

# **Cremer Stereograph Collection**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Fairmount Archives
<b>Title</b>	Cremer Stereographs Collection
<b>Date</b>	c. 1880
<b>Extent</b>	2.0 containers
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Abstract</b>	<p>Stereographs represent an early form of "three dimensional" photography. Images are duplicated and placed side-by-side in order to create a three dimensional effect, an effect which is greatly enhanced with the use of a stereoscopic viewer. Stereographs were an extremely popular commercial success in the late 19th century, largely because they were easily reproduceable. This created an availability and affordability which attracted a variety of classes. Many of the stereographs featured in this collection were created by James Cremer, who owned and operated James Cremer's Stereoscopic Emporium in central Philadelphia.</p>

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## Scope and Contents Note

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As per the collection title, all items housed within this collection are stereographic images (or "stereographs"). The majority were created by Cremer, however there are a limited number of other creators which can be found throughout the collection. While subject matter varies, all items feature items within the city of Philadelphia. The majority of items are directly related to the Fairmount Park System, however there are a limited number of non-park related items, such as the Liberty Bell. The collection is especially strong in images documenting the Fairmount Water Works and Fairmount Park. The collection contains a mixture of landscape views of nature and significant buildings and images featuring people interacting with these elements.

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## Arrangement Note

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Items in this collection are generally arranged by location, such as "Strawberry Mansion". There are a few exceptions to this arrangement strategy. Items directly related to the Centennial Exhibition of 1876 are labelled under "Centennial", images of bridges have been separated into an independent series, as are images primarily featuring sculptures, statues, and fountains.

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## Administrative Information

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## Belmont

**Collection Inventory**

<b>Belmont</b>	<b>Box</b>
	3
Boat landing	
Concourse	
Glen	
Mansion	
Observatory	
Pavilion	
Reservoir	
Valley	
General	
<b>Boathouse Row</b>	<b>Box</b>
	3

**Boelsen House**

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General

**Boelsen House**

**Box**  
3

General

**Bridges**

**Box**  
3

Columbia

Connecting railroad

East River Drive tunnel

Falls

Ferndale

Girard Avenue

Red Bridge

Rustic Bridge

Centennial

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Spring Garden suspension

Bridge at Valley Green

Vine Bridge

**Centennial**

**Box**

3

Agricultural Hall

Art Gallery (Memorial Hall)

Board of Finance Building

Horticultural Hall

Main Exhibition Building

General

**Chamounix Mansion**

**Box**

3

General

**Christ Church Hospital**

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<b>Christ Church Hospital</b>	<b>Box</b> 3
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General

<b>Eggesfield</b>	<b>Box</b> 3
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General

<b>Fairmount Locks</b>	<b>Box</b> 3
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General

<b>Fairmount Park</b>	<b>Box</b> 3
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Cold Spring

East Fairmount Park

General

<b>George's Hill</b>	<b>Box</b> 3
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General

<b>Lansdowne</b>	<b>Box</b> 3
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**Laurel Hill**

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Drive

Island

Spring

General

**Laurel Hill**

**Box**

3

General

**Lemon Hill**

**Box**

3

Entrance

Drive

Glade

Lawn

Lemon Hill Mansion

**Liberty Bell**

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Mineral Spring

Music Stand

Lemon Hill Observatory

Summer House

General

<b>Liberty Bell</b>	<b>Box</b> 4
General	
<b>Mount Pleasant</b>	<b>Box</b> 4
General	
<b>Ormiston</b>	<b>Box</b> 4
General	
<b>Peter's Island</b>	<b>Box</b> 4
General	

## Rockland

<b>Rockland</b>	<b>Box</b>
	4
General	
<b>Rustic houses</b>	<b>Box</b>
	4
General	
<b>Schuylkill River</b>	<b>Box</b>
	4
Falls of Schuylkill	
Flood	
General	
<b>Sedgeley Porter House</b>	<b>Box</b>
	4
General	
<b>Solitude</b>	<b>Box</b>
	4
General	
<b>Sculptures, statues and fountains</b>	<b>Box</b>
	4

Landing

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Diana

Graff Monument

Hudson Bay Wolves Quarreling Over the Carcass of a Deer

Lincoln Memorial

Miscellaneous

Wounded Boar

<b>Landing</b>	<b>Box</b>
	4
General	
<b>Strawberry Mansion</b>	<b>Box</b>
	4
Boat Landing	
General	
<b>Sweetbrier Mansion</b>	<b>Box</b>
	4

**Transcontinental Hotel**

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Drive

Farm

Glen/Valley

Heights

Playground

Summit

Views

**Transcontinental Hotel**

**Box**

4

Transcontinental Hotel: General

**Water Works, Fairmount**

Dam

Interior

**Water Works, West Philadelphia**

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Exterior views

Pavilions and gazebos

Plaza

Reservoir

Stone arch

**Water Works, West Philadelphia**

**Box**  
4

General

**Wissahickon Valley Park**

**Box**  
4

Aqueduct

Drive

Valley Green

General