

Walter Pertuch Digital Images Collection

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Summary Information

Repository	Fairmount Archives
Creator - Collector	Pertuch, Walter A. R. , Mr., 1888-1976
Title	Walter Pertuch Digital Images Collection
Date	c. 1880- c. 1940
Extent	452.0 plates 452 digitized glass plate negatives
Language	English
Graphic materials [Folder]	Digital Assets>Pictures>Walter Pertuch Collection

Preferred Citation note

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Biographical/Historical note

Mr. Pertuch was born on August 2, 1888 and died in January, 1976, when he was 88 years old. From 1904, when he was around 16, he started working at the Franklin Institute, I assume as a stack assistant of some type. In 1940, he replaced Alfred Rigling as librarian and held the position until he became librarian emeritus in December, 1959. It's interesting to note that Pertuch was only the third librarian at the Franklin Institute. The institute's original librarian, Emanuel Hildebrand, served from 1824 until 1887, and his successor, Alfred Rigling held the post from 1887 to 1940. While at the Franklin Institute, Pertuch wrote at least one brief work, titled Reminiscences and edited and compiled another, Horological books and pamphlets in the Library of the Franklin Institute. Additionally, the institute holds a collection of lantern slides that Pertuch made. This collection of images is made up of scans of the original glass plate negatives Pertuch either collected or created himself. The authorship of many of the images is difficult to ascertain because it is known that Pertuch was an avid amateur photographer but also purchased plates from other photographers.

Scope and Contents note

The Walter Pertuch Digital Images Collection consists of 452 scans of original glass plate negatives. The collection features images from the late 19th century and early 20th century, and includes photographs of Philadelphia and Fairmount Park, Germany, several World's Fair and sections of New Jersey.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Conditions Governing Access note

This collection is open for research.

Conditions Governing Use note

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Controlled Access Headings

Personal Name(s)

- Butler, George A., Mr., 1935-

Subject(s)

- Fairmount Park (Philadelphia, Pa.)--History.
- Historic sites--Pennsylvania--Philadelphia--Pictorial works.
- Photography--Germany--20th Century

National

Collection Inventory

National
Eastern United States
Philadelphia
Fairmount Park
Centennial Exhibition
Cobb's Creek Park
Fairmount Water Works
Wissahickon Valley Park

Non-Park

Valley Forge

Jersey Shore

Central United States

Miscellaneous

Central United States

St. Louis World's Fair

Miscellaneous

Western United States

International

Germany

France

Miscellaneous

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