Greber Design Collection FP.2010.007

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Summary Information

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Creator Greber, Jacques

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Biographical/Historical note

Jacques Greber (1882-1962), a graduate of the Ecole des Beaux-Arts in Paris, was a successful landscape architect who brought classical French influences to North America. After creating a number of private gardens for wealthy Americans, he transitioned into urban planning and become well-renowned internationally for his work transforming city spaces. He is perhaps best known for his involvement with the Benjamin Franklin Parkway in Philadelphia, where he created the master plan to link City Hall to the Philadelphia Museum of Art and later worked with Paul Cret to design the Rodin Museum.

Scope and Contents note

The drawings included in this collection are limited to the region of the Benjamin Franklin Parkway from Logan Circle to the Philadelphia Museum of Art. It is comprised primarily of landscape plans, but also contains related sketches of details, decorations and embankments.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Related Materials

Related Archival Materials note

For additional plans on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway please see the Fairmount Park Maps, Plans and Drawings Collection.

Collection Inventory

"City of Philadelphia Plan for Garden Around Art Gallery" 1918 June
"City of Philadelphia Fairmount Parkway, Plan of proposed Revisions of Logan Sq." circa 1917
Fragments of Greber landscape drawings undated
"Cross Section of Parkway at NW End of Logan Circle" 1917 September
"Study of Decoration of the Centre of Logan Circle Showing the Monument to Soldiers and Sailors (from CL of PKWY) undated
NA, Gardens surrounding Art Museum 1918
"Section of Fairmount Plaza Looking SE" 1918 October
"Detailed study of Fountain on Front Steps; Section on CL of Steps" 1918 July
"Elevation of Embankment on Schuylkill River" part 1 undated
"Elevation of Embankment on Schuylkill River" part 2 1918 September

"General Plan of the Municipal Art Gallery and Approaches, Northeast Section" 1920 August

"Planting Plan of Grounds of the Municipal Art Gallery" 1920 March

"Garden of the Municipal Art gallery--Sections showing Height and Size of Trees" 1920 November

Layout of the Parkway Gardens from Logan Circle to 22nd St. 1919 September

Section of Fairmount Plaza Looking SE 1919 March

"Sections showing height and size of trees -- Municipal Art Gallery" 1920 November

"Gardens of the Municipal Art Gallery -- Showing height and size of Plants" 1920 January

"Plan of Proposed Revision of Logan Square, Scheme B" 1917 August

Plan of Grounds of Municipal Art Gallery 1920 March

"Gardens of the Municipal Art Gallery -- detail cross section showing elevation of ground and large trees" 1921 January

"Sections showing height and size of trees -- Municipal Art Gallery" 1920 November

"Decoration of Retaining Wall on Sides of Museum -- Study of Fountain on South Corner" 1918 August

"Detailed Study of Fountain on Front Steps" 1918 July

"Gardens of the Municipal Art Gallery -- detail cross section showing elevation of ground and large trees" 1921 January

Municipal Art Gallery -- Cross Section showing height and size of trees 1921 November

Grounds of the Municipal Art Gallery 1921 January

Gardens of the Municipal Art Gallery -- Detailed Cross Section Showing Elevations of Ground 1920 December

Gardens of the Municipal Art Gallery -- Detailed Cross Section Showing Elevations of Ground 1920 October

Gardens of the Municipal Art Gallery -- Sections showing size and height of trees 1920 November

Gardens of the Municipal Art Gallery -- Sections showing size and height of trees 1920

Gardens of the Municipal Art Gallery -- Sections showing size and height of trees 1920 November

Gardens of the Municipal Art Gallery -- Sections showing size and height of plants 1920 December

Gardens of the Municipal Art Gallery -- Sections showing size and height of trees 1920 November

Gardens of the Municipal Art Gallery -- Detailed Study of Fountain on Front Steps 1920 October

Gardens of the Municipal Art Gallery -- Sections Showing size and height of trees 1920 November

Plan of Fairmount Plaza 1919 September

Layout of the Parkway Gardens from 22nd Street to Crescent 1919 September

Plan of Gardens from Crescent to Fairmount Plaza 1919 October

Layout of the Parkway Gardens from 22nd Street 1919 September

Gardens of the Municipal Art Gallery - Sections CC showing grading 1918 July 15

Parkway Lamppost - Section A, B - (larger than actual size) 1920 February 13

Plan of the Parkway Gardens between Logan Square and the Fairmount Plaza and Study of Plan for the Episcopal Cathedral 1917 September 19

Electrolier 1921 April 6

Memorial Pylons Logan Square- Lloyd and Hewlitt Architects 1921 August 10

General Plan of the Grounds of the Municipal Art Gallery and Approaches to the Northeast Section 1920 August

Planting Plans of Grounds of Municipal Art Gallery 1920 March

Revised layout of Logan Circle with 20th and Race Streets moved back improve the composition 1918 August

Final layout of Logan Circle 1919 March

Study and plan of gardens and pavements around the art gallery 1918 August 20

General Plan of the Grading of the grounds of the municipal art gallery 1920 March