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Summary Information

Repository	Fairmount Archives
Title	Art Collections
Date [bulk]	Bulk, 1840-1937
Date [inclusive]	1824-1998
Extent	10.0 Linear feet
Language	English
Abstract	This collection is comprised of artistic renderings and materials created of Fairmount Park, and for Fairmount Park purposes.

Preferred Citation note

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Scope and Contents note

This collection contains a wide range of items in terms of both content and format. The strongest series contains lithographs, etchings and engravings of various Fairmount Park locations and features- particularly views of and from Historic Houses, park features and the Fairmount Water Works. The bulk of this collection is from the mid to late 19th Century.

Eight original carborundum and charcoal prints created by prominent local artists for the Works Progress Administration's Pennsylvania Art Project program around 1937 are included, as well. These prints were likely hung in the previous location of the archives in Memorial Hall, and were transitioned into the overall archival collection, although the WPA prints are not of park features.

Calendars created in fundraising efforts for Fairmount Park from 1985 to 1995 are also present, in addition to materials and photographs created for use in these documents. There are also a limited number of watercolor prints- primarily giclee reproductions- of park features and locations. Additionally, there are a large number of ink transparencies of prominent park structures such as the Historic Houses, Boathouse Row, and the outdoor sculpture collection.

Administrative Information

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Conditions Governing Access note

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Conditions Governing Use note

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Collection Inventory

Lithographs, Etchings, and Engravings 1824-1992 (Bulk, 1840-1867)	Drawer M-1
Historic Houses and properties	
Belmont Mansion	
<p>"Belmont Prospect", east elevation of Belmont Mansion with man on horse in foreground. [1 unique item; 2 items total] 1848 3.5 X 5 inches Black and white</p>	

"Belmont and Water Works - Mount Pleasant, Fairmount Park", landscape view. 1867 6 X 9.5 inches Black and white with rainbow roll

Kimball, Fiske, Director, Philadelphia Museum of Art Front elevation of Judge Peter's house c. 1870 8.5 X 12 inches Black and white

General note

Reproduced by Fiske Kimball for the Penn Museum Bulletin, 1927

"Philadelphia from Belmont", view looking east from Belmont Mansion c. 1873 8 X 10 inches Black and white Moderate foxing

Boelsen House

Historic Houses and properties

"Thomas Moore's Cottage, Philadelphia Park", view from southwest prominently featuring a man and a dog. n.d. 6.5 X 9.5 inches Black and white

Lansdowne

"Lansdowne - 1855", front elevation. c. 1855 8 X 9.5 inches Black and white

Springland, W. Birch "Lansdowne, the Seat of the Late William Bingham, Esquire, Pennsylvania. Built by John Penn, Governor of Pennsylvania, 1763-1777", view from southwest. n.d. 8 X 10 inches Black and white

Laurel Hill

"At South, Laurel Hill, Fairmount Park", landscape view. c. 1867 4.5 X 6 inches Black and white

Lemon Hill

"Fountain near Mineral Spring, Lemon Hill" n.d. 6 X 9.5 inches Black and white Slightly water stained

General note

Note - "print found in 3rd annual report, 12-13"

Historic Houses and properties

Bye, Ranulph Lemon Hill 1994 Black and white print of ink pen rendering 11 X 15 inches

Letitia Street House

"William Penn's Cottage, Letitia Court, Philadelphia, 1682", view from southeast.
[fragile] n.d. 11 X 14 inches Black and white This item is in poor condition with many exterior and interior tears, water damage, and significant foxing. Handle with care.

Two landscape views and one exterior elevation from southwest, possible test prints.
[fragile] n.d. 8.5 X 11 inches Black and white

Loudoun Mansion

Etching with Loudoun Mansion in background and landscape with cows in foreground. [1 unique item; 7 items total] n.d. Color xerox prints 8.5 X 14 inches

Memorial Hall

Gist, John Memorial Hall [2 prints] 1992 Black and white print of pen rendering 11 X14 inches

Bye, Ranulph Memorial Hall n.d.

Philadelphia Museum of Art

Park features

“The Proposed Art Museum”, view from southeast. [1 unique sheet; 2 sheets total] n.d. 9.5 X 12 inches Black and white glossy prints

Solitude

Springland, W. Birch “Solitude in Pennsylvania, belonging to Mr. Penn”, exterior elevation from southwest. n.d. 8 X 10 inches Black and white

Strawberry Mansion

“Near Strawberry Mansion”, landscape view with man in background. n.d. 4 X 7 inches Black and white

Kennedy, David “The Robin Hood Tavern on Ridge Road, January, 1841”, view from southwest with snow. 1841 6.5 X 10 inches Black and white

Sweetbrier Mansion

“Near Fountain Green”, view looking west across river. c. 1867 4 X 6.5 inches Black and white

“In Ravine near Sweetbrier Fairmount Park, Philadelphia”, with water feature. n.d. 6.5 X 9.5 inches Black and white with rainbow roll

Park features

Bridges

Bridges

Columbia Bridge

“Near Columbia Bridge”. c. 1842 4.5 X 6.5 inches Black and white

“East of Columbia Bridge”. [1 unique item; 2 items total] c. 1842 3.5 X 6 inches Black and white

“Above Columbia Bridge”. [1 unique item; 2 items total] c. 1842 3.5 X 6 inches Black and white

“Columbia Bridge”, with man and woman in foreground. n.d. 3.5 X 6.5 inches Black and white

Girard Bridge

“Below Girard Bridge, East”. [1 unique item; 2 items total] n.d. 3.5 X 5.5 inches Black and white

“Above Girard Bridge, East”. n.d. 3.5 X 5.5 inches Black and white

“East of Girard Bridge”. c. 1857 3.5 X 5.5 inches Black and white

Watershed parks

Suspension Bridge

Croome, W. Rawdon, Wright, Hatch and Smillie. "New Suspension Bridge at Fairmount", view from south depicting numerous boaters. c. 1840 5 X 7.5 inches Black and white Slightly water stained

Schuylkill River

"Schuylkill River below the Falls, Fairmount Park, Philadelphia", landscape view with man in foreground. n.d. 6 X 8 inches Black and white with rainbow roll

"Fort St. Davids. 1794.", near the Falls of Schuylkill. n.d. 7 X 7.5 inches Black and white Upper right hand corner missing

Railroads

Bowen, J.T. "View from the Inclined Plan, near Philadelphia", inclined plane railroad (Philadelphia and Columbia Railroad - Pennsylvania Railroad) Belmont Mansion area. c. 1840s 7.5 X 9.5 inches Black and white

Watershed parks

Fairmount Park

Fairmount Water Works

Drake "Monster Pines, West Park". [fragile] n.d. 6.5 X 10 inches Black and white

West side of Schuylkill off Fairmount, featuring house and horse. [fragile] c. 1846 9 X 12.5 inches Black and white

"Ravine near Reservoir East". [1 unique item; 2 items total] c. 1842 4 X 5.5 inches Black and white

Wissahickon Valley Park

"Maple Springs - Wissahickon", test print of etchings, exterior elevation and landscape showing path with cows. [fragile] n.d. 9 X 11.5 inches Black and white

"On Wissahickon", featuring a large rock and scraggly tree. n.d. 4 X 6.5 inches Black and white

"In Wissahickon Valley, Fairmount Park Philadelphia", landscape view with two men in background. c. 1867 6.5 X 9.5 inches Black and white

West elevation of Valley Green Inn. n.d. 5 X 9 inches Black and white

Landscape view featuring bridge and exterior elevation of the Hermitage, test prints of engraving. n.d. 9 X 11.5 inches Black and white

Fairmount Water Works

Fairmount Water Works

Granville, B. Hamilton, J. Sartain, J. "Fairmount", Water Works - view looking east. c. 1840s 8.5 X 10.5 inches Black and white

Front elevation of Water Works with water detail. [1 unique item; 3 items total] n.d. 7 X 11 inches Two copies are glossy black and white images, one copy is a blocked zinc and lime engraving.

"The Locks at Fairmount Dam", "West of Wire Bridge". c. 1842 3.5 X 6 inches Black and white

"New Mill House at Fairmount", view of locks from the east. c. 1861 5.5 X 8.5 inches Black and white

Childs, C.G. Daughy, T. "Water Works", view looking northeast. c. 1840s 5.5 X 7 inches Black and white

Water Works, view looking south. c. 1840s 5.5 X 7.5 inches Black and white Slight foxing

Water Works, view from West Park looking across the Schuylkill River, group of picnickers included in the scene. [fragile] n.d. 6.5 X 9.5 inches Black and white Slight water damage

Kollner Water Works, view from West Park looking across the Schuylkill River, including gazebo. c. 1840s 4.5 X 7 inches Black and white

Miscellaneous

Water Works, view from West Park by boat dock, with gazebo. [fragile] c. 1871 10 X 13 inches Color This item is in poor condition with many pieces torn from exterior and a significant interior tear. Handle with care.

Birch, T. Parker, Edward "View of the Dam and Water Works at Fairmount, Philadelphia", view from southeast featuring steamboat and rowboats. [fragile] c. 1824 9.5 X 15 inches Black and white This item is in poor condition, with a significant interior tear and brittle tape repair. Handle with care.

Fenner, Sears and Company. I.T. Hinton, Simpkin, and Marshall. "The Race Bridge Fairmount Water Works, Philadelphia", exterior landscape featuring bridge and gazebo in background. c. 1831 8 X 10 inches Black and white Moderate spotting

Armitage, J.C. Bartlett, W.H. "Schuylkill Water Works", view from west park boat dock from south across Schuylkill River. n.d. Black and white

Miscellaneous

Laudebaoh Schell, Fred B. "Funeral Procession of General George Meade Passing through Fairmount Park". [approx. 50 copies] post 1872

Photo negative reproductions of lithographs

Bendiner, Alfred "Mr. Graff's Memorial" c. 1930s 9.5 X 11.5 inches

Pennsylvania Art Project - Work Progress Administration (WPA)

"Historical Register of the Centennial Exposition - Interior of Horticultural Hall" c. 1876 10.5 X 13 inches

Pennsylvania Art Project - Work Progress Administration (WPA) c. 1937

**Drawer
M-2**

Belfiore, Gerardo "School of Industrial Art" n.d. Lithograph Black and white 7.5 X 10.5 inches

Weidner, Roswell "Industrial Town #1" [2 prints] n.d. Black and white 10 X 12.5 inches Carborundum print

Weidner, Roswell "Industrial Town #2" n.d. 15 X 20 inches Black and white Carborundum print

General note

Label on back describes art, artist, and medium and states "Property of US Government"

Belfiore, Gerardo "Coal Yard" n.d. Black and white Slight staining on left side, moderate foxing on upper left side Lithograph 13.5 X 17.5 inches

Turner, John "Industrial Landscape" n.d. Black and white Lithograph 14.5 X 16.5 inches

Gallagher, Michael J. "Willow Tree" n.d. Black and white Lithograph 16 X 20 inches

Thrash, Dox "Mt. Zion" n.d. Black and white Carborundum print 7.5 X 10 inches

Watercolor Prints

Rigrodsky, Bessie "Drawbridge" n.d. Black and white Lithograph 16.5 X 24.5 inches Mild foxing along edges

Forjohn, Horatio "Abandoned Brickyard" n.d. 10 X 11 inches Mounted with tag on back describing piece and stating "Property of the U.S. Federal Government" Black and white Lithograph

Laessle, Paul "South 9th Street" Carborundum print Black and white Minor tape damage along edges 10 X 13 inches

Forjohn, Horatio "Defense Steel" n.d. Black and white Lithograph Accompanying tag notes details of piece and states "Property of the United States Government" 14.5 X 18 inches

Watercolor Prints 1865-1998**Drawer**

M-4

Miles, Noel Paintings of Historic Houses n.d. 12 1/2 X 18 1/2 inches Watercolor print on wove paper

Greeting card indexing prints with histories

"Mount Pleasant Mansion" n.d.

"Cedar Grove" n.d.

"Woodford Mansion" n.d.

Watercolor Prints

"Lemon Hill Mansion" n.d.

Miles, Noel "The Old Water Works, Philadelphia" n.d. Watercolor print on wove paper Mild foxing covering item 16 X 12.5 inches

Watson, Howard N. Greeting card with image of "Boathouse Row in Winter" n.d. Watercolor print on wove paper 8 x 11 inches

General note

Greeting card sent by "Liebert, Short, FitzPatrick, and Lavin"

Sturges, Rosalind H. "The Colonial Chain, a Group of 18th Century Seats in Fairmount Park" [2 prints] 1958 Watercolor prints 20.5 X 27 inches

General note

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Ressler, William C. "Autumn Skyline" n.d. Giclee print of watercolor 22 X 35 inches

Old Log Cabin c. 1865-1870 Watercolor print 8.5 X 11.5 inches

Watson, Howard N. View of Swann Memorial Fountain n.d. Watercolor print 24.5 X 31.5 inches

Berger, Carl Unidentified building, possible municipal n.d. Watercolor 19 X 27.5 inches

Ink Transparencies

Drawer

M-4

Ink Transparencies n.d.

Boathouse Row

Aerial sketch of Boathouse Row

Boathouse Row #1 - "Plaisted Hall"

Boathouse Row #2 - "Fairmount Club"

Boathouse Row #4 and Boathouse Row #5 - "U.S. Rowing Society and Crescent B.C."

Boathouse Row #6 - "Bachelors B.C."

Boathouse Row #7 - "University B.C."

Boathouse Row #9 and Boathouse Row #10 - "Vesper and Malta"

Boathouse Row #11 - "University of PA"

Boathouse Row #12 - "Penn A.C."

Boathouse Row #13 - "Undine"

Ink Transparencies

Boathouse Row #14 - "P.G.R.C."

Boathouse Row #15 - "Sedgeley Club"

Park buildings

American Swedish Historical Museum [2 prints]

Arnest Mansion

Bartram House [2 prints]

Bellaire Mansion [2 prints]

Belmont Mansion

Boelsen House

Blue Bell Tavern

Carousel House

Cedar Grove [2 prints]

Ink Transparencies

Chamounix Mansion [2 prints]

The Cliffs

East Park Canoe House

Hatfield House

Horticultural Center

Japanese House [2 prints]

Laurel Hill [2 prints]

Lemon Hill [2 prints]

Letitia Street House

Lilacs

Loudoun Mansion [2 prints]

Mann Music Center

Ink Transparencies

Memorial Hall [4 prints, sizes vary]

General note

Three of the prints are in paper form and posted on paper with letterhead reading "National Association for Olmsted Parks"

Mount Pleasant Mansion [2 prints]

Ohio House

Ormiston [2 prints]

Philadelphia Museum of Art

Ridgeland

Rittenhouse homestead [2 prints]

Robin Hood Dell

Rockland Mansion [2 prints]

Rodin Museum

Ink Transparencies

Smith Memorial Playground

Solitude

Strawberry Mansion [2 prints]

Sweetbrier Mansion [2 prints]

Fairmount Water Works [2 prints]

Woodford Mansion [2 prints]

Sculptures and fountains

All Wars Memorial to Colored Soldiers

Catholic Total Abstinence Fountain

Cowboy

Dying Lioness

Fountain of the Sea Horses (Italian Fountain)

Ink Transparencies

Garfield, James A.

von Goethe, Johann Wolfgang

Grant, General Ulysses S.

Haydn, Franz Joseph

Joan of Arc

Karlsefni, Thorfinn

Law, Prosperity and Power

Lincoln Monument - "Abraham Lincoln"

McMichael, Morton

Meade, General George

Medicine Man

Night

Ink Transparencies

Orestes and Pylades Fountain

Pilgrim

Playing Angels

Reynolds, Major General John Fulton

Saint George and the Dragon

Schiller

Schubert

Seaweed Girl Fountain

Silenus and the Infant Bacchus

Smith Memorial Arch

Stone Age in America

Sundial

Calendars

Swann Memorial Fountain

Verdi, Giuseppe

Washington Grays Monument

Washington Monument

Spirit of Enterprise, Miner, Revolutionary, and Welcoming to Freedom

Calendars 1985-1999	Shelf Green	Drawer 2
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1985

O'Dell, Peter N. "The Fairmount Park 1985 Calendar"

O'Dell, Peter N. "Fall Forest" enlarged and mounted

O'Dell, Peter N. "Ground Fog" enlarged and mounted

O'Dell, Peter N. "Sculler" enlarged and mounted

1987

Calendars

O'Dell, Peter N. "Fairmount Park, 1987 Calendar"

1988

O'Dell, Peter N. "1988 Twelve Month Illustrated Calendar of Fairmount Park, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania"

O'Dell, Peter N. "Duck Girl" [2 prints]

Image of children playing in Swann Memorial Fountain, excluded from calendar

Landscape views excluded from calendar [6 unique prints; 6 prints total]

Landscape view of dam in winter [2 prints], excluded from calendar

Japanese House in autumn, excluded from calendar

1989

Print of cover of calendar depicting bridge and grandstand in winter [2 prints]

1992

Calendars

Massara, Lauren B. O'Dell, Peter N. Steiger Olin, Victoria Winston, David Lorenz Fairmount Park
1992 Calendar

O'Dell, Peter N. "The Skyline from West Park" [3 prints]

Winston, David Lorenz "The Falls of Schuylkill Bridge"

"Swann Fountain" [2 prints]

Winston, David Lorenz "Calder Sundial at the Horticultural Center" [2 prints]

O'Dell, Peter N. "The Wissahickon Creek at Leverington Avenue" [2 prints]

O'Dell, Peter N. "Fairmount Water Works"

Steiger Olin, Victoria "The Azalea Garden"

Massara, Lauren B. "Fireworks on the Parkway" [2 prints]

Winston, David Lorenz "West Terrace of the Museum of Art" [2 prints]

Winston, David Lorenz "East Fairmount Park" [2 prints]

Miscellaneous

Winston, David Lorenz "The David Rittenhouse Birthplace along the Monoshone" [2 prints]

O'Dell, Peter N. "Bell's Mill Crossing on the Wissahickon" [2 prints]

Winston, David Lorenz "The Swann Fountain in Logan Square" [2 prints]

1993

Winston, David Lorenz "Fairmount Park, Friends of Philadelphia Parks 1993 Calendar" [2 copies]

1999

Winston, David Lorenz "Fairmount Park, Friends of Philadelphia Parks 1999 Calendar"

Miscellaneous January 1916

Drawer

"Americanization through Art" (19 copies) January 1916

M-4