



Finding Aid for

JENS JENSEN DRAWINGS SERIES, 1914-1921

Accession 797

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OVERVIEW

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 797

CREATOR: Jensen, Jens, 1860-1951

TITLE: Jens Jensen Drawings series

INCLUSIVE DATES: 1914-1924

QUANTITY: 1 cubic ft., 1 oversize folder

LANGUAGE: The materials are in English.

ABSTRACT: Known for his work as superintendant of the Great West Parks System in Chicago, Jens Jensen designed landscaping for parks and estates throughout the United States. The bulk of the series consists of set of 29 drawings which detail the landscaping Jensen designed for the Ford Fair Lane estate in Dearborn, Michigan.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

ACCESS RESTRICTIONS: The materials are open for research. However, access to the oversized Fair Lane Landscaping Plan drawing requires advance notice due to special handling.

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ACQUISITION: Donated by Ford Motor Company Archives, 1964.

RELATED MATERIAL: Related material held by The Henry Ford:

- This series forms part of the Ford Properties subgroup, Henry Ford and Ford Family papers record group
- See also Jensen correspondence contained in the Engineering Laboratory Office records subgroup, 1920-1952, Accessions 284 and 285
- See also Jens Jensen Landscape Architectural Drawings, Accession E.I. 369

Related collections beyond The Henry Ford:

- Jens Jensen drawings and papers, 1903-1951, Call Number 97105 Aa 2, Bentley Historical Library, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Accessed at <http://quod.lib.umich.edu/cgi/f/findaid/findaid-idx?c=bhlead&idno=umich-bhl-97105>

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DESCRIPTION INFORMATION: Original collection inventory prepared by Ford Motor Company Archives staff, circa 1960. Finding aid prepared by staff of the Benson Ford Research Center, June 2011.

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Born in Denmark, landscape architect Jens Jensen came to the United States in 1881. Jensen brought with him an appreciation and love of nature and an unusual skill as a landscape architect, having attended the agricultural and horticultural colleges of Copenhagen, Berlin, and Hanover. His ability was quickly recognized and he became superintendent of the Union and other small parks in the Great West side of Chicago. Later, he became superintendent of Humboldt Park, general superintendent of the Great West Park System, which includes the famous Garfield Park Conservatory.

Many parks and estates in various cities throughout the United States were the result of Jensen's genius, as were most of the estates along Chicago's famous North Shore. In addition to landscaping Fair Lane, he completed four homes for Edsel Ford and projects for the Dearborn Inn, Henry Ford Hospital, Henry Ford Museum, and the Ford pavilion at the 1933 Chicago Century of Progress. Jens Jensen died on October 1, 1951 at the age of 91.

- From "A Virtual Tour - Jens Jensen" page, The Henry Ford Estate - Fair Lane website.
Accessed 2011-06-06 at: <http://www.henryfordestate.org/jensen.htm>

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Box 1 drawings are linen-backed blueprint reprographic copies, and are bound in individual, numbered volumes. The volumes themselves are housed in a specially-made box.

The large format, blueprint reproduction drawing, catalog number 64.167.797.1, illustrates the Fair Lane house, Rouge River, waterfall, pond, plantings, trees, and gardens.

SUBJECT TERMS

Names, Personal and Corporate

Jensen, Jens, 1860-1951

Fair Lane (Dearborn, Mich.)

Subjects

Landscape architecture--Michigan.

Geographic

Dearborn (Mich.)

Genre and Form

Landscape architectural drawings.

CONTAINER LIST

Box no.	Description
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Box 1

1. A General Plan, September 1920
2. Plan of Lake, January 1914
3. Grading Plan, undated
4. Grades and location of buildings, March 1915
5. Plan of Water System, March 1921
6. Plan of Water System, area around house, garage and vegetable garden, May 1915
7. Proposed grades for garden, August 1915
8. Topographical plan of the area around the Lily Pond, February 1921
9. Sections and elevations of Dam, undated
10. Plan for Pool in Rose Garden, July 1915
11. Plans for Bird Pool, August 1915
12. Plan showing location of Greenhouses and Hot Beds, March 1915
13. Plan for Areaway east of Power House, 1915
14. Dam and adjoining Rock work on River Rouge, June 1915
15. Planting Plan No. 1 for the area around the Lake, August 1915
16. Planting Plan No. 2 for portion of estate, 1915
17. A Planting Plan for section around service buildings, June 1920
18. A Planting Plan, section of lane leading to service buildings, June 1920
19. A Planting Plan No. 3 for the Informal Gardens, April 1920
20. A Planting Plan for the Rock Garden and Lily Pond, October 1915
21. Planting Plan for Rose Garden, April 1916
22. A Planting Plan for the area around the House, November 1915
23. Vegetable Garden and Service, undated
24. Planting for Orchard and Filbert Lane, May 1917
25. A Planting Plan, Entrance Drive, March 1920
26. A Planting Plan for Entrance Drive, March 1920
27. A Planting Plan for section around Gate Lodge, March 1920
28. Sketch for Grounds at Residence, January 1914
29. The original Location of Residence and Garage, January 1914

Folder 1 (Oversize)

Fair Lane Landscaping Plan, 1914 (Large format blueprint reproduction with pencil annotations; blueprint is in pieces and not all pieces are available; illustrates Fair Lane house, Rouge River, waterfall, pond, plantings, trees, and gardens; catalog number 64.167.797.1)