's two-volume, illustrated folio treatise on Grecian architecture; Forest Hills Cemetery, with documents and other records of the cemetery's founding and design; The Massachusetts Horticultural Society maintains transactions, orations, reports, and other documents concerning Dearborn's role in the Society's founding and that of Mount Auburn under its auspices (1931-1835); Mount Auburn Cemetery, especially the "Trustees' Minutes" in "Proprietors' and Trustees' Records," manuscript books; The New York Public Library, with manuscripts and correspondence related to work at Mount Auburn Cemetery.

Contributed by Blanche Linden-Ward, Ph.D.

DeBoer, Saco Rienk, b. 1883, d. 1974. Saco R. DeBoer was born in Ureterp, the Netherlands (Friesland). Before opening his landscape office there (1907), he attended the Dutch Engineering Institute and the Royal (German) Imperial School of Horticulture.
DeBoer immigrated to the U. S. in 1908 settling in Denver, CO for health reasons. After working briefly at the Denver City Nursery, he became the city’s Landscape Architect, a post he held from 1910 until 1931. Thereafter, he continued to serve the city as a Planning Engineer and Park Consultant. His private landscape design and city planning practice was opened in 1919 and continued until his death. From 1934 to 1939, he served as a consultant to the National Resources Board. DeBoer travelled extensively in Europe. In 1922, he studied in the office of the English planner Thomas Mawson.

DeBoer’s work has had, and continues to have, a major impact in Denver and throughout the region. His early work included the design, development, and planting of key elements of Denver’s park and parkway system, a project on which he collaborated with George Kessler and Frederick Law Olmsted, Jr. He collaborated with Olmsted, Jr. on the city’s unique mountain park system. Begun in the 1920s, this system has been both a foundation and example for subsequent metropolitan urban planning. DeBoer also prepared plans for numerous communities in Colorado including, among others, Aurora, Boulder, Colorado Springs, Craig, Delta, Glenwood Springs, Golden, Grand Junction, Greeley, Johnstown and Trinidad. Additionally, throughout the region he was the principal planner for Bozeman, MO; Cheyenne, WY; Grand Island and Scottsbluff, NE; Brainerd, MN; and Idaho Falls, ID. DeBoer’s numerous park, city planning, and zoning commissions for these and other communities throughout the plains and mountain states have had a major impact on the region’s landscape.

While DeBoer’s major legacy is in his public work, his private subdivision, campus, and estate garden commissions have also been influential. These include plans for The University of Denver, Colorado Women’s College and Regis College, designs for the estates of Mrs. Vernor Z. Reed, Denver; A. C. Foster, Cherry Hills; Charles Gates, Bear Creek. In the planting and maintenance of extensive public gardens and forests in an Arcadian image, DeBoer advocated the use of local plant material, mindful of water conservation needs in the arid West. He also believed that public works should provide examples of good design and high quality for the private sector, with private gardens then becoming “a yardstick by which to measure the success of a city’s public park work.” Through his park designs, DeBoer increased the city’s livability through comprehensive planning and planting designs. For example, he was responsible for the planting of the first flowering crabapples on Denver city property, with the trees then being incorporated into private gardens throughout the city.

Saco Rienk DeBoer. (Photo courtesy Denver Public Library, Western History Department.)

Throughout his career, DeBoer received numerous awards: Fellow of the American Society of Landscape Architects (1957), the Distinguished Service Award of the American Institute of Planners (1960), the naming, during his lifetime, of a Denver Park in his honor, and the Regis College (Denver) Civis Princeps Award for Community Service (1972).


The archives of Saco Rienk DeBoer are maintained by the Denver Public Library, Western History Department, Denver, CO. The extensive holdings include drawings, plans, background files, professional writings, correspondence, diaries (including early ones in Dutch), travel notes, photographic and exhibit material, memorabilia.

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DeForest, Alling Stephen, b. 1875, d. 1957. Alling Stephen DeForest was born and spent his formative years on a farm in Pittsford, NY. He attended Taylor's Business College and Mechanics Institute (subsequently the Rochester Institute of Technology), where he enrolled in a two-year course in Freehand and Mechanical Drawing.

It was during his last year of the course, while employed as a drafter in the office of William W. Parce, a landscape architect in Rochester, NY, that he decided on a career in landscape architecture. Completing his studies (1896), he continued to work for Parce until the fall of 1897 when he left Rochester for a job in the Brookline, MA office of the Olmsted Brothers. On July 1, 1898, he returned to Rochester to become a partner in the firm of Parce and DeForest, Landscape Architects. Then, at his own request, he was once again employed by the Olmsted Brothers from November 1, 1899 to December 31, 1900, resuming his partnership with Parce on January 1, 1901. The partnership survived to the end of 1902, when it was terminated.

Although the majority of DeForest’s projects were private estates belonging to the wealthy entrepreneurs of the early twentieth century, his commissions also included cemeteries, campuses, housing developments and factory grounds in the northeast United States. His most notable designs were the gardens of "Harbel Manor," the Akron, OH home of Harvey Firestone, as well as the original landscape of the George Eastman home in Rochester, NY.

DeForest developed lasting friendships with George Olmsted of Ludlow, PA, and Harvey Firestone, two of his most influential clients. His projects for Olmsted took place over a 28-year period and included the extensive grounds of the Olmsted residence, and Wildcat Park, on land Olmsted donated to the city of Ludlow, PA. His association with Firestone began in 1911 and continued until Firestone’s death (1938). In addition to the formal gardens at Firestone’s "Harbel Manor", he also designed the 500-acre Firestone Park, a housing development for Firestone employees in Akron. In Columbiana, OH, the birthplace and childhood home of Firestone, he designed Firestone Recreation Park, additions to the Columbiana Cemetery, and the grounds of the Firestone Memorial that were included in the addition. In his designs, DeForest advised his clients to begin with mature plant specimens in order to see immediate results, and he frequently combined formal and informal or naturalistic elements.

DeForest was an active member of the American Society of Landscape Architects. He was elected a Fellow (1908)


No information on the archives of Alling Stephen DeForest is available at this writing.

Contributed by Jean Czarkas

Duncan, Frances, b. 1877, d. 1972. Frances Duncan was born in Brooklyn, NY in 1877. She was educated at the Northfield Seminary in Northfield, MA after her family's move to that town and, in a decision unusual for a woman at that time, she chose to study horticulture. She obtained a work/study position at Long Island's prestigious Parsons Nursery (1896). There, she studied the propagation and culture of woody ornamentals for four years, under the well-known 19th-century plantsmen Jean Rudolf Trumpy and Samuel Parsons, Sr., before embarking on a career as a garden writer.
Between 1901 and 1926, Duncan wrote articles for a number of important magazines including Century, Atlantic Monthly and Scribner's. She also wrote the original gardening column for Ladies' Home Journal during the height of that magazine's influence under legendary editor Edward Bok, and her work appeared frequently in The Garden Magazine and Country Life in America. Her subject matter included descriptions of historic gardens in the Charleston, South Carolina area and artists' and writers' gardens in the Cornish, New Hampshire art colony. Much of her writing, however, focused on horticulture and design issues.

Between 1904 and 1918, Duncan wrote six books on gardens, including two books for children and two garden novels. Much of Duncan's writing was autobiographical and offers insight into not only her own life, but also some of the motivation behind the great growth in garden interest in her time, as well as a view of important garden figures and institutions of the day. This is especially true of her two garden novels, Roberta of Roseberry Gardens (1916), a thinly veiled account of her experiences at Parsons, and My Garden Doctor (1914), in which gardening is presented as a cure for stress-related disorders.

An ardent suffragist, Duncan was an example of the "New Woman," so much under discussion early in this century. She was one of the first women to seek a full-time, professional career as a garden writer. She was also involved with the school garden movement at Montessori and Ethical Culture schools in both New York and California, and operated the Gardencraft Toy Company for several years. This company produced model gardens at doll house scale, which children could use to play at gardening and landscape design.

Duncan divided her time between New York City and Cornish until 1925 when she moved to California and became garden editor of the Los Angeles Times. A near-fatal automobile accident in 1930 left her unable to write for several years. She later continued her work with school gardens in the Los Angeles area.

Frances Duncan's articles in new magazines such as Country Life in America helped to stimulate interest in landscape design. (Photo courtesy of Virginia Begg Lopez.)


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Ehlers, Hans Jacob, b. 1804, d. 1858. Hans Jacob Ehlers was born at his father's farm, Bößbyfeld, on the estate of Maasleben near the city of Eckernförde in the Duchy of Schleswig, Denmark (a part of Germany since 1864). After finishing school, he worked for a year at Bößbyfeld farm, then spent several years as a hunting assistant to a forester named Müller. In 1828, he entered the Forestry Institute in Kiel in the neighboring Duchy of Holstein, and from which he graduated on October 30, 1830 with an excellent recommendation. Ehlers was then made responsible for the Forestry Arboretum connected with the Institute. In 1833, he received a joint appointment as assistant to the Forestry Board in the Kiel office by the Pension Chamber in Copenhagen. In 1841, his employment in both positions was terminated. No landscape design projects by Ehlers in Denmark or Germany have been identified.

Ehlers immigrated to the U. S. about 1842, where he followed the profession of landscape gardening, working chiefly in the Hudson River Valley. Not long after his arrival, Ehlers is said to have spent more than a year travelling in the American west, studying native flora and climatological conditions, and these studies became the basis of his 1849 booklet, An Essay on Climate Intended Especially to Explain the Difference between the Climate of America and That of the Eastern Hemisphere.

Only a few landscape design projects by Ehlers can be identified with certainty, but plans exist for most of these. Three of the projects date from 1849, including a plan for improving the grounds of "Rokeby," the country seat of William B. Astor, Barrytown, NY. Ehlers also prepared an undated plan for extending the grounds of "Rokeby." According to Astor family tradition, Ehlers also designed the gatehouse, new approach road and system of woodland carriage drives and bridges at Rokeby, as well as advising on ornamental tree plantings in the vicinity of the house. The other 1849 plans were for the country seat of Astor's son-in-law, Franklin H. Delano ("Steen Valetje," later known as "Mandara") and for an arboretum at Montgomery Place, the former in Barrytown and the latter in Annandale, NY. These plans appear to have been executed, although further study is needed to determine whether all details were carried out. Ehlers is also said to have designed the initial layout of "Ferncliff" in Rhinebeck, NY, a property purchased by William Astor, son of William B. Astor, in 1854. Later development of this estate was the work of Ehlers' son, Louis Augustus Ehlers.

In 1852, Ehlers became involved in a dispute with Thomas Pennant Barton, concerning his fee for designing the arboretum at Montgomery Place. Barton asked A. J. Downing to arbitrate the disagreement, a situation that
apparently ignited a long-rankling resentment on the part of Ehlers over an appendix, "Note on Professional Quackery," published in the second (1844) edition of Downing's A Treatise on the Theory and Practice of Landscape Gardening. Without mentioning Ehlers by name or identifying the estate, Downing criticized him as "a foreign soi-disant landscape gardener," who had "completely spoiled the simply grand beauty of a fine river residence, by cutting up the breadth of a fine lawn with a ridiculous effort at what he considered a very charming arrangement of walks and groups of trees. In this case he only followed a mode sufficiently common and appropriate in a level inland country, like that of Germany, from whence he introduced it, but entirely out of keeping with the bold and lake-like features of the landscape which he thus made discordant." Although the dispute with Barton was the ostensible subject of Ehlers' 1852 booklet, Defence Against Abuse and Slander with Some Strictures on Mr. Downing's Book on Landscape Gardening, he also took the occasion to answer Downing's criticism (apparently of an as yet unidentified pre-1844 design by Ehlers) almost a decade earlier. (Downing died a few months after Ehlers' pamphlet was published.) Hans Jacob Ehlers died in Brooklyn, NY on July 12, 1858 and is buried at Greenwich Cemetery.

Ehlers, Louis Augustus, b. 1835, d. 1911. Louis Augustus Ehlers was born in Denmark in 1835, the son of Hans Jacob Ehlers, forester, landscape gardener and engineer. He came to the United States with his father around 1842 and, after spending his early years in New York City, settled in Dutchess County, NY. The details of Louis Augustus Ehlers' education and training are unknown, though he presumably learned landscape gardening from his father and at some point acquired architectural skills. His obituary in the Rhinebeck Gazette describes him as an artist and art collector as well.

Louis Augustus Ehlers travelled extensively and returned to Europe several times to study and visit gardens. In 1879, he designed the gate lodge at "Ferncliff," the William Astor estate in Rhinebeck, where he was Superintendent. Hans Jacob Ehlers is said to have done initial designs for "Ferncliff," but Louis Augustus was responsible for its long-term landscape development. According to James H. Smith in his History of Duchess [sic] County (1882): "Mr. [Louis] Ehlers is a landscape gardener and rural architect, the results of whose handiwork and genius are to be seen at many points along the Hudson...and whose work has also extended to many parts of the States of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and Connecticut...Ferncliff as it now appears is in all particulars the work of Mr. Ehlers' genius...." Unfortunately, no projects designed by Louis Ehlers outside Dutchess County, NY have been identified, and Ehlers has documented involvements with only a few properties other than "Ferncliff." He prepared an undated plan for improving "Rokeyb" for Mrs. William B. Astor in Barrytown, an estate for which his father had previously prepared plans. Ehlers married Mary Delamater of a prominent Rhinebeck family, one member of which commissioned a house by A. J. Davis (the Henry Delamater house, Rhinebeck, NY, 1844, extant). In 1868, Louis Augustus Ehlers bought "Clifton Point," the Garretson place, in Rhinebeck, and gradually developed its landscape. After the death of his wife, in 1881, Ehlers renamed the property "Marienruh." He later sold it to John Jacob Astor, IV for consolidation into the adjacent "Ferncliff." Louis Ehlers is said to have done work for the Delanos and the Halls. The first probably refers to "Steen Valetje" in Barrytown, NY, the property belonging to Franklin H. Delano, great-uncle of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, for which Ehlers' father also prepared a plan in 1849. The second reference is probably to "Oak Terrace" (also known as "Oak Lawn") in Tivoli, NY, which belonged to Valentine Hall, father of Anna Hall Roosevelt and grandfather of Eleanor Roosevelt. Louis Augustus Ehlers died at his home, "Chateau de Bonair," in Saugerties, NY on February 15, 1911, and is buried at the Rhinebeck Cemetery.


Ehlers, Hans Jacob. Defence Against Abuse and Slander, with Some Strictures on Mr. Downing's Book on Landscape Gardening. New York: Wm. C. Bryant & Co., Printers; 1852. A 12-page pamphlet, consisting of a one-page introduction, "To the Public," and two letters from Ehlers to T. Barton, March 3, 1852 and April 1, 1852, defending his fee for the design of the Montgomery Place arboretum and objecting to A. J. Downing as an arbiter of the dispute and an authority on landscape gardening. Very rare. (Copy in the Sidney Howard Gay Collection, New York Public Library, Astor, Lenox and Tilden Foundations.)

Ehlers, Hans Jacob. An Essay on Climate, Intended Especially to Explain the Difference between the Climate
Germany has official records of Hans Jacob Ehlers' life and work through 1841. No archive as such exists for Ehlers in the United States. However, two original plans and a negative of a third plan are located in the Rokeby Collection, Barrytown, NY. A plan for the Arboretum at Montgomery Place is located at Historic Hudson Valley, Tarrytown, NY. Likewise, no archive as such exists for Louis Augustus Ehlers. However, one of his plans (Improvements on the Country Place of Mrs. William B. Astor) is located in the Rokeby Collection, Barrytown, NY. The New York Historical Society also has an architect's elevation of the main house at "Marienruh," which is unsigned but may be by Ehlers.

Contributed by Cynthia Zaitzevsky, Ph.D.

Elwood, Philip Homer, b. 1884, d. 1960. Philip Homer Elwood, the son of Philip Henry Elwood and Viola Dolen, was born at Fort Plain, NY on December 7, 1884. He attended Fort Plain High School and studied at Michigan State College in East Lansing (1904-1906) before receiving his B.S.A. from Cornell University.

Upon graduation from Cornell, Elwood worked as a civil and landscape engineer in the office of Charles W. Leavitt, Jr. in New York City, until his appointment to the extension service staff at Massachusetts State College (1913). In 1915, he was called on to organize and head the landscape architecture work at Ohio State University, remaining there until 1923.

Elwood went on to Iowa State in the spring of 1923, where he organized the department of Landscape Architecture (1929), and served as head of the department (1929-1950). Summer travel courses were a significant part of his method of education, and he conducted tours to the Orient, to Europe, and in North America. Poor health forced Elwood to leave his teaching work in 1952, and he and his family settled in Tucson, AZ, where he formed the practice of Elwood and Greene, of which he was a member until 1955. Elwood was honored as an Emeritus Professor by Iowa State in 1958. Among his most significant commissions were the campus of Iowa State University; Boy's Town in Nebraska; Pi Beta Phi Settlement School, Gatlinburg, TN; and the Argonne Cemetery in France.

Elwood was also a consultant to many national, state and local commissions and committees. He was Advisor to the Iowa Conservation Plan (1922, 1924, 1926, 1927, 1929 and 1931); director of the Iowa State Planning Board (1934 and 1935); and a member of the Ames city planning and zoning commissions. In 1932, he organized...
and chaired the Iowa Roadside Improvement Council. He served as a consultant for the National Resources Planning Board, the National Park Service, the U.S. Housing Authority, the Highway Research Board, and the Mississippi River Parkway Planning Commission.

Elwood became a member of the American Society of Landscape Architects in 1915 and, in 1927, was elected a Fellow. He served several terms as President of the old Mississippi Valley Chapter, also of the later Missouri Valley Chapter; and as trustee from the Mississippi Chapter (1932) and Missouri Valley Chapter (1939-1942). He served as Vice President of ASLA (1941, 1949, 1950), and President of the American Society of Planning Officials (1942-1943). Elwood died in Tucson, AZ on August 20, 1960.


Elwood, Philip Homer. Roadside Planning: An Introductory Analysis. [Ames, IA]; 1932. Typewritten manuscript. 34 pp.; plans; bibliography.

Elwood, Philip Homer; Schaffner, Leroy Winfield; and Shepard, Geoffrey. Economic Effects of the Missouri River Development Program with Special Reference to Iowa. Ames, IA: Iowa State College; 1950. Iowa Agricultural Experiment Station, Research Bulletin 373.

Elwood, Philip Homer (Compiler). A Map of Ohio, Showing Scenic and Historic Features, With Index Arranged by Counties and Points of Interest. Columbus, OH: Ohio Archeological and Historical Society; 1925. 91 p.; fold. color map.


Elwood, Philip Homer. Landscape Architecture at Iowa State College: The Last Ten Years, A Brief Resume. Ames, IA: Dept. of Landscape Architecture, Iowa State College; 1940.

Philip Homer Elwood. (Photo courtesy of Iowa State University.)


The Archives of Iowa State University, Ames, IA maintains holdings relating to Philip Homer Elwood, including a number of typewritten reports prepared by him that relate to planning issues in the Midwest.

Contributed by Robert R. Harvey
Gibbs, George Jr., b. 1878, d. 1950. George Gibbs, Jr., born in Riverton, KY in 1878, credited his early ambition to become a landscape architect to the influence of Professor B. M. Watson, then head of Harvard’s Bussey Institute. Gibbs received his S.B. (1900) from the University of Illinois. Another S.B. (1904) in landscape architecture from Harvard University, followed where he was a student of F. L. Olmsted, Jr. Armed with a letter of introduction to Edouard André, Gibbs then travelled in Europe. He returned to the Olmsted Brothers’ Brookline, MA office in 1905, where he worked until 1914 on numerous park and city planning projects across the country, including the parks in Fall River, MA, and the Denver, CO Mountain Park System. From 1914 until 1917, while he was an Expert Investigator for the City of Boston Planning Board, Gibbs wrote East Boston: A Survey and a Comprehensive Plan (1916).

In 1917, Gibbs was commissioned as Captain, later Major, in the Construction Division of the Army. He was in charge of camp planning for Army and National Guard cantonments, later to include officers’ training schools, all of which were to house about 400,000 men. From 1921 to 1923, he lived in France with his young family, as a civilian employee of the Army, overseeing the planning and construction of American cemeteries for the National Commission of Fine Arts, in conjunction with the Army Quartermaster Corps.

Upon his return to the U.S., he became a Chief Assistant in the Olmsted office in Palos Verdes, CA, supervising much of the development of that community, as well as other Olmsted subdivision developments from Los Angeles, CA to Vancouver, British Columbia. When the Depression slowed this work, Gibbs joined the Civilian Conservation Corps in 1934, becoming a “Landscape Technician” in charge of inspecting seven camps in California. Reorganization of this work into a larger district put Gibbs in charge of the Omaha office of the National Park Service, supervising projects in seven western states.

His interests in California proved compelling, however, and he returned, in 1936, to the Olmsted San Francisco office to make master plans for the state parks in northern California, including the Redwood Highway and Wild Cat Canyon. In 1938, Gibbs returned to Palos Verdes to open his own office, since the Olmsted western office had closed in 1937. He specialized in subdivisions in the Los Angeles area, although he remained active in design work and community affairs in Palos Verdes, where he lived. He continued to act as a consultant on Olmsted firm projects on the west coast, such as the Beverly-Arnaz Land Company, Santa Ana, and other projects for F. A. Vanderlip. At his death, he was working on projects in Portuguese Bend, Jordan Downs, and Marine View Housing. Known as a pragmatic practitioner of great energy, efficiency and organizational ability, Gibbs did not leave much written legacy other than his technical reports. Well respected in the field, he was elected a Fellow of the American Society of Landscape Architects (1919), and, in his Fiftieth Anniversary Class Report, Olmsted colleague Edward Clark Whiting eulogized him as having many of the “good qualities that were so notable and constructive in John C. Olmsted. . . .” from whom Gibbs had received much of his early training.

George Gibbs, Jr. died on December 19, 1950 in Palos Verdes, CA.


needs and possible planned solutions concerning streets, open spaces, transportation, municipal services, construction details, etc., for East Boston. Maps; charts. (Loeb Library collection.)

Gibbs, George Jr. Exhibit 2C: Historical Statement Section of Advisory Engineer on Camp Planning, Engineering Division, Construction Division of the Army. 1917. Typescript report on the development of military housing with typical plans for various aspects (e.g., railroad terminals, sewage facilities) for Army, National Guard and officers’ training school. Includes photos of plans for nine Army camps. (Loeb Library collection.)

[Harvard College] Class of 1903 – Third Report. Cambridge, MA: Privately Printed; 1913. This and subsequent Reports contain autobiographical entries on Gibbs. Third Report, 1913 (p. 186); Fourth Report, 1920 (pp. 112-113); Vicennial Report, 1923 (p. 34); Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Report, 1928 (pp. 374-376); Thirtieth Anniversary Report, 1933 (p. 69); Thirty Fifth Anniversary Report, 1938 (p. 92); Forty-Fifth Anniversary Report, 1948 (p. 48); Fiftieth Anniversary Report, 1953 (pp. 312-315).

"George Gibbs, City Planning Engineer, Dies." Los Angeles Times. 21 December 1950: 8 (Part II). Obituary; photo.


The Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site, Brookline, MA maintains an archive relating to the activities of the Olmsted office. This collection is organized by job number, and has not yet been catalogued in a manner to enable identification and retrieval of items produced by Gibbs alone. However, some miscellaneous correspondence is contained in Gibbs’ personal folder (no. 392). The correspondence collection in the Olmsted Associates Records, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, DC is also organized by job number and contains no systematic means of identification and retrieval of Gibbs’ work. Some miscellaneous correspondence involving or concerning Gibbs can be found in File B34, #392. Various publications concerning Palos Verdes, particularly the *Palos Verdes Bulletin*, contain references to or articles by Gibbs, with some illustrations concerning both professional and family activities.

Contributed by Arleyn Levee

Gillette, Charles Freeman, b. 1886, d. 1969. Charles Freeman Gillette was born March 14, 1886 in Chippewa Falls, WI, the youngest of ten children. Gillette’s family was of very modest means, and it was necessary for him to work his way through high school in Madison, WI. He never attended a college or university.

In 1909, after experimenting with several vocations including teaching in a secondary school and serving as a nurse in a mental institution, Gillette became an apprentice at the firm of Warren H. Manning in Boston, MA. This decision was influenced by a love of landscape scenery encouraged by his father, a farmer and herbalist, and by his observation while a nurse that mental patients were often aided by exposure to pastoral landscapes and gardens.

Gillette distinguished himself in the Manning firm and was chosen to supervise the construction of Manning’s innovative plan for Richmond College (1911) in Westhampton, VA. Then, in 1912, a wealthy client sponsored Gillette’s two-month tour of the major gardens and parks of Great Britain and Europe. He left the Manning office that same year and opened his own practice in Richmond, VA, where he lived the rest of his life.

He maintained a small professional office with one or two assistants. During his 56-year career, he designed approximately 2,500 projects, the majority of which were in Virginia and North Carolina, with a few in the Midwest and Northeast. Gillette’s work as a designer of residential site plans comprised about two-thirds of his commissions. Notable projects include "Virginia House" and "Agecroft Hall" in Richmond, VA. His remaining commissions consisted of site plans for residential communities, hospitals, churches, country clubs, private colleges, secondary schools, historic garden restorations, commercial and industrial properties.

Gillette’s approach to design was closely akin to that articulated by Henry Hubbard and Theodora Kimball in *An Introduction to the Study of Landscape Design*, a work
Charles Freeman Gillette. (Photo courtesy of Reuben Rainey.)

He much admired. His designs combined the "formal" vocabularies of the French and Italian Renaissance with the so-called "informal" traditions of eighteenth-century English "landscape gardening."

Gillette's work received national recognition, with examples of his residential site plans appearing in the annual exhibit of the Architectural League of New York (1937, 1938). He was elected a Fellow of the American Society of Landscape Architects (1933). His work was chosen on several occasions to appear in various publications of that organization. Gillette devoted his career entirely to professional practice, publishing only two short newspaper articles on planting design, two articles in Landscape Architecture, and a brief book review. He died on March 30, 1969 in Richmond, VA.


American Society of Landscape Architects. Illustrations of Works of Members. New York: J. Haden Twiss; 1933. Includes several photos of residential site plans by Gillette. (np.)


Gillette, Charles F. "The Planting of a Small Place: An Authoritative Paper Written by Charles E. [sic] Gillette through the courtesy of the Norfolk Garden Club." Two undated and unidentified newspaper clippings in the Charles F. Gillette Collection at Fiske Kimball Fine Arts Library, The University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA. These brief articles are an important source for understanding Gillette's approach to planting design.

Gillette, Charles F. "Look Here Upon This Picture and on This." Landscape Architecture. October 1937; 28(1): 50-51. Residential site plan near the James River.


Landscape Architecture. April 1938; 28: 161. Captioned photo of Gillette's renovation of the facade of his residence in Richmond, VA.


Williams, Dorothy Hunt. Historic Virginia Gardens: Preservations by the Garden Club of Virginia. Charlottesville, VA: University of Virginia Press; 1975. Site plans of Gillette's restorations of the grounds of Kenmore Plantation (Fredericksburg, VA), Woodrow Wilson Birthplace (Staunton, VA), and Lee Memorial Chapel (Lexington, VA).

Archival holdings are contained in the Charles F. Gillette Collection, Fiske Kimball Fine Arts Library, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, an extensive, though incomplete collection of Gillette's project drawings, client files, and family photographs. This is the only collection of its kind related to Gillette, and the most important single resource for the study of his design work. At present, the collection is not catalogued.

Contributed by Reuben Rainey

Greely, Rose Isabel, b. 1887, d. 1969. Rose Isabel Greely was born on February 18, 1887 in Washington, DC, the daughter of Army officer and Arctic explorer, General Adolphus W. Greely and his wife Henrietta H. C. Nesmity Greely. She attended the Finch School in New York City and Abbott Academy in Andover, MA, before graduating from the National Catholic School for Girls in Washington, DC. After high school, she studied art at several institutions, with one year of interior decorating at the Art Institute of Chicago, two years of metal work at Washington's Corcoran Gallery of Art, and a year's study of silver repousse work and enamelling on metal in Italy. Greely decided to combine her enthusiasm for design and horticulture in a program in landscape architecture. She entered the first class at the Cambridge

Rose Isabel Greely. (Photo courtesy of Joanne Lawson.)

School in Cambridge, MA (1916) and graduated with certificates in architecture and landscape architecture (1919).

After working for several years in Boston at House Beautiful and with Fletcher Steele, she returned to Washington, D.C. (1923). There she worked as a drafter for Horace W. Peaslee, the architect and designer of Meridian Hill Park. In 1926, Greely was licensed to practice both architecture and landscape architecture and opened her own practice in Georgetown. Here she maintained a small office and practiced, with one or two assistants and a drafter, until she died in 1969.

Greely specialized in residential design with an emphasis on the integration of house and garden reflecting her training in both disciplines. During her forty year career, she designed over 500 landscape projects as well as several houses or additions to houses. Her clients were generally well-to-do businessmen, political or military figures in the Washington metropolitan area. She also designed larger properties in neighboring Virginia and Maryland or farther afield in New England or New Mexico, where her local clients had second or third homes. Greely also undertook a number of public design projects in the 1940s and 1950s, including the grounds of
Army posts, secondary schools, real estate developments, government housing projects, embassies and museums. Several original Greely gardens remain extant in the Washington area, as do portions of many others.

Greely's work was recognized during her lifetime by her peers. She was a member of the American Society of Landscape Architects and was the only woman to be a member of ASLA's Advisory Committee of the Williamsburg Restoration Project (1929-1935). She was elected a Fellow of ASLA (1936) in addition to winning a number of regional awards. Greely also published widely in Landscape Architecture Magazine, Home Acres, Garden Digest, Garden Club of America Bulletins, and local and regional newspapers including the Washington Star, the Washington Post, and the Christian Science Monitor reflecting her early training as a garden writer.


Goldsmith, Margaret OIthof. Designs for Outdoor Living. New York: George W. Stuart; 1941. Ideas and examples of residential landscapes. Cafritz residence (p. 38); Greely's home (p. 109); Hill residence (p. 110); Sortwell residence (p. 111); Putski residence (p. 163); garden pool (p. 298). All located in Washington, D.C. Photos.

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Greely, Rose Isabel. "Illustrated Talk to the Washington Building Congress to Terminate a Lecture by Leon Zach on 'Landscaping.'" Unpublished manuscript of 19 February 1945 lecture. Descriptions of plants suitable for the mid-Atlantic region. (University of Virginia.)

Greely, Rose Isabel. "Outline for an Article on Terraces." Unpublished manuscript dated 13 December 1935. (University of Virginia.)

Greely, Rose Isabel. "Talk to the Harrisburg Civic Club, Harrisburg, PA." Unpublished manuscript of 12 November 1934 lecture. Talk on basic principles of garden design and planting. (University of Virginia.)

Greely, Rose Isabel. "Talk to the Winchester Garden Club: The Small Town Garden." Unpublished manuscript of 18 March 1936 lecture. (University of Virginia.)


Greely, Rose I. "Why Should the Garden have Design? I: Some of the Factors, Both Practical and Aesthetic, the Influence of the Design of the Grounds." House Beautiful. November 1932: 100-103. The first in a series of four articles outlining Greely's design theories and her Arts and Crafts principles. Subsequent articles in the series appeared in the December 1932 (pp. 75-78), January 1933 (pp. 59-61+), and February 1933 (pp. 128-129+) issues.


"A Garden on a Narrow City Lot in Georgetown; Belonging and Designed by Rose Greely." House Beautiful. November 1932; : 316-317. The garden of Rose Greely, plan and photos.


Palache, Mary. "A Little House in Old Georgetown; Remodeled by Rose Greely." House Beautiful. August
1928: 35-37. The garden and house of Adolphus Greely; photos and plans.


Smith, Susan. "One from Several; the House and Garden of Miss Frances A. Sortwell, in Georgetown." House Beautiful, December 1933: 251-254. The house and gardens of Frances A. Sortwell; plans, photos.


The Rose Greely papers are housed at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, in the Alderman Library special collections. The holdings include plans for over one hundred projects, office correspondence, photographs, and many unpublished letters, manuscripts, writings and talks.

Contributed by Joanne Lawson

Walter Burley Griffin, ca. 1912. (Photo courtesy of Donald Leslie Johnson and the Mitchell Library, Sydney, Australia.)

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Griffin was educated in both architecture and landscape gardening, and following graduation with a B.S. in Architecture (1899), he embarked upon a career in both fields.

By September 1901, Griffin was at work on his first independent landscape architectural commission, a plan for the 40-acre campus of the Eastern Illinois State Normal School at Charleston. During that same year, Frank Lloyd Wright hired Griffin to work in his Oak Park studio, where, in addition to his architectural work, Griffin served as Wright's landscape architect. This relationship was a collaborative one; upon receipt of a commission, it is likely that Wright conceived the site design and organization and Griffin subsequently prepared detailed planting designs and specifications. His work for Wright is exemplified in his 1905 landscape design for the Darwin Martin house in Buffalo, NY. Apparently triggered by a salary dispute, Griffin left the Oak Park studio later that year.

Although he did execute independent commissions while in Wright's employ, Griffin was now able to devote his
energies solely to his own practice. The following years of Griffin's independent practice (1906-1910) were dominated by commissions for humble, low-budget dwellings. Practicing under the title "Architect and Landscape Architect," he typically prepared landscape designs as an extension of his architectural services and, less frequently, as separate commissions.

Nature was the dominant, shaping force of Griffin's philosophy and approach to landscape design. He saw the primary language of nature as an essentially geometric one. Consequently, in his designs, the relationship between building and site was one of architectural order. This was expressed in his characteristic synthesis of the "naturalistic" with the "formal" in landscape design.

Griffin's growing interest in the comprehensive design of environments larger in scope and scale than a single residential property, motivated him to enter the 1911 Canberra Competition. By 1913, larger-scale community and campus plans had come to dominate his landscape architectural practice. This work is best represented by his campus plan for the Northern Illinois State Normal School (1906), DeKalb, IL, and community plans such as Trier Center Neighborhood (1912-1913), Winnetka, IL, and Rock Crest-Rock Glen (1912-1913), Mason City, IA. Ultimately, Griffin prepared designs for at least thirty-five American landscape architectural commissions, including four campus and fourteen community plans.

Invited to confer with government representatives on his Canberra plan, Griffin travelled to Australia in August 1913, and was offered the position of Federal Capital Director of Design and Construction. No doubt enthused by the potential to oversee the implementation of his city plan, Griffin accepted, eventually relocating permanently to Australia. However, despite his attempt to maintain an office in Chicago, once removed to Australia, Griffin's professional standing in America soon declined. By the time of his accidental death in India (1937), he had been virtually forgotten in the U.S.

Establishes Griffin's place -- within an architectural context -- within the Prairie School. Photos, plans.


Archival collections with holdings on Walter Burley Griffin can be found at the Mitchell Library, Sydney, Australia; The Art Institute of Chicago (IL); The Avery Architectural Library, Columbia University, New York City; The New York Historical Society, NYC; and The Mary and Leigh Block Gallery, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL.

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PIONEERS OF AMERICAN LANDSCAPE DESIGN

Hall, William Hammond. b. 1846, d. 1934. William Hammond Hall was born in Hagerstown, MD on February 12, 1846, the son of John Buchanan and Anna Maria Hall. The Hall family moved to San Francisco, CA in 1850, but their losses in the Fire of 1851 forced them to move to Stockton, where his father, a lawyer, reestablished his practice. Hall’s education in a private academy was intended as a preparation for West Point, but his parents abandoned this plan with the outbreak of the Civil War. Therefore, he remained in the Stockton Academy until 1865, at which time he began his professional career as a drafter and surveyor in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. He was quickly advanced to Assistant Engineer and given increasingly complex assignments in Oregon and California.

In 1870, Hall was awarded the contract for the preparation of a topographic survey of Golden Gate Park (San Francisco, CA), and was subsequently awarded the commission for preparation of a plan for this large tract of shifting sand dunes. The project was, according to Frederick Law Olmsted, Sr., the most ambitious landscape reclamation project undertaken during the 19th century, and Hall’s plan balanced scientific understanding with design skills in the landscape tradition. During this same period, Hall was involved in several other landscape design projects, including the Coleman Tract subdivision in San Raphael, the design of the University of California campus at Berkeley, and proposals for several private estates. Hall served as Superintendent of Golden Gate Park from 1871 to 1876, but was forced to resign as a result of political pressure. However, he continued to serve, without compensation, as Consulting Engineer to the Park Commission. In this capacity, he was responsible for a number of buildings and projects, such as the Sharon Quarters (1888), one of the earliest playgrounds in the country. He also selected and trained John McLaren as the new Superintendent of the park.

In 1878, Hall was appointed the first State Engineer of California, in which capacity he served until the office was abolished in 1889. During this time, he prepared an in-depth examination of Yosemite Valley and wrote extensively on numerous irrigation projects, laying the foundation for the subsequent development of large-scale irrigation in California. In 1890, Hall went into practice as a private civil engineer. His practice included numerous irrigation and hydroelectric projects, as well as projects in England, South Africa, Russia, and a study for the Panama Canal. Despite the focus of his professional work on engineering, he continued to fight for the preservation of Golden Gate Park as a democratic public

William Hammond Hall. ca. 1900 (Photo courtesy of David Streatfield)
space, publishing, at his own expense, a pamphlet entitled The Panama Pacific International Exposition Site: A Review of the Proposition to Use Part of Golden Gate Park (1911), which was intended to dissuade San Franciscans from holding the 1915 Panama-Pacific International Exposition in the park.

William Hammond Hall died in San Francisco in 1934.


Hall, William Hammond. The Panama Pacific International Exposition Site: A Review of the Proposition to Use Part of Golden Gate Park. San Francisco, CA: Privately Printed; 1911. Hall uses a carefully argued review of the history and purposes of landscape public parks as a basis for refuting this proposal. Hall makes clear his belief that parks should become the recipients of gifts, such as museums and sculpture, from the rich. (Hall Papers, Bancroft Library collection, University of California.)

Hall, William Hammond. The Romance of a Woodland Park. Unpublished, undated manuscript. A detailed account of Hall's struggles with politicians, employees, and natural processes to create Golden Gate Park. It is also a very clear statement of Hall's concept that a public park should be a quiet retreat from city life. Its account of the reclamation techniques employed by Hall is especially valuable. (William Hammond Hall Papers, Bancroft Library, University of California.)

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The William Hammond Hall Collection, Bancroft Library, University of California, Berkeley, CA, includes correspondence, draft manuscripts, diaries, maps, photographs, and clippings. This is the single largest collection of material on Hall and encompasses his entire professional career. The William Hammond Hall Collection, California Historical Society Library, San Francisco, CA contains Hall's letterbooks from the early and mid-1870s. It complements the collection at Berkeley and covers the period during which he was Superintendent
of Golden Gate Park. The William Hammond Hall Collection, Helen Crocker Russell Library, Strybing Arboretum, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, CA maintains a small holding that includes a charming description of Golden Gate Park, written by one of Hall's daughters when she was a child. The University Archives, Bancroft Library, University of California, Berkeley, CA holds Hall's plan for the University of California, including a written report and two large plans.

Contributed by David C. Streatfield

Hare, Sidney J., b. 1860, d. 1938. Sidney J. Hare was born in Louisville, KY on January 26, 1860. He received no formal landscape training, but studied horticulture, civil engineering, geology, surveying and photography in high school.

Hare worked in the office of the Kansas City Engineer (1881-1896), where he was introduced to George Edward Kessler. This relationship inspired Hare, then a Landscape Engineer for the city, to pursue landscape architecture. In 1896, Sidney Hare resigned from his job with the city to become the Superintendent of Forest Hill Cemetery in Kansas City, MO, and during his tenure there he gained a national reputation. In 1901, at a professional convention of cemetery superintendents, Hare discussed the cemetery as a botanical garden, bird sanctuary and arboretum.

In the following year, Hare established a private practice in Kansas City, eight years later joining in partnership with his son, S. Herbert Hare, to create the firm of Hare and Hare. During their 28-year partnership, Sidney Hare specialized in park and cemetery projects.

Sidney Hare died on October 25, 1938.

Hare, S. Herbert, b. 1888, d. 1960. S. Herbert Hare, the son of landscape architect Sidney J. Hare, was born June 27, 1888 in Kansas City, MO. He studied landscape planning under Frederick Law Olmsted, Jr. at Harvard University's School of Architecture (1908-1910), and completed the necessary course work for a master's degree, although he never actually earned the degree.

In 1910, Herbert Hare went into partnership with his father, forming the firm of Hare and Hare. Herbert focused on community planning and design. He also

Sidney J. Hare and S. Herbert Hare. The Country Club District, Kansas City, MO. The Pembroke Lane Entrance from the South. (P. H. Elwood, American Landscape Architecture, 1924.)
worked as a consultant to city planning commissions throughout the Midwest. Herbert Hare was active in the American Society of Landscape Architects, and served as the organization’s President (1941-1945).

Herbert Hare died in the spring of 1960, soon after completing plans for Lake Jacomo Park in Kansas City.

**Hare and Hare.** Between its founding in 1910 and 1925, the firm completed projects in 28 states, including cemeteries, campuses, subdivisions, parks, estates and military housing. Significant examples of the firm’s work include: the Country Club District and Country Club Plaza, Kansas City, MO; the Nelson Atkins Museum of Art; the master plan for the City of Longview, WA; and campus plans for the University of Kansas at Lawrence and the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

Herbert Hare continued the firm after the death of his father in 1938. Following Herbert Hare’s death, the firm continued under the same name. Ochsner, Hare & Hare, the successor firm formed in 1980, is still in operation, and is located in Kansas City.

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**ASLA Supplement.** Autumn 1938. Obituary of Sidney J. Hare.

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Barnes, A. S. *Play Areas - Their Design and Equipment.* New York: A. S. Barnes; 1928. Included in this well illustrated handbook on the design and equipment of play areas is the Hare & Hare plan of Sidney Lanier Junior High School, Houston, TX (p. 124).


Butler, George D. *The New Play Areas - Their Design and Equipment.* New York: A.S. Barnes & Company; 1938. Sidney Lanier Junior High School designed by Hare & Hare, Houston, TX, plan (p. 163).


Fowler, Richard B. "Herbert Hare’s Turning Point was a Spiral Curve." *Kansas City Star.* 3 July 1931. Fowler traces the life and career of S. Herbert Hare.


Hare, S. Herbert. "Planning of Industrial City of Longview, Washington." *Proceedings of the American Society of Civil Engineering.* August 1927; 53: 1177-83. Hare discusses his plan for the largest pre-planned city in the nation outside of Washington, DC.

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Kansas City Star. 26 October 1938. Obituary of Sidney J. Hare.

Kansas City Star. 20 April 1960. Obituary of S. Herbert Hare.

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Van Dyke, Bettina C. The Evolution of 19th and 20th Century Cemetery Landscape Types as Exemplified by Hare & Hare's Cemetery Design. * Manhattan, KS: Kansas State University; 1984. Unpublished master's thesis. Analyzes the cemeteries that were designed by the firm during the three decades preceding the Great Depression. Plans, drawings; extensive bibliography.

Where These Rocky Bluffs Meet. Kansas City, MO: Chamber of Commerce; 1938. S. Herbert Hare's role in the development of The Ten Year Plan for Kansas City, MO.

Worley, William S. J. C. Nichols and the Shaping of Kansas City. Columbia, MO: University of Missouri Press; 1990. Worley cites Hare and Hare's work for J. C. Nichols, including the 1913 subdivision Hamstead Gardens and Mission Hills, KS, a subdivision designed between 1913-1914. The later is compared with Radburn, NJ.

Williams, Madeline. "Master Planner of Parks and Cities Feels He's Citizen Here." Fort Worth Star Telegram. 18 June 1950. S. Herbert Hare's work as Fort Worth's park consultant is highlighted. Additional background information on the firm is also cited.

The collections of Hare and Hare are not only extensive, but are well distributed throughout the state of Missouri. The Offices of Ochsner Hare & Hare, Kansas City, MO, maintains project files, correspondence, photographs, plans, lectures, published articles, drawings, ledgers, and other materials relating to the firm's founders. The Jackson County Historical Society, Independence, MO, maintains a collection of the Hare family papers, 1885-1960, which includes correspondence, maps, and photographs. Also included in the collection are Sidney J. Hare's papers relating to his rare fossil collection (he was a charter member of the Academy of Science). The Kansas City Public Library, Missouri Valley Room Special Collections, Kansas City, MO, maintains holdings of photographic negatives illustrating panoramic views of Kansas City (c. early 1900s), including photographic documentation of street treatments by Sidney J. Hare dated from the late 19th to early 20th century. The Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners, Kansas City, MO maintains a large collection of plans and drawings developed for the city, which includes plans by Hare and Hare. The University of Missouri-Kansas City, Kansas City, MO, Western Historical Manuscripts collection maintains materials relating to Longview, WA (photos, brochures, newspaper clippings); drawings that are incorporated into other building-oriented files (i.e., plans for residential grounds attached to architectural sets; contract files; university plans and materials by Hare and Hare; and J. C. Nichols scrapbooks). Ms. Sylvia Mooney of Kansas City, MO, who lives at "Timber Tent," the residence Sidney J. Hare designed and built for himself (1922), has maintained a personal collection of newspaper clippings, photos and correspondence relating to the lives and careers of the Hares.
Heussler, George, b. 1751, d. 1817. George Heussler was born in Landau, Alsace in 1751, and emigrated from Amsterdam to Newburyport, MA in 1780, where he cultivated gardens in Essex County until his death in 1817. A trained gardener, he had worked for royalty in Germany and Holland. He is the earliest professional landscape gardener known to have practiced on the North Shore of Massachusetts, and one of the earliest in the country.

His first American employer, John Tracy (1753-1815), a wealthy Newburyport merchant, hired Heussler to improve the garden developed by his father, Patrick Tracy. In 1781, Manasseh Cutler, Essex County diarist, declared the garden very fine and acquired a large assortment of flower seeds from John Tracy. The Marquis de Chastellux visited the Tracy house that same year and noted the hothouse, the young trees, and the beauty of the terraced grounds. While living in Newburyport, Heussler became an independent seedsman selling garden seeds, bulbs, trees, and vegetable plants.

In 1790, the Tracy family, which had suffered financial reverses, relieved Heussler of his duties, prompting his move to Salem, MA to work under the patronage of Elias Hasket Derby (1739-1799), charter member of the Massachusetts Society for Promoting Agriculture, founder of the East India trade, and, allegedly, America's first millionaire. In Salem, Heussler is believed by some to have maintained the Derby conservatory "filled with rare exotics" and to have developed the formal gardens of the imposing Derby home overlooking Salem Harbor.

It may have been here that Heussler met and befriended another famous Salem figure, Samuel McIntire (1757-1811), architect and master wood-carver, who designed mansions with elegant decorative features for a number of Salem patrons, including Elias Hasket Derby. Historian Margaret Moore has theorized that Heussler may have collaborated with McIntire on the planning and/or planting of the exterior space around McIntire's Adamastque structures. Heussler went on to design other

George Heussler. Commendation to George Heussler signed by Johann Peter Wendland of the Court of Prince Carl Wilhelm of Nassau. (Photo courtesy Essex Institute, Salem, MA.)
Heussler practiced his art at a time when Essex County, MA was a recognized seat of power and wealth in America. It is interesting to note that, in several of his gardens, Heussler combined the prevailing formal style with romantic embellishments that seem to reflect the influence of the English landscape school, then still relatively new to America. While Andre Parmentier and others were introducing "natural" landscape ideas to America through their work in the Hudson River Valley, Heussler was transplanting romantic European images—the hermitage, dome, and turf arbor, etc.—to Massachusetts.

Heussler was also an accomplished nurseryman and greenhouse gardener. He is credited with introducing an abundance of new plants into the gardens and orchards of Essex County. The Massachusetts Horticultural Society said that "to him the community are largely indebted for the introduction of many valuable fruits, and for developing a taste for gardening." At George Heussler's death, his friend William Bentley memorialized his unique contributions stating, "He has left no person in this vicinity so systematically acquainted with horticulture, orchards & forest trees, or with grafting, transplanting & gardening."

Bentley, William. The Diary of William Bentley, D.D. (4 Vols.). Salem, MA: The Essex Institute; 1905-1914. Bentley (1759-1819), a clergyman in Salem, MA, kept a diary from 1784-1819 that is a valuable account of people and places in Salem and environs. It is numerous references to Heussler [sic], gardener for William Bentley's friend, Elias Hasket Derby, as well as a fine and much-quoted memorial summary of Heussler's life and work and his contribution to gardening in Essex County, MA.

Bowne, Eliza Southgate. "A Girl's Life Eighty Years Ago." Scribner's Magazine. 1887; 2. Mrs. Bowne, then Eliza Southgate, a well-educated member of a Maine family, described in great detail a visit to the Derby Garden at the Elias Hasket Derby country place in 1802, three years after the death of the elder Derby.
Manning, Robert (Ed.). *History of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, 1829-1878.* Boston, MA: Rand, Avery, for the Society; 1880. Because the Massachusetts Horticultural Society was one of the earliest of such organizations in this country (founded in 1829), its history is particularly interesting and enlightening for those pursuing the development of American gardening practice and art. Manning credits Heussler with "the introduction of many valuable fruits, and for developing a taste for gardening."

Moore, Margaret. ""The Laudable Art of Gardening": The Contributions of Salem's George Heussler." *Essex Institute Historical Collections.* April 1988; 124(2). The most thorough and scholarly treatment of Heussler. With access to the private Felt-White papers, Moore has contributed details that begin to flesh out the story of Heussler, including his friendship with Samuel McIntire, carver and architect.

Northend, Mary H. *Memories of Old Salem.* New York, New York: Moffatt, Yard and Company; 1917. It is likely that the letters that are the basis for this book were contemporaneous, or nearly so, with the years during which Heussler lived and worked in Salem, MA. Although Northend describes the in-town Elias Hasket Derby conservatory and garden, she does not directly attribute the garden design to Heussler, as some other writers do. Her statement that "through his [Heussler's] artistic work [he] added much to Salem's gardens" is a matter of interest, since Kimball and Moore, two credible sources, downplay Heussler's creativity and emphasize his adherence to formal design.

Rogers, Ruthanne C. "George Heussler: Professional Landscape Gardener." *Labyrinths.* 1992; 2. Brief article that discusses Heussler as "an important transitional figure in the history of New England landscape gardening."

Underwood, Mrs. George L. "The Derby-Osborn Farm, Peabody, with its McIntire Summer House and Barn." *Old-Time New England.* October 1925; XVI(2). This article is a chatty and minimally documented. Several interesting bits of information not previously noted by other authors might, however, lead to new pathways of research.

The holdings of The Essex Institute, Salem, MA, include a copy of an ornate 1772 certificate attesting to Heussler's European training in Landau under Johann Peter Wendland, pleasure and kitchen gardener, and the original 1779 commendation signed by Count Johann Melchior of the Court of Prince Carl Wilhelm of Nassau and addressed "especially to those who are partial to his Highlovely Art of Gardening." The privately held Felt-White Collection, which was extensively referred to in Moore's article above, is apparently a rich source of information about George Heussler.

Contributed by Ruthanne Rogers

Hoyt, Roland Stewart, b. 1890, d. 1968. Roland S. Hoyt was born and raised in Iowa. He earned a B.S. from Iowa State (1915) and then studied landscape architecture at Harvard University for two years before his education was interrupted by service in WWI.

Returning to Iowa following the War, Hoyt worked as Vice President and Manager of Capitol City Nurseries landscape department (1919-1922). In that capacity he helped landscape the grounds of Iowa's state capitol. In 1922, Hoyt moved to California where he worked as a landscape architect for the Olmsted Brothers firm on the Palos Verdes project. Then, in 1926, he moved to San Diego, where he worked for the Southland Corporation.
Roland Stewart Hoyt, 1966. Tree planting at the Salk Institute. Pictured are Hoyt (L), Mrs. Raymond E. Smith, and Dan Turner. (Photo courtesy San Diego Historical Society, Photograph Collection.)
Point Loma development firm, before opening his own private practice two years later.

Hoyt's earliest commissions included Muirlands, a hilltop neighborhood overlooking the La Jolla coast, and Presidio Park, San Diego, CA, a privately funded enterprise that encompassed the original site of California's first mission -- later the site of one of the four Spanish presidios, or forts. At Presidio Park, Hoyt acted as an advisor to George Marston, the civic leader and philanthropist who had engaged renowned city planner John Nolen to create a long-range plan for San Diego. In the park, Marston built the Serra Museum (1929, William Templeton Johnson, architect) to create a monument to "the birthplace of Western civilization on the Pacific Coast." Hoyt, along with George Marston and park supervisor Percy Broell landscaped the park in accordance with John Nolen's concepts (Nolen was working from his Cambridge, MA office.)

As he continued his work in California, Hoyt maintained notes regarding the plants he used in his landscapes. From these, he devised an index card system for his special needs, gradually amassing data about the cultural requirements and landscape performance of hundreds of specimens. He published this material as Planting Lists for Southern California (1933), then, for the next five years, refined his reference handbook and reissued it as Checklists of Ornamental Plants for Subtropical Regions (1938, still in print). Hoyt participated in the landscaping of the 1935-1936 California Pacific International Exposition in San Diego, CA, and had several other large commissions -- among them State College (now San Diego State University) and Navy housing projects.

From 1938 through 1944, Hoyt edited California Garden, the magazine of the San Diego Floral Association, thereafter producing numerous illustrated articles about unusual plants, neighborhood planning, and urban ecology. Hoyt also served as a member of the San Diego Park Commission (1943-1947) and, after 1947, as Consulting Landscape Architect for the city's largest recreation area, Mission Bay Park. In 1960, when the Salk Institute was established in La Jolla, CA, Hoyt landscaped the campus surrounding Louis Kahn's striking science complex with an arboretum of uncommon eucalyptus varieties. Hoyt's last large commission was the 1964 landscaping of the downtown Civic Concourse.

During the early 1960s, Roland Hoyt became the nucleus of a professional group that established the San Diego chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects, and, in 1964, he was elected a Fellow.


A number of archival collections exist in San Diego, CA that maintain holdings on Hoyt and other practitioners in the area. These include the San Diego Historical Society, which has scrapbooks, local history books, box-files, pamphlet files, back issues of SDHS Journals, plans (architectural and landscape), local magazines, oral histories and videos. The San Diego Floral Association, publisher of California Gardens, maintains a small garden library with indexed, bound file copies of the magazine. The Copley Library, University of San Diego, CA houses relevant master's theses. Its Special Collections maintain UCSD campus plans, early photos of San Diego and miscellaneous papers of some of the city's founders (including herbarium sheets of local flora) as well as microfiche copies of the San Diego Union, which contains articles relating to San Diego practitioners. The California State Board of Landscape Architects, Sacramento, CA maintains files on all licensed practitioners (since licensure in 1954).

Contributed by Carol Greentree
Hubbard, Henry Vincent, b. 1875, d. 1947. Henry Vincent Hubbard was born in Taunton, MA. He graduated from Harvard College (1897), studied architecture at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (1897-1898), and then went on to study under the direction of Frederick Law Olmsted, Jr., receiving an A.M. (1900) and an S.B. (1901) in landscape architecture from Harvard's newly established Lawrence Scientific School, the first degree conferred in that course.

Hubbard joined the Olmsted Brothers office (1906), and then entered into the partnership of Pray, Hubbard and White (1911) before returning to the Olmsted office (1920). He served as a planning consultant to Boston, MA, Baltimore, MD, and Providence, RI, as well as the Federal Housing Authority, the Tennessee Valley Authority and the National Park Service. Hubbard was a member of the National Capitol Park and Planning Commission (1932-1947). He succeeded Ferruccio Vitale as a Trustee of the American Academy in Rome (1934). He was also elected a Fellow of the American Society of Landscape Architects (1910) and served as that organization's President (1931-1934).

In addition to his work as a consultant, Hubbard had a 33-year teaching career at Harvard University (1906-1939), serving as Chair of the Harvard School of City Planning and Charles Dyer Norton Professor of Regional Planning. He was also a founder, with Charles Downing Lay and Robert Wheelwright, of Landscape Architecture, the journal of ASLA (1910).

Hubbard was a prolific writer and editor, and produced many important works in landscape architecture and city planning. Hubbard and Theodora Kimball, librarian of the Harvard Graduate School of Design, co-authored An Introduction to the Study of Landscape Design (1917), the first, and for many years, standard, text in landscape architecture, which was revised in 1929 and reprinted many times, most recently in 1967. Kimball and Hubbard married in 1925. They founded and edited the journal City Planning (beginning 1925), and collaborated on Our Cities To-day and To-morrow: A Survey of Planning and Zoning Progress in the United States (1929.) Hubbard also collaborated with city planner John Nolen on two important planning studies, Airports (1930) and Parkways and Land Values (1937.)


American Country Houses of Today. New York: Architectural Book Publishing Co; 1913. Book contains many photos, some plans, a list of contributors and no text. Includes plans and/or photos of the estates of T.A. Crimmins, West Newton, MA; Balch, Topfield, MA; and Porter Fleming, Augusta, GA (pp. 175-177) by Pray, Hubbard and White.


"New School of City Planning at Harvard." Engineering News-Record. 31 October 1929; 103(18): 708. Photo of Hubbard.


Hubbard, Henry V. "Editorial." *Landscape Architecture.* October 1911; 1(1): 49. The new quarterly will give members of the growing profession a "common meeting-ground for exchange of ideas and discussion of points of difference." Hubbard wrote articles, editorials and reviews for Landscape Architecture until his death.


Hubbard, Henry V. "Small Parks for Playgrounds as Considered in Their Relation to City Planning." *Parks and Recreation.* May-June 1927; 441-443. Hubbard writes on playground distribution; E. M. Bassett on legal qualities of playgrounds; and George B. Ford on playgrounds' minimum space requirements.


Hubbard, Henry V. *Illustrations of Types of Parks and Their Relations in the City Plan.* Boston, MA: American Federation of Arts/City Planning Publishing Company; 1927. Four pages, illustrations of Boston, MA parks.


Hubbard, Henry V. (Ed.). *City Planning Quarterly.* American City Planning Institute, National Conference on
City Planning; April 1925 - October 1934. Hubbard founded publication, ten vols.


Hubbard, Henry V. and Kimball, Theodora. An Introduction to the Study of Landscape Design. New York: The Macmillan Company; 1917 (reprinted, 1924; reissued, 1927; revised, 1929; reprinted 1931, 1959, 1967). 440 pages, 36 plates, illus., bibl., plans. This was the first, and long the standard, text for landscape design and practice. In 1917, the authors wrote, "we take an esthetic theory which seems -- to us at least -- consistent and capable of general application, and use it as the basis of an organization of the subject matter of the field of landscape design." Eleven chapters take up theory; taste, ideals, style, and character; styles; landscape characters; effects; composition; natural forms as design elements; planting design; structures in relation to landscape; and types of landscape design. Appendices address professional practice and procedure in design.

Hubbard, Henry V. and Kimball, Theodora. Landscape Architecture. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press; 1920. A comprehensive classification scheme for books, plans, photographs, notes and other collected material; with combined alphabetic topic index and list of subject headings.


Hubbard, Theodora Kimball and Hubbard, Henry V. "Park and Recreation Areas in the City Plan." City Planning. October 1929; 5(4): 232-244.


Landscape Architecture. 1910-1920. Charles Downing Lay, Henry V. Hubbard and Robert Wheelwright (Eds.). The war years of 1917-1918 brought difficulties for the magazine. It threatened to become a financial liability. Wheelwright and Lay resigned and, in 1920, Hubbard remained as the sole editor. In 1948, Wheelwright wrote, "I am sure he contributed funds as well as editorial wisdom in order to keep our baby alive. . . . Happily the financial burden was eventually shifted to the Society, but thirty-seven volumes of Landscape Architecture remain as a tribute to Henry Hubbard's devoted interest in the profession. Articles by and about Henry Hubbard are located in issues of Landscape Architecture from the time of its inception until, and even following, his death in 1947.


"Strictly Personal." Planning and Civic Comment. October-December 1940; 6(4): 19. Hubbard retained as planning adviser to the Federal Housing Administration on defense housing program.


The archives of Henry Vincent Hubbard are maintained by the Frances Loeb Library, Graduate School of Design, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA. Limited holdings are also at the Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site, Brookline, MA with related correspondence in the Olmsted Associates Records, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, DC.

Contributed by Karen Madsen

Kessler, George Edward, b. 1862, d. 1923. George Edward Kessler was born in the small village of Bad Frankenhausen, Germany on July 16, 1862. Three years later, his family immigrated to the U.S., living first in Hoboken, NJ, and then moving to St. Louis and Hannibal, MO and to Wisconsin before settling in Dallas, TX. From here, Kessler was taken by his mother to Germany for education (1878), and he entered the private school for landscape gardening at the Belvedere in Weimar, where he studied botany, forestry, and design with Hofgartner Julius Hartwig and garteninspektor Julius Skell. Further instruction in civil engineering at the University of Jena and the Neue Garten with Hofgartner Theodore Neitner in Potsdam completed his education. Kessler followed his studies with a tour of central and western Europe and southern England, returning to New York in early 1882, where he spent several months working at LeMoulle's, a nursery in the Bowery in lower Manhattan.

A letter to Frederick Law Olmsted, Sr. led to an offer from the Kansas City, Fort Scool, and Gulf Railroad to take charge of the firm's pleasure park in Merriam, KS. There his work attracted the attention of the Kansas City mortgage banking firm of Jarvis and Conklin. This firm retained Kessler to prepare residential subdivision plans for: Hyde Park in Kansas City, MO (1887); phase one of Roland Park (1891), Baltimore, MD; Euclid Heights, Cleveland, OH; and a project in Ogden, UT. These residential projects brought Kessler into contact with Kansas City's civic leaders and led to completion of the first park and boulevard plan for the city (1893). Despite the success of his work, Kessler's membership in the American Society of Landscape Architects was rejected in 1899.

The success of the Kansas City projects led to commissions for Fairlawn Cemetery, Oklahoma City, OK (1892), Riverside and Overton Park and a park system plan for Memphis, TN (1900), and the landscape design of St. Louis' Louisiana Purchase Exposition of 1904. The latter project brought Eda Sutermeister and Henry Wright into Kessler's employ and extending Kessler's reputation throughout the region. Commissions followed for park system designs for: Indianapolis, IN (1905); Syracuse, NY (1906); Cincinnati, OH (1906); Denver, CO (1907); Oklahoma City, OK (with W. H. Dunn in 1910); the city plan for Dallas, TX (1910-1911); master plans for St. Joseph, MO; South Bend, Terre Haute, and Fort Wayne, IN (1911-1913). In addition, the firm also completed plans for Shanghai Baptist University and Nanking University in China, and Miami University in Oxford, OH.
The outbreak of WWI led to Kessler’s employment with the U.S. Housing Corporation, where he was responsible for the Rock Island district, with projects in Moline, East Moline, and Rock Island, IL. Kessler was also employed by the Camp Planning Division to prepare master plans for cantonments in Lawton, OK (Camp Doniphan); San Antonio, TX (Camp Travis); Little Rock, AR (Camp Pike); and Deming, NM.

Work following the War included master plans for Wichita Falls, Sherman, and El Paso, TX, and Longview, WA, the latter project in collaboration the firm of Hare and Hare. His work with other landscape architects during this period changed his relationship with his peers. In 1919, he was elected to membership in ASLA, later becoming Vice President of the organization (1922). At the time of his death on May 19, 1923, Kessler was completing a master plan for Butler University in Indianapolis, IN and a park system plan for Mexico City.


Kessler, George. A City Plan for Dallas. Dallas, TX: Dallas Park Board; 1911.


Worley, William S. J. C. Nichols and the Origins of the Planned Residential Community of the United States,
Pioneers of American Landscape Design


George E. Kessler’s office was closed upon his death. At that time his drawings were apparently either destroyed or distributed to his clients. The Kessler Collection of the Missouri Historical Society contains a large collection of correspondence regarding all of his projects.

Contributed by Kurt Culbertson

King, Louisa Yeomans (Mrs. Francis), b. 1863, d. 1948. Louisa Yeomans King, known professionally as Mrs. Francis King, was born in Washington, NJ and educated in private schools. She lived in Elmhurst, IL after her marriage (1890) to Francis King (who was later elected to the U.S. Senate) and there became interested in gardening. In 1904, the Kings moved to Alma, MI and there Mrs. King began the gardens at their home, "Orchard House," which later became famous through her books, magazine articles and lectures.

Her work influenced gardens throughout the country, especially from 1915 to 1930. King’s writings first appeared in The Garden Magazine in 1910. She helped found the Garden Club of Michigan (1911), the Garden Club of America (1913), and the Woman’s National Farm and Garden Association (1914). Her first book, The Well-Considered Garden (1915), was followed by eight more titles through 1930. She also published many articles in such periodicals as The Garden Magazine, House and Garden and Country Life, and a regular column in House Beautiful (1922-1925).

Widowed in 1927, she moved to South Hartford, NY and established a new garden, "Kingstreet." Louisa Yeomans King was a leading figure in the garden club movement that affected the profession of landscape architecture in a number of ways, not the least of which was in creating a market for the work of many of the period’s practitioners. Throughout her career, which extended into the 1940s, she often wrote about the importance of design and the value of the landscape architect. As a long-time friend, correspondent and disciple of Gertrude Jekyll, the artistry of color schemes and plant combinations were also topics important to her.

Louisa Yeomans (Mrs. Francis) King, 1919. View of Mrs. King’s garden at "Orchard House." (Country Life in America, March 1919.)
King's wide-ranging friendships with many figures of importance in the garden world of her day enhanced her influence. She counted among her friends and correspondents Charles Sprague Sargent of the Arnold Arboretum, and landscape architects Fletcher Steele, Ellen Shipman and Martha Brookes Hutcheson, and many more of the best-known garden personages in both the U.S. and Great Britain. Louisa Yeomans King believed in gardening as a force for democracy, as a means of bringing people together, and as a way for women to establish themselves in a number of garden-related professions. These themes, too, suffused her gardens, guided her work until her death in 1948, and formed an important part of her appeal in an age when many looked to the garden as a solution to the problems of modern life.


King, Mrs. Francis. The Beginner's Garden. New York, NY: Charles Scribner's Sons; 1927. A collection of her magazine articles emphasizing her usual themes of color, schemes, plant combinations and design. Contains some plans, including several fold-out sheets.


King, Mrs. Francis. The Flower Garden Day by Day. New York, NY: Frederick A. Stokes; 1927. Foreword by Gertrude Jekyll. A gardener's dairy, with a hint for every day of the year and space to write one's own notes. Suggestions for planning, design, further reading.


King, Mrs. Francis. Pages from a Garden Notebook. New York, NY: Charles Scribner's Sons; 1921. A varied collection of magazine articles: color, plants, design, English and Spanish gardens, professional opportunities for women in horticulture, and a how-to start a garden club. Also a chapter on the Arnold Arboretum.


King, Mrs. Francis. The Well-Considered Garden. New York, NY: Charles Scribner's Sons; 1915; rev. 1922. One of King's most important books. Emphasizes color theme, plant combinations, importance of design. Revised edition deletes five chapters, adds two others.

Landry, Theodore E., b. 1899, d. 1980. Theodore Landry, one of the first practitioners of landscape architecture in Louisiana, had limited early schooling, receiving formal education only through the 7th grade. However, throughout his life, he was an avid reader on a variety of subjects. He also supplemented his education by taking courses in engineering at the University of Iowa, Brigham Young University, and Louisiana State University, as well as a number of short technical courses.

Landry became a licensed and registered landscape architect in 1930 and he, together with his wife Lou Bird Landry, also a landscape architect, established professional status for landscape architecture in Louisiana. An active member of professional organizations, Landry helped establish the Louisiana chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects, and was the first president of the Louisiana Landscape Association. Landry’s practice encompassed residential and industrial landscape design, as well as the design of church grounds. He was an ardent promoter of the preservation and restoration of plantation gardens along the Mississippi River corridor. His restoration projects include many of the most significant landmarks in the corridor, representative examples include “Afton Villa,” “Oaklaw Manor,” and “Madewood.” After WWII, Landry began a crusade to alert people about the vanishing architectural and landscape heritage of the region. In 1964, he addressed the ASLA National Convention in Fort Worth, TX on this subject.
Landry was employed by Esso Standard Oil in Baton Rouge, LA as an engineer and landscape architect for 42 years. In addition to extensive grounds work for the company, Landry undertook a study of the effects of airborne pollutants on plant growth. His written reports on the subject provide an early warning of pollution's impact upon living things, and evidence of how plants act as environmental indicators.

Following his retirement in 1958, Landry began a third significant phase of professional practice -- landscape architectural design for churches. One of his most significant projects was the landscape design for the Catholic Church in St. Gabriel (built in 1769), purportedly the oldest church in the Louisiana Territory. His largest church project, undertaken in 1964, was the redesign of the plaza at the renowned Basilica de Esquipulas in Guatemala. Landry typically offered such services for no fee, charging only for expenses.


The Theodore Landry Collection is housed in the Louisiana and Lower Mississippi Valley Collection of the LSU Libraries. It has not been accessioned, but contains a vast number of slides documenting the Landrys' professional projects, as well as thousands of slides relating to horticulture, historic and contemporary gardens and architecture. The Collection also includes correspondence, office papers, and designs. Detailed "as-is" plans provide documentation of a number of plantation gardens along the Mississippi River corridor.

Contributed by Suzanne Savin and Neil G. Odenwald, Ph.D.

Laney, Calvin C., b. 1850, d. 1942. Calvin C. Laney was born on February 18, 1850 in Waterloo, Seneca County, NY. He attended the Episcopal Parish public school in Waterloo and studied for two years at the Waterloo Academy. Before moving out of his hometown, Laney spent several years in the wholesale and retail grocery business, and taught school for one year. Laney then worked as a surveyor with the Railroad Engineering Corps (1871-1872), preparing surveys along railroad routes to be constructed. Following this, he worked as an engineer with the various railroads in the region until 1885. In 1886, he opened a surveying office in Rochester, NY.

In 1888, the Park Commission of Rochester hired Laney to make topographical surveys of the parks and boulevards then being proposed for the city. These park lands were being secured for public use at that time under the direction of Frederick Law Olmsted, Sr. Upon Olmsted's recommendation, Laney was appointed Surveyor for the park system (1888) and later named Superintendent (1889). In the published report of the Commission, spanning the years 1888 to 1898, Laney is listed as Superintendent and Engineer, with John Dunbar shown as Assistant Superintendent. In this capacity, Laney was responsible for the preparation of all plans for park improvements and engineering works not provided by others. Many of the designs provided by the Olmsted firm for individual parks in Rochester were developed only to a preliminary stage, with few detailed to the level of full construction drawings. Laney, in communication with the Olmsted firm, oversaw the construction of these parks, most likely using his own judgment on a number of construction related decisions.

Laney's reports in several volumes of the Park Commission Annual Reports provide evidence of his participation in all aspects of park work, from land condemnation and payment, to soil preparation, extensive plantings, drainage improvements, the construction of drives, shelters, service buildings, and the management of the parks, including policing. He also reported on communication and collaboration with Superintendents in various cities, noting, for example, a gift of water lilies from R. H. Warder, Superintendent of Lincoln Park (Chicago, IL), and a visit to William McMillan, Superintendent of the Buffalo, NY Parks for advice and an opportunity to view this well-developed system of parks.

Laney's knowledge and interest in plant materials is demonstrated in his reports on the native plantings in the parks. The additions of both native and exotic plants was
undertaken during the development of the parks during his tenure. For example, large numbers of fast-growing saplings were planted in Genesee Valley Park to act as "nurse" trees, providing shade and cooler soils for slower-growing, more desirable hardwood trees. Another horticultural interest is detailed in a description of a study of hawthorn trees undertaken after an autumn 1899 visit by Professor Charles Sprague Sargent of Harvard’s Arnold Arboretum (Jamaica Plain, MA). In his work to develop his book *Silva of North America* (1891-1902), Sargent visited Rochester and examined hawthorn trees (*Crataegus* species) growing along the Genesee River. Laney, working with John Dunbar and M.S. Baxter of his staff, then made a systematic study of hawthorns in the region. This study resulted in Sargent’s naming and describing "10 groups and 41 species of crataegus indigenous to the Rochester region." Laney notes in his account that the "discovery of these small trees is a great addition to the list of plants useful in landscape architecture."

Laney continued in the position of Superintendent and Engineer of the Rochester, NY Park Commission until 1920, and during his 31 years in this position, he oversaw the development of the entire Rochester parks system, including large parks calculated at 843 acres and small public spaces encompassing 23 acres. At his retirement from active service to the parks, he was appointed to the Rochester Park Commission (1920-1928). Calvin Laney died in 1942, at the age of 92, and is buried in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Rochester, NY.


*Calvin C. Laney. Historic River View of Genesee Valley Park. (Report of the Board of Park Commissioners, City of Rochester, NY, 1888-1898.)*
cludes a short description of Laney's life and his contributions to the development of the city's parks.

Scrapbook of Biographies of Men (Vol. 4). Democrat & Chronicle, August 24, 1941. Clipping. One volume in a series of scrapbooks on obituaries of important figures in Rochester's history. Includes a paragraph and short description of Laney's life in Rochester and his youth.

The City of Rochester, NY maintains holdings relating to the career of Calvin C. Laney.

Submitted by Patricia M. O'Donnell and Barbara Wilson

LeConte, Louis, b. 1782, d. 1838. Louis LeConte, born in 1782, was the son of John Etaton LeConte, Sr. (1739-1822) and Jane Sloane, and a descendant of Guillaume LeConte, a member of a prominent Huguenot family that arrived in the U.S. in the late 1600s and settled in New Rochelle, NY. Louis LeConte's father moved with his brother and uncle to Georgia in 1760, where they purchased land in what is today Liberty and Bryan Counties, and established "Woodmanston Plantation."

LeConte studied at Columbia College (graduated 1799), and the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York, where, in addition to his medical studies, he studied botany under the tutelage of Dr. David Hosack. LeConte returned to "Woodmanston" in 1810, where he applied advanced techniques to the cultivation of rice, indigo and other crops. He established a laboratory for experimentation and kept up with the latest scientific methods, maintaining extensive correspondence with scholars in the U.S. and abroad. Many distinguished botanists and plant scouts visited the plantation, including Stephen Elliot, John Abbot, William Baldwin, Thomas Nuttal and John Torrey. Scottish plant scout Alexander Gordon visited "Woodmanston" in the 1830s. In an article written for John Claudius Loudon's Gardeners Magazine (Vol. VIII), he described LeConte's garden as "decidedly the richest in bulbs I have ever seen."

LeConte's botanical garden at "Woodmanston" introduced to the South the latest varieties of plants available in the country, obtaining them, at times, directly from European sources. Among these introductions were the Chinese magnolias, several varieties of camellias, notably the Camellia sasanqua 'Alba' and 'Rosea,' and many types of bulbs. The LeConte pear, which was introduced from "Woodmanston," became a staple in southern orchards because of its apparent resistance, at that time, to blight, and it is still found growing wild in abandoned coastal orchards in the South. LeConte also introduced southeastern native plants to the rest of the country, including sweetshrub, mockorange, and cherry laurel. Although his papers were destroyed during the War Between the States, it is believed that he was a contributor to Torry and Gray's Flora of North America. Louis LeConte died at "Woodmanston" in 1838.

Davidson, Grace Gilliam. "Georgia's Famous Scientists, the LeContes." Atlanta Journal. 20 September 1934. Chronicles the lives of the LeConte family members who were notable scientists.


Kurtz, Lauri Fuller. "Life Story of the LeConte Brothers and their Contribution to Science." Atlanta Journal Magazine. 10 November 1935: 2, 15. Relates LeConte's life as it highlights his sons John (a founder of the University of California at Berkeley) and Joseph (friend of John Muir and co-founder of the Sierra Club).


Lowe, George D. "To Re-Make an Old Garden." Savannah Morning News. 22 November 1936. Recounts the variety of plants, native and exotic, in Mrs. Thomas Butler's "Retreat Plantation" and Louis LeConte's "Woodmanston Plantation."


Sherman, Katherine. "LeConte-Woodmanston Foundation to Restore the Plantation." Georgia Guardian 30 July 1993, 2C. Reports on the latest preservation efforts for "Woodmanston Plantation" by the private foundation that now owns the property, and the goal for 1996 completion.

Wood, Lucille. "Mutilated Camellia Tree Stands as Memorial to LeConte Gardens." Savannah Morning News. 8 March 1959. A synopsis of the LeConte's family history and the importance of the LeConte gardens.

Wyatt, Roy, "Two State Families Are Names to Remember." Atlanta Journal and Constitution. Contemporary article that highlights the importance of the LeContes in Georgia and U.S. history. (Georgia Historical Society files.)

Archival collections that maintain holdings on the LeConte family include the American Philosophical Society, Philadelphia, PA, which houses the LeConte Family Papers. The bulk of the papers of Louis LeConte were destroyed during the War Between the States. The Bancroft Library, University of California, Berkeley, houses the Joseph LeConte Collection, which contains family papers that include information relating to Louis LeConte. The Garden Club of Georgia archives, Athens, GA; the Georgia Historical Society, Savannah, GA and the Chatham-Effingham-Liberty County Library, Savannah, GA each house collections relating to the LeConte family and "Woodmanston Plantation."

Contributed by Lina Cofrest, Ph.D.

Lord, Elizabeth, b. 1887, d. 1976. Elizabeth Lord was born in Oregon, the daughter of William Paine Lord, a former Oregon governor and U.S. diplomat, and Juliette Montague Lord, who is credited with establishing the Salem Floral Society (now Salem Garden Club), the first garden club in Oregon. Lord received her education in Oregon public schools and in Buenos Aires, where her father held a diplomatic post. Her mother's devotion to gardening and extensive travels to view the renowned gardens of the Orient, Europe and South America influenced Lord's decision to pursue landscape architecture as a profession, prompting her, in 1926, to enter the Lowthorpe School of Landscape Architecture.

Elizabeth Lord met Edith Schryver, another graduate of Lowthorpe, on a European study tour sponsored by the Lowthorpe and Cambridge schools. Recognizing their similarity of tastes and philosophy in garden design, the two formed a partnership in Salem, OR where they practiced from 1929 until they retired in 1970. Elizabeth Lord died October 9, 1976 in Salem, OR.

Schryver, Edith, b. 1901, d. 1984. Edith Schryver, known to her friends as Nina, was born in Kingston, NY. She attended the Lowthorpe School of Landscape Architecture during summers before completing high school, and studied general art for one year at Brooklyn's Pratt Institute. In 1920, she enrolled full-time at Lowthorpe while working part-time in the Boston offices of landscape architects Harold Hill Blossom, Elizabeth Pattee, and Elizabeth Leonard Strang. She spent the summer of 1922 in the Cornish, NH office of Ellen Shipman as part of her scholarship, and upon graduation, she spent the next five years working in Shipman's New York office.

Schryver met Elizabeth Lord, another graduate of Lowthorpe, on a European study tour sponsored by the Lowthorpe and Cambridge schools, and the two formed a partnership (1929-1970) in Salem, Oregon where they worked until retirement. Edith Schryver died May 20, 1984 in Salem, OR.

Lord and Schryver. Lord and Schryver is believed to have been the first firm of professional women landscape architects on the west coast. Their style was influenced by Gertrude Jekyll and Ellen Shipman, and the firm focused on garden design for private residences. Significant residential projects included: "Deepwood," the Dr. Luke Port House, now part of the Salem Park System; the Robertson House; the Baumgartner-Caughell House; the Brown House, all in Salem, OR. The firm also had commissions at Reed College, College of Puget

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Elizabeth Lord (R) and Edith Schryver (L). (Photo courtesy of the University of Oregon.)
Sound, for various Salem parks, and the Marion County Courthouse. Lord and Schryver were active participants in Salem's Park Commission, Tree Commission, Art Association, and the Oregon Roadside Council. Schryver was primarily responsible for design and construction drawings, while Lord concentrated on planting design. The two were also involved in community education, writing articles on design for the Portland Oregonian, contributing to Home Garden Hour, a local radio show, and teaching briefly at Oregon State Agricultural College.

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The archives of Lord and Schryver are maintained by the University of Oregon, Knight Library as Special Collection 98. The collection is contained in 28 boxes with information on 238 projects. Plans, drawings, correspondence files, office files, subject files, texts of lectures, including "Home Garden Hour" radio scripts, which detail a day in the office of a landscape architect; and journals of their European trip. Photographs and glass lantern slides are housed in the Photograph Collection. There is little biographical data; personal items were removed at the request of the donors.

Contributed by Kenneth Helphand

MANNING, Warren Henry, b. 1860, d. 1938. Warren Henry Manning was born in the small town of Reading, MA and received his first practical landscape instruction from his father, nursery-owner Jacob Manning. However, convinced that he must "find a place with the most eminent man in the landscape profession," he applied for, and secured, work in the office of Frederick Law Olmsted, Sr. (1888). Under Olmsted, Manning supervised nearly 100 projects, including the planting of "Biltmore Estate," in Asheville, NC, and the installation of plants at the World's Columbian Exposition of 1893.

Manning began his own practice in Cambridge, MA in 1896, working, between 1901 and 1905, with his brother, J. Woodward Manning.

Warren Manning's contributions to the field of landscape architecture were more significant for their relationship to environmental planning and populist movements than for their investigations into questions of "pure" design. His long and successful career (1888-1938) included work on over 1,700 projects ranging from city, park, and campus planning, to roadways, resorts, communities, cemeteries, and estates. His design for the Harrisburg, PA park system (1903), undertaken while he was still in practice with his brother, foreshadowed modern environmentally-based planning movements. Yet Manning never broke with his 19th-century horticultural roots. He is generally considered one of the most accomplished plantsmen of the 20th century.

Manning also made significant contributions to the development of the profession of landscape architecture. In 1899, he was one of the twelve founding members of the American Society of Landscape Architects, later the organization's president, when he used his term of office to strenuously advocate the creation of a National Park Service. Manning's long friendship with J. H. McFarland provided a context for their work in founding the American Park and Outdoor Art Association, one of the core organizations of the American Civic Association.

While developing a practice with a national scope, Manning also trained many promising younger practitioners, including Albert D. Taylor, Fletcher Steele, Charles Gillette, Wilbur Cook, Margorie Sewell Cautley, Stephen Hamblin, Helen Bullard, and Dan Kiley.

He pioneered the use of resource-based planning and developed sophisticated inventory systems utilizing grids and overlays. At a time when the City Beautiful Movement was encouraging the construction of Beaux Arts civic centers, Manning advocated multiple, neighborhood-based centers and resource-based planning. He also championed community-based gardening, land-
scape design, planning and implementation. His concern for the country's future led him to write a 1000-page National Plan, based on his own research.

Among Manning's most important residential projects were estates for: Gustave Pabst (Milwaukee), August and Adolphus Busch (St. Louis), Frank Seiberling ("Stan Hywet," Akron, OH), James Tufts (Asheville, NC), P. H. Peavy (Lake Minnetonka, MN), Ira Cobb (Northport, ME), Galen L. Stone (Marion, MA), Stanley Field and A. A. Sprague (Lake Bluff, IL), Cyrus McCormick ("Walden," Lake Forest, IL), J. H. Wittemore (Middlebury, CT), Finley Borell (Lake Forest, IL), Frank Peavey (MN), and wild gardens he created for Clement A. Griscom (Haverford, PA), J. J. Borland (Camden, ME), Cyrus McCormick (Lake Forest, IL), and William Mather (Cleveland, OH). Manning eventually completed 60 jobs under the patronage of William Mather's company, Cleveland-Cliffs Iron Ore Company, in upper Michigan. He also worked extensively for Tennessee Coal and Iron Company (Birmingham and Mobile, AL), and for Pinehurst Resort (Asheville, NC client, James Tufts). Manning designed parks or park systems in Milwaukee, WI, Minneapolis, MN, St. Paul, MN, Providence, RI, Wilkes-Barre, PA, Louisville, KY, Cincinnati, OH and many other cities. His jobs list includes projects for the University of Minnesota, Virginia Military Institute, Cornell University, University of Virginia, University of Massachusetts, Richmond College, Western Reserve Academy, University of Minnesota, Tuskegee Institute, Lake Forest University, Ashville University, Massachusetts Agricultural College, North Carolina State College, and many other secondary schools.

Manning was a prolific, though idiosyncratic, writer. In an inspirational, often conversational style, he addressed topics from planning to planting, from the meaning of the profession to national parks. His work appeared in professional journals, popular magazines and newspapers.


Manning, Warren Henry. The Autobiography of Warren H. Manning. Unpublished draft located in Manning Collection, Center for Lowell History, University of Massachusetts. Manning was working on his autobiography in collaboration with a freelance editor when he died in 1938. He left behind two versions and several preparatory documents. A third version, substantially re-written by Egbert Hans, is also in the Lowell collection. Researchers will find much interesting
information in these manuscripts; Manning's early years and projects receive more complete treatment than do the later.

Manning, Warren H. City Plan of Birmingham. Birmingham, AL: 1919. This unusual, limited edition publication was sold by subscription. The Birmingham Plan, unlike other "City Beautiful" schemes, advocated multiple neighborhood-based centers instead of a single, grandiose civic center.


Manning, Warren Henry. A Handbook for Planning and Planting Home Grounds. North Billerica, MA: Talbot Mills; 1897. Manning's notebook, which was distributed free to Billerica residents, includes directions for laying out properties, planting, collecting native plants, maintenance, and fruit and vegetable cultivation. Extensive plant lists are also included. Manning's interest in small-scale, populist design guides his recommendations.


Manning, Warren Henry. The Purpose and Practice of Landscape Architecture. Unpublished paper. (Gray Herbarium, Harvard University.)


Manning, Warren H. "Wild Flower Preserves." Billerica, the North Shore Illinois Edition. 1915; 4(6): 3 (Part 2). Typical of other articles on similar topics, Manning argues here for the establishment of wildflower preserves in the suburbs north of Chicago. As early as the 1880s, Manning had prepared articles on native plants for The Ladies' Floral Cabinet and Vicks Monthly. Billerica was the second of three magazines Manning established, all with the same title: it was financed by Cyrus McCormick, one of Manning's clients. The third edition was subtitled "A National Plan Magazine" and was based on Manning's recommendations for natural resource planning.


Manning, Warren H. "The Two Kinds of Bog Gardens." Country Life in America. August 1908; 14(4): 379-380. This article includes a description of Manning's own bog garden in Billerica, MA. Manning was an early advocate of native plants and "wild gardens" in otherwise traditionally formal residential designs.


Manning, Warren H. "Facts and Features of Michigan; In the Heart of the Upper Peninsula, Model Town is soon to Ready for Population." Detroit Free Press. 15 March 1908. Gwinn, MI, was a model town designed by Manning for William G. Mather, president of Cleveland-Cliffs Iron Company. Manning's plan emphasized variety in housing, individual garden plots, and unprecedented amounts of open space.

Manning, Warren H. "Hardy Asters." Gardening. 15 October 1893; II: 42. Brief words on the subject.

Manning, Warren H. "Planting About the Base of the House." Gardening. 1 November 1893; II: 51-52. Planting treatment discussion including recommendations by size.

Manning, Warren H. "The Field of Landscape Design." Landscape Architecture. April 1912; 2(3). This short article focuses on the general responsibilities and prerogatives of the landscape architect. Manning particularly describes the process of residential design.
beginning with the selection of a house site. He also outlines the landscape architect's relationship to the architect, and his responsibilities.


Manning, Warren H. "The Billerica Town Plan." Landscape Architecture Quarterly. April 1913; 3(3). Here Manning chronicles a pioneering planning model based on discrete units of environmental data; gridded maps aided in this data gathering and retrieval.

Manning, Warren H. "Town Sites on Government Reclamation Projects." Landscape Architecture Quarterly. April 1914; 4(3). This article was abstracted from a draft of the 927-page version of Manning's National Plan document, a statistical portrait of the United States, in the Warren H. Manning Collection at Iowa State University. The shorter 23-page brief published in Landscape Architecture outlines Manning's perceptions of the challenges facing the country and some of his statistical findings.


Manning, Warren H. "Agassiz Park of Calumet, Michigan Built by Community Effort." Park and Recreation. November-December 1927. Manning was a pioneer in community-based participatory design. This article, along with others not included in this bibliography, chronicles specific community-based projects.


Manning, Warren H. "Notes on the Vegetation of the Reservations." Report of the Metropolitan Park Commissioners. 1895; Public Document No. 48 (Boston State Printer). One of Manning's first commissions was the creation of this important report, produced while working with the Olmsted Office. The systematic description of the landscape required by the report became a cornerstone of Manning's future methodology.


Rehmann, Elsa. *The Small Place*. New York: Knickerbocker Press; 1918. Illustrated project example. A property with "simplicity, dignity and naturalness - distinguish it from neighboring properties", Newark, NJ.


The University of Massachusetts at Lowell, Center for Lowell History, is the repository of the Warren H. Manning Collection, which contains his articles, unpublished autobiography, office records, photos, correspondence, drawings, glass lantern slides, and other materials. The Warren H. Manning Collection in the Parks Library, Iowa State University, Ames is a primarily visual archive that includes plans, drawings and photographs.

Contributed by Robin Karson

Miller, Wilhelm (William) Tyler, b. 1869, d. 1938. Wilhelm Tyler Miller was born on November 14, 1869 in King William County, VA, and raised in Detroit, MI. He attended the University of Michigan, (A.B., 1892), and then studied under Liberty Hyde Bailey at Cornell University, where he received both an A.M. (1897) and a Ph.D. (1899).

In 1896, while still a student, Miller was hired as Bailey's assistant at Cornell's Agricultural Experiment Station. Three years later, Bailey employed Miller as his Associate Editor for the monumental publication, *Cyclopedia of American Horticulture* (1900-1902). In addition to editing, Miller wrote several essays for the *Cyclopedia*, and this early experience led him to a career in horticultural writing. In 1901, Bailey became the Editor of Doubleday, Page, and Company's new magazine, *Country Life in America*, and, at his suggestion, Miller was retained as the periodical's Horticultural Editor. As with the *Cyclopedia*, Miller wrote feature articles for the magazine in addition to editing the horticultural contributions.

Due to his abilities and, perhaps, his popularity within horticultural circles, Miller was retained as the founding Editor of *The Garden Magazine* in 1905. As reflected in his articles of the period, Miller's attention soon shifted from horticulture to landscape design, and, more specifically, to a quest for an "American style of landscape gardening." In 1908, Miller travelled to England to study its gardens, motivated by a desire to discover "the causes of English garden excellence" and to discern "methods by which the most satisfying English effects might be produced in America with American materials." Three years later, the results of his English studies were published as a book, *What England Can Teach Us About Gardening* (1911). Later that year, Miller focused his attention on the American Middle West and the establishment of a regional style of landscape design. To this end, he published the first of a series of articles (1911) promoting the work of Chicago landscape architect Jens Jensen.

In 1912, Miller was offered a position at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Perhaps seeking the opportunity to participate more actively in the development of a Middle Western landscape design aesthetic, he accepted the position and became an Assistant Professor of Landscape Horticulture. Though no longer serving as Editor, Miller did continue to publish articles in both *Country Life in America* and *The Garden Magazine* while employed by the University, where his primary responsibility was to further the University's "Country Beautiful" programs through publications and public lectures. There is no evidence that Miller actually taught classes.

In 1914, following the passage of the Smith-Lever Act, which funded extension programs, Miller was appointed Head of the University's newly created Division of Landscape Extension. It was under these auspices that he published *The Prairie Spirit in Landscape Gardening* (1915). Miller cited the work of Jensen, O. C. Simonds, and Walter Burley Griffin as being inspired by the "prairie spirit" and expressed in the "prairie style." Of these three designers, the majority of Miller's text was devoted to the work of his personal friend, Jensen, who, by then, primarily manifested Miller's "prairie spirit" through the then-novel ecological use of indigenous plants in naturalistic compositions.

Due to dramatically reduced funding, the University disbanded its Division of Landscape Extension in the summer of 1916. Consequently, Miller's employment was terminated. He then unsuccessfully attempted to
establish a landscape architectural practice in Chicago, returning to his hometown of Detroit in 1918 with the same goal. Unfortunately, WWI had effectively eliminated the demand for new commissions. In addition, apparently reflecting the anti-German sentiments engendered by the war, Miller changed his name from "Wilhelm" to "William" in 1919. Shortly thereafter, he retired to Los Angeles, CA where he died in obscurity on March 16, 1938. By the time of his death, Miller's publications numbered in the hundreds. Neither Country Life in America nor The Garden Magazine published an obituary.


Miller, Wilhelm. The Illinois Way of Beautifying the Farm. Urbana, IL: University of Illinois Agricultural Experiment Station; 1914. Circular No. 170. In this profusely illustrated, large-format publication, Miller offers various methods by which Illinois farmsteads could be improved.

Miller, Wilhelm. The Prairie Spirit in Landscape Gardening. Urbana, IL: University of Illinois Agricultural Experiment Station; 1915. Circular No. 184. Miller synthesized and refined all of his previous efforts in the development of a Middle Western landscape design aesthetic. Profusely illustrated.


Wilhelm Tyler Miller, ca. 1913. (Photo courtesy of The Morton Arboretum.)
of a regional landscape design aesthetic. He offers examples of Jensen's "prairie rivers" as appropriate to the Middle West. Photos.


Archival collections that maintain holdings on Wilhelm Tyler Miller are located at Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Contributed by Christopher Vernon

Owens, Hubert Bond, b. 1905, d. 1989. Hubert Bond Owens was born into a cotton planter family on August 23, 1905 in the small, agricultural town of Canon in northeast Georgia. He attended the University of Georgia in Athens, where he majored in horticulture and landscape gardening. He received a B.S. in agriculture (1926) and an M.A. in Education/History of Art (1933). He also pursued additional summer studies in landscape architecture at Cornell University (1928) and Harvard University (1929, 1932, 1935 and 1940).

Owens was largely responsible for the development of the profession of landscape architecture in the State of Georgia. He taught briefly at Berry Junior College in Mount Berry, GA. In 1928 he was hired as an Adjunct Professor of Landscape Architecture by the University of Georgia, where he was charged with creating the State's first professional program in the field. The program that he began, and directly oversaw until his retirement, grew into one of the largest in the U. S., with professional degrees at both the undergraduate and graduate levels, as well as a graduate degree in historic preservation. Owens also served as the first Chair of the Georgia State Board of Landscape Architects (1958-1961), the agency responsible for licensing professional landscape architects.

Owens was an active member of both the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA), which elected him a Fellow (1958), and the International Federation of Landscape Architects (IFLA). He served as the President of both ASLA (1965-1967) and IFLA (1974-1976). Through his participation in these organizations, Owens made significant contributions to the development of the professional study of landscape architecture both nationally and abroad. Among his extensive committee work, Owens chaired both organizations' Committees on Education. In this capacity he conducted a world-wide survey of training available in landscape architecture, published by IFLA (1968). He also served as an educational consultant to developing programs in Belgium, France, Switzerland, Spain, Japan, the Philippines, South Africa, Venezuela, Peru, Argentina, Brazil, Australia, and New Zealand. Owens held the office of President of the Interprofessional Commission on Environmental Design (1966-1967), the ASLA Foundation (now the Landscape Architecture Foundation) (1967-1968), and Chair of the National Council on Instruction in Landscape Architecture (now the Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture) (1953).

Additionally, Owens maintained a long and extremely active association with garden clubs at the local, regional, and national level, and counted his work with these organizations among his most significant. He served as the first Chair of Landscape Design of the National Council of State Garden Club's Executive Board (1952-1961), and, through this position and his subsequent establishment of the National Council's Landscape Design Study Courses, which he taught from 1957 to 1977, he
helped inform interested lay-persons throughout the country of the principles of landscape design and the field of landscape architecture.

Throughout his long tenure at the University of Georgia, Owens also maintained a concurrent private practice. He served as the first Landscape Architect of the State of Georgia Highway Commission (1936-1938), with other significant projects including: numerous projects for the WPA throughout Georgia during the 1930s; Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, TN (1953-1964); campus planning at the University of Georgia (Athens, GA), Berry College (Rome, GA), Wesleyan College (Macon, GA), and The University of the South (Sewanee, TN); and many private residences in and around Athens. Owens also served as a Consultant to Callaway Gardens (Pine Mountain, GA). He was an early advocate for historic landscape preservation, working on plans for historic gardens and landscapes throughout the southeast. He was a founding member of the Athens - Clarke Heritage Foundation, a Trustee of the Historic Preservation Society of Athens, GA, and a charter member of the Trustee of the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation.

Owens' work with many organizations was honored by various awards presented to him during his lifetime. Among these were the ASLA Medal (1977), election as a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts (London, 1960), and numerous honors from garden clubs locally and nationally. Although he retired from his position at the University of Georgia in 1973, Owens continued to serve as Dean Emeritus of the School of Environmental Design until his death in Athens, GA on March 13, 1989.


Hubert Bond Owens, 1954. Owens is pictured in the Founders' Memorial Garden at the University of Georgia with leaders of garden clubs at the national, state and local level on the occasion of the dedication of the statue (background) in honor of the twelve founders of the first garden club in the United States (Athens, GA). (Photo courtesy of The University of Georgia, School of Environmental Design.)
Parmentier, André, b. 1780, d. 1830. André Parmentier was born in Enghien, Belgium into a horticulturally prominent family. His elder brother Joseph (1775-1852) was director of Enghien, the landscaped estate of the Duke of Arensberg, and also owned a nursery. A cousin, Antoine Augustin Parmentier (1737-1813), was responsible for introducing the potato as a food into France. André was educated at the University of Louvain. In his native land, he practiced horticulture and landscape design as an avocation until financial reverses forced him to emigrate to the U.S. and pursue them professionally. No landscape design projects by Parmentier in Belgium have been identified.

Parmentier immigrated in 1824 and, the following year, established a nursery in Brooklyn, NY, which attracted the attention of numerous horticultural periodicals. Much of André Parmentier's nursery stock, including grapes and pears, was provided by his brother Joseph. In the summer of 1825, Parmentier was elected a member of the New York Horticultural Society and served on its council from 1826 to 1830. He also became a member of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society. About 1826, Parmentier began receiving commissions as a landscape gardener, which continued until his death four years later. His skill in landscape design was highly praised by A. J. Downing in his Treatise (1841): "We consider M. Parmentier's labors and examples as having effected, directly, far more landscape gardening in America than those of any individual whatever." Parmentier was especially significant as a transmitter of the European picturesque style into American landscape design.

Downing noted that, in addition to laying out numerous country seats in the vicinity of New York, Parmentier designed grounds "in various parts of the Union," including the south, and Canada. Only five design projects by Parmentier have thus far been documented: His own "horticultural garden" or nursery in Brooklyn (1825); the estate of Elisha W. King in Pelham Manor, NY (1827); the estate of Dr. David Hosack, Hyde Park, NY (1828-1829); the grounds of King's College (now the...
University of Toronto), Toronto (1830); and "Moss Park," the estate of William Allan, Toronto (1830). Of these, only the Hosack property, now the Vanderbilt Mansion National Historic Site, survives, with some alterations by three subsequent owners. The two Canadian projects are recent discoveries by Toronto scholars Stephen Otto and Pleasance Crawford. Further local research may reveal other Parmentier projects, some perhaps still extant. Parmentier made frequent short contributions to such horticultural periodicals as the New York Farmer and Horticultural Repository and the New England Farmer. The earliest of these were written in French and translated for publication. His most important written statement is a brief essay, "Landscapes and Picturesque Gardens" in Thomas G. Fessenden's New American Gardener (1828).


Editor. [Article on Parmentier's Garden.] American Farmer. 29 August 1828; X(24): 189. Describes Parmentier's Brooklyn nursery. Parmentier showed the author his portfolio of drawings, including one of the Elisha W. King estate in Pelham Manor, NY.


Garden Record. October 1923; XII(4): 119-125. Reports that a copy of Parmentier's Periodical Catalogue was presented to the Brooklyn Botanic Garden. Discusses his plans.


Lockwood, Alice G. B. Gardens of Colony and State. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons for Garden Club of America; 1934 - Vol II. Richly illustrated volume of "gardens and gardeners of the American Colonies and the Republic before 1840." Includes a discussion of Dr. Hosack, Hyde Park, the Elgin Garden, and a description of Parmentier's nursery and other works (p. 269, 282).

Meehan, Thomas F. "Andrew Parmentier, Horticulturist and His Daughter, Madame Bayer." Historical Records and Studies (United States Catholic Historical Society). January 1903; III(2). The life of Parmentier and his daughter. Mentions that Parmentier's portfolio of drawings was still extant in 1903 but does not say where.

"The Grape" (from the New York Enquirer). New England Farmer. 10 November 1826; V(16): 124. Description of Parmentier's grapes planted the previous May and his new nursery. Also describes Parmentier's avocational activities in horticulture in Europe and the gardens of Joseph Parmentier, which the unidentified author had visited.

Improvement. "Ornamental Grounds." New England Farmer. 9 March 1827; V(33): 259. The unidentified author suggests that owners of estates in the Boston area would do well to employ Parmentier to lay out their grounds. Praises Parmentier's "natural taste" and his design for the estate of Elisha King in Pelham Manor, NY.


[Parmentier, A.] "Periodical Catalogue of Fruit and Ornamental Trees and Shrubs, Greenhouse Plants, etc." New England Farmer. 18 July 1828; VI(52): Supplement. Lists the plants offered by Parmentier at his nursery in Brooklyn. Includes an engraved plan of his nursery or "horticultural garden" grounds and an abbreviated version of his essay on "Landscapes and Picturesque Gardens." Some sources refer to a "Provisional Catalogue" of Parmentier's fruit trees published as a supplement to the New England Farmer (1826), but this was not located in the copy in the collection of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society.


Parmentier, André. "Letter to the Editor and List of Pears" (translated from the French). New England Farmer. 10 November 1826; V(16). Lists 197 pears of Flanders from Joseph Parmentier's nursery, most of which were also available from André Parmentier's nursery in Brooklyn.


Stetson, Sarah P. "André Parmentier: Little-Known Pioneer in American Landscape Architecture." Landscape

Stiles, Henry R. A History of the City of Brooklyn. Brooklyn, NY: Published by Subscription; 1869. Vol. II, pp. 173-174 contains an extended quotation from an unidentified source, which describes Parmentier's "buoyant, active temperament" and his "enthusiastic devotion to floral pursuits," as well as his abilities as a musician and artist. Refers to many sketches and drawings still in the possession of the family. The source describes Parmentier's horticultural garden but says nothing about his activities as a landscape designer.


No repository has been located that contains original papers and drawings by or relating to André Parmentier. However, the Saint Joseph Convent, Brentwood, NY has Parmentier family records and portraits centered primarily on Adele Parmentier Bayard and her benefactions. Additionally, the Western Historical Manuscripts Collection, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO holds the Charles Van Ravenswaay Collection, which includes a draft manuscript on Parmentier by the late Dr. Van Ravenswaay, including extensive notes collected by him. This material was very useful to the project team assembling the Vanderbilt Mansion National Historic Site Cultural Landscape Report listed above, although Dr. Van Ravenswaay's research focused more on Parmentier as a horticulturist than a landscape designer.

Parsons Jr., Samuel, b. 1844, d. 1923. Samuel Parsons Jr. was born in New Bedford, MA, the son of Samuel Bowne Parsons, a nurseryman, and Susan (Howland) Parsons. Preceded by two generations of Quaker horticulturists, his family propagated and cultivated nursery stock for nearly two centuries. The nursery prospered until the elder Parsons' death (1907). It brought to the family international notoriety, opportunities for international travel, and the ability to introduce a variety of ornamental trees and shrubs to the U.S.

Parsons first studied at Haverford College and later graduated from Yale Scientific School with a Bachelor of Philosophy in 1862. His studies emphasized Agricultural Chemistry, Geology, Botany, Physics and Surveying. After college he studied farming, first for one year on a model farm on Cayuga Lake and then six on his own farm in southern New Jersey. This was followed by five years in the family nursery, Parsons & Sons Company, Flushing, NY. Here his attention was turned to laying out and planting country places. This period of practical experience prepared Parsons for his assignment with Calvert Vaux, when he joined his NYC office, Vaux and Company, as a student. In the course of one year he became a partner. During this tenure numerous places were laid out throughout the country. In 1883, Vaux was asked to return to the NYC Parks Department, which he agreed on the condition that Parsons be able to join him. This began a thirty-year tenure for Parsons as a public servant.

Parsons began this career as Superintendent of Planting, which was actually Vaux’s assistant. Here he helped Vaux to perfect plans, with an emphasis on planting. Although Vaux later resigned in 1883 for two years, upon
his return, the two worked together on every piece of park design within the city. This meant changes and development in various parts of Central Park, and the redesign, design and/or construction of such parks and open spaces as Grants Tomb, Bowling Green, Union and Abingdon Squares, and Jeanette, Canal Street and Christopher Parks. After Vaux's death in 1895, Parsons resumed the role of Landscape Architect. He left the department briefly for four years, 1898–1902, and served as Commissioner for a brief period in 1905. During this time he oversaw much of the design and planting in Central, Riverside and Morningside Parks, and the creation, design and construction of St. Nicholas, DeWitt Clinton, Thomas Jefferson, and John Jay Parks and the Broadway Mall (59–125th Street). Through his responsibilities at the Parks Department, as president of the Park Board of Manhattan and Richmond, NY, and as the landscape architect appointed to the City-Improvement Commission, he played a pivotal role during a time when New York City's parks evolved from Picturesque to Reform-Era designs.

Parsons' commissions can be found throughout the country in the form of parks, playgrounds, estates, gardens, cemeteries, planned communities (or homestead parks as he referred to them), public grounds, and campus plans. He was the first professional landscape architect hired by the cities of Birmingham, AL (Glen Iris Park) and San Diego, CA (Balboa Park). A sampling of career projects includes the National Capital Grounds (selected under an Act of Congress), Washington DC (unexecuted); League Island Park, Philadelphia, PA; Pine Lawn Cemetery, Syosset, L.I; Evergreen Park Cemetery, Brooklyn, NY; Albemarle Park, Asheville, NC; the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa, AL; "Elmendorf" Horse Farm, Lexington, KY; "Berry Hill", Newport, RI and "Inisfadh", Roslyn, NY.

Concurrent with public service and his own practice, Parsons & Co., the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) was founded in Parsons' NYC office in the St. James Building on January 4, 1899 -- due largely to his persistence. He was elected its first Vice President, with John Charles Olmsted as President, and played a role in drafting its first constitution among other tasks. He later served as president in 1902, and again in 1906-7.

Throughout his career, Parsons wrote extensively including numerous articles in Scribner's Magazine, Garden & Field, The American Garden, The Outlook, and The American Architect. He also wrote seven major books. His design philosophy and much of his career can be gleaned from these publications and his significant legacy extant in the American landscape today.

Parsons, Jr., Samuel. "Italian Villas; Their Place and Function in the Landscape" The American Architect, 28 July 1915; CVIII(2066); 49-55, 59. Illus.


Co. "Interesting Facts in Regard to the Inception and Development of Central Park" by Parsons. Includes early park plan. (pp. 105-110).

Clute, Eugene (Ed.); Parsons, Mabel (Photos); Fowler, Clarence (Text). English House Grounds. New York: Mabel Parsons; 1924. A vast collection of garden photos from the family trip to England. The book is dedicated to the memory of Samuel Parsons.


Parsons, Mabel (Ed.). Memories of Samuel Parsons. New York and London: G.P. Putnam's Sons; 1926. After her father's death in 1923, Mabel Parsons (1902-1964) completes his detailed biography; how he met Olmsted and Vaux; the Central Park years and the battle to preserve the intent of the "Greensward" plan for the following decades. Parsons photo as a frontispiece.

Parsons, Jr., Samuel. "The Parks and the People", The Outlook. 7 May 1898; 23-33.

Parsons, Jr., Samuel and O'Donovan, W.R. "The Art of Landscape Gardening", The Outlook. 22 September 1906; 222-232.


Parsons, Jr., Samuel. How to Plan the Home Grounds. New York: John Lane Company; 1910. One of the few books by Parsons to credit his own work with project names and locations. Includes many photos and plans.


Parsons, Jr., Samuel. "Small Country Places." Scribner's Monthly Magazine. March 1892; XI(3) This is the same article that appears in Homes in City and Country.


Vaux, Calvert and Parsons, Jr, Samuel. Concerning Lawn Planting. New York: Orange Judd Company; 1881. This 30+ page monograph is a series of short essays in alternating chapters by the authors. Parsons’ focuses on plant materials (eg. “My Friend the Andromeda”), while Vaux addresses broader design applications (“The Value of Sky”).

The location of the office papers of Parsons & Co. is not known today. However the NYC Municipal Archives contains the Central Park Collection representing Parsons’ public service career. The Archives are being catalogued, and there is also related correspondence which is organized by year, much of which is in Parsons’ own hand. Also in NYC, the Arsenal, at the Department of Parks & Recreation, has detailed meeting minutes and a photographic bibliography for all Annual Reports. The Long Island Collection, Queens Public Library contains the Parsons family papers including information on the nursery operation, Quaker society meetings, family tree, etc. There is also a scrapbook of newspaper articles highlighting personal controversies and achievements. The NY Historical Society has a limited collection and a small family file. Other archives are usually job specific and can be found locally. Examples include the photographic archive of the Birmingham Historical Society with historic images of Parsons-designed residential communities. The Birmingham Public Library, Dept. of Archives and Manuscripts includes the family papers of Robert Jemison, Sr. The San Diego Historical Society holds one of the few collections of known correspondence from Parsons & Co related to Balboa Park found in the George Marston family papers. Also the California Room, San Diego Public Library has over 100 related drawings. The Frances Loeb Library at Harvard, Cambridge, MA has ten original plans by Parsons.

Contributed by Charles A. Birnbaum

Peets, Elbert, b. 1886, d. 1968. Elbert Peets was born in Hudson, OH on May 5, 1886. Educated in the Cleveland public school system, Peets’ worked as a teenager for H. U. Horvath, a landscape architect and nurseryman who served as a consultant forester to the City of Cleveland. After graduating, magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, and with First Scholarship Honors from Cleveland’s Western Reserve University (1912), Peets enrolled in the graduate program in landscape architecture at Harvard University, earning an MLA (1915).

Because of his early training, Peets taught horticulture at Harvard and also published a book, Practical Tree Repair (1916). He then worked for the Cambridge, MA firm of Pray, Hubbard and White. Around 1915 or 1916, he met Werner Hegemann, a well-known planner from Germany who worked as a consultant to many American cities. This association resulted in the preparation of numerous plans for communities in Wisconsin, including the company town of Kohler. Peets served as a civilian planning engineer for the U.S. Army during WWI (1917-1918), followed by a return to Wisconsin, where he again worked with Hegemann until late 1919. In 1920, he spent a year in Europe, using funds from the Charles Eliot Travelling Fellowship that Harvard had awarded him in 1917. Following his return to the United States, Peets immediately rejoined Hegemann and began to collaborate on their profusely illustrated volume, The American Vitruvius: An Architects’ Handbook of Civic Art (1922).

After returning to Cleveland and developing a private planning office that he maintained throughout the 1920s and into the 1930s, Peets established a reputation as one of America’s leading critics in landscape architecture, publishing a series of especially insightful articles in
American Mercury. During the mid-1930s, Peets was asked by the Resettlement Administration, a recently formed New Deal agency, to supervise the planning of Greendale, WI, one of three suburban greenbelt towns the federal government sponsored during the Depression. Even though Greendale would take on the social and governmental trappings of a rather typical community in the 1950s, Peets continued to serve as a consultant to the village for several years. His final project was the planning of Park Forest, IL, one of the nation’s first post-WWII planned communities. Poor health forced Elbert Peets’ retirement during the early 1960s; he died in 1968.

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Alanen, Arnold R. and Eden, Joseph A. Main Street Ready-Made: The New Deal Community of Greendale, Wisconsin. Madison, WI: The State Historical Society of Wisconsin; 1987. The book covers the history of Greendale, WI, one of three greenbelt towns developed by the federal government during the Great Depression. Peets was the primary designer affiliated with Greendale, from its inception in the 1930s until the 1950s. The book utilizes many reports, notes, plans, and memoranda that Peets prepared during this period.

Hegemann, Werner and Peets, Elbert. The American Vitruvius: An Architect’s Handbook of Civic Art. New York, NY: The Architectural Book Publishing Co.; 1922. One of the most important city planning books to appear in the United States during the 20th century, the volume contains a wealth of plans, maps and photographs from towns and cities located throughout Europe and North America. Many of the sketches and diagrams were provided by Peets.


Spreiregen, Paul D. (Ed.). On the Art of Designing Cities: Selected Essays of Elbert Peets. Cambridge, MA: The MIT Press; 1968. A compilation of 27 articles written by Peets between 1922 and 1949, including two famous essays that appeared in American Mercury, "Century Park" (1925) and "The Landscape Priesthood" (1927). Other articles include several on the planning of Washington, DC, overviews of several European cities, and discussions of town planning issues associated with the "neighborhood concept" as it was applied at Radburn, NJ and of his plan for Greendale, WI.


Contributed by Arnold R. Alanen

Requa, Richard S., b. 1881, d. 1941. Richard Requa was born in Illinois and raised in Nebraska but, in 1900, at the age of 19, moved with his family to San Diego, CA. Requa received education in electrical engineering and worked with an electrical contractor, becoming an apprentice to the innovative local architect Irving Gill (1907). Following his apprenticeship, Requa opened his own architectural practice (1910) and later entered into a partnership with Frank Mead (1912), who also had worked briefly with Gill. Mead’s philosophy of design, informed by extensive travel and stressing the interrelationships among geography, climate, culture and architectural adaptations was probably a defining element of Requa’s early professional development. Requa’s own subsequent travels throughout Latin America and the Mediterranean increased his familiarity with Mediterranean-style architecture and gardens and led to an understanding of their character-defining vocabulary.

Mead & Requa’s practice included residential and school design projects and community planning (for a small town that became Ojai, CA). This partnership dissolved (1920), and another was formed with Herbert Jackson. In 1922, the Requa & Jackson firm was awarded a commission for the design of Rancho Santa Fe, a model residential village. Lilian Rice, a Berkeley-trained architect, joined the firm during this period and was ultimately assigned control of the entire Rancho Santa Fe project. Requa and Jackson concentrated on the design of individual homes in San Diego, CA, and worked primarily in the popular Spanish Revival style.
Richard Requa. (Photo courtesy of the San Diego Historical Society, Photograph Collection.)

In 1934, seeking to resurrect the local economy from the Depression, the San Diego business community decided to stage a second exposition (the 1935-1936 California Pacific International Exposition) on the grounds of the 1915-1916 Panama California Exposition, which had endowed the city with landscaped avenues and greenswards, as well as Spanish Colonial exhibition halls that Requa restored as Chief Architect of the Exposition. In this capacity, he also expanded the area of the old fairground and planned the architecture to display a broad array of then-fashionable styles. Recognizing the appeal of gardens to fairgoers, he was especially attentive to the exposition landscapes, redesigning several older garden areas, modeling them on his favorite Spanish and Mexican prototypes — the Alcazar Gardens, the Casa del Rey More, and a Guadalajara patio. Using the latest technologies for night lighting, water display and sound projection, he also developed new areas in a style bridging Art Deco and Hollywood Moderne trends that played upon all the senses of the fair-goers.

Requa died suddenly at the age of sixty in mid-1941, soon after bringing new associate Edward Morehead into the firm. As an architect, park designer, town planner, and designer of residential gardens, Requa helped define the romantic, neo-Mediterranean style of San Diego.


Dobyns, Winifred Starr. California Gardens. New York: The Macmillan Company; 1931. Plate 175 is photo by Requa of owner-designed garden for house built by Requa, with plants from Kate Sessions nursery.

Anderson, Timothy; Moore, Eudorah and Winter, Robert. California Design — 1910. Santa Barbara, CA and Salt Lake City, UT: Peregrine Smith; 1974. Features a pueblo-style La Jolla house designed by Requa and Mead and a brief synopsis of their partnership.

Oversized volume of photos by Requa; became a popular visual reference for design professionals of the late 1920s and early 1930s; emphasizes importance of patios and courtyard gardens in Mediterranean design.


Requa, Richard. San Diego Union. Requa wrote a series of illustrated conversational articles for this newspaper, during the late 1920s, which were meant to expand public awareness about interrelationships between house and garden in southern California. Examples come from Requa's own designs for local owners.


Trapp, Kenneth; Wilson, Richard, Guy; Streatfield, David; et al. The Arts and Crafts Movement in California -- Living the Good Life. Oakland, CA and New York: The Oakland Museum and Abbeville Press; 1993. Professional career timeline of Requa and other period practitioners.

White, Goddard M. "Where the Garden is the Center of the House: Development of a Picturesque Architecture in Southern California." The Craftsman. March 1914; 25(6): 567-573. Discussion of two courtyard structures co-designed by Requa and Mead; focus on exotic Moorish elements of patio-centered architecture appropriate to region. (Requa's name is misspelled as Regan) Illus.

See entry on Roland Stewart Hoyt for information concerning San Diego archives containing materials on Requa and other local practitioners.

Contributed by Carol Greentree

Rowntree, Lester, b. 1879, d. 1979. Lester Rowntree was born Gertrude Ellen Lester in Penrith, England in 1879. As a young girl, she came to the United States with her family, settling in California. Rowntree was educated at the Westtown Friends School in Pennsylvania and married Bernard Rowntree (1908). After some years in the East, the Rowntrees moved to Carmel Highlands, CA in the mid-1920s, and there she devoted herself fully to the native plants she had studied since her childhood.

In the 1930s, Rowntree became well-known as an expert on both the herbaceous and woody flowering plants of California. A writer, photographer, lecturer and seed merchant, she also helped found the California Native Plant Society. For nine months of the year, Rowntree
roamed the state alone in her battered station wagon, and packed into the back country with a burro to carry her equipment. She collected seeds from a wide variety of plants, and, as an ardent conservationist, took care to leave some where she found them and to scatter others in appropriate habitats.

Rowntree supplied seed to eager gardeners and plant specialists in the U.S., England, and throughout Europe. Louise Beebe Wilder, for example, was one of her customers and helped to publicize her work. Rowntree won permanent renown, however, with the publication of her two books, *Hardy Californians* (1936) and *Flowering Shrubs of California* (1939), which describe the state’s herbaceous and woody flowering plants, respectively, emphasizing their garden uses, rather than botanical characteristics. The popularity of Rowntree’s books was due, in part, to her colorful descriptions of her adventures as a plant hunter, the people she encountered and the magnificent country she explored on her quest. She wrote in a conversational, yet authoritative, style, and her books were accurate, while avoiding the dryness of a botanical text. There can be no doubt, however, that Rowntree’s unusual status as a woman plant hunter and her vivid accounts of her experiences lent her much appeal.

Lester Rowntree died just days after her hundredth birthday in 1979. She influenced the gardens of her era by introducing California native plants to a wide audience through her writing, and by making their seeds available to gardeners worldwide.


The majority of the papers of Lester Rowntree are located at the archives of the California Academy of Sciences, San Francisco, CA. To date, these have not been catalogued. Also see entry on Roland Stewart Hoyt for information concerning San Diego archives containing materials on Rowntree and other regional practitioners.

Contributed by Virginia Lopez Begg

Sargent, Charles Sprague, b. 1841, d. 1927. Charles Sprague Sargent was born in Boston, MA on April 24, 1841, to a distinguished family that included Henry Winthrop Sargent, the estate owner and patron of John Singer Sargent, the American painter. Sargent graduated from Harvard (1862) and served in the Union Army (1862-1865). Then, after touring Europe, he took over management of his father’s country estate in Brookline, MA, and used that position as his entree into ornamental horticulture (1868).

Sargent was appointed Director of Harvard’s Botanic Garden (1872), where he came under the influence of botanist Asa Gray. In that same year, Harvard established the Arnold Arboretum in Jamaica Plain, MA, with a bequest from James Arnold, a New Bedford industrialist. Sargent was made the its founding Director in 1873, and he immediately called upon F. L. Olmsted, Sr. to begin laying out the grounds. When lack of funds impeded Sargent’s plan for development, he and Olmsted proposed that Harvard transfer the Arboretum land to the City of Boston, which would, in turn, offer Harvard a long-term, tax-free, renewable lease, development assistance, road maintenance and police protection. After some hesitation, both sides agreed to the conditions. The agreement was signed on December 30, 1882, making the Arboretum part of Boston’s “Emerald Necklace” park system. By the time of Sargent’s death, the plant collection, along with the extensive herbarium and library, made the Arnold Arboretum one of the great plant study resources in North America.

Sargent was Director of the Arboretum for 54 years, and from that unique position he made far-reaching contributions to botany, horticulture, landscape gardening, and forest conservation. His writings documented native American trees, describing their physical and economic properties and promoting their conservation. Sargent’s Silva of North America (1891-1902) and Manual of the

Trees of North America (1905), both illustrated by Charles Faxon, catalog the diversity of native species and their geographic distribution. His plant-collecting expeditions and sponsorship of expeditions made by E. H. Wilson and Joseph Rock revealed Asiatic flora to the western world and added valuable plants to American gardens.

Sargent also spent productive time in government service and his advocacy for the protection of American forest land shaped federal policy at the end of the 19th century. He produced the first comprehensive survey of American forest species published as part of the Tenth United States Census (1884). In 1882, he was a member of the Northern Pacific Transcontinental Survey team that surveyed the future Glacier National Park. In 1884, he chaired the commission that developed the first conservation policy for the Adirondack region.

A private, taciturn man, Sargent was not an accomplished public speaker. However, his extensive publications were used to influence the public and to support his convictions. He was the founder and editor of Garden and Forest (1888-1897), one of the most important landscape publications of the 19th century, which dealt with ornamental horticulture, botany and landscape gardening. Many honors were bestowed on Sargent during his long professional life. He was awarded the first George Robert White Medal of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society (1910), and the Garden Club of America awarded him their first Medal of Honor (1920). He was a member of the National Academy of Sciences, the Linnean Society and the Royal Society, London. As a lasting tribute, many plants are named in his honor: the genera Sargentia and Sargentodoxa and, among the many garden plants, the Sargent crab (Malus sargentii), the Sargent cherry (Prunus sargentii) and the Sargent juniper (Juniperus chinensis sargentii). Sargent died on March 22, 1927 at his estate, "Holm Lea," in Brookline, MA.


Charles Sprague Sargent, 1919. Charcoal drawing by John Singer Sargent. (Photo courtesy of Harvard University, Arnold Arboretum Photograph Archives.)
for the Society; 1929. An overview of the Society's first hundred years. Includes extensive references to Mt. Auburn, the first Horticulture Hall, and to early figures (e.g. Dearborn, Parkman, Hunnewell, Sargent).


Sargent, Charles Sprague. The Silva of North America; a description of the trees which grow naturally in North America exclusive of Mexico. Illustrated with figures and analyses drawn from nature by C. E. Faxon (14 Vols.). Boston, MA: Houghton, Mifflin and Company; 1891-1902. The most definitive catalog and description of American tree species of its time, compiled from both research and field observation. 740 plants by Charles Faxon.


Sargent, Charles Sprague. The Trees of Commonwealth Avenue, Boston. Printed for the Author; 1909. Commentary on the elm planting initiated by the City of Boston for this main avenue in Boston's Back Bay, which differed from the 1880 proposal of F. L. Olmsted and Sargent.

Sargent, Charles Sprague. "Some Remarks Upon the Journey of Andre Michaux to the High Mountains of


Sargent, Charles Sprague. "Charles Edward Faxon." *Rhodora.* July 1918; 20: 117-122. Tribute to this renowned botanical illustrator, whose major work was the illustration of Sargent's Silva.


Wilson, E. H. *Plantae Wilsonianae* (Vols. 1-3). *Arnold Arboretum: Boston, MA; 1913-1917.* "An examination of woody plants collected in Western China for the Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University during the years 1907, 1908, and 1910."

The archives of Charles Sprague Sargent are maintained by The Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University, Jamaica Plain, MA.

Contributed by Phyllis Andersen

Sessions, Kate Olivia, b. 1857, d. 1940. Kate Sessions was born in San Francisco, CA in 1857 and raised in Oakland, CA. While in high school, Sessions developed an interest in collecting and pressing plants. She enrolled in the science program of the University of California at Berkeley, where she focused on chemistry and was, reportedly, the first woman to graduate from Berkeley with a degree in science (1881).

Sessions worked briefly as a school teacher in San Diego, CA before becoming a co-owner of that city's oldest nursery. Her 55-year horticulture career began with a
small flower shop in the downtown district and some growing fields across the bay in Coronado. As the city grew, Sessions operated a succession of nurseries at the edges of prime urban development. Her second nursery was at the then-barren northeastern corner of the City Park (later named Balboa Park). Here she received free water and the title of City Gardener in return for providing free trees for parks and streets. When the city began to develop its park for the 1915-1916 Panama Pacific Exposition, Sessions moved her nursery to a nearby future suburb, Mission Hills. Then, as that neighborhood became settled, she began yet another nursery in the more-distant suburb of Pacific Beach. She also co-owned a palm-growing tract of land in Lemon Grove, to supply the increasing demand for the Queen palm (Arecastrum romanzoffianum), which she popularized as a street tree throughout the region.

In these various enterprises, Sessions sometimes worked with her father, Josiah, and/or her brother, Frank and, for a short time, she hired Frank’s son, Milton, as a partner. It was Sessions herself, however, who guided her business, developed civic contacts and maintained the intellectual integrity that ultimately led to her 1939 award of the Frank N. Meyer Medal from the American Genetic Association, the first woman to be so honored.

As the central figure of San Diego’s horticultural circles, Sessions played numerous roles in an ever-widening community of serious gardeners in southern California. She introduced many plants, including the now ubiquitous twisted juniper, a host of drought-tolerant plants and several native specimens from the nearby chaparral. She also advised local home gardeners — many of whom were new to the coastal desert climate — and wrote articles for newspapers and regional garden magazines. Sessions corresponded with botanists, plant pathologists, experimental growers and naturalists, such as Alice Eastwood, David Fairchild, Francesco Franceschi, Hugh Evans, Bill Hertrich, Lester Rowntree, and others. She planned and installed landscapes, using informal methods and rarely committing her designs to paper. She taught classes for children and adults and led botanical walks. She also helped establish a cut-flower trade in Poinsettias and Statice. She tested the performance of plants new to San Diego’s many microclimates, encouraging her garden friends to do the same.

Sessions co-founded the San Diego Floral Association with Alfred D. Robinson and his friends, and contributed often to the organization’s still-published magazine, California Garden. She was also active and outspoken in city beautification efforts and became known as the "Mother of Balboa Park," for her years of garden-making at the site of two San Diego expositions.

California Garden. Autumn 1953; 44(3). Special issue devoted to Sessions.


Minshall, Jane. "A Landscape for Kate Sessions." California Garden. Autumn 1956; 47(3): 3-4. Written by San Diego’s first formally trained and licensed female landscape architect, this article describes a landscape designed for a school named in honor of Kate Sessions and planted as a living, educational tribute to her horticultural introductions.


Kate Olivia Sessions, 1938 at Weimar, CA. (Photo courtesy of the San Diego Historical Society, Photograph Collection.)
Shelton, Louise, b. 1867, d. 1934. Louise Shelton was born in 1867 in New York City, but lived much of her life in Morristown, NJ, the home of her mother's family. There, she devoted her time to the societies she founded for the protection of children and the humane treatment of animals. Shelton also created a garden at her Morristown home and used the experience to write her first two garden books. "The Seasons in a Flower Garden" initially appeared in 1906 and was revised and reprinted for two decades. It is a simple "how-to" book suited to the many new gardeners whose ranks grew steadily early in this century.

Shelton's second book, "Continuous Bloom in America," (1915) expands on the same themes. A practical book, it discusses "where, when and what to plant" in the world of annuals and perennials, and includes suggested designs for flower beds with plant lists, evidencing what was popularly grown during this period. As did many advanced amateur gardeners of the time, Shelton preferred mixed plant groupings arranged in beds of formal outline, with designs originating in architecture or geometry.

Shelton is best known, however, for the two editions of her most important work, "Beautiful Gardens in America" (1915 and 1924), which illustrates hundreds of gardens throughout the U.S. and constitutes a valuable visual record of landscape design in the 1910s and 1920s. Most of the gardens depicted in the two editions belonged to wealthy families and represent the accepted styles of the Country Place Era -- Italianate, Colonial Revival, and so on. The owners are identified, as are the names and locations of their estates. The names of the photographers also appear, although those of the landscape architects do not. The photographs are black and white, with a small group of color illustrations in each volume. Both editions went through several printings, with 195 new illustrations added for the second edition and dropping some of the previous published photographs, making it quite different from the first edition. It is possible, therefore, to note the evolution of landscape design in America during this period by comparing the photographs in the two editions. Shelton was assisted in her decision-making for the second edition by Mrs. Francis (Louisa Yeomans) King, Mrs. Edward Harding, Mrs. Banyer Clarkson, and Mrs. Percy Kennaday, each well-known in the garden world of the day. Louise Shelton did little writing for magazines. However, through her selection of the gardens she included in "Beautiful Gardens in America," she became a significant tastemaker of her time.

Contributed by Carol Greentree

See entry on Roland Stewart Hoyt for information concerning San Diego archives containing materials on Sessions and other local practitioners.


An anecdotal biography of Sessions.


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Shelton, Louise. The Seasons in a Flower Garden. New York: Charles Scribner’s Sons; 1906. Very popular elementary how-to book. Went through three separate editions and was in print for more than 20 years. Some photos and one plan in early editions.

Contributed by Virginia Lopez Begg

Shipman, Ellen Biddle, b. 1869, d. 1950. Ellen Biddle Shipman was born in Berkeley Springs, WV and died at her winter residence in Bermuda. She attended Radcliffe for three years, but left to marry Louis Shipman, the poet, editor, and playwright. From 1893 on, the Shipmans spent their summers in Plainfield, NH, where they were active members of the Cornish art colony. Their friends included: Louise and Herbert Crone, the editor of Architectural Record; Augusta and Augustus Saint-Gaudens, the sculptor; his niece Rose Nichols, landscape architect and writer; Stephen and Maxfield Parrish, artist and illustrator; Maria and Thomas Dewing, painters; and Charles Adams Platt, painter, architect, and landscape architect, who became Shipman’s mentor. The presence of Platt and the lifestyle of the Cornish art colony, as well as its nationally acclaimed gardens, influenced Shipman’s own garden design, as well as her eventual decision to enter landscape architecture as a profession. She learned her art in this atmosphere of creativity and collaboration. With three children to raise, however, she did not pursue landscape architecture professionally until 1912. By 1914, she was doing planting plans for Platt, and, in the early teens, she opened an office in Cornish, later also opening one at Beekman Place, New York City (early 1920s).

Shipman hired only women graduates from the Lowthorpe School at a time when women were rarely hired by male-owned companies. Shipman, who had no formal training,
went into the Lowthorpe program in Landscape Architecture, Gardening and Horticulture for women. In 1933, she was named "Dean of Women Landscape Architects" by House and Garden for "adding immeasurably to garden beauty in many states and for having been so long a sane, understanding leader in her profession, and for her dedication to teaching and promoting women in the field."

Shipman left her mark on the profession, both as an advocate for a remarkable generation of women landscape architects, and as a talented designer of lavish American gardens. She told a reporter in 1938, "Until women took up landscaping, gardening in this country was at its lowest ebb. The renaissance was due largely to the fact that women, instead of working over their boards, used plants as if they were painting pictures as an artist would. Today women are at the top of the profession."

A basic design structure in her work, influenced by Platt, was the axial relationship of the garden, between the house and the landscape beyond. Like Platt, she did not try to invent styles, but worked to refine the style she developed. According to her friend and colleague, Anne Bruce Haldemen, "Although Mrs. Shipman's basic designs were outstanding and practical, her use of plant material to interpret the designs was in a class by itself."

Among Shipman's more significant projects are Lake Shore Boulevard, Grosse Pointe, MI; the Sarah Duke Memorial Garden at Duke University, Durham, NC; the Alger estate, Grosse Pointe, MI; "Rynwood," the Samuel Salvage estate, Glenhead, NY; "Longue Vue Gardens," the Edgar Stern estate, New Orleans, LA; "Cotsleigh," the Franklin B. Lord estate, Syosset, NY; and the Carl Tucker estate, Mt. Kisco, NY.


Brower, Carol Ann. Tregaron: Form and Transformation of an American Villa. Ithaca, NY:


Hart, Mary Bronson. "Women and the Art of Landscape Gardening." The Outlook, 28 March 1908; 694-704.
House Beautiful. Numerous examples of work by Ellen Shipman appear in issues of this magazine, particularly throughout the 1920s.


Archival collections that maintain holdings on Ellen Biddle Shipman include the Koch Library, Department of Manuscript and University Archives, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, which maintains the Ellen Shipman Papers; the Lowthorpe School Archives, located at the Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI; the Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site, Cornish, NH, which maintains a small file on Shipman that includes a copy of her Will and historic photos of "Brookplace;" the Baker Library, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH, Special Collection on the Cornish Colony; the Smithsonian Institution, Division of Horticultural Services, Washington, DC, which holds the slides and lecture notes that Shipman bequeathed to the Garden Club of America; and the Knight Library, University of Oregon, Eugene, OR, which maintains the papers of Edith Schryver, who worked for Ellen Shipman before entering into a partnership with Elizabeth Lord.

Contributed by Karen Krider

Shurtleff, Arthur Asahel (Shurtleff), b. 1870, d. 1957. Arthur Asahel Shurtleff (né Shurtleff, name changed in 1930) was born in Boston, MA, into a family that encouraged his development in the arts and craftwork, and also fostered a deep appreciation of nature. By the time he graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (1894) with a degree in mechanical engineering, Shurtleff had decided that his love of outdoor activities and the "planning and construction for the scenes of daily life" far outweighed his interest in engineering. Consequently, upon the advice of landscape architect and mentor Charles Eliot, he continued his education at Harvard University, graduating with a second B.S. (1896).

Shurtleff began his professional career in the Brookline, MA offices of Frederick Law Olmsted, where he spent eight years acquiring a broad and sophisticated knowledge
Shurcliff undertook his single largest commission in 1928 when he was invited to assist in the restoration of Williamsburg, VA, initiated by John D. Rockefeller, Jr. In his capacity as Chief Landscape Architect for Colonial Williamsburg, a position he held until 1941, Shurcliff combined his avocational interests in American history, craft and old gardens with his professional proficiency in planning and design. He was later hired by the Wells brothers to assist in laying out Old Sturbridge Village in Sturbridge, MA.

An early member of the American Society of Landscape Architects, Shurcliff was elected a Fellow in 1905, and served two terms as President (1928-1932). He was a founding member of the American City Planning Institute and served on the Boston Art Commission.


Barnes, A. S. Play Areas - Their Design and Equipment. New York: A. S. Barnes; 1928. Included in this well illustrated handbook on the design and equipment of play areas is the Burr Playground by Shurcliff (p. 90).


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Shurtleff, Arthur A. "Relation of the Landscape Architect to the Allied Professions." [Boston]: 1928. Typescript address on collaboration in city planning to be read before the American Society of Civil Engineers. (Loeb Library collection.)


Simonds, Ossian Cole, b. 1855, d. 1931. Born near Grand Rapids, MI, Simonds studied architecture and civil engineering at the University of Michigan, where he was later awarded an honorary Master of Arts in 1929. After leaving the University, Simonds went to work for William Le Baron Jenney in Chicago and about 1880 left to form Holabird & Simonds, which later became Holabird, Simonds & Roche.

In 1881, he became Superintendent of Graceland Cemetery (Chicago, IL), where he was influenced by his association with Bryan Lathrop, who interested him in landscape design as an "employer, patron, and inspirer." He served as Superintendent until 1898 and thereafter as a member of the Board of Managers and as Landscape Gardener for the cemetery. Simonds advocated a style of design that emphasized local landforms and native plantings. In Wilhelm Miller's The Prairie Spirit in Landscape Gardening (1915), he was cited, with Jens...
Ossian Cole Simonds. At Graceland Cemetery, Chicago, IL. (Photo courtesy of the University of Michigan.)
Jensen and Walter Burley Griffin, as an initiator of the "Prairie Style" of landscape gardening.

Simonds' practice included parks, residences, college campuses, and cemeteries throughout the Middle West. Apart from his work for Graceland Cemetery, notable projects include: the northern extension of Lincoln Park, Chicago, IL; Fort Sheridan, Highland Park, IL; the Morton Arboretum, Lisle, IL; Frick Park, Pittsburgh, PA; Washington Park, Springfield, IL; various parks in Dixon and Quincy, IL; Palmer Park and Subdivision, Detroit, MI; Nichols Arboretum, Ann Arbor, MI; Sinnissippi Farm, the estate of Governor Frank O. Lowden, Oregon, IL; the estate of Anton G. Hodenpyl, Long Island, NY. At the time of his death, he was said to have practiced in every state in the country.

Simonds was one of the twelve founding members of the American Society of Landscape Architects. He was elected a Fellow, and served as the organization's President (1913). He was also active in groups such as the American Civic Association, the Western Society of Engineers, the Association of American Cemetery Superintendents (President, 1895-1896), the Chicago City Club, and the Cliff Dwellers (Chicago). He was awarded a Silver Medal by the Paris Exposition of 1900 and a Gold Medal by the Architectural League (1925).

Simonds wrote extensively on the art of landscape gardening and perhaps the best record of his philosophy was his book Landscape Gardening (1920). In 1908, he began teaching courses in landscape design at the University of Michigan. He can be credited with establishing the design program there, most of the early professors coming from his office.


Chicago: Garland Publishing Company; 1991. Before beginning his own firm, Simonds was a partner with Holabird and Roche. This catalog notes collaborations in which Simonds was involved.

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"Mark Twain Memorial and Its Setting." Park and Cemetery. December 1912; 22(10): 236-238. Discussion of small park created by Simonds in Hannibal, MO to honor Mark Twain.

Miller, Wilhelm. "The Prairie Style of Landscape Architecture." Architectural Record. December 1916. 40(6): 590-592. Response to criticism Miller received for his The Prairie Spirit in Landscape Gardening. Miller explains the basic tenets of the "prairie style" and again refers to Simonds, Jensen and Griffin as the leaders of this movement.

Miller, Wilhelm. Country Life in America. Miller wrote many articles relating to Simonds either directly or indirectly through his involvement in the emerging Prairie School of landscape design. Issues include September 1903 (pp. 349-350); 15 September 1912 (pp. 11-14); 1 August 1912 (pp. 24-36); April 1913 (pp. 80, 82 and 39-42); April 1914 (pp. 39-40).


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Miller, Wilhelm. The Prairie Spirit in Landscape Gardening (Circular 184). Urbana, IL: Agriculture Experiment Station, University of Illinois; 1915. Extension brochure describing a "prairie" spirit or style of landscape gardening. Suggests that Simonds, Jensen, and Griffin were the leading proponents of this style and uses their work to illustrate points.


Prairie in the City: Naturalism in Chicago’s Parks, 1870-1940. Chicago, IL: Chicago Historical Society; 1991. Exhibition catalog. "Bringing the Prairie Vision into Focus" by Julia Sniderman (pp. 19-31) presents an analysis of the "prairie style" of design as reflected in Chicago’s parks. Includes a discussion of Simonds’ contributions to Lincoln Park.


Simonds, Ossian C. Park and Cemetery. Simonds wrote articles for Park and Cemetery throughout his lifetime. Many discuss Simonds' views relating to cemetery design and to the specifics of caring for cemeteries as a superintendent. He also wrote a series of articles (1896-1898) about residential street design.

There is no extensive archival collection of Ossian C. Simonds' work. Selected archival materials are known to exist in the following collections: Graceland Cemetery, Chicago, IL (plans, notes, some photos); The Morton Arboretum, Lisle, IL (plans, photos, some letters); The Department of Landscape Architecture, Iowa State University, Ames, IA (plans only); the Chicago Park District, Chicago IL (plans, annual reports and other documents); Quincy Historical Society, Quincy, IL (plans, photos, and other notes). Other towns where Simonds did park work may also have copies of plans in their archives. Correspondence from Simonds is known from the Wilhelm Miller materials in the University of Illinois archives, Urbana; the Liberty Hyde Bailey materials at Cornell University, Ithaca, NY; and the Harlow Whittemore materials at the Bently Historical Library, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

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Straub, Adolph, b. 1821, d. 1883. Adolph Straub was born August 30, 1822, in the Prussian province of Silesia. He began his training in landscape gardening at the age of 16 in Vienna's Schönbrunn and Laxenburg gardens, where he became acquainted with Hermann Ludwig Heinrich, Prince von Pückler-Muskau (1785-1871). After an 1845 tour to observe the landscape gardens and gardening procedures in Germany, the Netherlands and Belgium, Straub studied for approximately three years in Paris. He left France in 1848 for London, where he worked at the Royal Botanic Society's Gardens in Regent's Park until his departure for a visit to the U.S. in 1851.

While in England, Straub served as a guide for visitors at the London Exhibition of 1851. There he met Cincinnati businessman Robert A. Bowler, owner of the Clifton, OH estate "Mount Storm." During his tour of the U.S. Straub travelled throughout the country. When a delayed steamer forced his stayover in Cincinnati, OH, Straub, remembering Bowler from the Exhibition, paid him a visit and accepted his offer to remain in Cincinnati as his landscape gardener. Straub began developing "Mount Storm" in 1852. Then he expanded his practice to improve other Clifton home grounds, including estates for such notable Cincinnatians as Henry Probasco, George Schoenberger (whose property "Scarlet Oaks" would later be purchased by John Warder), William Neff, Robert Buchanan, and William Resor. Straub also found other German-American gardeners for some of these properties.

The general history of Spring Grove Cemetery, and Straub's involvement there is well established in several sources (Straub, 1869; Ratterman, 1884 and 1905; Green, 1944; Tobey, 1971; Linden-Ward and Sloane, 1985). In brief, the site had already been developed when Straub joined the Spring Grove effort in the winter of 1854-1855. His "lawn plan" for Spring Grove, however, was revolutionary in that it established a unified picturesque landscape where a few fine stone monuments and sculptures, enframed by trees, would provide memorials to the dead. In his plan, traditional headstones could not exceed a height of two feet "...except fine works of art, and by special permission of the Board." The cemetery designer would determine all grades and create an overall planting effect, with private enclosures and plantings being discouraged. Such visual unification of the landscape had been lacking in earlier "garden cemeteries." Spring Grove's character was maintained by strict rules, which sometimes caused major dissension. However, the ultimate effect is its enduring legacy.
Adolph Strauch. (Photo courtesy of the Cincinnati Historical Society.)

Strauch may also have been associated with Cincinnati’s park system and in the early development of Eden Park. Additionally, cemetery associations outside Cincinnati requested his advice and design assistance, including Detroit’s Woodmere Cemetery. Strauch also assisted in the formation of the Oakwoods Cemetery near Chicago (1864). Other cemetery associations quickly made use of Strauch’s ideas with some, such as New York’s Woodlawn Cemetery and Philadelphia’s West Laurel Hill Cemetery, specifically crediting Strauch or adding ideas formed by his contemporaries. Sources also credit Strauch with cemetery designs or advice for other cities, specifically Nashville, TN; Hartford, CT; Chicago, IL; Buffalo, NY; Cleveland, OH; and Indianapolis, IN (Crown Hill). O. C. Simonds noted Strauch’s role in design at Graceland Cemetery, and Strauch’s biographer, Heinrich A. Ratterman, also noted “...he advised in the design of the new Cincinnati German Catholic ‘Maria’ Cemetery.”

Strauch’s relative anonymity to modern audiences may be due in part to the fact that he remained a Prussian citizen until 1879 (four years before his death), and he worked predominantly in a single locale. He was, however, highly respected among his contemporaries. In a short biography of Strauch in Liberty Hyde Bailey’s Standard Cyclopedia of American Horticulture (1914 ed.), Ossian Cole Simonds stated, "...Perhaps no man in the United States since A. J. Downing’s time has done more for the correction and cultivation of public taste in landscape gardening than Adolph Strauch...."


Green, James A. A Centennial History of the Cemetery of Spring Grove: A Record of a Century of Devoted and Consecrated Effort. Cincinnati, OH: Spring Grove Cemetery; 1944. An extensive and detailed manuscript covering Spring Grove’s creation and evolution, this work also provides both sources and leads for the study of Strauch and Spring Grove. (MS Collection of Spring Grove.)


Ratterman, Heinrich Armin. Spring Grove Cemetery and Its Creator. 1905. Ratterman’s work presently forms the knowledge base for Strauch’s life. In his writings and through his work as Editor of Der Deutsche Pionier
Tabor, Grace, b. c. 1873, d. ?, Grace Tabor, one of the first women to identify herself professionally as a landscape architect, was born around 1873 in Cuba, NY. She studied at the Arts Students League in Buffalo and in New York City, and at the New York School of Applied Design for Women. She acquired her horticultural training at Harvard University’s Arnold Arboretum. The date of her death, some time after 1952, is unknown at this writing.

The extent of Tabor’s private design work is unclear. She is best known as a writer on both landscape design and horticulture. Beginning in 1905, Tabor wrote and drew plans for such publications as The Garden Magazine and Country Life in America. She also wrote regularly for the Woman’s Home Companion. In 1920, she began a garden column for the magazine that ran until 1941. Tabor reached a wide audience through the Woman’s Home Companion, which was at the time among the most influential women’s magazines in the country. In addition to her writings, Tabor worked as a member of the National War Gardens Commission, under the War Department, during WWI.

Tabor was also the author of ten garden books, most of which were published between 1910 and 1921, with her last book, Making a Garden of Perennials, appearing in 1951. Tabor’s most important titles include The Landscape Gardening Book (1911) and Come into the Garden (1921), both of which interpreted design principles for a general audience. Old-Fashioned Gardening (1913) introduced readers to America’s garden heritage, reflecting the popularity of the Colonial Revival. Tabor, however, emphasized design in addition to the horticultural information favored by other such writers.

Grace Tabor, who is occasionally confused with Gladys Taber, a Country Life writer from later in the century, spent most of her adult life in the New York City area. Her reputation rests on her position as one of the first women to present the value of landscape design to the public. Her writing, opinionated and authoritative, reached a wide audience in an era of great interest in gardens.


Tabor, Grace. *Making the Grounds Attractive with Shrubbery.* New York: McBride, Nast & Co.; 1912. *Another entry in the House and Garden Making Series, to which Tabor was a contributor. This is an introduction to the landscape use of shrubs for beginners.*


Contributed by Virginia Lopez Begg
Taylor, Albert Davis, b. 1883, d. 1951. Albert Davis Taylor received S.B. and A.B. degrees from the Massachusetts Agricultural University and Boston College (1905) and an MLA from Cornell University (1906). After teaching at Cornell (1906-1908), he entered private practice in the office of Warren H. Manning, beginning as a drafter and then becoming an Associate and Superintendent of Construction and General Manager of Office and Field Work (1912).

Taylor established a private practice in Cleveland, OH in 1914, where significant projects included Julius Fleischmann's "Winding Creek Farm" (1926) and J. J. Emery's "Peterloon" in Indian Hills, OH. The office also designed the Eastern States Agricultural and Industrial Exposition in Springfield, MA (1915). He maintained a Florida office, which produced estates, waterfront and park developments for the cities of Daytona Beach, Seabreeze and resort developments in Sebring. Taylor's firm also prepared a campus plan for Boys Town, Nebraska, the site plan for the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. (1942) and the Florida Capital Center (1947).

In 1936, accompanied by R. D'Arcy Bonnet, Taylor toured the National Forests as a consultant to the United States Forest Service. Their report, Problems of Landscape Architecture in the National Forests (1936), became a major reference for recreational development in the National Forests. The following year he published Camp Stoves and Fireplaces (1937) for the Forest Service.

Taylor wrote extensively and his contributions were recognized by his colleagues. He prepared many important documents for the American Society of Landscape Architects as well as articles in the popular magazines of his day and some short books. He was a contributing editor of Landscape Architecture (1922-1936), where, assisted by associates, he wrote the majority of the "Construction Notes" columns. The "Notes," supported by meticulously detailed drawings, discussed the most up-to-date methods of landscape architectural construction. His books, such as The Complete Garden (1920), and widely read articles in popular magazines -- Your Garden Magazine, Country Life and Your Garden and Home -- contributed to the public's understanding of landscape architecture.

Taylor was a member of ASLA (1908), later elected a Fellow, and served three consecutive terms as the organization's President (1936-1941). Additionally, he served on many committees and task forces, including early work with the Committee on Exhibitions (1917-1920) and a 17-year tenure on the Committee on the American Academy in Rome. He chaired ASLA's Committee on Professional Practice and Ethics (1915-1924) when the Official Statement of Professional Practice (1920) and Methods of Charges and Recommended Minimum Charges (ca. 1920) were published. He was also a member of the Committee on Education when it published the Minimum Educational Standards for the Profession of Landscape Architecture.

Taylor's volunteer work as a clearinghouse for government jobs during the Depression and War years was a significant contribution to the profession. Through a series of six circulars and articles in Pencil Points, he detailed how and where to find government positions and how to participate in the planning and design of national defense construction work. Taylor served as a non-resident Professor in the landscape architecture program he helped establish at The Ohio State University (1916-1926). A Trustee of the Lake Forest Foundation and the Cambridge School of Architecture and Landscape Architecture, Taylor lectured at several schools on a regular basis. He influenced several generations of professionals through his lectures, teaching and office internships.
"Cincinnati Playgrounds Capitalize Rugged Topography." The American City. September 1932: 63. Taylor designed a group of recreation fields for the City of Cincinnati, OH. Includes a plan of one on rugged terrain.


Barnes, A. S. Play Areas -- Their Design and Equipment. New York: A. S. Barnes; 1928. Included in this well handbook on the design and equipment of play areas are many A. D. Taylor designs and associated narrative for a variety of fields and surfaces (pp. 52-66, 129, 162).

Butler, George D. The New Play Areas -- Their Design and Equipment. New York: A.S. Barnes & Company; 1938. Archery diagrams and specifications (p. 64); plan for official baseball field (p. 67); bowling green construction (p. 73); tether tennis (p. 74); croquet (p. 76); field hockey (p. 78); quoits and horseshoes (p. 86).


"Daisy Hill Farm; the Estate on the Lake O. P. and M. J. Van Sweringen" Country Life in America. November 1937; LXXIII(1). History and aesthetic description of the then vacant site. Photos from the Clifford Norton Edmundson Studio; aerial photos; map.


Giese, Sally Ann. The A. D. Taylor Clipping Files, 1883 to 1914: Private Remembrances of the Early Life and Career of Albert Davis Taylor, Landscape Architect and Town Planner. Unpublished paper in the files of Jot Carpenter, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH; 1986. Using information garnered from the nine boxes and the photographs in the A. D. Taylor collection at the Ohio Historical Society, the author recounts Taylor's youth to the establishment of his own firm in 1914. Emphasis is placed on the influences on his life and his philosophy as reflected by his writing.

Hottonis, JoAnn. A. D. Taylor: His Impact on 20th Century American Landscape Architecture Combined With A Bibliographical Compilation To Serve As A Resource To Encourage Further Research on A. D. Taylor. Cleveland, OH: The Ohio State University; 1991. Unpublished master's thesis that includes an extensive chapter on Taylor's life and professional career. Also includes a database of over 2,000 documents documenting the source of all existing Taylor records and drawings.


"Cincinnati Shows Naturalism In A Pleasant Garden." House and Garden. September 1930; 58: 86. On the estate of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Albers, Cincinnati, OH. Before and after photograph includes one by Lowrey-Sill.


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Robbins, Carle. "On the Career of a Landscape Architect." Bystander. 29 March 1930; 13: 14-64. Published on the occasion of the Third Annual Cleveland OH Flower Show. Taylor was one of a small group who established the first Show and a participant in the development of those that followed. He was interviewed for the article that includes facts about his life not mentioned in other biographies written after his death.


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Taylor, A. D. "The Best Time to do Your Planting." Garden Magazine. March 1920; 31: 22. Chart shows the planting seasons for locations throughout the U.S.
Taylor, A. D. "An Ideal Cut Flower Garden." Garden Magazine. April 1921; 33: 116-117. The home of Mr. Charles E. Lang, Cleveland, OH. Photographs with captions.

Taylor, A. D. "The Average Suburban Lot." House & Garden. 23 June 1957; 50: 130-131. Considerations for a prospective home buyer. Illustrations from Developing the Small Home Grounds and a detailed planting plan are used to create a "good" garden.

Taylor A. D. "Planting and Seeding Seasons Throughout the United States." House and Garden. March 1931; 59: 82-85. Planting zone maps, accompanied by charts illustrate fall and spring seeding seasons throughout the U.S.


Taylor, A. D. "Why Does Our Garden Phlox Revert to Type." Landscape Architecture Magazine. January 1924; 14(2): 112-113. Explains that the phlox is not reverting to type but to seedlings that crowd out and do not breed true to the parent plant. A high maintenance solution is suggested.


Taylor, A. D. "Landscape Construction Notes XVIII: Planting and Transplanting." Landscape Architecture
proper transplanting. Ground preparation, methods, and seasonal concerns are discussed. Includes construction details and cost data.


Taylor, A. D. "Landscape Construction Notes: Notes on Garden Theaters." Landscape Architecture Magazine. April 1931; 21(3): 209-227. Notes on planning garden theatres, including a set of plans and one perspective of the Hathaway Brown School, Shaker Heights, OH.


Taylor, A. D. "Public Works and the Profession of Landscape Architecture." Landscape Architecture Magazine. April 1934; 24(3): 135-142. Taylor recognizes that the increase in activities of the Civilian Conservation Corps and the Civil Works Administration provides an unprecedented opportunity to expand the role of the landscape architect in governmental offices. Discussion of opportunities and constraints.


Warder, John Aston, b. 1812, d. 1883. Educated at Philadelphia's Jefferson Medical College, Dr. John Warder practiced medicine in Cincinnati, OH from 1837-1851. After retiring, he purchased a farm at North Bend, OH, to the west of Cincinnati, which he laid out as a ferme ornée based on the principles of Andrew Jackson Downing. Warder used his farm, "Aston," as a private experiment station to support his writing.

Warder edited the Western Horticultural Review (1850-1853) and The Horticultural Review and Botanical Magazine (1854), aimed at the Ohio River Valley region. In addition, he published a classic text on apples, American Pomology (1867) and regularly contributed articles on new apple varieties to various other publications. Warder was involved in several horticultural organizations, including the Ohio Pomological Society, which he helped organize and served as President. He was also active in the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the American Pomological Society.

Around 1872, Warder's interests shifted to conservation and reforestation. He introduced the Western catalpa, Catalpa speciosa, into scientific literature, and became an advocate of living fences, hedges and shelterbelts. He founded and was the first president of the American Forestry Association (1875). In 1873, he served as a U.S. Commissioner to the Vienna International Exhibition, producing a report on European forestry practices. Just prior to his death in 1883, Warder was appointed as a forestry agent for the Department of Agriculture by President Hayes.
Dr. John Warder’s work as founder of the American Forestry Association.


Frederick, John W., Biography of Dr. John Aston Warder. Columbus, OH. Unpublished biography by a researcher in Botany Department of the Ohio State University.


Warder, Dr. John Aston, and James, David L. and Joseph F. *Woody Plants of Ohio.* Cincinnati, OH: (uncredited); 1882. Listing of woody plants, native and adapted to Ohio. Remarks on use and adaptability to region.


Williams, Sherda K. *A Conceptual Landscape Plan for Integrating Residential Development on an historic estate.*

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Asbury, Eslie. "Dr. John Aston Warder. Papers of the Cincinnati Literary Club." Cincinnati, OH: By the Club; 1978. Biographical information on Warder. Highlights his work with the American Forestry Association and Arbor Day Celebrations (pp. 86-97).


Banks, Laura Stockton. "John Aston Warder: First President of the American Forestry Association." American Forestry. 1967; 73(11). Biographical article by Warder’s great-granddaughter. Primary emphasis on
Welch, Adonijah Strong, b. 1821, d. 1889. Adonijah Strong Welch was born in East Hampton, CT on April 12, 1821. At the age of 18, Welch moved to Michigan where he prepared for college at the academy at Romeo. He was then admitted to the University of Michigan (1843), receiving the degrees of B.A. (1846) and M.A. (1852). He studied law (1846-1847). He was admitted to the bar, but chose not to practice.

Welch was elected principal of the first union or graded school in Michigan at Jonesville (1847). He served as principal for two years and then joined the California gold rush, where he remained for over a year. Because of his success in the conduct of the union school at Jonesville, Welch was offered, and accepted, the principalship of the State Normal School at Ypsilanti, MI (1851), where he remained for 15 years.

While in Michigan, Welch conducted numerous teachers' institutes (1852-53), lectured on education, and served as trustee of the Michigan Agricultural College. He also aided in organizing the State Teachers' Association, serving as its first President. He was for many years, prominent in its management. In 1865, due to impaired health, Welch left the Normal School, moving to Florida, where he was elected to the U.S. Senate (1867-1869).

On May 11, 1868, A. S. Welch was appointed to the Presidency of the Iowa Agricultural College by the Board of Trustees, the position for which Welch terminated his Senatorial career. He was inaugurated March 17, 1869, as the first President of the Iowa State Agricultural College. There Welch found a splendid opportunity and wealth of raw material with which to practice the thing he liked best to do, landscape gardening. In addition to his administrative work, he lectured on landscape gardening, using Andrew Jackson Downing's Treatise on the Theory and Practice of Landscape Gardening as a text for his nine week course. La Verne W. Noyes describes this early class in a letter to Dr. L. H. Pammel. "President Welch had a landscape gardening class using Downing's book for a text book, and to many of us who were in the class, he talked of the plans and of the practical work; in fact the demonstration on the grounds was the principal feature of the landscape gardening class." With the help of 35 to 40 students, who were required to work three hours daily for the institution, Welch put into practice his teaching on landscape gardening.

Welch was a practical (not theoretical) landscape gardener. Having very little to guide him in selection of plants for Iowa, he depended largely on native species. With fewer than one hundred students on the campus, Welch laid out the campus, locating buildings, drives, walks, groups of trees and shrubbery. Dr. L. H. Pammel wrote in The Proceedings of the Iowa Park and Forestry Association that "One of the most enduring monuments Dr. Welch has left to the State, is this beautiful campus which may serve as a model for future planting and arrangement in Iowa. His judgement, we may say after thirty years' trial is excellent." When La Verne Noyes brought O. C. Simonds to Ames to continue work on the campus, he related their appraisals of the work previously accomplished by Welch in a letter to Pammel. "Welch was certainly an artist in landscape gardening and had great experience and great taste for the work. Mr. Simonds is very anxious, so far as can be done at this late date, to follow the plan which was laid out, which he says was admirable."

Welch served as President from 1869 until failing health obliged him to resign in 1883. After resigning, he accepted a commission from the U.S. government to investigate and report upon the organization and management of the leading agricultural schools in Europe. He visited Germany, England and Belgium and issued his report, which was published in 1885. Following his return to the college, he accepted the Chair of History of Civilization and Practical Psychology. He occupied himself with the duties of this Professorship and the writing of several books on English, until his death at his winter home in Pasadena, CA on March 4, 1889.

Adonijah Strong Welch. (Photo courtesy of Iowa State University.)
Whiting, Edward Clark, b. 1881, d. 1962. Edward Clark Whiting was born in Brooklyn, NY in August, 1881. He spent his entire professional career with the Olmsted firm, joining them in 1905 after a year of graduate study in landscape architecture following his graduation from Harvard University (1903).

Whiting began as a drafter and general designer, progressing to partnership in the firm in 1921. During WWI, he spent one year away from the firm (1918) working in Washington, DC on the design of cantonments under his Olmsted colleague, George Gibbs, for the Construction Division of the Army. Whiting was thoughtful and articulate, as is reflected in his published articles, as well as his professional correspondence. His writings consistently express the principle that landscape design must integrate the compositional tenets of a fine art -- unity, balance, harmony, rhythm -- with the ever-changing palette of nature -- climate, topography and living materials -- to create environments of beauty and function. In his writings and other endeavors, Whiting followed Olmsted's example, expressing the belief that park planning should serve the public's needs, providing recreational spaces of various types and sizes near population clusters. But more than active recreation, he was a strong proponent for "real landscape parks in which the preservation of scenery is the basic function," subordinating athletic fields to peripheral areas. Landscape beauty, however, could also take the form of a learning laboratory, as in the Hartford Arboretum, where the plantings were planned not only for botanical relationships, but to create complete aesthetic compositions to cultivate "public appreciation of the value and uses of plants as components of that beauty."

Whiting's writings also evidence a strong sense of mission regarding the professional practice of landscape architecture in order to maintain high standards in creating public amenities. Toward that end, he chaired the American Society of Landscape Architects Committee on Membership Qualifications for many years, served as President of the Boston Society of Landscape Architects, and as Director, later President, of the Hubbard Educational Trust, Inc. He was elected a Fellow of ASLA in 1930.

Whiting listed his specialties as subdivision design, land planning for housing, industrial and institutional development. His work ranged from residential designs including: homes of G. A. Cluett, Williamstown, MA; E. K. Davis, Marston's Mills, MA; Edward V. Hartford's "Wando Plantation," Charleston, SC; and Lynn Troxel, Tiffin, OH; subdivisions such as Munsey Gardens, Manhasset, NY; Khakum Woods, Greenwich, CT; Cherokee Gardens and Indian Hills, Louisville, KY; institutional work: Catholic University and Trinity College, Washington, DC; Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, KY; cemeteries: North Purchase Cemetery, Attleboro, MA; Hillside Cemetery, Torrington, CT; Washtenong Memorial Park, Ann Arbor, MI. He worked on the Essex and Union County, N.J. park systems with John C. Olmsted and Percival
Edward Clark Whiting. (Photo courtesy Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site.)

Gallagher; on the parks in Louisville, KY with J.C. Olmsted and James Frederick Dawson; on the New Haven CT parks and city planning projects for Pittsburgh, PA and Newport, RI with Frederick Law Olmsted, Jr.

Whiting never retired, and was still an active partner of Olmsted Associates when he died on April 18, 1962 in Boston, MA.


Architecture and Design. August 1939. Special issue devoted to photographs of the work of Olmsted Brothers, including the following projects with which Whiting was involved: the Hartford Arboretum; subdivision plan of estate of William G. Rockefeller, Greenwich, CT; Art Museum, Cleveland, OH; estate of J. E. Aldred, Glen Cove, NY; and estate of E. K. Davis, Osterville, MA (pictured in an advertisement for Gillis and Clune, landscape construction).


Boston Society of Landscape Architects. Year Book for 1929. Boston, MA: Office of the Publication Committee; 1929. Photos of George A. Cluett garden, Williamstown, MA; and Cleveland Museum of Art, Cleveland, OH.


Whiting, Edward Clark. "Comment on Tree Valuation: A Measure for Property Loss by Hurricane by C. Coatsworth Pinkney." Landscape Architecture. October 1944; 35: 24-25. Whiting's observations on estimating losses to property values from hurricane damage to landscape, a problem he was dealing with at this time for clients on Cape Cod (e.g., E. K. Davis).


Analysis of the design for a topographically complex site, provide user amenities and retain the natural beauty.


The collection of plans, photos, correspondence, etc., at the Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site, Brookline, MA, is organized by job number, and has not yet been catalogued in a manner to enable easy identification and retrieval of items produced by Whiting alone. Whiting's personal folder, Job #371, in the Post-1949 Correspondence Files, contains miscellaneous material concerning biographical and work-related information.

Contributed by Arleyn Levee

Wilder, Louise Beebe, b. 1878, d. 1938. Louise Beebe Wilder, one of the country’s best-known garden writers, was born in Baltimore, MD in 1878. Educated privately, she married architect Walter Robb Wilder in 1902 and, soon after, they purchased their country place, "Balderbrae," near Suffern, NY. Beginning in 1913, Wilder described her garden there in articles for such publications as The Garden Magazine, Country Life, and Good Housekeeping, and in two books, My Garden (1916) and Colour in My Garden (1918). These established her reputation as a talented horticulturist and garden writer.

Soon after WWI, Wilder moved to a new home in suburban Bronxville, NY. There she concentrated on the rock plants that had increasingly attracted her attention. Most of her writing after 1920 concerned rock plants and rock gardens. She both benefited from and stimulated the burgeoning interest in the subject. Wilder defined "rock plant" broadly, so much of her subject matter was applicable to the larger garden picture, both then and now.

In February, 1925, Wilder began a column in House and Garden that she continued until her death. Her magazine work was largely confined to House and Garden during this period. The column gave her a distinguished platform from which to share her extensive knowledge of plants. Many of these articles were collected and published as books, in the common practice of the period. She published a total of eleven books. One, The Rock Garden (1933), was excerpted from the earlier Adventures in My Garden and Rock Garden (1923). Another was not a garden title, so nine books may be said to constitute her relevant body of work.

Wilder’s influence resulted from her literary ability as well as her knowledge of plants. She popularized many little known species and played a significant role in the choice of plant material in the gardens of her era.

Marranca, Bonnie (Ed.). American Garden Writing. NY: PAJ Publications; 1988. Gleanings from garden lives then and now. Includes Wilder’s essay on the "Pleasures of the Nose" (p. 29).


Wilder, Louise Beebe. *Colour in My Garden*. Garden City, NY: Doubleday, Doran; 1928. A lavish exploration of color through the seasons in Wilder's perennial garden. Illustrations from Anna Winegar's paintings are in color, unusual in American garden books of this period.


Contributed by Virginia Lopez Begg

Wright, Richardson, b. 1886, d. 1961. Richardson Wright was born in Philadelphia, PA in 1886. After his graduation from Trinity College, Hartford, CT (1910), he worked briefly as a newspaper editor in Albany, NY and then spent a year as a foreign correspondent in Russia. Returning to New York City, he became a literary and theatre critic for *The New York Times* and *Smart Styles* (1911-1914). He was then appointed editor of *House and Garden* (1914), where he remained until 1950. In this position and through the many books he wrote or edited on gardens and gardening, houses, interior design and related matters, Wright became one of the most influential tastemakers of his time.

Wright came to *House and Garden* as the interest of many Americans in both house and garden-making was reaching a peak. Wright was a man of great erudition in many fields. In addition, he seemed to have the unerring ability to keep his finger on the cultural pulse of his upper-middle-class audience and to publish top-quality material on subjects of interest to those readers. Wright's
House and Garden featured articles by most of the important landscape designers and horticulturists of the era who showed themselves at all willing to write about their work.

Richardson Wright encouraged the writing careers of many authorities, including E. H. Wilson and Louise Beebe Wilder, both of whom wrote regularly for House and Garden. He provided a forum for many women garden writers at a time when women were struggling to enter the professions. He also sought to coax men into the garden by arguments as creative as describing gardening as a sport.

Wright was ubiquitous in the garden world, serving as Chair of the International Flower Show in New York, President of the American Rose Society, as a Director of the New York Horticultural Society, to name only a few of his commitments. A writer as well as editor, Wright’s running editorial commentary in House and Garden on the state of America’s houses and gardens and on a wide variety of related issues, make thoughtful and intelligent reading. Even today they demonstrate his extensive knowledge and experience.

Richardson Wright, c. early 1930s. (House and Garden.)

Wright, Richardson. Another Gardener’s Bed-Book. Philadelphia, PA: J. B. Lippincott; 1933. Like the 1929 publication, a brief gardening profile. Includes garden history, folklore, plant description, etc., for each day of the year. Reflects Wright’s extensive knowledge and social connections related to the subject.


Wright, Richardson. *Truly Rural*. Boston, MA: Houghton Mifflin; 1922. The first garden book Wright wrote. An account of how he found his Connecticut place and how he made his garden there.


There are no known archives of Richardson Wright at this time.

Contributed by Virginia Lopez Begg

Wyman, Alanson Phelps, b. 1870, d. 1947. Alanson Phelps Wyman received a B.S. in Agriculture from Cornell University (1897). He attended Massachusetts Institute of Technology (1902-1904) where he took special courses in architecture, landscape design and engineering. Wyman was a drafter for O. C. Simonds (1897-1898), for D. W. Langdon (1898), for Olmsted Brothers (1899-1902), and for Charles Platt (summers, 1902-1903). He spent the summer of 1904 touring Europe.

When Wyman returned from his travels, he opened his own practice in Chicago and spent part of his time teaching landscape gardening at the University of Illinois. In 1911, he opened an office in Minneapolis where he became very active in the American Society of Landscape Architects. He was elected a Fellow (1912). He also participated in various civic organizations, serving on the Minneapolis Park Board (1916-1924), and the Minneapolis Planning Commission (1921-1924).

In 1924 Wyman went to Milwaukee where he was appointed as the landscape architect for the Milwaukee County Regional Planning Department, resigning in 1926 to return to private practice. He continued his own practice until his death in 1947, primarily designing parks including the Wisconsin Rapids Parks System and residential projects such as E. Rockefeller McCormick's 'Villa Turicum', Lake Forest, IL. He also prepared the plan for the State Capitol Grounds at Pierre, SD.

Later in his life, Wyman's interest focused on planning. He devoted much effort and time to persuading the Land Commission of the City of Milwaukee to prepare a master plan. (Recognizing the lake front area to have great potential for development.) Wyman worked on many of these projects without compensation.


Wyman, Alanson Phelps. The Arrangement and Planting of School Grounds (Circular). Urbana, IL: University of Illinois Agriculture Experimental Station; March 1910. Wyman's recommendations for planning and planting school grounds, including a plant list and a sample plan of Pugh School, Decatur, IL (William Carbyn Zimmerman, architect).


Wyman, Alanson Phelps. "Why the Summer White House Went to the Black Hills." Landscape Architecture. 1927; 17(4): 325-326. Recounting the site selection process used for establishing Custer State Park Lodge, Black Hills, VT (used by President Coolidge as a summer home).


Wyman, Alanson Phelps. "Wild Flowers in Park Woods." Parks & Recreation. July/August 1925: 8(6): 519-20. Promotes limited access to wildflower preserves in large parks, includes recommendations for pedestrian barriers. Photo of Grant Park woods, Milwaukee, WI.


Contributed by Scott Mehaffey

Archival collections for Alanson Phelps Wyman include his professional library at the University of Illinois and the Wisconsin Architecture Archives, Milwaukee, WI, which houses plans by Wyman.
INDIVIDUAL ENTRIES

The following is a list of individuals that have been included in the Pioneers data base files to date. Those names that appear in italic are included in this publication. The list is constantly growing. Please use the form that appears at the end if you have further information or suggestions.

Stanley Abbott, FASLA (1908-1975)
Tracy Hayes Able (b. 1893)
Edward P. Adams
Charles Gibbs Adams
George J. Albrecht, FASLA (1908-1975)
Arthur Haddon Alexander, FASLA (1918-1969)
Alma Alison
Nellie Beatrice Allen (1869-1961)
Robert Allerton (1873-1964)
H. A. Alspach (fl. 1910s)
Dorothy May Anderson (1903-1993)
Edith Greaves Antognolli (b. 1912)
John A. Arnold
Iris Ashwell (b. 1897)
Franz Aust (1885-1968)
Andrew Auton
Mabel Keyes Babcock (1862-1931)
Nathaniel Bacon
Margaret Henderson Bailie
Liberty Hyde Bailey (1858-1954)
Anne Baker (1890-1943)
Harriet Rodes Bakewell
Frederick Barlow, Jr., FASLA (1902-1953)
Helen Mackenzie Barnes
Nathan Franklin Barrett (1845-1919)
Harold Bartholomew
Arthur C. Barton (1907-1980)
Tom Barton
John Bartram (1699-1777)
Katherine Bashford
Alice M. Bauhan (1902-1962)
Douglas G. Baylis, FASLA (1915-1971)
Eugene Baumann
Sylvester Baxter (1850-1927)
Robert Washburn Beal
E. Hamilton Bell
O. J. Haslett Bell
Margaret Eaglesfield Bell (b. 1888)
Edward H. Bennett (1874-1954)
Wilhelm Benque (1914-1905)
Olaf Benson
Marie M. Berger (b. 1907)
Jacob Bigelow (1787-1879)
Wilhelm Christian Bischoff (1787-1881)
Russell Van Nest Black (1893-1969)
Erle O. Blair
Faith Florence Jones Block (b. 1907)
Harold Hill Blossom, FASLA (1879-1935)
Alfred Boerner (1900-1955)
William Booth (1807-1872)
Charles L. Borie (1861-1943)
William Welles Bosworth (1868-1966)
Myrl Elijah Bottomley (1893-1956)
Henry N. Boucher
Ernest William Bowditch (1850-1915)
Dr. John R. Bracken, FASLA (1891-1979)
William Dunlop Brackenridge (1810-1893)
Ernest Brauntun
Vera Poggi Breed (1890-1967)
Franklin Nathan Brett, FASLA (1865-1952)
W.W. Briggeman
Loutrell W. Briggs (1893-1977)
John W. Bright, FASLA (1932-1992)
Arthur Freeman Brinckerhoff, FASLA (1880-1959)
John R. Brinley, FASLA (1863-1947)
Hermann Brookmann
Alfred Hulse Brooks (1871-1924)
James Henry Brooks, FASLA (1906-1980)
Katherine Brooks
Louise Bush-Brown (b. 1887)
James Bush-Brown, FASLA (b. 1882)
James F. Brown (1869-1937)
Herbert Browne (1860-1946)
Charles G. Bryant (fl. 1830s)
Elizabeth Bullard, FASLA (1847-1916)
Helen Elise Bullard (b. 1896)
Oliver Crosby Bullard
Charles Bullfinch
William Bullock
George Burnap
Daniel Hudson Burnham (1846-1912)
Donald W. Bush, FASLA (1898-1979)
Hans Bushbauer
Hans Bussinck
Frank M. Button
Laurence S. Caldwell
Harold A. Caparn, FASLA (1864-1945)
Arthur Hawthorne Carhart (1891-1978)
George A. Carlson
Willa Cloys Carmack
William Gray Cames, FASLA (b. 1907)
Walter Chambers, FASLA (b. 1907)
Helen (Witham) Chamlee
Hannah J. Champlin
Joseph Everett Chandler (1864-1945)
Stephen Child, FASLA (1866-1936)
Eleanor H. Christie, FASLA (b. 1890)
Thomas Dolliver Church (1902-1978)
Agnes Selkirk Clark, FASLA (1898-1983)
Elizabeth Books Clark
Gilmore D. Clarke, FASLA (1892-1982)
Charles P. Clayton, FASLA (b. 1911)
Horace William Shaler Cleveland (1814-1900)
Henry Sargent Codman (1859-1893)
Ernest T. Coe
Clara Stimson Coffey, FASLA (b. 1894)
Marian Cruger Coffin, FASLA (1876-1957)
Amy Cogswell (d. 1954)
F.M. Cole
Clarence Cornelius Combs, FASLA (1892-1958)
Arthur Coleman Corney, FASLA (1886-1954)
George Carroll Cone (1862-1942)
Wilbur D. Cook, Jr., FASLA
George Cooke
David Coolidge
Avery Coonley (1870-1920)
Elizabeth Tanenbaum Cooper (d. 1934)
Hans Jacob Ehlers (1804-1858)
Louis Augustus Ehlers (1835-1911)
Walter Elder
Charles Eliot (1859-1897)
Charles Eliot II (d. 1993)
F. R. Elliot
J. Wilkinson Elliott (1857-1939)
Stephen Elliot
George Elsworth (1816-1905)
Philip Homer Elwood, FASLA (1884-1960)
Albert Enerson, FASLA (b. 1909)
Arthur Erfeldt
Andrew H. Ernst (1796-1861)
Frederick N. Evans, FASLA (1881-1946)
Mary Parsons Cunningham (d. 1934)
Joseph H. Curtis
Charles Curtiss
Horace Cotton
Lucille Council
Laurie Davidson Cox, FASLA (1885-1968)
Joseph Story Fay (1812-1897)
Hugh Vincent Feehan (1899-1952)
Hugh Findlay, FASLA (1879-1950)
Arthur Fitzgerald, FASLA (1897-1971)
Armistead Fitzhugh, FASLA (1895-1975)
John R. Fitzsimmons, FASLA (1896-1985)
Annette Hoyt Flanders, FASLA (1887-1946)
Bryant Fleming, FASLA (1877-1946)
Herbert Lincoln Flint, FASLA (1870-1955)
Charles W. Folsom
Clarence Fowler
Robert L. Fowler Jr., FASLA
William H. Frederick
Prentiss French, FASLA (b. 1894)
Jane Frost, FASLA (1843-1914)
Anna Biddle Frishmuth
Paul Frost (1883-1957)
William Edward Frost (1843-1914)
Ethelbert Furlong  
Percival Gallagher (1874-1934)  
Joseph Gangemi  
Charles William Garfield (1848-1934)  
Alfred Geiffert, Jr., FASLA (1890-1957)  
Florence Holmes Hill Gerke (1896-1964)  
Walter Henry Gerke (d. 1982)  
George Gibbs, Jr. FASLA (1878-1950)  
Edmund O.B. Gilchrist (1883-1953)  
Howard Gilkey  
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Howard Gilkey  

Beatrice Morgan Goodrich  
Francis Hastings Gott  
Samuel H. Gottscho (1874-1971)  
John Grant  
Carol Grant  
A. Donald Gray  
Jacques Auguste Henri Greber (1882-1962)  
Rose Isabel Greetley, FASLA (1887-1969)  
John Christop Wilhelm Greening (1829-1908)  
James Leal Greenleaf, FASLA (1857-1933)  
John Watt Gregg  
John William Gregg, FASLA (1880-1969)  
Walter Burley Griffin (1876-1937)  
Ralph E. Griswold, FASLA (1894-1980s)  
Albert Grove (1909-1974)  
Ralph Ellis Gunns  
Herman Haerlin  
William Hager  
George D. Hall  
Glenn L. Hall, FASLA (1893-1954)  
William Hammond Hall (1864-1934)  
Stephen F. Hamblin (fl. 1920s-40s)  
John J. Handrahan  
S. Herbert Hare (1888-1960)  
Sidney J. Hare, FASLA (1888-1960)  
W. Mareclydd Harrison  
Dorothea Katharine Harrison (1897-1978)  
V. Ethelyn Harrison  
Gretchen Harsbarger  
Justin Hartzog, FASLA (1892-1963)  
T. Hastings (fl. 1860s)  
Ruth M. Havey  
Ruth Hayden  
U.P. Hedrick  
Hans O. Heistad (1871-1945)  
Peter Henderson (1822-1890)  
Ernst Herminghaus (1890-1965)  
William Hertrich  
George Heussler (1751-1817)  
Matti Edwards Hewitt  

Chauncey S. Hill  
Sanford Hill  
Lewis Parsons Hobart (1873-1954)  
Noble Foster Hoggson (1865-1939)  
Otto Holmdahl (d. 1970s)  
Norman Valentine Holmes  
Alden Hopkins, FASLA (1905-1960)  
Agnes R. Hornbeck (b. 1908)  
W. Hornal  
Beatrice C. Horneman (b. 1906)  
Herbert A. Horton  
M. H. Horvath  
Franz Hosp  
Harry B. Hostetter (1893-1946)  
Almerin Hotchkiss (1816-1903) (RG)  
Edward Page Howard (d. 1928)  
Paul Howard  
Elizabeth Howerton (b. 1903)  
Benjamin C. Howland, FASLA (1923-1983)  
Roland Stewart Hoyt (1890-1968)  
Henry Vincent Hubbard (1875-1947)  
Theodora Kimball Hubbard (1887-1935)  
Annie Oakes Huntington  
George Cooper Huntington, FASLA (b. 1909)  
Edward Huntsman-Trout, FASLA  
Martha Brooks Brown Hutcheson (1872-1959)  
Hugh Imlay  
Umberto Innocenti, FASLA (1895-1986)  
Alice Recknagel Irey, FASLA  
Norman Morrison Isham (1864-1942)  
Mary Rutherfurd Jay  
Thomas C. Jeffers, FASLA (1889-1952)  
Thomas Jefferson (1743-1826)  
William LeBaron Jenney (1832-1907)  
Allen Ryerson Jennings, FASLA (b. 1893)  
Jens Jensen (1860-1951)  
Marshall J. Johnson (1892-1967)  
Frances Benjamin Johnston  
Helen Swift Jones, FASLA (b. 1890)  
Thomas Hudson Jones, FASLA (1902-1970)  
Peter Juley  
Herbert J. Kellaway, FASLA (1867-1947)  
Frederick Hedge Kennard (d. 1937)  
Roger G. Kennedy  
Sidney Stills Kennedy, FASLA (b. 1900)  
George Alexander Kern  
Maximillian G. Kern (fl. 1870s-1890s)  
George Edward Kessler (1862-1923)  
Louisa Yeomans (Mrs. Francis) King (1863-1948)  
Stuart King, FASLA (1907-1970)  
Frederick Kingsbury (1891-1943)  
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