THE EARLY FLOWER GARDENS OF LONGWOOD

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INTRODUCTION

Longwood Gardens has thrilled millions of visitors with its gardens, conservatories, historic plantings and grand architecture. Originally the private country estate of Pierre Samuel du Pont, it has become one of the foremost display gardens in the country.

Pierre du Pont was a corporate industrialist with formal training in chemistry. During his career, he rose to prominence as the head of two major United States corporations. In his private life, Pierre was intrigued with all aspects of horticulture, farming, and gardens, interests that he seemed to have inherited from other members of the du Pont family.

When Pierre purchased Longwood, one of his first activities was to plan and install extensive gardens to the south of the main house. As he did with most things he enjoyed, Pierre taught himself what he needed to know about gardens and gardening. He did not use professionals to help plan the layout and plantings for his gardens but

designed them himself and worked to refine them each year.

The early flower gardens developed by Pierre at Longwood reflect his personality, interests, taste, and lifestyle. They do not adhere to strict design principles but are a unique combination of styles and elements that he enjoyed.

This thesis looks at Pierre's horticultural background and interests, and documents the historical development of the early gardens of Longwood. These include the Flower Garden Walk, the Rose Garden, the Sundial Garden, the Reflecting Pool, and the Terrace Gardens. Information was derived from studying Pierre's personal papers and from recollections of family members. From these we gain a unique perspective on the man and the gardens that were to become some of the most beautiful in the world.

CHAPTER 1

PIERRE SAMUEL DU PONT

Pierre Samuel du Pont was born on January 15, 1870, and spent his early childhood at Nemours, the home built for his grandfather, Alfred du Pont. His family led a simple and unpretentious life and he later recalled:

Our household was of a kind that belonged to what then might have been classed as "respectable gentility" not rich but comfortable without financial embarrassment.¹

Nemours was situated near the powder yards on the west bank of the Brandywine. Eleutherian Mills, the original du Pont home, was next door, the other du Pont family homes of Louviers and Upper Louviers were across the creek and Hagley was down the road. Thus, Pierre and his family lived in the heart of the du Pont domain.

From infancy, Pierre was aware of gardens. The du Ponts were a close family, and visited each other frequently. They were also a family with strong horticultural interests that went back many generations. Next door to his home was the garden first started by Pierre's great-grandfather Eleuthere Irenee du Pont. This garden contained many plants obtained by Eleuthere du Pont from France, some from the Jardin des Plantes in Paris, as well as those he purchased and collected on trips in In 1925, Pierre's aunt, Victorine E. du Pont America. Foster, sketched the garden as she remembered it appearing in about 1880. The sketch depicts twelve parterres edged in boxwood, containing flowers, roses, fruit, vegetables and herbs. There are also grape arbors, flowering trees and shrubs, coldframes and a greenhouse.² It is likely that this garden also formed the basis of Pierre's later recollection of the gardens of his youth:

The du Pont family migrated from France in the year 1800 and brought with them simple traditions as to the properties of gardening. younger days a number of these gardens In my were still in operation. The style was primitive and practical, generally a rectangular plot. approximately square, with paths perpendicular to the sides dividing the plot into four approximately equal tracts, which were used for planting vegetables. Most of the gardens had paths outlining the sides of the gardens with narrow plots on the outer side which were devoted to flowers and shrubs. Frequently the cross paths were also ornamented by flower beds. Paths were generally outlined in low boxwood hedges with boxwood hedges at the path intersections. The purpose of this garden was practical devoted to growing of and vegetables. Flowers were the varieties usually grown out of doors and demanding little care. Gardens of this type were not ornamented with statuary, etc., as were the large and formal gardens of the richer people.³

Across the creek were the gardens of Pierre's great-aunt, Mrs. Sophie du Pont. This kindly woman was known as Aunt Sophie to the younger members of the family, and was a favorite with them all.⁴ Nephews and nieces who lived nearby, and those who were home visiting, always called to pay their respects. When Pierre knew her, she was a semi-invalid and spent much of her time indoors. However, she loved the extensive gardens she and her husband had created at Upper Louviers, and if she was able, would tour them with her guests. She was a knowledgeable horticulturist and knew all the plants growing at her home.

In 1876, when Pierre was six years old, he was taken to the Great Centennial Exposition held in Fairmont Park, Philadelphia. There were many sights that captivated him, but he later recalled that a horticultural exhibit had been particularly disappointing:

The Horticultural Hall, still standing in Fairmont Park, had a collection of tropical plants, then small of course, of which the most advertised were the tree ferns. To my mind they were lacking in height - not nearly as high as the trees at home and they were almost devoid of leaves, a sad and disappointing sight.⁵

Even then, Pierre seemed to be of the opinion that if one was going to display something, it should be the finest

specimen possible.

The following year Pierre experienced trouble with the muscles in one of his legs, which required him to receive massage treatments in Philadelphia. Therefore, he spent the summer of 1887 in this city at the home of distant cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Graff. The treatments took place in the morning which left the afternoons free for walks and explorations. Pierre later described one of his favorite destinations:

Another walk took us past the old Baldwin Mansion, 1118 Chestnut Mathias W. Street. Mr. Baldwin, founder of the Baldwin Locomotive Works, was a self made man who is said to have been a lover of flowers in his boyhood and who resented the fact that many private collections were withheld from public When he built the greenhouse adjoining view. his home on Chestnut Street, he placed it with one long side directly on the street line where it could be observed at all times. This story was told to me by my uncle as we admired the I made an inward resolve that if I flowers. built a greenhouse it would be kept open to public view from within well as from as without.⁶

In 1881, the entire family moved to Philadelphia so that Pierre's father could be closer to his work at the Repaupo Chemical Company across the river in New Jersey. However, even while in Philadelphia, the family still spent a great deal of time visiting on the Brandywine.⁷ In the fall of that year Pierre began his formal schooling

at the Penn Charter School.

Three years later Pierre's life changed abruptly when his father was killed in an explosion at the Repaupo Plant. As eldest son, Pierre became the head of his family at the age of fourteen. He continued his schooling and two years later graduated from the Penn Charter School. In the fall of 1886 he enrolled in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (M.I.T.). His course work included chemistry, mechanical drawing, physical geography, natural water systems and water analysis.⁸

During Pierre's stay at M.I.T., the family planned a trip to Europe for the summer of 1889. Planning went on for months, with frequent correspondence between Boston and Philadelphia containing plans and revisions. The du Ponts began their tour in Ireland on July 1. They proceeded through Scotland and England, visiting abbeys, cathedrals, castles, gardens and parks. On July 8 they arrived in Paris.⁹ The highlight of the Paris visit was the Universal Exposition. While in France they also visited Fountainebleau and Versailles. After France, the family traveled on to Switzerland, Italy, Belgium and Germany seeing villas and more castles, gardens and parks, before departing for home from Liverpool.¹⁰ This trip

familiarized Pierre with many European gardens and plants.

When Pierre graduated from M.I.T. in 1890 with a B.S. degree in Chemistry, he sought a position with the family company in Delaware and was hired as an assistant chemist. With Pierre back in Wilmington, his family moved from Philadelphia to join him. Here his mother built a large home on Rising Sun Lane which they named St. Amour.

Plans for gardens for the new home were made the following year and the family hired a gardener to carry them out in stages.¹¹ Gardens were often a topic of conversation among the various du Pont families as this July 1894 report from Pierre to his mother indicated:

We had a grand comparison of gardens with Mrs. Colonel (Mrs. Henry Algernon du Pont) and have decided that we are not so very far behind after all. Winterthur corn and tomatoes seem to be the same non-ripening variety as ours.¹²

When members of the family were away, they were kept up to date on events in the garden as well as news of family members. Accounts from Pierre were often dryly humorous, as this letter to his mother illustrates:

There has been quite a display of energy in the garden in the last few days. Several hitherto hidden paths have been unearthed and it is now possible to traverse the raspberry bed without stepping on a single weed, I might add without seeing very many raspberry bushes.

Ned has taken to watering the walks with a solution of salt and finds that the weeds are

very quickly killed. I have no doubt that the grass will soon join the weeds in a great many places though I have warned Ned to be careful.¹³

In 1899 Pierre, unhappy with his prospects within the DuPont Company, accepted the offer of the Presidency of the Johnson Company and moved from Wilmington to Lorrain, Ohio. He took his horticultural interests with him, and when he moved into his permanent house in the spring of 1900, the landscaping of the grounds had equal priority with the arrangement of furnishings. He wrote to his sister Louisa:

I have had a man fixing up the lawn a little during the past few days and he has succeeded in getting out most of the stumps and smoothing the earth in front to the house. He will put out grass seed next week and I hope to have a few blades of grass showing before you come to visit. We have a large kitchen garden in the backyard consisting of two parsley plants and some mint. The whole garden is just the size of a folded newspaper and I see Louise (a servant) has protected the plants for the night by placing a paper over the whole.¹⁴

The following year, he expanded his horticultural

efforts.

This spring we are going to try to make a fierce struggle against mud and with that end in view have ordered enough grass seed to sow five acres of lawn.

This amount of seed properly distributed should get most of the house and street lawns in condition which will mean that the side walks will be passable at all times. Our lawn is looking quite green already. We sowed the seed last fall and then covered with light manure which has just been raked off leaving very good young grass which should mature before warm weather and thus give us a good lawn with very little watering. This morning I laid out a scheme for beautifying our premises by the addition of a few flower beds etc. I suppose that it will be best to get a gardener to plant out the flowers... I am going to buy new canna and caladium bulbs for I fear that it is useless expect the old ones to have survived the to winter under the house without much protection.15

A month later he was able to report:

I have had a man laying out flower beds and expect to get the planting done very soon. Our lawn is looking very green but it is due mostly to oats which have come up first, still the grass has appeared so that I hope to have a good lawn earlier than I did last year.¹⁶

It was in Ohio that Pierre first became involved in public beautification efforts. He also wrote his sister:

We have at last started clearing the "Park" which you remember is across the street from the Moxhams' place. This afternoon I am going out with a pot of paint to mark the trees that are worth saving so that the lumber men will not cut off everything regardless of future appearances of the park. For a wonder we have a good day for going into the woods, very clear but fairly cold. I suppose that it will be very muddy but I shall take the precaution to put on rubber boots and do not expect to have much trouble save from spattering myself with paint.¹⁷

We are making desperate efforts to get our street lawns started before hot weather and have just succeeded in producing the first blades of grass and clover. Starting so early and with a little water should it get too dry I hope that our work will be successful. Grass would add very much to the attractiveness of the town. $^{\mbox{\tiny 18}}$

A year later, in 1902 Eugene du Pont, president of the DuPont Company, died. Rather than see the ownership of the company pass outside the family, Pierre and two of his cousins, Coleman and Alfred I., bought it. Pierre became treasurer and moved back to Wilmington to St. Amour.

During that year and the next Pierre became interested in further developing the landscape of the St. Amour property. On a visit in 1904 to the Louisiana Purchase Exposition in St. Louis, he was attracted to the landscaping efforts of the New York firm of Siebrecht & Sons.¹⁹ In September he wrote asking them to come to St. Amour to discuss plans for landscaping.²⁰ In his next letter he explained his ideas on the development of the project:

It has been my idea to prepare a plan which could be used to ultimately develop the tract of which I wrote you but which would not be completed perhaps for two or three years. The first year I would do such grading and planting as would be necessary to start shrubs requiring the longest time for development. The following years I would finish out the plan. This had best be discussed on the ground.²¹

Pierre arranged for Siebrecht & Sons to produce a full topographical survey of the property and a landscape

plan. From the beginning he was dissatisfied with the quality of the firm's work. When he received the plan he sent it back with suggestions for changes for more pleasing effects.²² The topographical survey contained numerous errors and Pierre refused to pay the bill until these were corrected and the survey guaranteed to be free from further error. He argued that the survey was useless to him in developing his property if he could not be confidant that it was accurate.²³ Relations with the firm were discontinued and thus ended any professional assistance with the development of the St. Amour property.

Pierre was not deterred. Even as he was first contacting the Siebrecht firm in the fall of 1904, he was writing to nurseries for plants. When there was something that he did not know, he was not reluctant to ask for information. For instance, when he wrote to Andorra Nurseries for a list and descriptions of their peonies, he also asked, "Will you also give me directions for proper planting this season?"²⁴ When ordering rhododendrons he also specified the conditions they would be grown in, the size and colors that he wanted and asked the nursery to advise him as to the best varieties to meet these requirements.²⁵

During 1905 the major landscaping work at St.

Amour continued despite the difficulty with the "professionals". Pierre's sister Mary Alletta Belin kept him informed of the progress of the grading and tree planting while he was away from home.²⁶ Pierre continued to teach himself on both a theoretical and a practical basis about plants and horticulture. He purchased basic books on gardens and landscaping²⁷ and he made personal visits to nurseries to see and select stock. He was verv specific about the size and quality of plants he was ordering.²⁸ Here again Pierre was determined to get what he paid for. If it was justified, he would call a company to task, but he also was ready to acknowledge a job well done. A letter to Andorra Nurseries sets forth his position:

I have had great difficulty in checking up on the trees furnished me but believe the enclosed list is substantially correct...

I have a third list of goods that were either not ordered or seem substantially under size specified. These goods seem in condition and are acceptable to me, but it would seem some adjustment in price was fair.

I include a fourth list of trees and shrubs which seem in such poor condition as does not seem to warrant their acceptance. I think you will agree with me that all trees furnished should go into full leaf the first year of their setting out. I particularly call your attention to a large magnolia that was sent me while in full bloom. This tree has not made any show of leaves and has undoubtedly been injured in moving.

The rhododendrons, peonies and azaleas furnished and set out in the fall have proved very satisfactory this year and I am thoroughly

satisfied with them.29

As Pierre's involvement with horticulture increased, he became more knowledgeable about the care required by specific plants and tasks that should be accomplished throughout the year. In 1906 he wrote out detailed instructions for the care of St. Amour's gardens listing both general activities and chores broken down by month.³⁰

Pierre was not involved solely with the development of St. Amour's gardens. As treasurer of the DuPont Company, most of his time was spent in the corporate world. As his responsibilities increased, he started traveling on business, but he always tried to find time to visit and enjoy gardens. By 1901, he had been to Rio de Janeiro. He wrote of his attempt to see the botanical gardens:

We took a trolley ride past the botanical gardens which are quite celebrated. Unfortunately we could not go into the gardens as they were closed but we saw a great deal of them from our car. The great feature of the whole ride was the variety of tropical foliage most prominent being the royal palms.³¹

In December of 1904 he traveled to California and was very impressed with the gardens and the maze at the Del Monte Hotel:

The grounds of the Del Monte Hotel are

very beautiful, everything so fresh and green... There is a fine maze... modeled after the one at Hampton Court in England. John succeeded in finding the center but Mr. Penniman and I had to call for help. After we learned the way to get in, John made a guide which enabled us to walk in without a miss the second time, as this took ten minutes fast walking you understand it is not easy to get in the first time.³²

Despite his difficulty, Pierre must have enjoyed himself for several years later he wrote the hotel asking for the dimensions of the maze, the width of the paths and a plan for its layout.^{3 3} Similarly, on a trip to Cuba and Jamaica, he reported stopping at the botanical gardens at Charleston and enjoying them very much. "Every kind of tropical plant is to be seen and in very good condition."^{3 4}

In 1906, at the age of 36, Pierre was an extremely successful businessman and an avid horticulturist. His reading, travels and practical horticultural pursuits had given him the background and confidence to tackle the much larger projects that were then on the horizon. On July 20, 1906, he purchased Peirce's Park, which he later renamed Longwood, embarking on a horticultural odyssey he would follow the rest of his life.

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CHAPTER 2

LIFE AT LONGWOOD

The property known as Peirce's Park originated with a grant from William Penn to the Peirce family in Joshua and Samuel Peirce, great-grandsons of the 1700. original owner, inherited the property in 1805. The brothers were interested in plants and trees, and collected many rare and beautiful specimens to adorn their The resulting arboretum became well known property. throughout the surrounding community. In the late 1800's, when it was owned by Joshua's son, George, it became a favorite local destination for visits, picnics and genteel recreation.

With the death of George Peirce in 1880, interest on the part of his heirs apparently waned, and the Park lapsed into a period of decline. In 1905, the property passed out of the family and the new owner made plans to harvest the arboretum's magnificent old trees for lumber. It was this state of affairs that brought Peirce's Park to

the attention of Pierre du Pont.

In a document titled, "Memorandum in Regard to Purchase and Maintenance of the Longwood Estate", Pierre du Pont recounted his reason for aquiring the property:

The original purchase of two hundred acres of the Longwood Estate, including what was then known as "Peirce's Park" and the old Peirce mansion, dating back to 1730, was made in July 1906. The purpose was to save the collection of old trees, which had been accumulated by the Peirce family over a period of more than one hundred years, many of them of extraordinary growth and arresting appearance.¹

When Pierre learned of the Peirce property, he was not in the market to aquire property. Apparently his decision to make the purchase was rather spontaneous. In fact he appeared to be as astonished by his actions as were those who knew him. In a letter to his close friend Elias Ahuja, written shortly after the purchase, he commented:

have recently experienced what I would have Ι. formerly diagnosed as an attack of insanity: that is, I have purchased a small farm about ten miles from here. As I have always considered the purchase of real estate a sign of mental derangement and have so proclaimed, I fear that my friends may be looking for permission to inquire into my condition. However, I believe the purchase worth the risk, for my farm is a very pretty place, and I expect to have a great deal of enjoyment in restoring its former conditions and making it a place where I can entertain my friends.²

Perhaps the last sentence of his letter suggests an additional reason for purchasing the property. Since returning to Delaware four years before, Pierre's horticultural interests had been persued at St. Amour. In working to restore Longwood to its former condition, he gained the opportunity to indulge his horticultural and farming inclinations at a place of his own.

After purchasing the property, Pierre immediately set to work. He hired William F. Francis to supervise work on the park and lake area, and Joseph H. Baily to manage the farm.³ In writing to Bailey about the terms of his employment, Pierre stated his desire to "bring the farm to a first class condition, it now being very thoroughly run down."⁴ He later explained his early intentions for the property:

The main feature of the whole place is the Park and lawns surrounding the main dwelling. This Park was planted by the Peirce brothers, former owners of the property, in the year 1800 and the years following. Many of the trees are of the original planting and nearly all of them are brought from varying distances. The Park is a well-known point of interest and it is the owner's desire to keep it in as near its original condition as possible.⁵

Although Pierre did not plan to use the property as a residence, he did intend from the onset, to be actively involved in its development. He stated to

Bailey:

As soon as is practical I wish you to go carefully over the farm and lay out a plan of work which we will put in writing as a future guide to our operation. ... It is my desire to keep records of our work so that I may study same with a view to determining condition as time goes on....I have ordered installed a telephone connecting with Mendenhall exchange so that you may reach me in Wilmington at any time... We are to consult together freely in regard to the farm and its management.⁶

This early installation of a telephone, and the relative scarcity of written instructions in du Pont's files. suggests that Pierre's interaction with his employees was most often verbal. It is likely that this often occurred at the site. Pierre generally spent the entire month of June at Longwood and many of his weekends throughout the rest of the year. The natural beauty of undoubtedly represented Longwood a haven from the corporate world in which he spent so much of his time. His habit was to spend either Saturday or Sunday afternoons walking over the estate, a practice which he maintained even during the very busy periods of his life.7 On these walks if he saw something that needed attention, he would say so immediately, not bothering with time consuming memos. One of his employees remembered:

He would tell you if he [had] seen something to do while you were working in the gardens. He would come right down and tell you to do it.⁸ One of the first projects that Pierre embarked on, was to design extensive new flower borders to the south of the house. Plans for these were made during the winter of 1906-7.⁹ His scheme was composed of a path 600 feet in length with beds of flowers on either side. The beds were broken at regular intervals by short cross paths. At the central intersection he placed a round pool twenty feet in diameter. In 1908 a double brick stair was constructed to the south of the borders. It led to a reflecting pool and additional specialty gardens enclosed in hedges of arborvitae.

Pierre described this first garden as "the old fashioned type"¹⁰. It consisted of favorite flowers of the day such as peonies, columbine, bleeding heart, poppies, iris, lilies, foxglove, astilbe, hollyhock, delphiniums and phlox.

Life at Longwood revolved around the gardens and Pierre particularly enjoyed the seasons when he could be out of doors. One May, spring was very late in coming and he commented:

We have had a very cold winter and late spring and in the past month much rainy weather, so that the outdoors has not been a desirable part of life for several months. We are hoping for better things, as our best season is at hand.¹¹ June was indeed Longwood's best season. The gardens were bursting with color, and the humid heat that characterized Pennsylvania summers had not yet set in.

When the installation of the flower gardens was complete in 1909, Pierre chose the month of June to show them off to his friends. His first garden party was held on June 21st. Four hundred guests enjoyed leisurely strolls through the gardens, dinner on the lawn, musical entertainment, and fireworks. The party was a great success, prompting Pierre to repeat the venture the following year. Despite rain, the second event also came off well, and Pierre's garden parties were well on their way to becoming annual events. The parties became one of Longwood's major social events, and as they grew rapidly in popularity, they also became one of the key events of the Wilmington social season. They occurred most years from 1909 through 1916 and from 1919 to 1931. One last party was held in 1940.

Pierre was proud of what he had created at Longwood, and he enjoyed the opportunity the parties offered him to display Longwood at its best. The following account written by Pierre demonstrates the integral part the gardens played in the event:

Lawn parties have been held at Longwood about

the second week of June each year since 1909. A supper is served on the lawn in front of the dwelling house. An orchestra of about 20 pieces furnished music. It has been the custom to put the musicians during the early part of the evening to the right of the path leading to the flower garden. At this location concert selections are played until about dusk, when, depending on weather, their location is changed to the bowling green, at which point many guests gather for fireworks. As part of the evening's entertainment, a programme of fireworks is displayed. So far they have been set off from the roadway along the southern boundry of the flower gardens. Heretofore the spectators have gathered about the lawns, steps and paths of the flower garden.¹²

Of course garden parties were not the only opportunity to enjoy the gardens of Longwood. Family and friends frequently paid informal visits throughout the season. These visits usually included walks through the gardens as recounted by Pierre's niece, Wilhimina du Pont:

I can remember various friends coming with their children and wandering through the gardens, down that long border, which was so long and so big and so handsome that it was a great treat. People didn't see that much expanse of flowers.¹³

Alletta Laird Down, another of Pierre's nieces, recalled that Pierre often accompanied his guests through the gardens:

He used to putter around the gardens, I remember seeing him -- he'd take us around, show us some new aquisition, something they'd added. He knew the names of all the botanical things.¹⁴

In puttering around the gardens, the owner of

Longwood may have actually pitched in to help when needed. One employee, when asked if his employer ever worked in the gardens himself, recounted this anecdote:

He carried water from the house - 1910 - I've talked to people who worked at Longwood, older people and he would carry water in the afternoon to water plants before they had any waterlines or irrigations systems put in for that purpose. And if he had any guests they would help him carry water to water plants in the garden.¹⁵

Guests were indeed sometimes put to work, as was once the case with his niece, Wilhimena du Pont Ross:

What I can remember, in the very early days, was going with my mother and brother and sister and staying for two weeks at Longwood, as did the rest of Uncle Pierre's brothers and sisters and their families. I can remember being given a can of kerosene and picking rose bugs off the roses in the rose garden.¹⁶

Fortunately for Wilhimena, not everything in the gardens was work. She also recalled being given permission to cool off with a refreshing swim in the garden's round pool.¹⁷

As has been noted, Pierre actively directed the development and maintenance of the gardens. He maintained tight control and was particularly concerned about the trees that had originally prompted him to purchase the property. In his instructions to his employees he wrote:

No tree, dead or alive is to be removed or trimmed, no matter whether located on the farm or in the woods, unless by special permission of the owner. Line men are not allowed to trim trees unless by the owner's permission. The preservation and care of trees is considered of first importance, as their injury is irreparable, while time or money (or both) will rectify most other mistakes. If a tree of any size or importance is injured by wind or storm, it shall be treated under the owner's direction, so as to preserve it against further injury.¹⁸

Pierre also had very definite opinions about how the grounds should be maintained and the sort of atmosphere that he wished would predominate. He wrote:

As the general effect of the place is quaint and characteristic of older days, the owner does not care to keep the lawns in as exact good order as is the custom on modern country places. There should be no sign of neglect in the upkeep of the place, nor should too strict care be allowed to destroy the oldtime characteristics. The owner finds that the tendency is to do too much rather than too little.¹⁹

Pierre was particularly pleased with the rustic effect created by the wild violets which grew in the lawn between the avenue of trees on the east side of the house. To preserve them, he ordered that the lawn mower be set high when mowing this area.²⁰

Pierre was equally exacting when purchasing plant material. When he visited Andorra Nursery in about 1915 to purchase additional Bald Cypress trees for Longwood, he explained to the salesman, "I want to be sure to get the right trees" and when he asked for 30 Bald Cypress trees, he also asked if the salesman knew their botanical name so that he could be sure they were both talking about the same plants. Pierre went on to personally select the 30 largest and best shaped specimens available, trying to match them as nearly as possible with those already growing at Longwood. After negotiating a price he selected two additional specimens as insurance against the 10% loss in transplanting that he felt normally occurred.²¹

As the gardens grew, Pierre continued to demand top value for his money, rejecting poor specimens or refusing to continue to do business with firms that did not deliver superior quality.²² If an expenditure was to be particularly large, he would ask for a guarantee that the plant would be replaced if it did not survive. If this could not be done, then he was not interested in pursuing the transaction.²³

A close eye was also kept on the prices that he was charged. For large orders, lists of plants were routinely sent to several firms with requests for prices. He would then purchase his materials from the lowest bidder.²⁴ In addition, he would personally compare the prices he was being charged against those in the firm's catalog to be sure that he was not being charged

unfairly.²⁵

In addition to keeping close track of the business end of Longwood's operations, Pierre also carefully observed what was happening in the gardens. His files contain numerous garden notes. Many of these were handwritten, some on small scraps of paper, that were likely written as he walked the grounds. These generally contained Pierre's observations and opinions about what was occurring in the garden. One of them noted that on the 19th of October in 1913, the Dutch Iris were up five inches, there had not yet been a killing frost and the heliotrope was still fine. By the 31st the killing frost had come, taking out the dahlias as well as the heliotrope. On April 10, 1915 he found that the snowdrops were practically gone, the early daffodils were in full bloom and the late ones were starting, the chionadoxa and scillas were still in full bloom as were the early blue bottles, but the Iris reticulata and the crocus had gone over. 26

Other notes written by Pierre were much more extensive. One of these evaluated the tulips on display in 1915. He critiqued the tulips twice, at ten day intervals, commenting on color, desirable use, and length of display. He noted that number 523, Clara Butt which

was advertised as brilliant rose, was a "very good rose" on the 30th of April. On May 9th he described it as "excellent rose pink in perfection today, has been good throughout, best of rose pink tulips". Number A620 started out as "light purple tinged brownish green outside, about color of lilacs, very good". By the ninth it had become "pale rather dull lavender, not very good for landscape effect". The variety Jeanne d'Ourp never seemed to be very satisfactory. It started off "apricot, decided dull pink outer petal, not brilliant or worth repeating". Ten days later it had become "Queer brownish yellow, purple markings outside, not very good".²⁷

Sometimes Pierre made notes as reminders to himself. On one he wrote "Ask Henry what became of the hardy campanula, tritoma seeds, hardy lupines, violas and valeria." Others detailed specific work that he wanted accomplished or plants that he wanted to try in various situations.²⁸

Pierre knew the plants growing in his garden and the relative merits of each. When a visitor wrote to admire the roses that he had growing on a fence, and to ask for some cuttings, he replied:

The shell pink rose is known as Dr. Van Fleet, is very hardy and satisfactory in every way. The crimson rose is called the "The Climbing American Beauty", is not as satisfactory as the Dr. Van Fleet, not lasting as long, and has not a very fast color, as it fades to a purple red. however, advantage of It. has the aood fragrance. There is also on the same hedge "Longwood", fence one or two plants of а seedling climber originated by Conard & Jones at West Grove, Pa. It is very small, very full of light pink roses, but not as great merit as the Of the three roses, Dr. first two mentioned. Van Fleet is the best, and is, doubtless, what you want.²⁹

Pierre had an analytical mind and he enjoyed experimenting in his garden. One of his nephews recalled:

I remember going to Longwood one time, and he was walking down the road with a milk bottle in his hand. Those were the days of glass milk bottles. I asked him whether he was going to milk the cow, and he said, no, he was going to put the end of a poison ivy vine in the milk bottle which was full of weed killer. He didn't want to spray the plant in which the ivy vine was growing, for fear it would kill the plant as well as the poison ivy, but he felt that if he stuck the tendril of poison ivy into the bottle full of weed killer, it might kill the ivy plant and leave the other plant alone. This proved to be the case. Not long after that, another cousin had her entire tennis court hedge hung with milk bottles, with tendrils of honeysuckle put in them, following Mr. du Pont's suggestion. 30

Another experiment that greatly interested Pierre was one initiated by two of Longwood's gardeners in 1934. In trying to discover a successful means of combatt ing Japanese Beetles on roses and other plants, they found that five ounces of Ivory Soap flakes dissolved in one gallon of water and sprayed on the plants seemed to be effective. Pierre ordered further tests, finding that although overly strong solutions tended to burn the foliage, the results were promising. Upon discovery of the effectiveness of their product, he wrote to inform the Proctor and Gamble Company and continued to keep them apprised of his findings.³¹

One of the largest experiments carried out at Longwood was a spraying campaign to try and save the many majestic chestnuts on the property from the effects of the chestnut blight fungus. The chestnut trees in the surrounding woodands were cut down in an effort to remove the source of infection. A number of trees on the main property were selected by Pierre to try and save. Three men were employed solely for this purpose. The trees were inspected carefully and any diseased wood was pruned out. They were then sprayed at ten day intervals from March through November with Bordeaux Mix.³² Unfortunately, the treatment was not successful, and in the end all the magnificent old trees were lost.

Pierre associated with several of the prominent horticulturists of the day. Some, drawn by the growing reputation of Longwood's gardens, came to visit. Pierre entertained David Burpee, owner of the burpee Seed Company, in 1918, and Prof. C. S. Sargent, Director of the Arnold Arboretum, came in 1922.³³ Pierre also corresponded with Marian Coffin, a prominent landscape architect, and with Dr. John C. Wister, Director of the Arthur Hoyt Scott Foundation.³⁴

In 1915, Pierre married Alice Belin. She shared his love of plants and flowers and she joined him in his active interest in the gardens of Longwoood. Notes and correspondence in her files indicate that she was primarily interested in herbaceous perennials. For a period of about fifteen years, from 1920 to 1935, she became quite involved in selecting and ordering plants that were of interest to her. She was an active member of the Garden Club of America, a trustee of the American Rose Society and a member of the American Iris Society and she corresponded quite widely with nurserymen and horticulturists about plants that she wished to obtain and grow.35

In 1922 she decided to plant a garden devoted to iris. She contacted Mrs. Frances E. Cleveland of Sunnybrook Iris Garden for advice on varieties and design. Apparently Alice and Pierre were in agreement in their opinions of professional designers. A letter from Mrs. Cleveland states:

I do think you are so sensible not to

have a landscape architect, because if you can "do" your garden yourself it expresses so much more individuality and is so much more "homey" looking.³⁶

Mrs. du Pont's plan for her iris garden shows that it consisted of eight beds laid out by color. Each bed contained between sixty and eighty plants.

In addition to iris and the many miscellaneous perennials that interested Mrs. du Pont, she also became quite involved with dahlias, peonies, roses and daylilies. In 1934 she worked on a drift planting of daylilies with help and advice from Dr. Stout of the New York Botanical Garden. The garden was composed of about 700 plants with approximately 15 varieties. She worked to develop a pleasing combination based on colors and heights and to evaluate the merits of the plants she was growing.

Pierre and Alice took several trips to Europe together. The first of these occurred in 1910, when Pierre invited Alice and two other couples to join him on a business trip that he wished to extend to include a vacation. Their first stop was London. On February 20th they visited Hampton Court and Pierre reported:

Hampton was fine and we enjoyed it very much, there were no flowers except crocus but the garden is well worth while even in Feb.³⁷

From England they journeyed to France and visited

Versailles and then went on the Italy. Here they enjoyed the Lake District and several villas, including the Villa d'Este.

In 1913 Pierre and Alice returned to England and despite rain, again visited Hampton Court.

We paid another visit to Hampton Court which we all enjoyed again. There was quite a little bloom, plum trees, some shrubs and crocus in great quantity.³⁸

While in England, they also toured Kew Gardens, where Pierre took some notes on plants that he intended to try in his gardens at home.³⁹

They again followed England with a visit to Versailles in Paris. Pierre wrote that they enjoyed the gardens there very much and had a fine day. From here they motored on to Nice, enjoying spectacular scenery in the mountains and along the sea and beautiful, bright weather. On the way they visited the Chateau d' Andelot, an ancestral home of the du Pont family. Here Pierre took some boxwood slips and ivy with hopes of taking them home to grow at Longwood.⁴⁰

The group was always on the lookout for flowers and Pierre enjoyed them whenever they appeared:

At Hyers [a town near Nice] we found the first flowers in abundance. Many fields of violets in fullest bloom and also narcissus. Roses are seen in many places but are not very perfect, this not being the best season. The mimosa trees are in the fullest bloom now and as they grow wild everywhere and are used for decorative purposes also, the landscape is wonderfully brightened by the yellow flowers. The hotels both here and at Nice make a great deal of pansies, daisies, anenomes, cyclamen and cineraria all of which seem at their best.⁴¹

In Italy they visited many villas, carefully inspecting their gardens, all the while gaining new ideas and impressions.⁴²

Pierre and Alice returned to Europe several times during their years together, constantly learning, as was the case in all they did, about new ideas and philosophies relating to plants and gardens.

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CHAPTER 3

THE GARDENS

When Pierre du Pont designed the flower gardens for his new estate, during the winter of 1906-7, he did not have any professional gardeners on his staff, nor did he seek professional help from outside firms. The design of the gardens was entirely his own.

Only a few of Pierre's garden plans have survived. When compared with photographs from the period it is evident that none of these plans coincide exactly with the gardens that were installed. However they are so similar in design and layout that it is probable that they represent Pierre's preliminary ideas for the area. The plans provide valuable insight into the process Pierre used when designing an area. His training in mechanical drawing, as well drafting and as his characteristic attention to detail, is evident. Notations about color and time of bloom indicate the importance Pierre placed on these two variables when arranging plants in his gardens (see figures 1, 2, and 3). One of

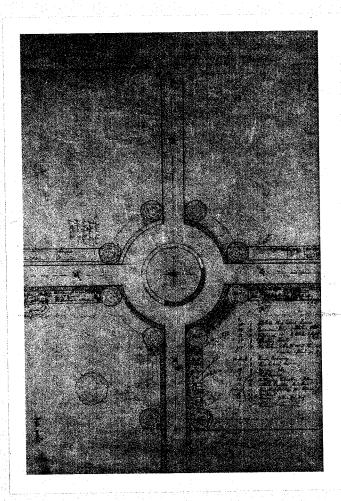


Figure 1. Garden Plan. Drawn by Pierre, circa 1907.

these plans, containing a grid of elevation points, shows that he may again have started the process of laying out his landscape by first having the area surveyed.¹

The gardens were placed in an open area to the

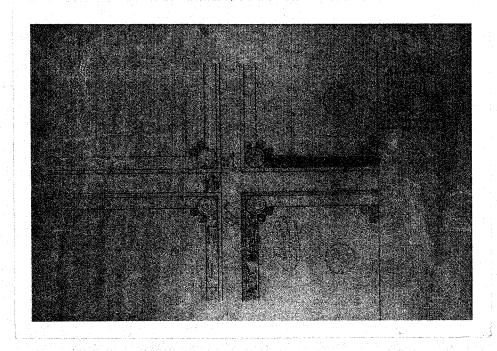


Figure 2. Garden Plan. Drawn by Pierre, circa 1907.

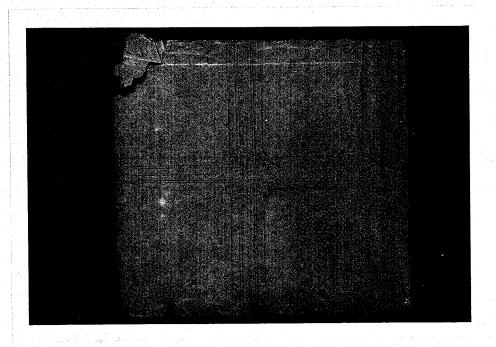


Figure 3. Garden Plan. Drawn by Pierre, circa 1907.

south of the house. The dominant garden feature was a long path bordered on either side by beds of flowers. This area was known variously as the Flower Garden or the Flower Garden Walk. The border lay on an east-west axis that paralleled the axis created by the rows of trees planted by the Peirce family to the west of the main house.

Below this main border were located three smaller specialty gardens enclosed in hedges of arborvitae. The center garden contained a square reflecting pool. To the east Pierre placed a rose garden, and to the west a parterre garden containing a sundial.

Although the gardens were designed together, they were constructed in two stages, the Flower Garden Walk during the early spring of 1907, and the lower gardens in 1908. No construction drawings have been found for this area. It would appear that while Pierre had a general idea of what he wanted, the final plan was developed as he worked with his employees on the site. Comments from one of his employees supports this assumption:

This is, to me, why Longwood is so fascinating. It was not conceived and planned ahead. We developed it as we went along from his thoughts.²

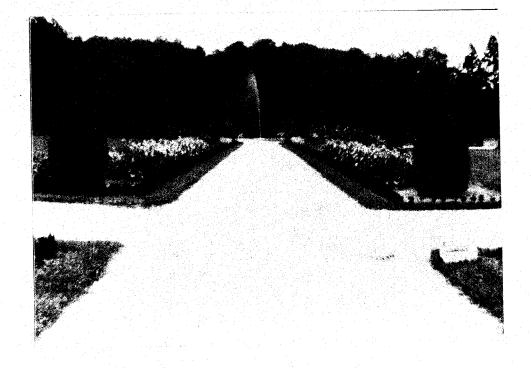
Photographs indicate the construction of the Flower Garden

Walk began with the excavation of paths and installation of a drainage system.³

The paths in the Flower Garden were originally eight feet wide and composed of white gravel. Remembering the lessons he had learned on visits to other gardens, Pierre designed the border with wide paths to accommodate the guests he anticipated would visit Longwood. His nephew, William Winder Laird, recalled Pierre's philosophy in this regard:

One thing he was always interested in was the width of paths. He said he remembered going through a number of the gardens in England, France and Italy, when he first went to Europe as a young man, and being shown, on a tourist basis, gardens where things were pointed out to him by a guide. There was never enough room for him and the guide to walk side by side. They could never keep in step and their shoulders and hips kept bumping as they waddled down the narrow paths. Therefore, he insisted that every path in Longwood be wide enough for two fat people to walk side by side. And if there were going to be two fat people passing two other fat people, the path had to be eight feet wide, minimum. I think you'll find wide paths all through the Longwood area, and not the standard variey of garden path at all, because he realized that people walking together will walk on the margin if the path isn't wide enough.41

The central path was about 600 feet in length. Located roughly in the center of this border was a round pool, twenty feet in diameter which contained a simple fountain with a single jet. The pool was originally three to four feet deep and was surrounded by a low white marble coping. At this point, a short path to the north led to the Park and a double flight of stairs to the south led to the lower gardens. The western half of the main border was also intersected by a short cross border to the north that led towards the house, and a short flight of stairs to the south. The eastern half of the border did not originally have a cross border on the northern side, but the border on the south was interupted by a flight of stairs that led to the lake area (see figure 4).



<u>Figure 4</u>. The Flower Garden Walk. Circa 1908. [Hagley Museum and Library (HML), PL L857 1909 5]

Pierre described this garden as the "old fashioned type".⁵ It contained two of the elements that Pierre recalled from the gardens of his childhood: low boxwood hedges outlining the paths, and larger boxwood bushes at path intersections.⁶ Perhaps in anticipation that guests might yet wander off the wide paths, a strip of lawn about twelve inches wide ran between the path and the boxwood.

For his first planting plan of the Flower Garden, made during the winter of 1906-07, Pierre composed a plant list that was organized by time of bloom. He divided the season into four periods: May and early June, late June and early July, late July and early August, and August and September. Each area of the garden had color in it throughout the season. For instance, the borders around the fountain featured bleeding heart with white peonies and German iris in the spring, followed by white and blue Japanese iris in early summer and concluded with gladiolus in late summer and fall.⁷

Photographs of the gardens, and the garden plans drawn by Pierre, show that in some areas he grouped many plants of a single variety together to create broad sweeps of color. In other areas, several plant varieties were interplanted, creating a cottage garden effect. However, plants were most often laid out in straight rows or blocks, perhaps reflecting Pierre's engineering background. The borders were composed largely of perennials, among which were scattered biennials and annuals.

Although Pierre grew many different flowers and plants, he was not an avid collector of any one type. He was apparently more interested in the total effect of the composition, rather than in individual plants.⁸ One relative speculated:

I don't recall that he was interested in particular varieties of plants. For example, he had a rose garden, but he didn't favor roses any more than something else, and there were some very common plants that he would have in his gardens. I think the thing that he really undertook to do was to grow them extremely well, so that they were almost specimens of their species.⁹

Some plants did reappear in the gardens freqently over the years. These included peonies, iris, lilies, hollyhocks, dahlias, and sunflowers.¹⁰

By the end of January 1907, Pierre was sending out his first orders for plants. The initial order consisted of peonies, lilies, iris, gladiolus and various other perennials.¹¹ Often Pierre would request specific named varieties of plants. Other times the selection of varieties was left up to the supplier. However, he was not indiscriminate in his selection of plants. When the choice of variety was left up to the supplier, Pierre would often deliniate the characteristics he was looking for:

I find that I can use the 150 named Hybrid Gladiolus and 600 selected Gladiolus, also 80 selected Dahlias, the latter to represent the various double varieties (I do not care for the single), and plain or shaded colors without blotchings are preferred.¹²

Pierre was particularly interested in the effect of color in his gardens. There were some colors, such as charteuse, that he did not care for and therefore did not use frequently. Although reputed not to have liked the color red in his garden, garden plans and photographs show that red appeared in the gardens frequently.¹³ He enjoyed working with color combinations in the gardens. If he saw a plant that he didn't think worked well with others, he would have it removed immediately.¹⁴

Probably the gardens were somewhat sparsely planted that first season. Orders continued to go out periodically from April through October for a wide variety of annual and perennial seed.¹⁵ As these were frequently ordered by number, it appears that Pierre spent a great deal of time studying catalogs and using them as a source of ideas about what to plant in his gardens. Seeds were sown in seed beds to be transferred to permanent locations as they reached an appropriate size.¹⁶

The lower gardens were constructed early in 1908. Three short flights of stairs led from the Flower Garden Walk to a wide, level area planted in turf. This broad, grassy area separated the two garden sections, and was known as the Bowling Green, or the Middle Terrace. The steps from the round pool led to a semicircular area that overlooked the middle of the three lower gardens containing a square reflecting pool. A double flight of stairs decended the second small slope to this area (see figure 5). The square pool was originally edged with

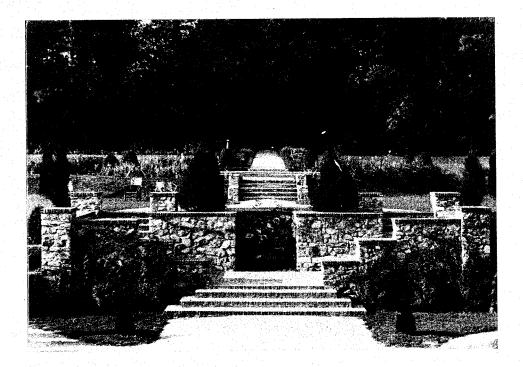


Figure 5. The Double Flight of Stairs. [PL L857 1909 22]

stone and painted black. According to William Winder Laird, it was:

strategically placed at the position below the steps, so that a person coming down the steps could look into the pool and have the reflection of the far hedge and sky, as if a mirror had been placed there.¹⁷

Directly behind the reflecting pool was a cinder block tool house with a ramp leading to the roof where chairs were placed. From the many photographs taken from this vantage point, it is apparent that this was also a favorite spot to view the reflection of the trees and sky. The rustic effect of the ramp and gazebo made from cedar logs seems to be in keeping with Pierre's early desire to maintain a quaint, old fashioned atmosphere at Longwood (see figure 6). As time passed vines and shrubs planted along the base of the building grew up, screening the lower portion.¹⁸ In 1928 the building was torn down and replaced by one located on the far side of the drive behind the lower gardens, where it did not interfere with relections in the pool when viewed from the steps.¹⁹

The Rose Garden was located to the east of the reflecting pool. It contained six cedar arbors similar in construction to the cedar work on the tool house. They



Figure 6. The Tool House. Platform on top used to view reflections in the pool below. [HML PL L857 1909 25]

were arranged three along the east side of the garden, and three along the west. The central arbor of each set was the largest, able to accommodate the benches that were placed under them about 1913. The remaining four arbors marked the four corners of the garden (see figure 7).

In the first year Pierre ordered 186 roses for his new garden. These consisted of six each of thirty-one varieties of old fashioned shrub roses, hybrid perpetuals, and hybrid teas. These were planted in two beds on the

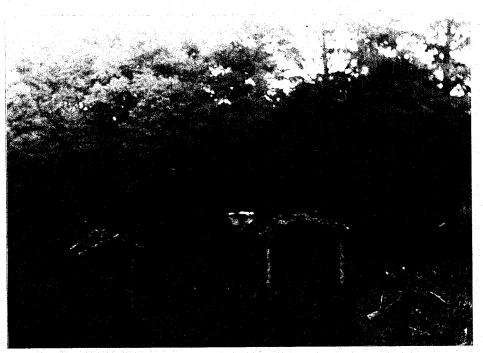


Figure 7. Rose Garden Arbors. Viewed from upper Terrace. 1909. [HML PL L857 1909 27]

north and south side of an open lawn. Climbers were planted over the arbors.

To the west of the reflecting pool was the Sundial Garden, named for the simple sundial on a pedestal in the center. This garden has also been called the Maze Garden by some, but there is no record that Mr. du Pont ever used this name. Surrounding the sundial were four low boxwood parterres divided by narrow white paths. The centers of the parterres were planted with grass (see figure 8). The garden was planted with 2250 dwarf boxwood in the fall of

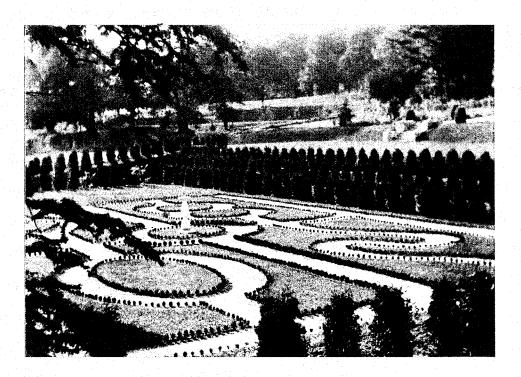


Figure 8. The Sundial Garden. Taken from the top of the Tool House. 1909. [HML L857 1909 26]

1908.

According to Mr. Laird, Pierre sometimes called this the Curlyque Garden.²⁰ Mr. Laird recalled that his uncle enjoyed incorporating the unexpected into his gardens with something new around each corner:

He loved to "suppose that" in his conversations. He had a lot of fun in designing devices in the garden, things for people to see and come upon in a surprise way. He always referred to his unusual plans as "devices".²¹

One of these devices was this whimsical garden, composed

of white gravel paths and curlyques of low boxwood.

The arborvitae hedges, planted in the fall of 1908, created additional devices for the visitor. Three rows of arborvitae were closely planted on the bank to the north side of the three lower gardens so that the contents could not be seen from the Flower Garden Walk. On the remaining three sides the arborvitae was planted in two rows, spaced about four feet apart. These formed green corridors wide enough to walk through. The corridors became tunnels with the addition of wooden posts and metal arches which supported a ceiling of pink climbing roses (see figure 9).



<u>Figure 9.</u> The Cedar Walk. Watercolor. No date. [Longwood Gardens (LG) 00:203]

The tall hedges compartmentalized the three lower gardens, forming garden rooms, each offering a different experience:

He frequently referred to his gardens layout as being "Wanamakers at Longwood" where you would go from booth to booth, finding something different or some different activity all the time.^{2 2}

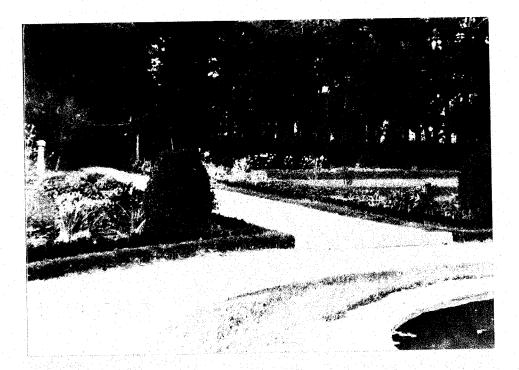
In 1922, Pierre explained:

The flower-garden adjacent to the old park is modern, but laid out in keeping with the oldtime character of the property, comprises about two and a half acres, and is terraced in such a manner that, although the garden appears as a whole, the lower portion is divided into six sections, each with a separate unit with characteristics that might appear appropriate to smaller developments though part of a whole.

He added that "the sectional features of the development give an air of privacy that appeals to people".²³

The entire garden area was separated visually from the house by a dense planting of shrubs and trees. The only clear views into the garden were created by the two entrance paths from the Park. A wooden arbor marked the beginning of the path leading to the round pool. To the right of this path ran a fence planted with hops (see figure 10).²⁴

Visible to the south, behind the gardens, were farm fields. Crops of corn, wheat and alfalpha were



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Figure 10. Entrance From The Park. Showing rustic arch. 1909. [HML L857 1909 13]

rotated on a three year cycle, adding to the old fashioned character of the site (see figure 11).²⁵ In 1916 the character of the vista changed considerably when the fields were converted to a golf course.

The Flower Gardens developed rapidly after 1908. Orders went out annually for additional perennials and a variety of seeds and bulbs. Pierre continued to personally select material and decide where in the garden it was to be planted. Each year new plants were added and the schemes evaluated. In addition to herbaceous plants,



Figure 11. Vista With Field Crops. 1909. [HML L857 1909 24]

Pierre occasionally used flowering shrubs in his borders.²⁶ (Appendix 1, Selected Planting Lists)

Garden ornaments and furniture were also being added to the gardens. A quaint gazing ball appeared in 1909 near the head of the path from the Park to the round pool. The gazing ball was apparently an item that Pierre enjoyed, for it remained there until after his death.

A letter to the Leland Company indicates that Pierre began looking for a semi-circular stone bench to serve as a terminal point at the eastern end of the Flower Garden Walk in 1908. In describing what he desired, he wrote, "the garden being of what is known as the "old fashioned" type, this bench would not be a very elaborate design.²⁷. The bench was finally added in 1910 (see figure 12).

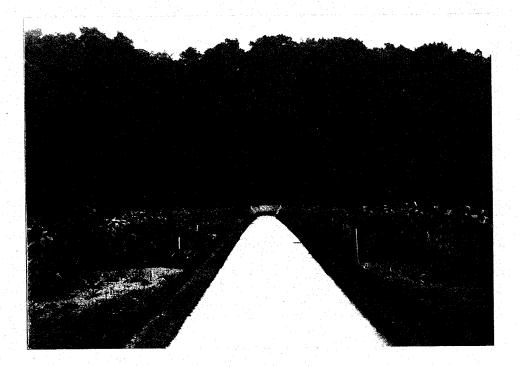


Figure 12. The Stone Bench. Also note density of trees in background, before Chestnut Blight. [LG 1910:203]

Early photographs show that cane and rattan chairs were grouped at various points in the garden to provide seating for guests. In 1912 additional garden furniture was purchased. Three wooden benches were ordered, two painted white, and one green. Pierre also purchased a semicircular tree seat to wrap around the large bald cypress at the western terminus of the Flower Garden Walk. This was also painted white and remained a garden feature until after Pierre's death (see figure 13).²⁸

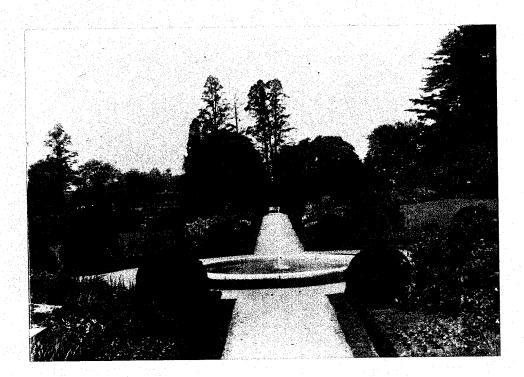


Figure 13. The Western Terminus. With semi-circular wood bench and Terrace Gardens to the left. [HML PL L857 1922 130]

On his trip to Italy in 1910, Pierre acquired two large vases in Rome and brought them home to ornament the double brick stairs. Three years later he was given a large antique oil jar which was purchased in Florence,

Italy by Charles A. Belin. Pierre placed it in the alcove at the base of the stairs leading to the Square Pool (see figure 14).²⁹ When the stairs were first constructed, the

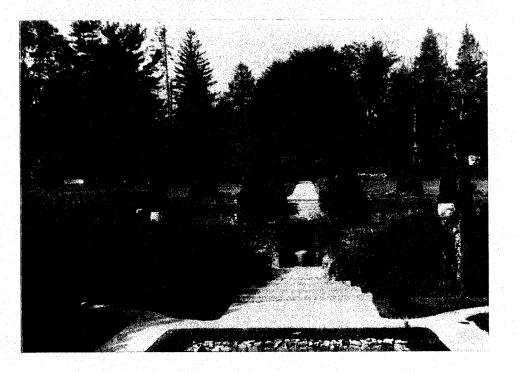


Figure 14. The Olive Jar. 1913. [HML PL L857 1913 22]

bare stone walls were very stark. Pierre experimented with a variety of vines to soften the walls. Climbing roses succeeded the best, and by 1916, the walls were covered, creating an informal, romantic effect (see figure 15).

From 1911 through 1913, the rose garden was gradually expanded as Pierre bought new plants and added

new beds (Appendix 2, Rose Garden Plans). In 1913

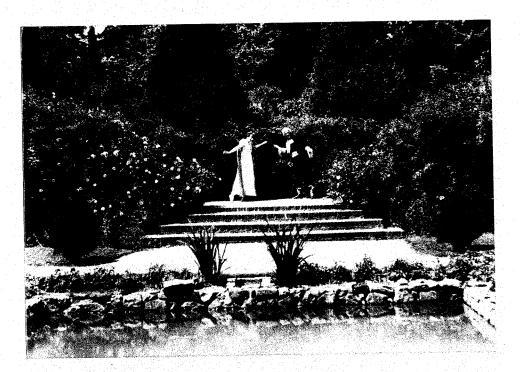


Figure 15. Climbing Roses on Double Stairs. [HML PL L857 1916 5]

benches was added under the shade of the two large arbors. A bird bath appeared in the center of the garden about 1922 (see figure 16).

It is not clear when the Terrace Gardens were installed behind the Open Air Theatre. Former employees have stated that they were added after the rest of the garden was installed and photographs seem to bear this out.³⁰ The first references to the Terrace Gardens appear in 1915. On a July order for bulbs, Pierre designated that tulips and iris be planted in the upper terrace for

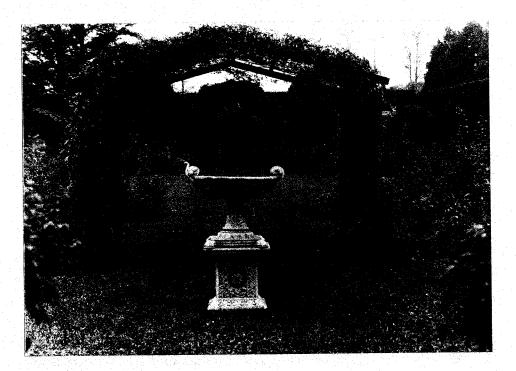


Figure 16. The Rose Garden Ornaments. Bird bath and bench under arbor. 1922. [HML PL L857 1922 83]

cut flowers.³¹ Pierre's garden notes for this year indicate that the terraces were also used for seed beds and for growing roses and dahlias.³² Tulips, iris, and dahlias were again used in the Terrace beds in 1916.

The Terrace Gardens consisted of three levels. Retaining walls and steps were built of stone and flagstone paths ran down the center of the terraces and between the beds. By 1922 the garden was planted primarily in roses (see figure 17).



Figure 17. The Terrace Gardens. Tennis courts in background. 1922. [HML PL L857 1922 132]

Pierre built a retaining wall between the Flower Garden Walk and the Bowling Green in 1916. It was composed of brick panels between stone pillars. For a few years it remained free of plants, but by 1922 portions of the wall were covered with vines that appear to be Virginia creeper. Climbing roses were planted at the western-most set of steps to the lower gardens. The retaining wall may have been built to accommodate an arbor that was also added to the garden in 1916. This arbor was located in the eastern half of the Flower Garden Walk at the top of the steps that led toward the lake.³³ The wall extended outwards at this point, creating a base for the arbor (Appendix 3, 1926 Map of Longwood).

The arbor was built of wood which was painted white, and it was covered with pink climbing roses. It spanned the path and contained benches on either side. Pierre referred to it as a summer house, but it soon became known as the Peacock Arbor due to the metal ornamental peacock figure on the top (see figure 18).

Longwood's first professional head gardener was hired in 1916. By this time the gardens and other horticultural operations had grown considerably and Pierre had six full time men working in this area. He needed an individual knowledgable about horticultural practices who could take charge of the horticultural operations at Longwood and leave Pierre free to pursue other developments.^{3 4}

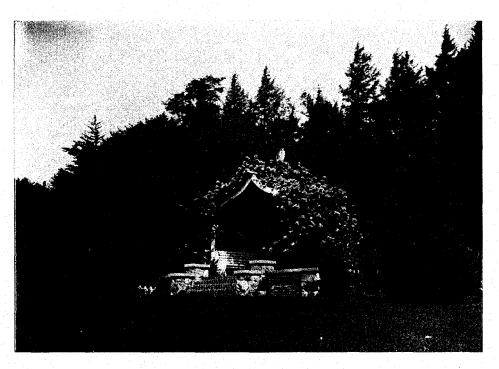


Figure 18. The Peacock Arbor. 1922. [HML PL L857 1922 134]

Pierre launched an extensive search for an individual to fill this position, using the contacts that he had established in the nursery trade.³⁵ He personally interviewed a number of men and finally selected Mr. William Mullis, who had been working at the Hill School in Pottstown, PA as Superintendent of Grounds.³⁶

Mr. Mullis was originally from Gloucester, England. He emigrated to Canada as a young man, and in 1909 came to the United States.³⁷ His approach to gardening was traditionally English. An employee who worked with him recalled:

Bill Mulliss was the old school

gardener. That's the way you had to play it, the original English way of planting a garden.³⁸

It should not be assumed that when he was hired in 1916, Mr. Mulliss took over making all the decisions in the flower gardens. Garden notes from 1916 and 1917 attest to Pierre's continued involvement in the area. Most likely Pierre and Mr. Mullis worked together in the area, as was Pierre's custom. However, in subsequent years as Pierre became involved with new projects in other areas of Longwood, his involvement with the flower gardens show that the style diminished. Photographs and composition of the gardens did not change markedly as Evidently Mr. Pierre's involvement lessened. Mullis continued to follow the patterns set by Pierre.

Correspondence and plant orders indicate that Mrs. du Pont became involved with the gardens for a period ranging from the mid-1920s to the mid-1930s. She was interested in trying a variety of perennials and roses for the flower gardens. However for the most part, these seem to be rather minor additions to now fairly standard orders and did not substantially change the composition or design of the gardens.

Arches and tunnels composed of plant material seem to have fascinated Pierre. The tunnels formed by the

climbing roses spanning the arborvitae hedges have already been mentioned. The Peacock Arbor and rustic arbors in the Rose Garden were also covered with roses. Additional arches were formed over the entrances to the Sundial and Rose Gardens by training the arborvitae plants on either side of the paths to meet overhead.

A more unusual and whimsical arch appeared over the Flower Garden Walk about 1925. Garden plans from 1911 show that two <u>Retinospora (Chamaecyparis</u>) were planted on either side of the walk in the western end of the border towards the Theatre Garden. By 1927 these plants had grown tall enough to tie their tops together over the path to form an arch to walk under (see figure 19). This became known as the Cedar Arch. The plants continued to grow and by the 1940s and '50s the arch reached massive proportions, dominating that portion of the walk.

The Cedar Arch was one of the most unusual "devices" in Pierre's gardens. It cannot be stated with certainty where the idea for the Cedar Arch came from, but a photograph from Pierre's 1913 European trip provides one possibility. The picture, taken at the Villa Gori in Sienna, Italy shows Pierre, Alice and the rest of the du Pont party in front of a similar large arch fashioned from evergreen plant material (see figure 20).³⁹



Figure 19. The Cedar Arch. Formed by training two Chamaecyparis to meet over the Flower Garden Walk. [LG 1936:203]

The final addition to the Flower Gardens occurred in 1927. A new cross path was added to the Flower Garden walk to the north of the Peacock Arbor. The addition of this path brought the east side of the border into balance with the west end (see figure 21).

As the gardens aged, some changes were inevitable. The 1926 topographic survey indicates that the white gravel paths of the Flower Garden Walk had become macadam.



Figure 20. Plant Arch at Villa Gori. Pierre, Alice and Friends. [D938 a/b 19131]

By 1933 they were composed of brick and have remained that way since.⁴⁰

The final item to change in Pierre's gardens were the boxwood hedges. These hedges had always been a problem and required frequent attention over the years. Their poor success seemed to be due to a combination of canker infestation and harsh winters.⁴¹

Pierre enjoyed the effect created by using boxwood for hedges in his gardens. He tried numerous protective measures to try and insure their survival over the winter,

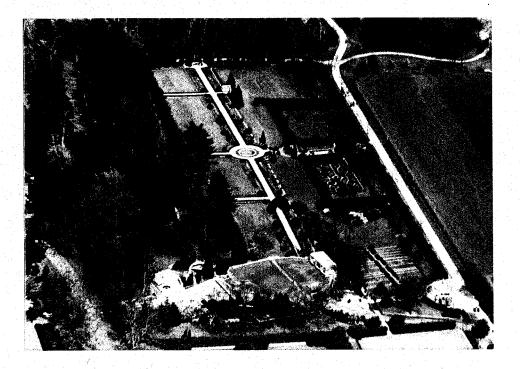


Figure 21. Aerial View of the Gardens. [HML PL L857 1927 19]

and had them sprayed reguarly for canker. These measures

met with limited success, and replacements became a frequent occurance. As early as 1915 Pierre ordered 250 <u>Buxus sempervirens</u> to replace plants that had died or were doing poorly.⁴² In 1918 he purchased an additional 180 plants and purchased more in 1919 and 1922.

In 1925 Pierre replaced all the plants with 1450 feet of hedge at a cost of \$15,200. In addition he replaced the sixteen box bushes at the path intersections for \$9,000. These plants were supplied by the Lewis and Valentine firm, specialists in locating and transplanting large plant specimens for estate gardens. A photograph album, compiled by the firm for Pierre, contains photographs taken of the Flower Garden Walk taken the year hedges were replaced. The boxwood plants after the supplied by the Valentine Company were considerably older than those they were replacing. As the captions accompanying the pictures noted, these older plants gave an air of maturity to the gardens (see figure 22).

In 1933, the hedges again suffered severe winter damage. One more time the hedges were replaced with plants 2 1/2 feet high and 2 1/2 to 3 feet wide. Unfortunately this effort was no more successful than previous ones and Pierre was forced to admit defeat (see fig 23). A letter written in 1936 indicates that although



Figure 22. Boxwood Hedge Moved to the Gardens in 1926. [Album from Lewis and Valentine, LG archives]

he preferred boxwood he was forced to give up the attempt and would have to settle for yew as a material for his hedges, although he felt yew was a poor substitute. The yew hedges did change the appearance of the gardens substantially, giving them a more geometric and formal character (see figure 24).



Figure 23. Winter Damage to Boxwood Hedge. July 1933. [LG Archives] In the early 1950s the arborvitae plants in the Cedar Walk that surrounded the lower gardens were also deteriorating and in need of replacement. When Pierre finally agreed that they should be replaced, he eliminated the double row of evergreens and the ceiling of climbing roses in favor of a more simple single row.

As time passed Pierre continued to have less and less to do with the flower gardens. By 1936, plant orders had become very routine and were sent through Mr. Mullis.



Figure 24. A Clipped Taxus Hedge. July 3, 1959 [LG 1959:203]

After Mrs. du Pont's death in 1944, Pierre spent less and

less time at Longwood although he still loved the estate and provided for its upkeep.⁴³ By 1948 Pierre wrote about his gardens, "In these days my part of the work is small but I am happy to keep the place going." During these years the gardens were maintained as they always had been, and no major changes were made up until the time of Pierre's death in 1954.

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CHAPTER 4

LONGWOOD GARDENS INCORPORATED

During Pierre's lifetime, the gardens of Longwood were a strong reflection of his taste and personality. They were an eclectic mixture of styles, composed of elements that appealed to Pierre, rather than adhering to any formal principles of garden design. Whimsical touches appeared often, leading one to believe that his gardens were a source of fun as well as beauty for him.

With Pierre's death, Longwood began the process of transforming from a private estate garden to a public garden. The horticultural transition was display overseen by Mr. John H. Marx. Mr. Marx had become Superintendent of the Department of Horticulture upon the death of Mr. Mulliss in 1945. He remained in this position until 1958 and helped maintain continuity during this transitional period. During Mr. Marx's tenure, little changed in the flower gardens. The planting schemes and patterns were maintained as they had been in years past.

The only significant change to occur during this period was the removal of the Cedar Arch. There is no record to indicate exactly when or why this occurred. It is likely that age was probably a significant factor.

Longwood's administration recognized early that Mr. Marx would soon be retiring. To prepare for this, they hired Mr. Everitt Miller in 1956 as Chief Horticulturist to train under Mr. Marx. In 1959 Mr. Marx retired and Mr. Miller was appointed to the position. Under his direction, the gardens began to undergo a gradual transformation. Longwood's growing popularity with the visiting public prompted the administration to look for ways to provide more spectacular displays throughout the year. In the flower garden areas, this meant attempting to provide more color throughout the growing season.

In the Terrace Gardens, bedding plants supplemented the displays of roses. The season began in early April with displays of massed tulips and pansies. The bulbs were followed by beds of brightly colored annuals throughout the summer, and finally by chrysanthemums in the autumn.

The Flower Garden Walk gradually began to undergo similar changes. Bulbs and biennials provided masses of color in the spring. In 1959 the daylilies, iris and peonies were removed from the borders to make way for additional annuals. Chrysanthemums had always been a part of the fall display in the flower borders. This year however, they were grown elsewhere and transplanted into the borders just before they bloomed in the fall, for an uninterrupted display of color.

The yew hedges which Pierre had used to replace the troublesome boxwood did not prove to be worry free. Periodically significant portions of these required replacement as well. In 1959 they were removed. A twelve inch strip of grass was placed between the brick walk and the borders. The removal of the hedges resulted in a significant change in the appearance and character of the gardens. They now felt more open and spacious and less old fashioned.

In addition, some of the garden ornaments which had personalized the garden were removed. these included the gazing ball, the Peacock Arbor, and the bird baths.

The original rose garden, east of the square pool, had been doing poorly for some time. The site was not

conducive to rose culture, lacking well drained soil and ample air circulation. In 1961 the area was changed to a peony garden. The cedar arches were removed, but the rectangular beds surrounding the open lawn remained the same. By 1970, a large sundial had been added to the center of the garden's open lawn.¹

The Maze Garden remained unchanged for some time. Vinca replaced the grass growing in the parterres and the boxwood was replaced periodically.

During the early 1960s both perennial and annual material were used in the borders of the Flower Garden Walk. Gradually however, more and more annuals were added to create lavish displays of color.

In 1972, the administration of Longwood began to evaluate the flower garden area to determine if there were ways that it could better serve the needs of the visiting public. A policy statement written that year stated that:

The Flower Gardens consist of a series of enclosed or semi-enclosed gardens presenting "showcase" or "room-like" experiences, well tied together by the Flower Garden Walk of annual borders which traversed the entire area from the Open Air Theater on the west to the whispering bench and the woodland on the east.²

These gardens were to "present sensational displays of

exemplary horticulture" and were "for the pure enjoyment of the visitor, not an educational demonstration for the homeowner.".³

In addition to formulating policies regarding the purpose of the Flower Garden areas, Longwood's administration was also looking at traffic and circulation patterns. Of particular concern was the Terrace Gardens. They wrote:

This garden serves a dual purpose: (1) to provide an attractive, illuminated, evening garden for the enjoyment of the Open Air Theatre patrons prior to, during the intermission and following the performance. (2) A main entranceway from the Rose Arbor to the Flower Gardens proper. Adequacy for accommodating crowds and design for traffic circulation, guidance of the public and scale are prime objectives for this transition area.⁴

To address these issues Longwood hired Mr. Thomas Church, a well known landscape architect from San Francisco, California. He was charged with examining the flower garden area, and its relationship to the Open Air Theater, Peirce's Park, and future circulation problems in relation to the Wild-flower area.⁵

The first area that Mr. Church worked on was the Terrace Garden area. The area was entirely redesigned. The first garden in the new scheme was the new Theatre Garden. Located directly behind the Open Air Theater, it was planted with hardy <u>Camellia</u> japonica, sedums sempervirens, yuccas, and thyme establishing а Mediterranean composition with low maintenance.⁶ Below this garden was a large broad walk and lawn area was laid out. It was called the Theatre Terrace Garden and served as a transition area and to direct traffic to the Flower Garden Walk. Construction began in 1974 and was completed in 1975. The western terminus of the Flower Garden Walk was also redesigned. The white semi-circular bench was removed and a brick patio was installed. The patio was surrounded by a low stone wall that could serve as a sitting area below the Theater.

The next area Mr. Church addressed was the Sundial Garden. The old fashioned boxwood parterres were declining in health and the style of the garden was no longer in keeping with Longwood's display policy. The boxwood plants were removed in 1975, and replaced with a garden of tree peonies, laburnum trees, iris, and astilbe. This new garden was renamed the Peony Garden. The existing peony garden, which had succeeded the old rose garden, was also redesigned. It featured wisteria and so was given the name Wisteria Garden. Seven tree wisteria were planted and a trellis was added for climbing wisteria

to be trained upon. The original plans called for the large sundial to remain in the Wisteria Garden, but it was subsequently moved to the new Peony Garden. These gardens were completed in 1976. That year Mr. Church had to give up his association with Longwood due to poor health.

The final major change to the flower gardens occurred in 1978. Sir Peter Sheppeard took over the position of consultant for Longwood. Sir Peter redesigned the eastern terminus of the garden. The stone bench (now known as the whispering bench) was moved thirty-five feet west of its original location. A portion of the retaining wall was repositioned to the south so that the area could be widened. The marble coping that ran the length of the wall was entirely removed and replaced with avondale stone. The final thirty-five feet of the Flower Garden Walk was divided into two brick paths flanking a turf median in front of the stone bench.⁷

The following year the stone bench was replaced with a limestone copy.⁸ A hedge of <u>Carpinus betulus</u> cv. `Columnaris' was planted behind the bench to form a walllike background. The <u>Carpinus</u> trees were trained to form two archways on either side of the bench which spanned the paths leading to the azalea areas.⁹

Sir Peter Sheppeard has also worked with the staff to refined the flower borders. The entire walk was considered to be poorly proportioned due to the length of the walk and the relative narrowness of the planting beds. It was felt that this led to a tunnel effect. To remedy the situation, the northern borders were widened. The rear boundaries of these beds were laid out in large curves to lessen the geometric character of the area.

Unfortunately, the width of the beds to the south of the walk could not be altered due to the retaining wall. to prevent the area from feeling unbalanced, groups of shrubs have been planted below the wall to give the southern beds the same sense of depth as those on the north.¹⁰

The Flower Gardens continue to evolve each year. The mass plantings involving large, colorful sweeps of tulips, annuals, and chrysanthemums remain popular with the public. Currently the staff is working to return perennial and flowering shrubs to the area in an effort to add some color to carry the months when there is nothing growing or blooming in these areas from mid-May to mid-July.¹¹

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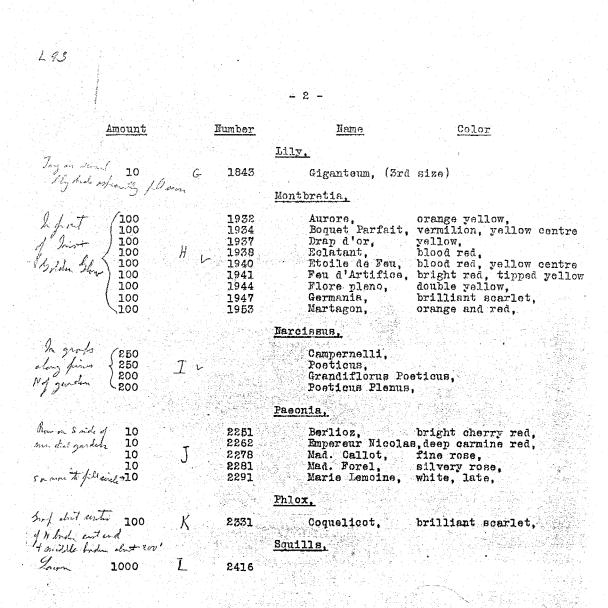
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gadan (2 gadan (2 abat	15 15 15 15 15	1522 1525 1510	Reticulata, Sindjarensis, Orchio ^{ldes} , Intermediate Iris,	dark blue, very fragrant pearly blue deep yellow;
port 12	5 5 5	1628 1630 1634	Canari, Don Carlos, Freya,	pale yellow, hlue falls violet pearl falls violet
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200 Lillium Teninfolium.

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To be planted in middle path at eastern most end at side near path after moving Tiger Lilies.

100 Lillium Longiflorum. T

46 in north border close to Daffodils, plant in a regular row, that is, spacing from 8" to 2'apart, but regularly.
24 in Lily bed near old green-house.
30 in bed near shrubbery at north edge of garden.

18 Tiger Lilies.

> V To be used in filling out Tiger Lily group in north border.

96 Lillium Speciosium rebrium.

- 12 in Box border bed.

-12 in Bockery bed near house, -24 in bed at north edge of garden near shrubbery. -12 in bed near old green-house.

[36 in new bed to be made on north side of the new garden house.

W 72 Lillium speciesium album.

12 in box border bed,
12 in reckery bed near house.
12 in bed near old green-house.
24 in bed at north edge of garden near shrubbery.
12 in new bed north of new garden-house.

X 100 Lilling suratum.

24 in Box border bed.
12 in rockery bed near house.
24 in bed at north edge of garden near shrubbery.
40 in new bed north side of new garden-house.

24 Lillium auratum, macrenthum,

1 18 "Plant 6 in bed with other surstum lilies."

24 L Lillium philippmensis. Ζ.

12 Veronica Subsessilis.

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South side of north border 31' to 51' from path "A". Hardy Phlox (best white).

North side of northeborder 82' to 100'.

Hardy Phlox (best true violet or purple).

East and of border.

Hardy Phlox Pantheon.

To be used in filling out the Fink Phlox in centre path.

5 Lupine (polyphyllus Moerhsimi). 12 " (Polyphyllus).

South side of north border 100' to 120' from path "A".

Shasta Daisy "Alaska".

To be planted at ends of group of Pink Phlox in centre path.

12 Pyrethrum Mms. Murrier, 12 Argentine.

To be used in filling out group in middle path 79' to 95' from path "A".

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6 Aconitum Lycoctonum. 6 "Strockianus,

In bed near house with "Monkshead".

Tuçoa,

In Yucca group, 53° to 55' from path "A",

12 Adenophora Polymorpha. (blue 3' like Canterbury Bells.)

In north border O' to 20' from path "A",

12 Stokesia Ceyanea (alba) 12 "

South side of north border 21' to 28' from path "A".

12 Funkia subcordata grandiflora

To be scattered through garden as shown by marking sticks. 12 Penstemon Heterophyllus (light blue).

to be placed in north border where space is available.

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12 Penstemon Barbatus Torreyii. (scarlet.) In middle path, 162' east of circle. 24 Fhlox Divaricata.

12 Salvia Azurea. Eorth side of north border, 82' to 100' from path "A".

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FALL SEEDING AND PLANTING

"A" BORDER:

North end:

3 Yucca on west side

2 " " east "

2 Spirea, Queen Alexandra

1 "Cladstone

at back of bed next to Yucca.

2 Spirea Gladstone

1 "Queen Alexandra

at back of bed next to Madonna Lily.

25 English Iris

25 Spanish "

between groups of spirea and back of tulips.

Replace Hollyhocks in group on east side by others taken from seed bed.

MIDDLE BORDER - WEST OF FOUNTAIN

12 Pyrethrum

fill out bed.

12 Phlox, Pantheon (pink) fill out bed.

25 English Iris

25 Spanish Iris

plant between phlox

3 Yucca, south side 12 Myrcin this banchians

2 " north " ·

to fill out group.

Sow pink poppy at back of border in same place as this

summer.

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12 Physostegia, alba (plant 6" - 8" apart)

" speciosa 12

in group at back of tulips and immediately west of pink poppies.

13 Physostegia, alba

(plant 6" - 6" apart)

13 speciosa

in group back of tulips and east of box trees.

6 Bleeding Heart

back of tulips and between groups of Physostegia.

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Fill out Bleeding Heart (4 plants needed). There should be four in each quarter circle.

Take up Gladiolus and Tuberoses

Plant pansies over whole bed.

MIDDLE BORDER - EAST OF FOUNTAIN

Sow California Poppy (Eschscholtzia) in first bed of tulips.

Move yellow columbine to group in border "B".

Move other columbine to border along fence, north side of garden.

Move pyrethrum (white) from among Madonna Lily to place now occupied by above columbine.

Plant about six perennial larkspur back and east of group of Madonna Lily (take from seed bed).

6 Anthericum Liliastrum immediately east of physostegia. 12 Myrcuittus bandians

3 Yucca south side

2 " north side 12 bynamittas landicans fill out group.

6 Eremurus Bungeii

in group in front of Yucca.

125 Montfretias

to continue present planting west to large group of hollyhocks, leaving room for tulips in front.

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MIDDLE BORDER - EAST OF FOUNTAIN (CONT'D)

200 English Iris

200 Spanish "

back of Montbretias

Take out all Golden Glow (to be replaced by perennial sunflower next spring)

Sow Shirley Poppies in bed between box trees (same place as this summer)

Sow California Poppy among tulips in front of

Montiretia.

50 Globe Flower (Trollius)

in front part of bed immediately east of Valerian and Magnolia Trees.

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PLANTING OF FLOWER GARDEN

Longwood

Summer of 1911 -

		"A" Bord	er 62'			
		1. 		TIME OF ELOOMING		
	A	Spanish Iris	Junces more	6-1	-	6-15
61	в	Yucca	•	6-20	-	7-10
	C	German Iris		5-7-	-	6-7
					'	
	A-1 2	Early Tulips (2 rows) V Asters Late Branching &	an Berchem - Red Queen of Market, pink	4-15 8-15	-	5-1 9-15
	B-1 2	Late Tulips (2 rows) S Asters, Late Branching	weet Nancy White-Red & Queen of Market	5-1 8-15	-	5-20 9-15
16'	C-1 2	Spanish Iris Shirley Popples Sud. L.	Mus Frans King Flow Dich	6-1	-	6-15
4	D-1	English Iris Spirea Shirley-Poppies Mudich		6-9	-	6–25
		Daffodils Balsam Prince Bi	smark Pink	3-24	-	4.30
			Van Berchem Red	4-15		5-1
			Pink Beauty	8-15	-	9-15
			Sweet Nancy White-Red Pink Beauty	5-1 8-15	-	5-20 9-15
251	2	Peonies Campanulas k Shirley Poppies	dedium Pink & White	6-1 6-3	-	6-15 6-20
		Madonna Lilies Casey Poppies I	Double Pink	6-15	-	6-30
	_	Daffodils Palsam I	Prince Bismark Pink	3-24	1	4-20
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"A" BORDER - cont.

				TIME OF H	3LOOMING
A-1	Campanulas Gladiolus (any Cy)	Medium, Pink M rs. Francis	and White King , Flame Pink	6-3 9-1	6-20 9-15
B-1	Madonna Lilies Shirley Poppies			6–15	6–30
71	Hollyhocks ()). ()	hite east side	6-	30 	7-10
21	German Iris			5-7	['] 6-7

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		"F" EORDER	83*		
			TIME OF BI	TIME OF BLOOMING	
	A-l Cla diolus 2 Gladiolus	Nanus - Fall-planting Ramosus " "			
45 ¹	 B (German Iris 1 (Oriental Iris (Lemon Lilies (Japanese Iris 		5-7 5-19 5-27 6-12	6-7 6-10 6-13 7-12	
	2 Poppies	Shell Pink			
	C Foxgloves		6-1	620	
5 1	Lavender				
4 ¹	Columbine	Yellow	5-24	7-1	
6*	A-l Campanulas 2 Poppies B Foxgloves	Medium - Pink & White Casey - Double Pink	63 61	6-20 6-20	
	A-1 Campanulas 2 Poppies	Medium Pink & White Casey Double Pink	6-3	7-1	
4 *	B-1 Peonies 2 Poppies	Early Dark Red Casey Double Pink	5-24	6-1	
	C Foxgloves		6-1	6+20	
	A-1 Campanulas Med: 2 Poppies	ium Pink & White Casey Double Pink	63	6-20	
81	B Pansies		4 ⊷1	6-20	
	C Foxgloves		6-1	6-20	
9:	A-l Campanulas Med 2 Gladiolus	ium Pink & White Harvard Crimson	6-3 7-20	6-20 9-30	
5.	B Hollyhocks	Pink 3, 4	620	7-10	

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"B" BORDER (Cont.)

			TIME OF ELOOMING
72	A Peonies B 1 Campanulas 2 Poppies	Pink Medium - Pink & White Casey - Double Pink	6-1 6-15 6-3 6-20
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WILMINGTON, DEL MIDDLE BORDER - WEST OF "A" - 148° TIME OF BLOOMING 6-15 1 m. 51 Box Trees موجوع والمرجوع ترجو ترجي والمرجوع المرجوع 6-15 6-1 A. Peonies 41 B Lilium giganteum C Funkia المركبة المراسية المركبة للمركب المركبي المركب المركبين المراجع 6-1 4-20 A Phox Divaricata Blue 6-1 81. B Delphinium 6-30 6-15 C. Madonna Lilies Sulphur King A-1 Gladiolus 2 Chrysanthemums 101 6-1 6-20 Foxgloves В والموالع العالم المراجع _____ Peony English Iris 5* Retinospora Funkia _____ l Kerria 51 2 Mignonette 3 Bell Flower North side Prince Mauritz A Late Tulips porcelain blue 5-1 5-20 Archimedes 11 Ħ dark violet South side Dream lilac 71 Duchess of Puma Orange

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11* Artichokes
9' Chrysanthemums
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8' Poppies Purple & White
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			TIME OF BLOC	MING
51	Box Tree			
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	A-1 Early Tulips	2 rows Cottage Mai d Pink 1 row Cardinal's Hat Red	4-15	5-1
	2 Asters	Late Branching & Queen of Mk.	8-15	9-15
231	B-1 Late Tulips 2 Asters	Golden Crown Yellow & Or. Late Branching & Queen of Mk.		5-20 9-15
6J.	GPoppies	-Gasey Double Pink	-7-6	-8=1-
C	D-1 Physostegia 1 Bleeding Heart 2 Poppies 2 Stidilo	Pink & White CaseyDouble_Pink	4-28	610
	A-1 Early Tulips	Cottage Maid Pink Cardinal's Hat Red	4-15	5-1
	2 Asters	Peony Perfection	8-15	9-15
19'	B-1 Late Tulips 2 Asters	Golden Crown Yellow & Orange	5-1 8-15	5-20 9-15
	C Poppies Gradiens (made	Casey Double Pink	7-6	8-1
	A Pinks	Perennial Pink & White	5-19	6-6
91 B	Foxgloves		6-1	6-20
21	Shasta Daisies			
31	Үиссав			
	A-1 Madonna Lilies 2 (Pinks- Man Maha	En alles Ble Annual All-colors	6-15 7-1	6-30 7-20
91	B-1 Spanish Iris 2 English Iris 3 Perennial Phlox	Pantheon Pink	6-1 6-9 6-15	6-15 6-25 9-24
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MIDDLE BORDER - A - B 110' TIME OF BLOOMING A-1 Early Tulips Duchess of Parma 4-15 5-1 2 Asters B-1 Late Tulips Bonton d'Or 5-1 5-20 121 C-1 English Iris 2 Perennial Phlox Pantheon Pink 6-9 6-25 6-15 9-24 - _ · -المرجا بالمرجا والمركب والمركب والمركب والمركب والمركب والمركب والمركب - - --Duchess of Parma Orange Daybreak & Purity 5**-1** 9**-1**5 4-15 A-1 Early Tulips 2 Asters 8-15 5-1 5-20 B-1 Late Tulips Bonton d'or Yellow 8-15 9-15 2 Asters 18' C Tree Peonies 6-13 5-18 D-1 Pyrethrum Pink & Red 2 Snapdragon + Hadida تورید در بر بر در به به به بر بر ب بر بر ب 101 Chrysanthemums Pink & White . . . _ _ _ ~

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	TIME OF BLO	DOMING
A Bleeding Heart	4-28	6-10
B-1 German Iris 2 Madonna Lilies 3 Japanese Iris	5-7 6-15 6-12	6-7 6-30 7-12
C Peonies white	5-22	6-4
Scattered throughout border:		· .
l Pansies	4-1	6-20
2 Ismene		
3 Gladiolus mixed	7-20	10-1
4 Tuberoses		

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81	l Oriental Poppies 2 Poppies King Edward, red	5-24	6-13
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	A-1 Campanulas Medium, white 2 Poppies Cardinal	6-3	6-20
91	Foxgloves	6-1	6-20
3 t	1 Box tree 2 Nignonette	<u>.</u>	
	A-1 Shirley Poppies 2 Asters	7-15	8-1
14 "	B Phlox Coquelicot, red		8-1
31	1 Box tree 2 Mignonette	_ 	1 - 1990 - 1990 - 1990 - 1990 - 1990 - 1990 - 1990 - 1990 - 1990 - 1990 - 1990 - 1990 - 1990 - 1990 - 1990 - 1990 - 1990 - 1990 - 1990
	A Montbretias	7-11	8-25
101	B Peonies pink	6-1	6-15
	A Zinnias	7-1	10-1
481	B Iris Siberian, blue	5-24	6-11
	C Iris Ochroleuca, yellow		6-21
, 5 1	Montbretias		
41	Valerian		
31	Magnolia Grandiflora Funkia		

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TIME OF BLOOMING

	A	Trollius			
12'	В	Straw Flowers			
	C	Hemerocallis	yellow	5-27	6-13
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51	: : : : : : : : : :	Ferns			

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		PLANTING OF FLOWER GARDEN		
		"Longwood"		
		- 0 - 0 - 0 - 0 -	Summer	1912
			Time (of Blooming
		"A" BORDER 62 [†]		
31	Weigela (7,1	Anoted)		
	A Spanish Iris		6-1	6-15
31	B Yucca			
	C German Iris		5~7	6-7
n de la composition Composition	A-1 Shirley Poppies 2 Heliotrope	, fall seeding	5-20	610
	B-1 same as alm		7-1	
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108	C-1 Spanish Iris 2	Bpring sooding) Introduce finh . white the lighteds (white the lighteds (heteres, al pring seeding) 9 flants on each of in changes.	- 6-1	6-15.
16*	D-1 English Iris	(white helly heads		
	2 Spirea 3 Shirley Poppies	Spring and a list	m 6-9 ?	6→25
	E-1 Daffodila	in chungs.	7-1	8-1
are La construction	2 Balsam	Prince Bismark, Pink	3-34	420
	A-1 Campanulas 2 Attas		63	6-20
	B-1 Campanulas 2 Asters		6-3	6-20
	C-1 Peonies		8-15	9-15
251	2		6-1	6–15
۰. مراجع	D-1 Madonna Lilies 2 Casey Poppies	double at a	6-15	630
	E-1 Daffodils	double pink		
	2 Balsam	Prince Bismark, pink	3-24	4-20
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"A" BORDER - (cont.)

Time of Blooming

<u>c1</u>	A-1 Early Tulips 2 Late " 3 Gladiolus	Van Bercham Sweet Nancy Mrs. Francis	/37 /57 King, Flame	Pink	4-15 5-1 9-1	5 -1 5-20 9-15
6 '	B-1 Madonna Lilies 2 Shirley Poppies				6-15 	630
7 .*	A-1 Early Tulips 2 Late " 3 Gladiolus	Van Berchem Sweet Nancy 2 plantings	50 5D-		4-15 5-1 6-7	5-1 5-20 6-20

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51		Box Tree				
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	A	Peonies			6-1	6-15
	В	Lilium Giganteum				
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41		Funkia				
	A	Phóx Divaricata	Blue		4-20	6→1
81	B	Delphinium			6-1	
	0	Madonna Lilies			6-15	630
		Their Divariesta	also group of Shachiches next	13	·	 1911
10'		Chrysanthemums				
	Вć	Foxgloves Selfhi	min		6-1	6-20
	••••••					
	P	Peony				n Merin
51		English Iris				
		Retinospora				
		Funkia				
		Kerria				
5 *	2	Mignonette Bell Flower				
		Dell Flower				
	- A	Early Tulips	Kong of Julious Yellow	55- 20	4-15	5-1
•	2	Late "	(Archimedes - dark violet)	110	5-1	5-20 -
75		Asters	Queen of Market Late Branching			en e
I	·	a definite t a ante de			5-29	6-3
111	3	Yellow Rose Lilium Henii Mignonette				

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1 MIDDLE BORDER - WEST OF "A" (cont) A Poppies TIME OF BLOOMING Purpla and White Nas Berchen 153 81 B / Peonies 2 Subiche Josefung Ble Jag + Melfhun King midd 6-1 6-15 0 0 0 - - - Josefung - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 0 0 0 - - - 0 0 0 111 Artichokes 91 Chrysanthemums والمراجعة المراجع لمراجع 21 _ _ _ _ _ _ Poppies Purple and White 81

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MIDDLE BORDER - A - B 110*

TIME OF BLOOMING

51 Box Tree Pink & White Casey - Double Pink 6--3 7--6 /A-1 Campanulas 6-20 2 Poppies 8-1 B 11 in h 23 1 (c 15 D-1 Physostegia Pink & White 1 Bleeding Heart 2 Asters 8-15 4-28 6-10 9-15 8-15 · · · · 1.1 1 Mingela (It to Starter) 2 Stadiolus Canus 5* (A-1 Camponulas Pine 1 - White Casey - Double Pink 6--3 7--6 6-20 8-1 2 Poppies В 14* Pank + White C Judgloves Pink + White D-2, Hollyhocks Pink & White 6-6 1 Pinks Perennial - Pink & White . 5-19 А 91 & Lampsonlas Cinky White . 6-1 Ь 6-20 31 Shasta Daisies _____ 31 Yuccas 1 Madonna Lilies Annual - all colors 6-15 7-1 6-30 7-20 l Spanish Iris 2 English Iris 3 Perennial Phlox Pantheon - Pink 91 6-1 6-9 6-15 6-15 6-15 2 9-15 _ _ _ _ - - -· _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

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18;	A-1-Pyrethum S-Snapdragon B	.
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10'	Chrysanthemums Pink & White	

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A Bleeding Heart	4-28	6-10
B-1 German Iris 2 Madonna Lilies 3 Japanese Iris	5-7 6-15 6-12	6-7 6-30 7-12
C Peonies white	5-22	6-4
Scattered throughout border:		

l Early Tulips	Duchess of Parma - orange	4-15	5-1
2 Late Tulips	Mired	5-1	5-20
3 Asters	2 plantings		-

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MIDDLE BORDER - EAST 299'

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71	2 Asters			8-15	9-15
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81	B-1 Late Tulips 2 Bilendules C Pyrethrum	white :		5-1 5-18	5-20 6-13
11:	A-l Madonna Lilies 2 Calendulas			- 615	6-30
	B Delphinium			6-1	
1:	-Physostegia				
	A Tulips	Sprengeri, very	late, scarlet		
71	B Tulips	Fosteriana	scarlet		
	C Gladiolus	Sunrise	yellow	8-15	
	D Sunflower	Niss Mellish		8-15	~
	A Marigolds			7-1	
34	{B Sunflower B Hollyhoeks	Miss Mellish Gellow		8-15	

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MIDDLE BORDER - EAST (cont.)

TIME OF BLOOMING

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	A-1 2		Medium - white Cardinal	63	6-20
91	В	Foxgloves	White	6-1	6-20
31	1 2	Box tree Mignonette			44
14‡	A j	Shirley Poppies		7-15	81
	В	Phlox	Coquelicot red	7-4	8-1
31		Box tree Mignonette			
10*	A	Montbretias		7-11	8-25
	В	Peonies	pink	6-1	6-15
48 °	A	Zinnias		7-1	10-1
	В	Iris	Siberian blue	5-24	6-11
	C	Iris	Ochroleuca yellow	5-24	6-21
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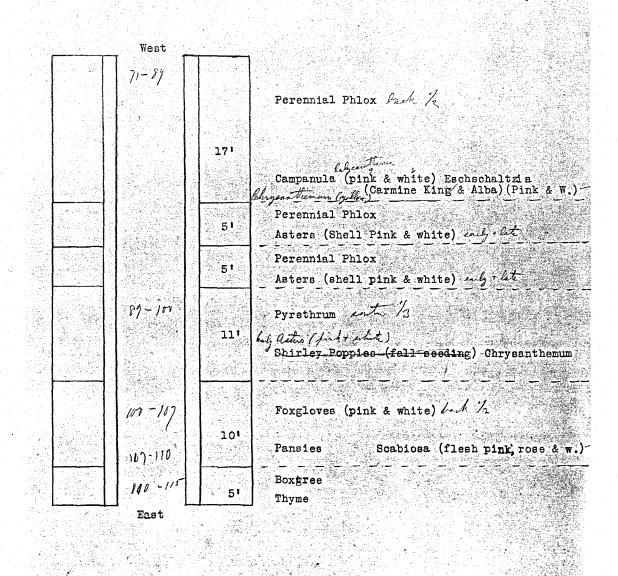
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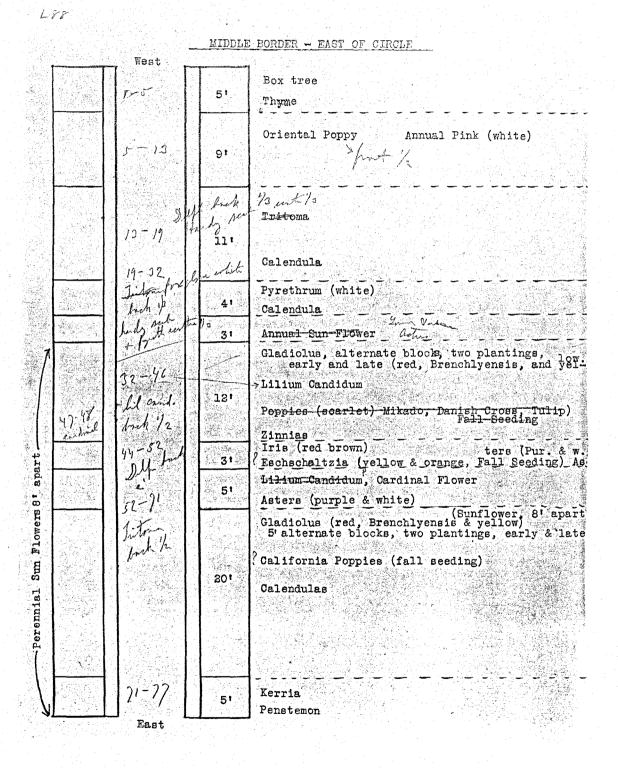
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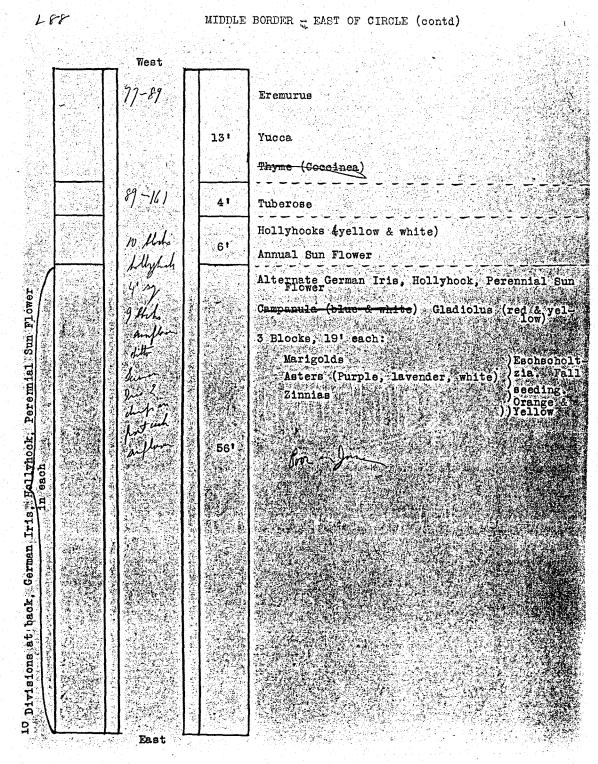
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MIDDLE BORDER - EAST OF CIRCLE (contd)

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MIDDLE, WEST OF A 29-26 7 and 1/2 hill flore East 29-26 Companula, (blue Exhite) Annual Larkspur (Spring seeding) 21-18 Fritten fulling 4 althu Delphinium hach 1/3 21' 18-9 Annual Pink (white) Hardy Asters (Beauty of Cornwall) but 1/2 Hardy Asters (Amellus) 9-0 91 Lilium Candidum entry Gladiolus (Blue Jay) Peonies entry/3 46-42 41 47- 74 71 Poppies-(purple)-Spring-seeding 34-25 Artichokes ĵ 11: Penstemon Chrysanthemums (gellar) 23-1 Deth Win 81 Foxgloves (white) Delphinium 81 Perennial Phlox (lavender, blue, Helene) 19-Spirea uble width 7-3 51 21 West Oend

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Apppendix 2: ROSE GARDEN PLANS

ROSE GARDEN

North Bed

From West - East 1st Row (Inside)

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NORTH BED From West East (2nd....row)

Queen Beatrice Cardinal Gloire de Lyon

La France

Souvénir de Pierre Notting

NORTH BED From West East -(3rd - outside row) Cardinal Madam Caroline Testout (Yellow) To be removed Maman Cochet, Pink Cardinal (?)

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WEST BED (NORTH END)

From North - South

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WEST BED (South End)

From South - North

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BC	Hermosa
HT	Queen Beatrice
HT HT	Madam Sigord*Weber
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SEMI-CIRCULAR BED, East End

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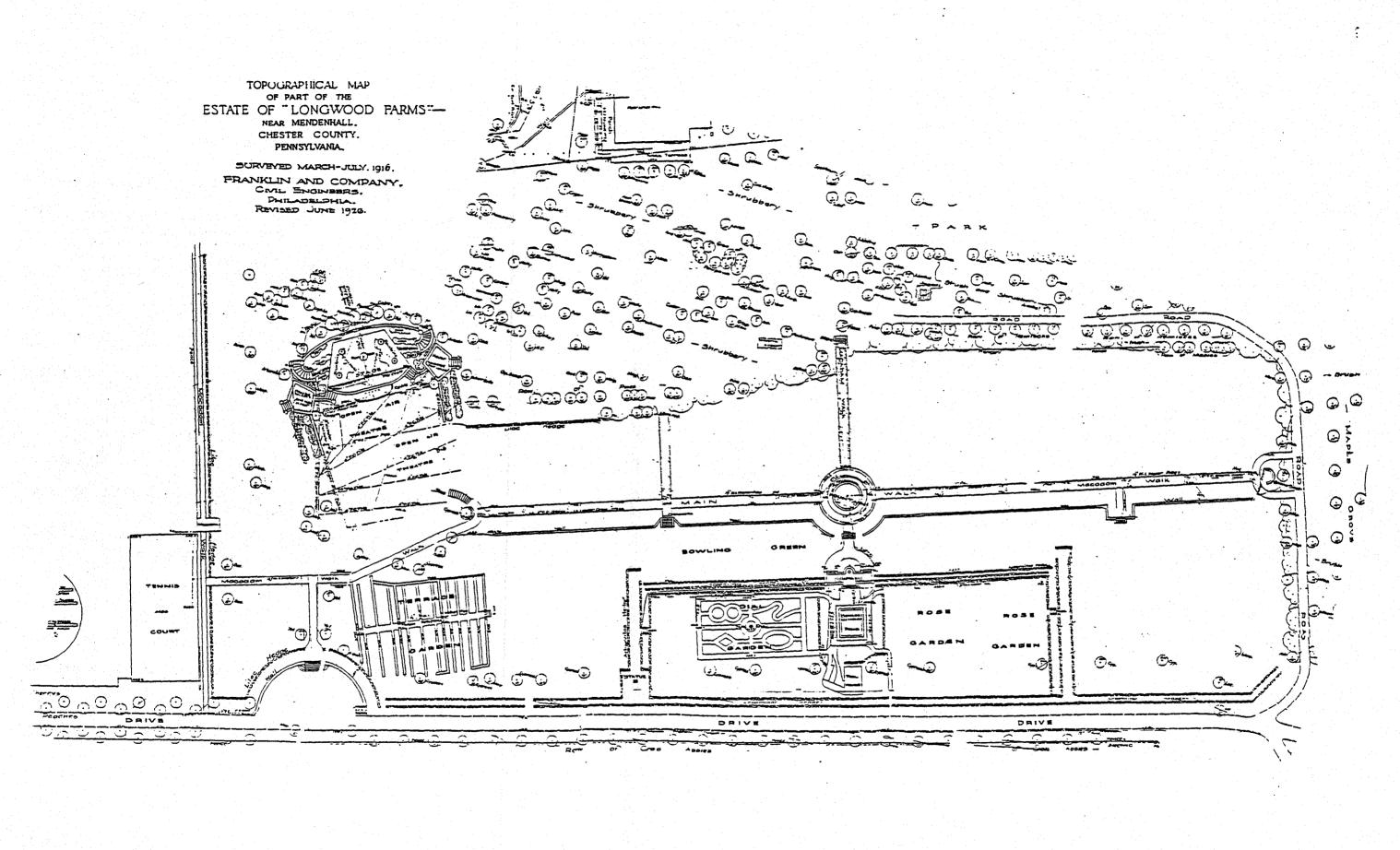
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South - North

HP	Mrs. John Laing
HR	Conrad F. Meyer
HR	Alice Aldrich
HR	Conrad F. Meyer
HP	Mrs. John Laing
HR	Alice Aldrich

APPENDIX 3: 1926 MAP OF LONGWOOD



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