



Information taken from historic maps, correspondence, oral histories, and 1999 existing conditions survey. Plants are listed in order of date of donation.

Full documentation for primary sources is listed with each entry.

Secondary sources include

- (1) "Trees and Shrubs Presented to the First Family for the Gettysburg Farm," Ann Whitman Files, Gettysburg Farm Series, "Trees and Bushes," Eisenhower National Historic Site Library, n.d.,
- (2) "Eisenhower Farm Landscaping, Gettysburg, PA, 25 August, 1955," Gettysburg NMP/Eisenhower NHS Archives.
- (3) Edwin C. Bearss, "Eisenhower National Historic Site: Historic Resource Study and Historical Base Map, Eisenhower Farm, 1762-1967," Plate II: Historical Base Map, Conditions as of November 1967, Eisenhower National Historic Site Library.
- (4) "Existing Grounds Development: Eisenhower National Historic Site," NPS Philadelphia Planning & Service Center, July 1969, Gettysburg NMP/Eisenhower NHP Archives.

## 1

*Plant Name:* **crabapple (Malus spp.)**

*Number Donated:* 1

*Date:* 11/16/1955

*Donor:* White House Social Staff

*Location:* unknown

*Status in 1999:* unknown

*Notes:*

none

*Primary Sources:*

none

*Secondary Sources:*

(1) "Trees and Shrubs..."

*Location:* unknown

*Status in 1999:* unknown

*Notes:*

none

*Primary Sources:*

none

*Secondary Sources:*

(1) "Trees and Shrubs..."

## 2

*Plant Name :* **white birch (Betula spp.)**

*Number Donated:* clump of 3 trees

*Date:* received 5/4/56

*Donor:* Miss Ebba M. Janson, New Hampshire Evening Citizen, on behalf of the people of Laconia, NH

*Location:* eastern side of barn, near ramp

*Status in 1999:* no longer extant, replaced in kind

*Notes:*

none

*Primary Sources:*

(1) Walter A. West, Interview by Carol Hegeman, Tape Recording, September 26-28, 1983, Transcript at Eisenhower National Historic Site Library, vol. 1, sect. 1, p. 8. (2) Ann C. Whitman to Miss Ebba M. Jansen, March 29, 1956; Arthur S. Nevins to Ann C. Whitman, May 5, 1956; Dwight D. Eisenhower to Miss Ebba M. Janson, May 9, 1956, Ann Whitman Files, Gettysburg Farm Series: "Trees and Bushes," Eisenhower National Historic Site Library.

*Secondary Sources:*

(1) "Trees and Shrubs..."

## 4

*Plant Name:* **dwarf cypress (unknown species) & Monterey pine (Pinus spp.)**

*Number Donated:* 2 trees

*Date:* acknowledged 9/1/56

*Donor:* Mr. & Mrs. Hugh D. Hazard, Pacific Grove, CA

*Location:* greenhouse

*Status in 1999:* no longer extant

*Notes:*

none

*Primary Sources:*

none

*Secondary Sources:*

(1) "Trees and Shrubs..."

## 5

*Plant Name :* **weeping cherry (Prunus spp.)**

*Number Donated:* 1 tree

*Date:* 5/1/56

*Donor:* Mr. & Mrs. George S. Crawford, Wayne, PA

*Location:* unknown

*Status in 1999:* unknown

*Notes:*

none

*Primary Sources:*

(1) Arthur S. Nevins to Ann C. Whitman, April 18, 1956, Ann Whitman Files, Gettysburg Farm Series: "Greenhouses," Eisenhower National Historic Site Library.

*Secondary Sources:*

(1) "Trees and Shrubs..."

## 3

*Plant Name:* **white pine (Pinus strobus)**

*Number Donated:* 50 trees

*Date:* acknowledged 9/1/56

*Donor:* Mr. Wilbur Nisley, Secretary/Treasurer, Pennsylvania Nurseryman's Association, Harrisburg, PA



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*Plant Name:* **flowering dogwood (*Cornus florida*)**

*Number Donated:* 12 trees

*Date:* received 3/29/56

*Donor:* Mr. Orville Crouch, Chairman National Cherry Blossom Festival, Washington, DC

*Location:* unknown

*Status in 1999:* unknown

*Notes:*  
none

*Primary Sources:*  
none

*Secondary Sources:*  
(1) "Trees and Shrubs..."

7

*Plant Name:* **flowering cherry (*Prunus* spp.)**

*Number Donated:* 3 trees

*Date:* circa 1955

*Donor:* Mrs. Clarence J. Schoo, General Fiber Box Company, Springfield, MA

*Location:* unknown

*Status in 1999:* unknown

*Notes:*  
none

*Primary Sources:*  
none

*Secondary Sources:*  
(1) "Trees and Shrubs..."

8

*Plant Name:* **cherry - various types (*Prunus* spp.)**

*Number Donated:* unknown

*Date:* received 5/1/56

*Donor:* Mr. William B. Powell, National Red Cherry Institute, Chicago, IL

*Location:* possibly in orchard

*Status in 1999:* unknown

*Notes:*  
The Nevins letter mentions planting the trees in April 1956, but does not indicate the location.

*Primary Sources:*  
(1) Arthur S. Nevins to Ann C. Whitman, April 18, 1956, Ann Whitman Files, Gettysburg Farm Series: "Greenhouses," Eisenhower National Historic Site Library.

*Secondary Sources:*  
(1) "Trees and Shrubs..."

9

*Plant Name:* **Port Orford cedar (*Chamaecyparis lawsoniana*)**

*Number Donated:* 400-500 trees

*Date:* received ca. 11/8/55

*Donor:* Mr. John Prins, Sr., Banquet Chairman, Republican Central Committee of Pierce County, Tacoma, WA

*Location:* along property line at Water Works Road

*Status in 1999:* unknown

*Notes:*  
Eisenhower suggested to Nevins planting these trees eastward from the edge of the property at the schoolhouse, or to start at the government property (?) and plant west toward the schoolhouse, using about fifteen feet spacing. The trees were approximately 2 years old, 12" high with 12" root systems, would be 6' tall in 4-5 years and later grow "to great majestic heights," and would be "exceedingly valuable" in 70 years. They would supposedly grow well in Pennsylvania.

*Primary Sources:*  
(1) John Prins, Chairman Pierce County Republicans, to Dwight D. Eisenhower, November 3, 1955. (2) Ann C. Whitman to Arthur S. Nevins, November 1, 1955, Both in Ann Whitman Files, Gettysburg Farm Series: "Trees and Bushes," Eisenhower National Historic Site Library.

*Secondary Sources:*  
(1) "Trees and Shrubs..."

10

*Plant Name:* **cedar of Lebanon (*Cedrus libani*)**

*Number Donated:* 1 tree

*Date:* acknowledged 5/23/56

*Donor:* Dale Biesecker, President, Gettysburg Chapter Future Farmers of America, Gettysburg Joint High School, Gettysburg, PA

*Location:* unknown

*Status in 1999:* unknown

*Notes:*  
none

*Primary Sources:*  
none

*Secondary Sources:*  
(1) "Trees and Shrubs..."

11

*Plant Name:* **lilac (*Syringa vulgaris*)**

*Number Donated:* 1 shrub (white)

*Date:* acknowledged 4/28/55

*Donor:* Republican Women's Club, Oil City, PA

*Location:* in dogwood/lilac row southeast of the house, between windmill and teahouse, later location of semicircular hedge.

*Status in 1999:* no longer extant

*Notes:*  
This lilac appears on the 1955 map as a donation from the Republican Women's Club, Oil City, PA. It does not appear on later maps. The row of dogwoods/lilacs in this area was replaced by the semicircular hedge sometime before the 1967 map was drawn. No additional documentation on this donation has been found.

Primary Sources:

none

Secondary Sources:

(1) "Trees and Shrubs..." (2) 1955 Map

**12**Plant Name: **lilac (*Syringa vulgaris*)**Number Donated: 6 shrubs (white)Date: received 11/23/54Donor: Congressman Harold C. Ostertag, Officials of Lilac Time, Rochester, NYLocation: hedgerow running east and west, from the windmill to a row of lilacs in line with the rear terrace retaining wall, both lilac rows formed an "L" shaped hedgeStatus in 1999: some may be extantNotes:

These lilacs appear on the 1955 map as donations from the Official Lilac Festival of Rochester, NY. They also appear on both the 1967 and 1969 maps. Some lilacs were extant in the same location in 1999 and may be these original shrubs.

Primary Sources:

none

Secondary Sources:

(1) "Trees and Shrubs..." (2) 1955 Map (3) 1967 Map (4) 1969 Map

**13**Plant Name: **boxwood (*Buxus spp.*)**Number Donated: 1 shrubDate: received 10/24/55Donor: The Honorable Wendell B. Barnes, Administrator, on behalf of the Small Business Administration, Washington, DCLocation: outside of study, front of homeStatus in 1999: may be extantNotes:

As a birthday gift for Eisenhower in 1955, the Small Business Administration provided for the planting of a boxwood and yew at the entrance of his study "according to the landscape plan at Gettysburg."

Primary Sources:

(1) Wendell B. Barnes to Dwight D. Eisenhower, Memorandum, October 25, 1955, Ann Whitman Files, Gettysburg Farm Series: "Fruits, Vegetables, Flowers, Grasses," Eisenhower National Historic Site Library.

Secondary Sources:

(1) "Trees and Shrubs..."

**14**Plant Name : **yew (*Taxus spp.*)**Number Donated: 1 shrubDate: received 10/24/55Donor: The Honorable Wendell B. Barnes, Administrator, on behalf of the Small Business Administration, Washington, DCLocation: outside of study, front of homeStatus in 1999: may be extantNotes:

As a birthday gift for Eisenhower in 1955, the Small Business Administration provided for the planting of a boxwood and yew at the entrance of his study "according to the landscape plan at Gettysburg"

Primary Sources:

(1) Wendell B. Barnes to Dwight D. Eisenhower, Memorandum, October 25, 1955, Ann Whitman Files, Gettysburg Farm Series: "Fruits, Vegetables, Flowers, Grasses," Eisenhower National Historic Site Library.

Secondary Sources:

(1) "Trees and Shrubs..."

**15**Plant Name: **boxwood (*Buxus spp.*)**Number Donated: 1 shrubDate: acknowledged 4/26/55Donor: Mr. W. Alton Jones, New York, NYLocation: unknownStatus in 1999: unknownNotes:

none

Primary Sources:

none

Secondary Sources:

1) "Trees and Shrubs..."

**16**Plant Name: **English boxwood (*Buxus sempervirens*)**Number Donated: 1 shrubDate: received 10/13/54Donor: The Honorable Leonard W. Hall, Chairman, Republican National Committee, Washington, DCLocation: unknownStatus in 1999: unknownNotes:

none

Primary Sources:

none

Secondary Sources:

1) "Trees and Shrubs..."

**17**Plant Name: **English boxwood (*Buxus sempervirens*)**Number Donated: 3 shrubsDate: received 10/14/54Donor: White House staffLocation: 2 flanking front door; 1 southwest corner of houseStatus in 1999: extantNotes:

The 1955 and 1967 historical maps show three shrubs were given to the Eisenhowers by the White House Staff, one placed on each side of the front entry and one on the southwest corner of the house. The plant list "Trees and Shrubs Presented to the First Family" only mentioned one boxwood "tree."

Primary Sources:

none

Secondary Sources:

(1) "Trees and Shrubs..." (2) 1955 Map (3) 1967 Map

**18**Plant Name: **boxwood (Buxus spp.)**Number Donated: 1 shrubDate: acknowledged 3/2/56Donor: Mr. & Mrs. Robert Woodruff, Atlanta, GALocation: unknownStatus in 1999: unknownNotes:

none

Primary Sources:

none

Secondary Sources:

(1) "Trees and Shrubs..."

**19**Plant Name: **boxwood (Buxus spp.)**Number Donated: 500-600 slipsDate: acknowledged 5/19/55Donor: Mr. George Harding, National Capital Parks, Washington, DCLocation: unknownStatus in 1999: unknownNotes:

none

Primary Sources:

none

Secondary Sources:

(1) "Trees and Shrubs..."

**20**Plant Name: **rhododendron (Rhododendron spp.)**Number Donated: unknown number of shrubsDate: acknowledged 5/12/55Donor: The Honorable Thomas Pelly on behalf of The Seattle Rhododendron Society, Seattle, WALocation: unknownStatus in 1999: unknownNotes:

none

Primary Sources:

none

Secondary Sources:

(1) "Trees and Shrubs..."

**21**Plant Name: **rhododendron (Rhododendron spp.)**Number Donated: 1 shrubDate: acknowledged 3/9/56Donor: Mrs. Anna M. Howe, Publicity Chairman, Washington Republican Club, Seattle, WALocation: unknownStatus in 1999: unknownNotes:

none

Primary Sources:

none

Secondary Sources:

(1) "Trees and Shrubs..."

**22**Plant Name: **rose (Rosa spp.)**Number Donated: unknown number of shrubsDate: acknowledged 5/17/55Donor: Mrs. Grace Z. Cremer, Cremer Florist, Inc., Hanover, PALocation: unknownStatus in 1999: unknownNotes:

none

Primary Sources:

none

Secondary Sources:

(1) "Trees and Shrubs..."

**23**Plant Name: **rose (Rosa spp.)**Number Donated: 8 shrubs - 'Orange Delight'Date: received 10/6/55Donor: J. H. Thompson's Sons, Wholesale Rose Growers, Kennett Square, PA (from Jackson & Perkins Co., Newark, NJ)Location: unknownStatus in 1999: unknownNotes:

none

Primary Sources:

none

Secondary Sources:

(1) "Trees and Shrubs..."

**24**Plant Name: **rose (Rosa spp.)**Number Donated: unknown number of shrubsDate: received 3/18/55Donor: Tree Land Nurseries, Cambridge, MA



*Location:* unknown

*Status in 1999:* unknown

*Notes:*  
none

*Primary Sources:*  
none

*Secondary Sources:*  
(1) "Trees and Shrubs..."

## 25

*Plant Name:* **rose (Rosa spp.)**

*Number Donated:* 10 shrubs - 'Peace Rose'

*Date:* acknowledged 10/10/55

*Donor:* Mr. Donald Dickey, Chairman, Minnesota Citizens for Eisenhower, Minneapolis, MN

*Location:* unknown

*Status in 1999:* unknown

*Notes:*  
none

*Primary Sources:*  
(1) Ann C. Whitman to Arthur S. Nevins, October 8, 1955, Ann Whitman Files, Gettysburg Farm Series: "Fruits, Vegetables, Flowers, Grasses," Eisenhower National Historic Site Library.

*Secondary Sources:*  
(1) "Trees and Shrubs..."

## 26

*Plant Name:* **rose (Rosa spp.)**

*Number Donated:* 200 shrubs - 'General Eisenhower' and 'Peace'

*Date:* acknowledged 12/13/55

*Donor:* Konrad Adenauer, Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany, Bonn, Germany

*Location:* front of house, later some moved to Adenauer rose garden east of barn, also possibly other sites

*Status in 1999:* no longer extant

*Notes:*  
Adenauer gave Eisenhower and Mrs. Eisenhower a rose garden as a gift for the farm before he visited the site. The roses were planted in the front of the house(?) and may have remained in place until after the presidency. It was costly to maintain so it was taken out later. (John Eisenhower 1984, 17) The bushes arrived from Germany and were delivered to the farm in mid-December 1955. There is no photograph showing the roses anywhere on the farm in the 1950s.

*Primary Sources:*  
(1) Dwight D. Eisenhower to Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany, December 13, 1955, Ann Whitman Files, Gettysburg Farm Series: "Fruits, Vegetables, Flowers, Grasses," Eisenhower National Historic Site Library. (2) John D. Eisenhower, Interview by Carol Hegeman, Tape Recording, Eisenhower Farm, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, January 26, 1984, Transcript at Eisenhower National Historic Site Library, p. 17.

*Secondary Sources:*  
(1) "Trees and Shrubs..."

## 27

*Plant Name:* **crabapple (Malus spp.)**

*Number Donated:* 53 trees

*Date:* received 10/16/55

*Donor:* Eisenhower's cabinet members: Richard Nixon, John Foster Dulles, Henry C. Lodge, Jr., George Humphrey, Charles Wilson, Herert Brownell, Jr., Arthur Summerfield, Douglas McKay, Ezra T. Benson, Sinclair Weeks, James Mitchell, Marion Folson, Arthur Flemming, Harold Stassen

*Location:* entry drive alley

*Status in 1999:* some still extant

*Notes:*  
These trees were a birthday gift for Eisenhower. They were referred to as "flowering quince" in most of the historical sources.

*Primary Sources:*  
(1) Ann C. Whitman to Walter West, October 17, 1955. (2) Dwight D. Eisenhower to all cabinet members, Draft Letter, n. d. Both in Ann Whitman Files, Gettysburg Farm Series: "Trees and Bushes," Eisenhower National Historic Site Library.

*Secondary Sources:*  
(1) "Trees and Shrubs..."

## 28

*Plant Name:* **brambles - blackberry (Rubus allegheniensis), black raspberry (Rubus occidentalis)**

*Number Donated:* 300+ shrubs

*Date:* acknowledged 3/29/56

*Donor:* Mr. & Mrs. W. Alton Jones, Miami Beach, FL

*Location:* unknown

*Status in 1999:* no longer extant

*Notes:*  
Mrs. W. Alton Jones (Nettie Marie) gave Eisenhower approximately 300 briars, mostly blackberry, but some black raspberries, to set out at the farm. The brambles were set out in late March or early April, 1956.

*Primary Sources:*  
(1) Nettie Marie Jones to Dwight D. Eisenhower, March 16, 1956. (2) Dwight D. Eisenhower to Mrs. W. Alton Jones, March 29, 1956. Both in Ann Whitman Files, Gettysburg Farm Series: "Trees and Bushes," Eisenhower National Historic Site Library.

*Secondary Sources:*  
(1) "Trees and Shrubs..."

## 29

*Plant Name:* **daffodil (Narcissus spp.)**

*Number Donated:* 5000 assorted bulbs

*Date:* received 10/24/55

*Donor:* W. Atlee Burpee, Jr., Vice President and Treasurer of the W. Atlee Burpee Company, Philadelphia, PA

*Location:* pond and other sites around farm

*Status in 1999:* some have naturalized and continue to flower each spring

Notes:

For his birthday, W. Atlee Burpee, Jr., gave Eisenhower five thousand daffodil bulbs and ninety potted columbine plants to use on the farm. Mrs. Eisenhower gave some of the bulbs away to friends, possibly including Mrs. More, Mrs. Nevins, Mrs. Allen, and Mrs. Howard, and had Chief West plant the remaining approximately one thousand at the farm. These may have been some of the ones planted around the pond which still survive in that area.

Primary Sources:

(1) Ann C. Whitman to Mary Jane McCaffree, Memorandum, n. d. (2) Walter West to Ann C. Whitman, Memorandum, October 24, 1955, Ann Whitman Files, Gettysburg Farm Series: "Fruits, Vegetables, Flowers, Grasses," Eisenhower National Historic Site Library.

Secondary Sources:

(1) "Trees and Shrubs..."

**30**

Plant Name: **columbine (*Aquilegia* spp.)**

Number Donated: 90 plants

Date: received 10/24/55

Donor: W. Atlee Burpee, Jr., Vice President and Treasurer of the W. Atlee Burpee Company, Philadelphia, PA

Location: flower beds northeast of rear terrace

Status in 1999: no longer extant

Notes:

For his birthday, W. Atlee Burpee, Jr., gave Eisenhower five thousand daffodil bulbs and ninety potted columbine plants to use on the farm. The columbine may have been planted in the flower beds northeast of the rear terrace, as Barbara Eisenhower remembered one of these beds "was full of nothing but the Colorado state flower, the Columbine," (Barbara Eisenhower, 9/12/83, p. 42).

Primary Sources:

(1) Ann C. Whitman to Mary Jane McCaffree, Memorandum, n. d. (2) Walter West to Ann C. Whitman, Memorandum, October 24, 1955, Ann Whitman Files, Gettysburg Farm Series: "Fruits, Vegetables, Flowers, Grasses," Eisenhower National Historic Site Library. (3) Barbara Eisenhower, Interview by Lawrence Eckert and Carol Hegeman, Tape Recording, Devon, Pennsylvania, September 12, 1983, Transcript at Eisenhower National Historic Site Library, p. 42.

Secondary Sources:

(1) "Trees and Shrubs..."

**31**

Plant Name: **wetland plants - swamp iris (*Iris* spp.), cattails (*Typha latifolia*), and other species**

Number Donated: unknown number of plants

Date: acknowledged 5/23/56

Donor: Mr. N. David Keefer, Mallard Haven, Mechanicsburg, PA

Location: pond

Status in 1999: no longer extant

Notes:

David Keefer, who provided most of the game birds for Eisenhower's farm, also planted some cattails and swamp iris at the pond in the spring of 1956. He replenished these plantings in September of the same year. Apparently the waterfowl were pulling the plants out and digging around in the loosened soil. To try and counteract this, Keefer planted the additional iris farther back from the pond edge and placed rocks among the cattails to discourage digging by the waterfowl.

Primary Sources:

(1) N. David Keefer, Jr. to Dwight D. Eisenhower, May 26, 1956. (2) N. David Keefer, Jr. to Dwight D. Eisenhower, October 21, 1956. Both in Ann Whitman Files, Gettysburg Farm Series: "Ducks, Geese, Quail," Eisenhower National Historic Site Library.

Secondary Sources:

(1) "Trees and Shrubs..."

**32**

Plant Name: **white pine (*Pinus strobus*)**

Number Donated: 26 trees

Date: ca. 1954-1955 (planted before completion of the 8/25/55 map)

Donor: Colonel & Mrs. G. G. Moore

Location: front entry drive area, west of barn and house; 1967 map shows one additional tree in rear lawn, north of teahouse, although it does not appear on the 1955 map with the other pines

Status in 1999: Approximately seven of the original trees in the front entry area are extant

Notes:

The 1955 historical map shows these white pines and identifies Colonel & Mrs. Moore as the donors. They also appear on 1967 map. The 1969 existing conditions map shows ten to twelve survivors of the twenty-six original trees shown on the 1955 map. By 1999, five to seven of these trees were still extant.

Primary Sources:

none

Secondary Sources:

(1) 1955 Map (2) 1967 Map (3) 1969 Map

**33**

Plant Name: **flowering dogwood (*Cornus florida*)**

Number Donated: 27 trees

Date: ca. 1954-1955 (planted before completion of the 8/25/55 map)

Donor: Colonel & Mrs. G. G. Moore

Location: most used in the front entry drive, west of barn and house; some used southeast of the house, in lawn between windmill and teahouse

Status in 1999: none extant

Notes:

The 1955 historical map shows these dogwoods and identifies Colonel & Mrs. Moore as the donors. They also appear on 1967 map. Only one dogwood appears on the 1969 existing conditions map in the general location where these trees were shown on the 1955 map, and it may not have been a part of the original donation. This majority of these trees had died by 1969. The single tree shown on the 1969 map was located south of the house, just east of the large pin oak. Three other dogwoods are also shown with this one, forming a row of trees just north of the rose and vegetable gardens. Since the 1955 map only shows a single tree and not a row of four trees, and all of the other dogwoods attributed to the Moore's donation had died by 1969, it is likely that none of the four trees in this row were part of the Moore's donation but came from a subsequent planting.

Primary Sources:

none

Secondary Sources:

(1) 1955 Map (2) 1967 Map (3) 1969 Map



## 34

*Plant Name:* **daylily (Hemerocallis spp.)**

*Number Donated:* unknown number of plants

*Date:* received 4/18/56

*Donor:* Mrs. Arthur W. Parry, Signal Mountain, TN

*Location:* unknown

*Status in 1999:* unknown

*Notes:* none

*Primary Sources:* none

*Secondary Sources:*  
(1) "Trees and Shrubs..."

## 35

*Plant Name:* **azalea (Rhododendron spp.)**

*Number Donated:* unknown number of shrubs

*Date:* received 10/14/55

*Donor:* White House staff

*Location:* unknown

*Status in 1999:* unknown

*Notes:* none

*Primary Sources:* none

*Secondary Sources:*  
(1) "Trees and Shrubs..."

## 36

*Plant Name:* **camelia (Camelia spp.)**

*Number Donated:* unknown number of shrubs

*Date:* received 10/14/55

*Donor:* White House staff

*Location:* unknown

*Status in 1999:* unknown

*Notes:* none

*Primary Sources:* none

*Secondary Sources:*  
(1) "Trees and Shrubs..."

## 37

*Plant Name:* **daffodil (Narcissus spp.)**

*Number Donated:* unknown number of bulbs

*Date:* 10/24/55

*Donor:* Major General & Mrs. Howard Snyder

*Location:* unknown

*Status in 1999:* unknown

*Notes:*

Major General Howard Snyder and his wife Alice sent money to Chief West to purchase King Alfred daffodils for a present for Eisenhower's birthday. They were planted at the farm while Eisenhower and Mrs. Eisenhower were away in Denver during Eisenhower's recuperation in the Fall of 1955.

*Primary Sources:*

(1) Dwight D. Eisenhower to Major General Howard and Alice Snyder, October 18, 1955. (2) Walter West to Ann C. Whitman, Memorandum, October 24, 1955. Both in Ann Whitman Files, Gettysburg Farm Series: "Fruits, Vegetables, Flowers, Grasses," Eisenhower National Historic Site Library.

*Secondary Sources:*

(1) "Trees and Shrubs..."

## 38

*Plant Name:* **1955 Flower Show Exhibit Garden**

*Number Donated:* unknown number of shrubs and flowers

*Date:* 3/16/55

*Donor:* Mr. E. F. Harloff, National Capital Flower and Garden Show, Washington, DC

*Location:* transplanted to a large bed northeast of the rear terrace, between house and barn

*Status in 1999:* no longer extant

*Notes:*

The Eisenhowers received several gifts from the National Capital Flower Show over the years. This gift, a display called "Mrs. Eisenhower's Garden" at the 1955 show was transplanted to the farm and installed in a large round bed that was located north of the rear terrace, between the house and barn. West mentions its location and there are a few historic photographs of the Eisenhowers walking in the garden.

*Primary Sources:*

(1) Walter A. West, Interview by Carol Hegeman, Tape Recording, September 26-28, 1983, Transcript at Eisenhower National Historic Site Library, vol. 1, sect. 1, p. 20 & vol. 2, sect. 1, p. 11-12.

*Secondary Sources:*

(1) "Trees and Shrubs..."

## 39

*Plant Name:* **daylily (Hemerocallis spp.)**

*Number Donated:* unknown number of plants

*Date:* 7/13/56

*Donor:* Russell Gardens, Spring, TX

*Location:* unknown

*Status in 1999:* unknown

*Notes:*

none

*Primary Sources:*

none

*Secondary Sources:*

(1) "Trees and Shrubs..."

## 40

*Plant Name:* **tea olive (Osmanthus fragrans)**

*Number Donated:* 2 trees

*Date:* 3/13/56

*Donor:* Mrs. George Humphrey, Washington, DC



*Location:* unknown

*Status in 1999:* unknown

*Notes:*

A notation on the plant list “Trees and Shrubs Presented to the First Family” indicates that these were “still at the White House” at the time the list was compiled. It is not clear if these were planted at the White House, or if they were just in storage there until they could be transplanted to the farm. There is no record of their installation at the farm.

*Primary Sources:*  
none

*Secondary Sources:*  
(1) “Trees and Shrubs...”

#### 41

*Plant Name:* **pine (Pinus spp.)**

*Number Donated:* 1 tree

*Date:* received 6/29/55

*Donor:* The Honorable Margaret Chase Smith, United States Senate, Washington, DC

*Location:* unknown

*Status in 1999:* unknown

*Notes:*  
none

*Primary Sources:*  
none

*Secondary Sources:*  
(1) “Trees and Shrubs...”

#### 42

*Plant Name:* **various fruit - apple (Malus spp.), cherry (Prunus spp.), peach (Prunus persica), grape (Vitis spp.)**

*Number Donated:* 3 trees & 1 vine

*Date:* 5/18/55

*Donor:* Miss Wanda Raines on behalf of the Michigan Federation of Young Republicans, Detroit, MI

*Location:* orchard

*Status in 1999:* unknown

*Notes:*

Four fruit-producing plants were given to Mrs. Eisenhower by the Michigan Young Republican Men and the Michigan Fruit Growers in the Spring of 1955. They included one apple, one cherry, one grape, and one peach.

*Primary Sources:*  
(1) Allan C. Miller, Michigan Federation of Young Republicans National Committeeman and Wanda Raines, Miss Young Republican of Michigan to Dwight D. Eisenhower, May 17, 1955, Ann Whitman Files, Gettysburg Farm Series: “Fruits, Vegetables, Flowers, Grasses,” Eisenhower National Historic Site Library.

*Secondary Sources:*  
(1) “Trees and Shrubs...”

#### 43

*Plant Name:* **unidentified trees**

*Number Donated:* unknown number of trees

*Date:* acknowledged 10/5/54

*Donor:* Owen B. Schmidt, Pennsylvania Nurserymen’s Association

*Location:* unknown

*Status in 1999:* unknown

*Notes:*

It is unknown if this “grove of trees” mentioned on the plant list “Trees and Shrubs Presented to the First Family” was planted at the farm.

*Primary Sources:*  
none

*Secondary Sources:*  
(1) “Trees and Shrubs...”

#### 44

*Plant Name:* **“Lovely Bush” (species unknown)**

*Number Donated:* 1 shrub

*Date:* acknowledged 1/4/55

*Donor:* Maple Road Gardens, Omaha, Nebraska

*Location:* unknown

*Status in 1999:* unknown

*Notes:*  
none

*Primary Sources:*  
none

*Secondary Sources:*  
(1) “Trees and Shrubs...”

#### 45

*Plant Name:* **rose (Rosa spp.)**

*Number Donated:* 24 shrubs - Recent All American winners, California grown

*Date:* 3/56

*Donor:* Mr. John Awdry Armstrong, Armstrong Nurseries, Ontario, CA

*Location:* unknown

*Status in 1999:* unknown

*Notes:*

John Awdry Armstrong, Executive Vice President of Armstrong Nurseries in California, sent the Eisenhowers twenty-four rose bushes, including recent All-American winners, for planting on the farm in the Spring of 1956.

*Primary Sources:*  
(1) John Awdry Armstrong to Dwight D. Eisenhower, December 14, 1955, Ann Whitman Files, Gettysburg Farm Series: “Fruits, Vegetables, Flowers, Grasses,” Eisenhower National Historic Site Library.

*Secondary Sources:*  
(1) “Trees and Shrubs...”

#### 46

*Plant Name:* **root-cuttings**

*Number Donated:* unknown number of cuttings

*Date:* 10/26/55

*Donor:* Mr. A. H. A. Lasker, President, Bodie Seede, Winnipeg, Canada

*Location:* unknown

*Status in 1999:* unknown



Notes:

none

Primary Sources:

none

Secondary Sources:

(1) "Trees and Shrubs..."

## 47

Plant Name: tulip bulbs (*Tulipa* spp.)Number Donated: 500 bulbsDate: 10/1/55Donor: A. Muller, American Bulb Company, Chicago, ILLocation: unknownStatus in 1999: unknownNotes:

A. Muller from the American Bulb Company in Chicago donated five hundred tulip bulbs to the Eisenhowers in October 1955. A second shipment was received from the same company in the Fall of 1956. It is unclear whether these were also a gift or were purchased for the farm. Bulbs included in the second shipment were: 20 Uncle Tom – double late peony flowered, dark red; 25 Gudaschnik – Fosteriana Type, 15", Yellow spotted red; 25 Scarlet Leader – Darwin Late, blood red; 25 Fosteriana Czardasz – Orange/Scarlet; 25 Pink Supreme – Darwin Pink; 45 Golden Age – Darwin yellow; 25 Breezand – Darwin Geranium Lake; 20 Fantasy – Parrot, Pink/Green; 25 Sweet Harmony – Darwin, lemon yellow edged in white; 25 Adorno – Triumph, Salmon orange, edged Bronzed yellow [T. V. Neil, American Bulb Company, to Chief Walter West, November 6, 1956, Ann Whitman Files, Gettysburg Farm Series: Fruits, Vegetables, Flowers, Grasses, Eisenhower National Historic Site Library.

Primary Sources:

(1) Arthur S. Nevins to A. Muller, Memorandum, October 24, 1955, Ann Whitman Files, Gettysburg Farm Series: "Fruits, Vegetables, Flowers, Grasses," Eisenhower National Historic Site Library.

## 48

Plant Name: various spring bulbs - crocus (*Crocus* spp.), grape hyacinth (*Muscari armeniacum*), narcissus (*Narcissus* spp.), tulip (*Tulipa* spp.)Number Donated: 550 crocus, 150 grape hyacinth, 550 narcissus, 1085 tulipsDate: 10/30/55Donor: Nelson A. Rockefeller (provided by Zenon Schreiber, Inc., a landscape designer from Paramus, New Jersey, imported from H. M. van Haaster & Sons, Hillegom, Holland)Location: "tulip garden" (unknown where this was located)Status in 1999: no longer extantNotes:

This was a gift to the Eisenhowers from Nelson A. Rockefeller. Eisenhower was recuperating in Denver when the gift was sent. The bulbs sent to the farm included the following: Tulips: 50 "Orange Triumph," 100 "Praestans Fulilier," 45 "Darwin Hybrid Dover," 50 "Darwin Hybrid Oxford," 100 "Gold Coast," 200 "Rosy Wings," 15 "President Eisenhower," 100 "Cum Laude," 100 "White Triumphator," 50 "Scarlet O'Hara," 50 "Mrs. John T. Scheepers," 25 "Mrs. John T. Scheepers (red)," 50 "Aristocrat," 100 "Darwin Hybrid Apeldoorn," 50 "Captain Fryatt" Crocus: 150 White, 150 Yellow, 100 Blue, 150 Striped Grape Hyacinth: 150 *Muscari armeniacum*.

Primary Sources:

(1) Dwight D. Eisenhower to Nelson A. Rockefeller, October 24, 1955. (2) Zenon Schreiber, Inc., Paramus, New Jersey, "Bulbs sent to President and Mrs. Eisenhower by H. M. van Haaster & Sons, Hillegom, Holland," Memorandum, n. d. (3) Dwight D. Eisenhower to Nelson A. Rockefeller, November 3, 1955. All in Ann Whitman Files, Gettysburg Farm Series: "Fruits, Vegetables, Flowers, Grasses," Eisenhower National Historic Site Library.

## 49

Plant Name: gladiola bulbs (*Gladiolus* spp.)Number Donated: unknown number of bulbsDate: 6/13/55Donor: W. Atlee Burpee, Jr., Vice President and Treasurer of the W. Atlee Burpee Company, Philadelphia, PALocation: unknownStatus in 1999: unknownNotes:

In early summer 1955, W. Atlee Burpee, Jr., sent the Eisenhowers "a generous supply of gladiola bulbs" for use on the farm. Eisenhower said in the thank-you note that Burpee had probably told him where to plant the bulbs, but he must have forgotten and would he kindly send him that information. It is not evident where these bulbs were planted.

Primary Sources:

(1) Dwight D. Eisenhower to W. Atlee Burpee, Jr., June 13, 1955, Ann Whitman Files, Gettysburg Farm Series: "Fruits, Vegetables, Flowers, Grasses," Eisenhower National Historic Site Library.

## 50

Plant Name: various summer bulbs - begonias (*Begonia* spp.), caladiums (*Caladium bicolor*), gladiolas (*Gladiolus* spp.)Number Donated: unknown number of bulbsDate: 4/18/56Donor: American Bulb Company, Chicago, ILLocation: unknownStatus in 1999: unknownNotes:

none

Primary Sources:

(1) Arthur S. Nevins to Ann C. Whitman, April 18, 1956, Ann Whitman Files, Gettysburg Farm Series: "Greenhouses," Eisenhower National Historic Site Library.

## 51

Plant Name: rose (*Rosa* spp.)Number Donated: 140 shrubs - including some 'General Eisenhower' early 1954Donor: Conard-Pyle Company, West Grove, PALocation: rear terrace rose garden, also around well and hand pump east of windmill in lawn areaStatus in 1999: individual shrubs no longer extant



Notes:

These hybrid tea roses are first shown on the 1955 map and identified as donations by the Conard-Pyle Company. The rose garden also appears on the 1967 and 1969 maps and was extant in 1999. However, it is unlikely that any of these original shrubs are still extant in the garden.

Primary Sources:

(1) Arthur S. Nevins to Ann C. Whitman, January 26, 1955, Ann Whitman Files, Gettysburg Farm Series: "Fruits, Vegetables, Flowers, Grasses," Eisenhower National Historic Site Library.

Secondary Sources:

(1) 1955 Map (2) 1967 Map (3) 1969 Map

**52**

Plant Name: **rose (*Rosa* spp.)**

Number Donated: 6 shrubs - 'Golden Rapture'

Date: 8/11/55

Donor: Tacoma Rose Society, Tacoma, WA

Location: unknown

Status in 1999: unknown

Notes:

none

Primary Sources:

(1) Ann C. Whitman to Mr. Fred Wines, Director Tacoma Rose Society, August 11, 1955, Ann Whitman Files, Gettysburg Farm Series: "Gifts Pending," Eisenhower National Historic Site Library.

**53**

Plant Name: **elm (*Ulmus americana*)**

Number Donated: 1 tree

Date: ca. 1954-1955 (planted before completion of the 8/25/55 map)

Donor: Nelson A. Rockefeller, Special Assistant to the President, Washington, DC

Location: between house and barn

Status in 1999: no longer extant

Notes:

This tree was a mature specimen when initially planted and was transplanted with a large tree spade. Although the elm is shown on the 1969 existing conditions plan, it eventually succumbed to Dutch elm disease and was replaced with a Japanese zelkova (*Zelkova serrata*) sometime after this. West recalled that Eisenhower was determined to have an elm, even with the threat of Dutch elm disease. After the tree's installation, West and his crew sprayed the tree regularly with a fifty percent spray of Malathion as a preventative. But in the end, the tree did not survive. Some of West's photos show this tree and a sugar maple being planted with the tree spade.

Primary Sources:

(1) Mamie Doud Eisenhower, Interview by Edwin C. Bearss, Tape Recording, Eisenhower Farm, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, August 15, 1973, Transcript at Eisenhower National Historic Site Library, p. 95. (2) Walter A. West, Interview by Carol Hegeman, Tape Recording, September 26-28, 1983, Transcript at Eisenhower National Historic Site Library, vol. 2, sect. 2, p. 13-15.

Secondary Sources:

(1) 1955 Map (2) 1967 Map (3) 1969 Map

**54**

Plant Name: **sugar maple (*Acer saccharum*),  
red maple (*Acer rubrum*)**

Number Donated: 3 trees (2 sugar maples, 1 red maple)

Date: ca. 1954-1955 (planted before completion of the 8/25/55 map)

Donor: Nelson A. Rockefeller, Special Assistant to the President, Washington, DC

Location: 2 trees on the southwest corner of the barn, near the chauffeur's quarters; 3rd tree on the southwest end of the house, adjacent to the drive

Status in 1999:

The sugar maple southwest of the house and the red maple north of the guesthouse are extant. The sugar maple southwest of the barn was replanted in 1965.

Notes:

These trees were mature specimens when transplanted and had to be moved with a tree spade. There are three maples marked on the 1955 and 1967 historical maps and attributed to Nelson A. Rockefeller. West mentioned that one or more of these maples may have been transplanted from somewhere else on the farm to these locations. No correspondence has been found describing the details of Rockefeller's donation of these trees. If they were transplanted from the farm, as West stated, Rockefeller may have paid the costs of moving them with the tree spade and not actually purchased the trees themselves. The 1969 existing conditions map identifies the maple southwest of the house and the one closest to the southwest corner of the barn as sugar maples. The other maple near the barn, just north of the guesthouse was identified as a red maple. McCown recalled that the sugar maple at the southwest corner of the barn was replanted in 1965. The tree had died and was cut off at ground level, leaving a stump next to the newly installed tree. Existing conditions in 1999 show a red maple in this location with a 10" dbh trunk. This red maple may be the 1965 replacement for the original sugar maple.

Primary Sources:

(1) Mamie Doud Eisenhower, Interview by Edwin C. Bearss, Tape Recording, Eisenhower Farm, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, August 15, 1973, Transcript at Eisenhower National Historic Site Library, p. 95. (2) Walter A. West, Interview by Carol Hegeman, Tape Recording, September 26-28, 1983, Transcript at Eisenhower National Historic Site Library, vol. 2, sect. 2, p. 13-15. (3) James McCown and Robert Hallman, Interview by Barry Bohnet, Kathleen Georg, and Carol Hegeman, Tape Recording, Eisenhower Farm, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, August 30, 1983, Transcript at Eisenhower National Historic Site.

Secondary Sources:

(1) 1955 Map (2) 1967 Map (3) 1969 Map

**55**

Plant Name: **white pine (*Pinus strobus*)**

Number Donated: 1 tree

Date: ca. 1954-1955 (planted before completion of the 8/25/55 map)

Donor: Girl Scouts of America

Location: lawn southeast of house between windmill and teahouse, west end of semi-circular hedge, adjacent to driveway

Status in 1999:

no longer extant

Notes:

This tree is shown on the 1955 historical map and identified as a donation by the Girl Scouts. It also appears on the 1967 map, but does not appear on the 1969 map. No additional documentation has been found concerning this donation.

Primary Sources:

none

Secondary Sources:

(1) 1955 Map (2) 1967 Map (3) 1969 Map

**56**Plant Name:**spruce (*Picea* spp.)**Number Donated:

2 trees

Date:

acknowledged 11/18/55

Donor:

Mr. &amp; Mrs. Raymond Pitcairn, Bryn Athyn, PA

Location:

unknown

Status in 1999:

some may be extant

Notes:

A note indicates these were small trees potted in the greenhouse. One was 6" tall and the other 15" tall. It is not known if they were ever used in the landscape.

Primary Sources:

none

Secondary Sources:

(1) "Trees and Shrubs..."

**57**Plant Name:**blue spruce (*Picea* spp.)**Number Donated:

1 tree

Date:

received 3/5/56

Donor:

Mrs. Bertha Weiloff, President, Montana Federation of Republican Women's Clubs, Lewistown, MT

Location:

greenhouse

Status in 1999:

unknown

Notes:

none

Primary Sources:

none

Secondary Sources:

(1) "Trees and Shrubs..."

**58**Plant Name:**Norway spruce (*Picea abies*)**Number Donated:

53 trees

Date:

received 10/14/55

Donor:

Claud O. Vardaman, Chairman, Republican State Executive Committee, Birmingham, AL

Location:

entry drive

Status in 1999:

some still extant along entry drive

Notes:

The number of trees recorded indicates these are probably the trees donated by each state to be planted along the entry drive. Apparently the donation was arranged through Mr. Vardaman. No further documentation has been found to verify the details of this donation.

Primary Sources:

none

Secondary Sources:

(1) "Trees and Shrubs..."

**59**Plant Name:**hemlock (*Tsuga canadensis*)**Number Donated:

1 tree

Date:

10/15/55

Donor:

Harry D. Collier, Standard Oil of California, San Francisco, CA

Location:

unknown

Status in 1999:

unknown

Notes:

none

Primary Sources:

none

Secondary Sources:

(1) "Trees and Shrubs..."

**60**Plant Name :**hemlock (*Tsuga canadensis*)**Number Donated:

1 tree

Date:

acknowledged 10/15/55

Donor:

Mr. E. M. Burnham, Washington, DC

Location:

unknown

Status in 1999:

unknown

Notes:

none

Primary Sources:

none

Secondary Sources:

(1) "Trees and Shrubs..."

**61**Plant Name:**redwood (*Sequoia sempervirens*)**Number Donated:

unknown number of seedlings and potted trees

Date:

received 12/55

Donor:

Mr. W. H. A. Smith, Hollow Tree Company, Ukiah, CA

Location:

1 planted on the eastern side of the barn (site of later Adenauer Rose Garden), unknown where others planted

Status in 1999:

unknown

Notes:

Mr. W.H.A. Smith of the Hollow Tree Redwood Company sent several seedlings and potted west coast redwoods to Gettysburg. They were planted on the farm. Smith's letter to Nevins stated "We will be very happy to have some of our west coast redwoods – sequoia sempervirens – growing on the President's farm in Pennsylvania. Perhaps you had better caution your Pennsylvania rifle makers that it is not a suitable wood for their famous Pennsylvania flintlock." Nevins reply: "Thank you for your letter of June 14. We appreciate your offer to furnish some of your west coast redwoods for the President's farm, and we will be careful to see that none of the trees are used to manufacture rifle stocks."

Primary Sources:

(1) W. H. A. Smith, Hollow Tree Redwood Company, to Arthur S. Nevins, June 14, 1955. (2) Arthur S. Nevins to W. H. A. Smith, Hollow Tree Redwood Company, June 18, 1955. (3) Dwight D. Eisenhower to W. H. A. Smith, Hollow Tree Redwood Company, December 9, 1955. All in Ann Whitman Files, Gettysburg Farm Series: "Trees and Bushes," Eisenhower National Historic Site Library.

Secondary Sources:

(1) "Trees and Shrubs..."

**62**

Plant Name: **Hicks yew (*Taxus x media* 'Hicksii')**

Number Donated: 2 trees

Date: acknowledged 12/2/54

Donor: Mr. Anthony L. Roman, on behalf of the people of Pine Grove, PA

Location: 1 on each side of the old bake oven, south side of the home

Status in 1999: extant

Notes:

These yew are shown on the 1955 map and identified as donations from Mr. & Mrs. Roman. They also appear on the 1967 and 1969 maps. They were extant in 1999.

Primary Sources:

(1) Anthony L. Roman to Dwight D. Eisenhower, October 25, 1954. (2) L. E. Berkey, Charles H. Tompkins Co., general contractors, to Ann C. Whitman, November 30, 1954. Both in Ann Whitman Files, Gettysburg Farm Series: "Trees and Bushes," Eisenhower National Historic Site Library.

Secondary Sources:

(1) "Trees and Shrubs..." (2) 1955 Map (3) 1967 Map (4) 1969 Map

**63**

Plant Name: **Hicks yew (*Taxus x media* 'Hicksii')**

Number Donated: 2 trees

Date: date unknown

Donor: Mr. Howard Young, New York, NY

Location: unknown

Status in 1999: unknown

Notes:

Mr. Howard Young also donated the large greenhouse to the Eisenhowers in October 1955. It is unknown if these yews were donated at the same time.

Primary Sources:

none

Secondary Sources:

(1) "Trees and Shrubs..."

**64**

Plant Name: **peach (*Prunus persica*)**

Number Donated: 1 tree

Date: received 7/1/56

Donor: White House Correspondents & Photographers

Location: orchard

Status in 1999: unknown

Notes:

This flowering peach tree was given to the Eisenhowers for their fortieth wedding anniversary by the White House correspondents and photographers. (Bearss 92).

Primary Sources:

none

Secondary Sources:

(1) "Trees and Shrubs..." (2) 1967 Map

**65**

Plant Name: **chestnut (*Castanea dentata*)**

Number Donated: 2 trees

Date: received 5/9/56

Donor: Mr. Alfred H. Williams, President, Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA

Location: unknown

Status in 1999: unknown

Notes: none

Primary Sources:

none

Secondary Sources:

(1) "Trees and Shrubs..."

**66**

Plant Name: **various nut**

Number Donated: unknown

Date: received 4/25/56

Donor: Professor George L. Slate, President NYS Experiment Station, Geneva, NY

Location: unknown

Status in 1999: unknown

Notes:

none

Primary Sources:

none

Secondary Sources:

(1) "Trees and Shrubs..."

**67**

Plant Name: **various nut**

Number Donated: unknown

Date: acknowledged 9/13/56, may have been planted earlier

Donor: Mr. Howard M. Oesterling, Secretary/Treasurer Pennsylvania Nut Growers Association, Marysville, PA

Location: between Farm #1 and Farm #2

Status in 1999: some may be extant

Notes:

Men from the Pennsylvania Nut Growers Association visited the site on September, 26, 1983, Howard Oesterling was one of four men who planted nut trees on the site in 1958, 50 walnut trees and a few pecan were planted on the property line between farms #1 & #2, approximately 50 yards east of the stream crossing between the two farms. Each state nut growers association donated a seedling or graft from their finest specimen walnut. At the time of the visit, many of the trees remained, but brush was growing up around them. Oesterling planted many raspberry and blackberry cuttings east of the house between the lawn and small pasture. Eisenhower sent Oesterling a letter to thank him for his work. In 1979, Mrs. Eisenhower told Oesterling that he could come back out to see how his trees were doing, but he did not want to bother her.

Primary Sources:

(1) Karen Jackson Pittleman, Eisenhower National Historic Site, Memorandum for Record Re: Pennsylvania Nut Growers Association 1983 Site Visit, Eisenhower National Historic Site Library, Miscellaneous file.

Secondary Sources:

(1) "Trees and Shrubs..."

**68**

Plant Name: **elm (*Ulmus americana*)**

Number Donated: 12 seedlings

Date: received 5/9/56

Donor: Dr. C. A. Anderson, Pasadena, CA

Location: unknown

Status in 1999: unknown

Notes:

none

Primary Sources:

none

Secondary Sources:

(1) "Trees and Shrubs..."

**69**

Plant Name: **copper beech (*Fagus sylvatica* 'Cuprea')**

Number Donated: 1 sapling

Date: acknowledged 10/20/55

Donor: Brigadier General & Mrs. E. H. Howard, Sycamore Spring Farm, Purcellville, VA

Location: unknown

Status in 1999: unknown

Notes:

none

Primary Sources:

none

Secondary Sources:

(1) "Trees and Shrubs..."

**70**

Plant Name: **unidentified trees**

Number Donated: unknown

Date: received 4/9/55

Donor: Nelson A. Rockefeller, Special Assistant to the President, Washington, DC

Location: unknown

Status in 1999: unknown

Notes:

Various plants were given to the Eisenhowers by Rockefeller and it is unknown to which plants this notation applies. Rockefeller donations included on maps and/or correspondence and listed under separate entries in this table are Norway spruce, pin oak, white pine, maple, elm, and spring flowering bulbs.

Primary Sources:

none

Secondary Sources:

(1) "Trees and Shrubs..."

**71**

Plant Name: **Davidia Peace Tree, also known as Dove Tree (*Davidia involucrata*)**

Number Donated: 1 tree

Date: acknowledged 11/7/55

Donor: Mrs. Frederick B. Llewellyn, Short Hills, NJ on behalf of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association

Location: unknown

Status in 1999: unknown

Notes:

The Woman's National Farm and Garden Association gave a Davidia Peace Tree to Mrs. Eisenhower for planting at the farm. Details of the planting were to appear in the Association's publication, "Home Acres," in January 1956. The following history of this type of tree was provided to Mrs. Eisenhower: "The Davidia tree is an international peace tree. It (*Davidia involucrata*) is a sole species native only to China. It was named for a French missionary, Abbe Armand David, who rediscovered the tree in 1886. While hardy in this country as far north as New England, coming as it does from the northern mountain reaches of China, its best chances for good growth seem to lie in Pennsylvania. The tree gains its name of Davidia Peace not only from Abbe David, but also from the beautiful array of creamy white flowers which bloom in April and May, and take the form of doves of peace, wings outspread, perched on the branches of the tree. Happily, this fabled tree also bears a name significant in the President's family history. The Davidia Peace Tree is exceedingly rare in America, propagation being by seeding, cutting and by air-layering, each of which processes takes no less than three years. At its ultimate growth the Davidia Tree reaches a height of 50 feet and takes an ovate-pyramidal form."

Primary Sources:

(1) Mrs. Homer Rose, Jr. to Murray Snyder, Assistant Press Secretary at the White House, November 16, 1955, Ann Whitman Files, Gettysburg Farm Series: "Trees and Bushes," Eisenhower National Historic Site Library.

Secondary Sources:

(1) "Trees and Shrubs..."

**72**

Plant Name: **beech (*Fagus grandifolia*)**

Number Donated: 1 tree

Date: acknowledged 11/7/55

Donor: John E. McClure, Washington, DC

Location: unknown

Status in 1999: unknown

Notes:

According to the Eisenhower letter to McClure, this tree was planted on the farm in a "spot Mamie chose for it."

Primary Sources:

(1) Dwight D. Eisenhower to John E. McClure, December 7, 1955, Ann Whitman Files, Gettysburg Farm Series: "Trees and Bushes," Eisenhower National Historic Site Library.

Secondary Sources:

(1) "Trees and Shrubs..."



## 73

*Plant Name:* **American holly (*Ilex opaca*)**

*Number Donated:* 2 trees (1 male & 1 female)

*Date:* 10/7/1954

*Donor:* Mr. Wilbur Nisley, Secretary/Treasurer  
Pennsylvania Nurseryman's Association, Harrisburg, PA

*Location:* west side of the home, 1 north and 1 south of the front door

*Status in 1999:* southern tree is extant, northern tree is a early 1960s replacement

*Notes:*  
The Pennsylvania Nurserymen's Association provided Eisenhower with 2 large male & female American holly (*Ilex opaca*) and fifty white pine (*Pinus strobus*) which their members had planted on the farm. The event celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Association and served to welcome Eisenhower to his new Pennsylvania home. A ceremony took place at the farm on Arbor Day, October 7, 1954.

*Primary Sources:*  
(1) F. D. Moore & Sons, Nurserymen to Robert McLean, April 20, 1955, Ann Whitman Files, Gettysburg Farm Series: "Trees and Bushes," Eisenhower National Historic Site Library.

*Secondary Sources:*  
(1) "Trees and Shrubs..." (2) 1967 Map

## 74

*Plant Name:* **white pine (*Pinus strobus*)**

*Number Donated:* 50 trees

*Date:* 10/7/54

*Donor:* Pennsylvania Nurseryman's Association, Harrisburg, PA

*Location:* 1955 map shows 3 white pines on the southern end of the windbreak west of the house; unknown where others were planted

*Status in 1999:* some may be extant

*Notes:*  
The Pennsylvania Nurserymen's Association provided Eisenhower with 2 large male & female American holly (*Ilex opaca*) and fifty white pine (*Pinus strobus*) which their members had planted on the farm. The event celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Association and served to welcome Eisenhower to his new Pennsylvania home. A ceremony took place at the farm on Arbor Day, October 7, 1954.

*Primary Sources:*  
(1) F. D. Moore & Sons, Nurserymen to Robert McLean, April 20, 1955, Ann Whitman Files, Gettysburg Farm Series: "Trees and Bushes," Eisenhower National Historic Site Library.

*Secondary Sources:*  
(1) "Trees and Shrubs..."

## 75

*Plant Name:* **flowering dogwood (*Cornus florida*)**

*Number Donated:* 50 trees

*Date:* acknowledged 8/15/55

*Donor:* Louis F. Goldstein, on behalf of Calvert County, MD

*Location:* some in front entry area; other locations unknown

*Status in 1999:* some may be extant

*Notes:*  
These were transplanted from Calvert County, MD, to commemorate the county's Tercentenary Celebration.

*Primary Sources:*  
(1) Louis L. Goldstein to Dwight D. Eisenhower, August 29, 1955, Ann Whitman Files, Gettysburg Farm Series: "Trees and Bushes," Eisenhower National Historic Site Library.

*Secondary Sources:*  
(1) "Trees and Shrubs..."

## 76

*Plant Name:* **white pine (*Pinus strobus*)**

*Number Donated:* 15 trees (4feet tall)

*Date:* planted 1/55, acknowledged 2/7/55

*Donor:* William Flemer, Jr., Princeton Nurseries, Princeton, NJ

*Location:* entry gate

*Status in 1999:* five trees are extant

*Notes:*  
Harry L. Erdman, Director of Horticulture at Hershey Estates, oversaw the planting of Norway spruce and shrubs in the bed between the barn and house. This same project included the planting of the white pine provided by Princeton Nurseries at the entry gate. A gardener from Hershey worked on the planting in January 1955. The 1955 map shows all fifteen white pine at the entry gate. The 1967 map does not show the entry gate. The 1969 existing conditions map indicates eight medium to large white pines at the entry gate that were probably from this donation. By 1999, five of these eight trees were extant.

*Primary Sources:*  
(1) L. E. Berkey, Charles H. Tompkins Co., to Ann C. Whitman, February 7, 1955, Ann Whitman Files, Gettysburg Farm Series: "Trees and Bushes," Eisenhower National Historic Site Library. (2) Arthur S. Nevins to Ann C. Whitman, January 26, 1955, Ann Whitman Files, Gettysburg Farm Series: "Fruits, Vegetables, Flowers, Grasses," Eisenhower National Historic Site Library.

*Secondary Sources:*  
(1) "Trees and Shrubs..." (2) 1955 Map (3) 1969 Map

## 77

*Plant Name:* **flowering dogwood (*Cornus florida*)**

*Number Donated:* 15 trees (10 white flowering, 6-8 feet tall; 5 pink flowering, 4 feet tall)

*Date:* planted 1/55, acknowledged 2/7/55

*Donor:* William Flemer, Jr., Princeton Nurseries, Princeton, NJ

*Location:* entry gate and front entry drive area

*Status in 1999:* unknown

*Notes:*  
Harry L. Erdman, Director of Horticulture at Hershey Estates, oversaw the planting of Norway spruce and shrubs in the bed between the barn and house. This same project included the planting of the dogwood provided by Princeton Nurseries at the entry gate and entry drive area. A gardener from Hershey worked on the planting in January 1955. The 1955 map only indicates nine dogwood trees and shows them all at the entry gate. The correspondence mentions fifteen dogwoods were installed in the entry drive area. The 1967



map does not show the entry gate. The 1969 existing conditions map indicates onedogwood at the entry gate. It is unknown if this was from the original planting. By 1999, this single tree was still extant.

Primary Sources:

(1) L. E. Berkey, Charles H. Tompkins Co., to Ann C. Whitman, February 7, 1955, Ann Whitman Files, Gettysburg Farm Series: "Trees and Bushes," Eisenhower National Historic Site Library. (2) Arthur S. Nevins to Ann C. Whitman, January 26, 1955, Ann Whitman Files, Gettysburg Farm Series: "Fruits, Vegetables, Flowers, Grasses," Eisenhower National Historic Site Library.

Secondary Sources:

(1) "Trees and Shrubs..." (2) 1955 Map (3) 1969 Map

## 78

Plant Name: **Norway spruce (*Picea abies*)**

Number Donated: 5 trees

Date: planted 1/55, acknowledged 2/7/55

Donor: Mr. Harry L. Erdman, Director of Horticulture, on behalf of Hershey Estates, Hershey, PA

Location: bed between house and barn

Status in 1999: extant

Notes:

Correspondence records that Harry L. Erdman, Director of Horticulture at Hershey Estates, oversaw the gift and planting of five Norway spruce from Hershey to Eisenhower. The trees were "to be planted in the area between the house and barn, and are to form a shield in that location." Other shrub plantings also oversaw by Erdman came from William Flemer, Jr., of Princeton Nurseries, Princeton, NJ. These included plants for a shrub border east of the main house, between 2 large trees, in the rear terrace area. The 1955 map identifies four spruce as Hershey donations. Three are shown in the border between the house and barn, and another is shown northeast of the border, close to the southeast corner of the garage. The 1967 map identifies the three trees in the border, but does not identify the fourth tree. The 1969 map identifies all four trees. All four trees were extant in 1999. It is unknown if the fifth tree was ever installed.

Primary Sources:

(1) L. E. Berkey, Charles H. Tompkins Co., to Ann C. Whitman, February 7, 1955, Ann Whitman Files, Gettysburg Farm Series: "Trees and Bushes," Eisenhower National Historic Site Library. (2) Arthur S. Nevins to Ann C. Whitman, January 26, 1955, Ann Whitman Files, Gettysburg Farm Series: "Fruits, Vegetables, Flowers, Grasses," Eisenhower National Historic Site Library.

Secondary Sources:

(1) "Trees and Shrubs..." (2) 1955 Map (3) 1967 Map (4) 1969 Map

## 79

Plant Name: **lilac (*Syringa vulgaris*)**

Number Donated: 25 shrubs (various colors, 3-4 feet tall)

Date: planted 1/55, acknowledged 2/7/55

Donor: William Flemer, Jr., Princeton Nurseries, Princeton, NJ

Location: north/south row extending from south end of rear terrace retaining wall toward barbecue

Status in 1999: some may be extant

Notes:

These shrubs were included in the planting that was directed by Harry L. Erdman of Hershey Estates. They are shown on the 1955 map and Hershey Estates is indicated as the donor. The 1967 map does not show this row of lilacs, but the donations appear on the 1969 existing conditions map. [The area where these were planted may be drawn incorrectly on the 1967 map.]

Primary Sources:

(1) L. E. Berkey, Charles H. Tompkins Co., to Ann C. Whitman, February 7, 1955, Ann Whitman Files, Gettysburg Farm Series: "Trees and Bushes," Eisenhower National Historic Site Library. (2) Arthur S. Nevins to Ann C. Whitman, January 26, 1955, Ann Whitman Files, Gettysburg Farm Series: "Fruits, Vegetables, Flowers, Grasses," Eisenhower National Historic Site Library.

Secondary Sources:

(1) "Trees and Shrubs..." (2) 1955 Map (3) 1967 Map

## 80

Plant Name: **mock orange (*Philadelphus coronarius*)**

Number Donated: 35 shrubs (various varieties, 3-4 feet tall)

Date: planted 1/55, acknowledged 2/7/55

Donor: William Flemer, Jr., Princeton Nurseries, Princeton, NJ

Location: bed between house and barn

Status in 1999: unknown

Notes:

These shrubs were included in the planting that was directed by Harry L. Erdman of Hershey Estates.

Primary Sources:

(1) L. E. Berkey, Charles H. Tompkins Co., to Ann C. Whitman, February 7, 1955, Ann Whitman Files, Gettysburg Farm Series: "Trees and Bushes," Eisenhower National Historic Site Library. (2) Arthur S. Nevins to Ann C. Whitman, January 26, 1955, Ann Whitman Files, Gettysburg Farm Series: "Fruits, Vegetables, Flowers, Grasses," Eisenhower National Historic Site Library.

Secondary Sources:

(1) "Trees and Shrubs..."

## 81

Plant Name: **wegelia (*Wegelia florida*)**

Number Donated: 15 shrubs (3-4 feet tall)

Date: planted 1/55, acknowledged 2/7/55

Donor: William Flemer, Jr., Princeton Nurseries, Princeton, NJ

Location: bed between house and barn

Status in 1999: unknown

Notes:

These shrubs were included in the planting that was directed by Harry L. Erdman of Hershey Estates.

Primary Sources:

(1) L. E. Berkey, Charles H. Tompkins Co., to Ann C. Whitman, February 7, 1955, Ann Whitman Files, Gettysburg Farm Series: "Trees and Bushes," Eisenhower National Historic Site Library. (2) Arthur S. Nevins to Ann C. Whitman, January 26, 1955, Ann Whitman Files, Gettysburg Farm Series: "Fruits, Vegetables, Flowers, Grasses," Eisenhower National Historic Site Library.

Secondary Sources:

(1) "Trees and Shrubs..."

## 82

Plant Name: **bush honeysuckle (*Lonicera* spp.)**

Number Donated: 15 shrubs (3-4 feet tall)

Date: planted 1/55, acknowledged 2/7/55



*Donor:* William Flemer, Jr., Princeton Nurseries, Princeton, NJ

*Location:* bed between house and barn

*Status in 1999:* unknown

*Notes:*

These shrubs were included in the planting that was directed by Harry L. Erdman of Hershey Estates.

*Primary Sources:*

(1) L. E. Berkey, Charles H. Tompkins Co., to Ann C. Whitman, February 7, 1955, Ann Whitman Files, Gettysburg Farm Series: "Trees and Bushes," Eisenhower National Historic Site Library. (2) Arthur S. Nevins to Ann C. Whitman, January 26, 1955, Ann Whitman Files, Gettysburg Farm Series: "Fruits, Vegetables, Flowers, Grasses," Eisenhower National Historic Site Library.

*Secondary Sources:*

(1) "Trees and Shrubs..."

### 83

*Plant Name:* **wisteria (*Wisteria sinensis*)**

*Number Donated:* 5 vines (3 years old)

*Date:* planted 1/55, acknowledged 2/7/55

*Donor:* William Flemer, Jr., Princeton Nurseries, Princeton, NJ

*Location:* bed between house and barn

*Status in 1999:* unknown

*Notes:*

These shrubs were included in the planting that was directed by Harry L. Erdman of Hershey Estates.

*Primary Sources:*

(1) L. E. Berkey, Charles H. Tompkins Co., to Ann C. Whitman, February 7, 1955, Ann Whitman Files, Gettysburg Farm Series: "Trees and Bushes," Eisenhower National Historic Site Library. (2) Arthur S. Nevins to Ann C. Whitman, January 26, 1955, Ann Whitman Files, Gettysburg Farm Series: "Fruits, Vegetables, Flowers, Grasses," Eisenhower National Historic Site Library.

*Secondary Sources:*

(1) "Trees and Shrubs..."

### 84

*Plant Name:* **flowering dogwood (*Cornus florida*)**

*Number Donated:* 2 trees (pink flowering)

*Date:* 4/56, acknowledged 5/1/56

*Donor:* Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Pitcairn, Bryn Athyn, PA

*Location:* unknown

*Status in 1999:* unknown

*Notes:*

These trees were given to Mrs. Eisenhower by Mr. and Mrs. Pitcairn in April 1956.

*Primary Sources:*

(1) Arthur S. Nevins to Ann C. Whitman, April 18, 1956, Ann Whitman Files, Gettysburg Farm Series: Greenhouses, Eisenhower National Historic Site Library. (2) Dwight D. Eisenhower to Mrs. Raymond Pitcairn, May 2, 1966, Ann Whitman Files, Gettysburg Farm Series: "Trees and Bushes," Eisenhower National Historic Site Library.

*Secondary Sources:*

(1) "Trees and Shrubs..."

### 85

*Plant Name:* **flowering dogwood (*Cornus florida*)**

*Number Donated:* 1 tree

*Date:* 4/13/55

*Donor:* Mrs. Dorothy Schmidtcher on behalf of Troop #7, Metuchen, NJ

*Location:* unknown

*Status in 1999:* unknown

*Notes:*  
none

*Primary Sources:*

none

*Secondary Sources:*

(1) "Trees and Shrubs..."

### 86

*Plant Name:* **lilac (*Syringa vulgaris*)**

*Number Donated:* 1 shrub

*Date:* acknowledged 5/17/55

*Donor:* The Northampton County Pennsylvania Republican Women's Association

*Location:* in dogwood/lilac row where the semicircular hedge currently exists in the rear lawn

*Status in 1999:* no longer extant

*Notes:*

This shrub is shown on the 1955 map as a donation by the Northampton County Pennsylvania Republican Women's Association. It does not appear on later maps. The row of dogwoods/lilacs in this area was replaced by the semicircular hedge sometime before the 1967 map was drawn. No additional documentation on this donation has been found.

*Primary Sources:*

none

*Secondary Sources:*

(1) "Trees and Shrubs..." (2) 1955 Map

### 87

*Plant Name:* **lilac (*Syringa vulgaris*)**

*Number Donated:* 1 shrub (white double flowers)

*Date:* acknowledged 4/21/55

*Donor:* Mrs. Mary L. Scott, Gettysburg, PA

*Location:* in dogwood/lilac row southeast of the house, between windmill and teahouse, later location of semicircular hedge.

*Status in 1999:* no longer extant

*Notes:*

This shrub is shown on the 1955 map as a donation by Mrs. Mary Scott. It does not appear on later maps. The row of dogwoods/lilacs in this area was replaced by the semicircular hedge sometime before the 1967 map was drawn. No additional documentation on this donation has been found.

*Primary Sources:*

none

*Secondary Sources:*

(1) "Trees and Shrubs..." (2) 1955 Map





88

*Plant Name:* **lilac (*Syringa vulgaris*)**

*Number Donated:* 12 shrubs

*Date:* acknowledged 3/31/55

*Donor:* Mr. H. G. Jordan, Chairman, on behalf of the Lilac Committee of Ft. Collins, NY

*Location:* adjacent to driveway parking stall at windmill, east of pavement

*Status in 1999:* some may be extant

*Notes:*  
These lilacs appear on the 1955 map as donations from the Lilac Committee of Ft. Collins, Rochester, NY. They do not appear on the 1967 map, however, a small number of shrubs appear in this location on the 1969 map. Four lilacs were extant in the same location in 1999. These may be the original shrubs.

*Primary Sources:*  
none

*Secondary Sources:*  
(1) "Trees and Shrubs..." (2) 1955 Map (3) 1967 Map (4) 1969 Map

89

*Plant Name:* **lilac (*Syringa vulgaris*)**

*Number Donated:* unknown number of shrubs

*Date:* acknowledged 3/31/55

*Donor:* The Honorable & Mrs. William S. Hill, Washington, DC

*Location:* unknown

*Status in 1999:* unknown

*Notes:*  
none

*Primary Sources:*  
none

*Secondary Sources:*  
(1) "Trees and Shrubs..."

90

*Plant Name:* **white pine (*Pinus strobus*)**

*Number Donated:* 6 trees

*Date:* ca. 1954-1955 (planted before completion of the 8/25/55 map)

*Donor:* Nelson A. Rockefeller, Special Assistant to the President, Washington, DC

*Location:* 1 south of house, next to the brick oven; 5 in a grove southwest of the guesthouse

*Status in 1999:* The tree near the house is extant. The grove southwest of the guesthouse is no longer extant.

*Notes:*  
The 1955 historical map shows these trees and identifies Rockefeller as the donor. They also appear on 1967 map. The 1969 existing conditions map shows only three remaining white pines southwest of the guesthouse.

*Primary Sources:*  
none

*Secondary Sources:*  
(1) 1955 Map (2) 1967 Map (3) 1969 Map

91

*Plant Name:* **pin oak (*Quercus palustris*)**

*Number Donated:* 1 tree

*Date:* ca. 1954-1955 (planted before completion of the 8/25/55 map)

*Donor:* Nelson A. Rockefeller, Special Assistant to the President, Washington, DC

*Location:* south of house, at parking extension, south end of windbreak

*Status in 1999:* extant

*Notes:*  
The 1955 historical map shows this tree and identifies Rockefeller as the donor. It also appears on both the 1967 and 1969 maps. No other documentation found for its donation by Rockefeller.

*Primary Sources:*  
none

*Secondary Sources:*  
(1) 1955 Map (2) 1967 Map (3) 1969 Map

92

*Plant Name:* **hemlock (*Tsuga canadensis*)**

*Number Donated:* 3 trees

*Date:* ca. 1954-1955 (planted before completion of the 8/25/55 map)

*Donor:* National Capital Flower and Garden Show, Washington, DC

*Location:* screen between barn and house

*Status in 1999:* extant

*Notes:*  
The 1955 historical map shows these hemlocks planted on the eastern end of the screen between the house and barn and identifies the National Capitol Flower and Garden Show as the donor. They also appear on both the 1967 and 1969 plans, and were still extant in 1999.

*Primary Sources:*  
none

*Secondary Sources:*  
(1) 1955 Map (2) 1967 Map (3) 1969 Map

93

*Plant Name:* **azalea (*Rhododendron* spp.)**

*Number Donated:* 26 shrubs

*Date:* ca. 1954-1955 (planted before completion of the 8/25/55 map)

*Donor:* National Capital Flower and Garden Show, Washington, DC

*Location:* front entry drive, south of guesthouse; front of house, underneath bay window; rear terrace, south end of retaining wall

*Status in 1999:* no longer extant

*Notes:*  
The 1955 historical map shows the azaleas planted in the front of the house, south of the guesthouse, and on the rear terrace. The National Capital Flower and Garden Show is identified as the donor. The 1967 map only shows the small bed of azaleas near the guesthouse. The 1969 plan shows none of the azaleas. No other documentation has been found concerning this donation.

Primary Sources:

none

Secondary Sources:

(1) 1955 Map (2) 1967 Map (3) 1969 Map

**94**Plant Name: **magnolia (Magnolia spp.)**Number Donated: 1 treeDate: ca. 1954-1955 (planted before completion of the 8/25/55 map)Donor: Hershey Estates, Hershey, PALocation: in foundation planting on east side of house, south of sunporchStatus in 1999: no longer extantNotes:

This tree is shown on both the 1955 and 1967 historical map with Hershey Estates indicated as the donor. It does not appear on the 1969 existing conditions plan. No additional documentation has been found for this donation.

Primary Sources:

none

Secondary Sources:

(1) 1955 Map (2) 1967 Map (3) 1969 Map

**95**Plant Name: **Norway spruce (Picea abies)**Number Donated: 6 treesDate: ca. 1954-1955 (planted before completion of the 8/25/55 map)Donor: Nelson A. Rockefeller, Special Assistant to the President, Washington, DCLocation: screen between house and barnStatus in 1999: eight extant, one no longer extantNotes:

The 1955 historical map shows these trees and identifies Rockefeller as the donor. They also appear on both the 1967 and 1969 maps. No other documentation found for this donation by Rockefeller.

Primary Sources:

none

Secondary Sources:

(1) 1955 Map (2) 1967 Map (3) 1969 Map

**96**Plant Name: **boxwood (Buxus spp.)**Number Donated: 126 shrubsDate: ca. 1954-1955 (planted before completion of the 8/25/55 map)Donor: National Capital Flower and Garden Show, Washington, DCLocation: several locations on rear terrace, also used in a hedge at the flagpole, running north and south, parallel to the fence.Status in 1999: Some of the extant terrace boxwood may be from this donation.Notes:

The 1955 historical map shows these boxwood shrubs planted in several locations on the rear terrace, at the flagpole hedge, and in another short semicircular hedge on the northeast corner of the rear terrace. The National Capital Flower and Garden Show is identified as the donor. The 1969 existing conditions map shows boxwood a the rear terrace, but the hedge at the flagpole and northeast of the rear terrace had been removed.

Primary Sources:

none

Secondary Sources:

(1) 1955 Map (2) 1967 Map (3) 1969 Map

**97**Plant Name: **boxwood (Buxus spp.)**Number Donated: 26 shrubsDate: ca. 1954-1955 (planted before completion of the 8/25/55 map)Donor: W. Alton JonesLocation: several locations on rear terraceStatus in 1999: Some of the extant terrace boxwood may be from this donation.Notes:

The 1955 historical map shows twenty-six boxwood shrubs planted in several locations on the rear terrace and identifies W. Alton Jones as the donor. The 1967 map shows the terrace plantings, but also identifies the semicircular hedge east of the windmill as a boxwood hedge donated by Jones. This information is suspect because the 1969 existing conditions map, which identifies all vegetation by name, shows this hedge as ligustrum (privet). The extant hedge in 1999 is also ligustrum. No other documentation has been found for this donation by Jones.

Primary Sources:

none

Secondary Sources:

(1) 1955 Map (2) 1967 Map (3) 1969 Map

**98**Plant Name: **azalea (Rhododendron spp.)**Number Donated: 12 shrubsDate: ca. 1954-1955 (planted before completion of the 8/25/55 map)Donor: William Flemer, Jr., Princeton Nurseries, Princeton, NJLocation: semicircular row on northeast corner of rear terrace, in lawnStatus in 1999: no longer extantNotes:

These shrubs appear on the 1955 historical base map and are identified as donations by Princeton Nurseries. These beds were removed sometime before the 1967 map was drawn. The shrubs do not appear on the 1967 or 1969 map.

Primary Sources:

none

Secondary Sources:

(1) 1955 Map



99

*Plant Name:* **rhododendron (Rhododendron spp.)**

*Number Donated:* 13 shrubs

*Date:* ca. 1954-1955 (planted before completion of the 8/25/55 map)

*Donor:* anonymous

*Location:* foundation planting, front of house, south of front door

*Status in 1999:* no longer extant

*Notes:*

These shrubs appear on the 1955 historical base map and are identified as donations by an anonymous donor. These foundation plantings were removed sometime before the 1967 map was drawn. The shrubs do not appear on the 1967 or 1969 map.

*Primary Sources:*  
none

*Secondary Sources:*  
(1) 1955 Map

100

*Plant Name:* **rhododendron (Rhododendron spp.)**

*Number Donated:* 6 shrubs

*Date:* ca. 1954-1955 (planted before completion of the 8/25/55 map)

*Donor:* anonymous

*Location:* foundation planting, front of house, north of front door

*Status in 1999:* no longer extant

*Notes:*

These shrubs appear on the 1955 historical base map and are identified as donations by an anonymous donor. These foundation plantings were removed sometime before the 1967 map was drawn. The shrubs do not appear on the 1967 or 1969 map.

*Primary Sources:*  
none

*Secondary Sources:*  
(1) 1955 Map

101

*Plant Name:* **climbing rose (Rosa spp.)**

*Number Donated:* 1 shrub

*Date:* ca. 1954-1955 (planted before completion of the 8/25/55 map)

*Donor:* anonymous

*Location:* planted at base of Dutch oven

*Status in 1999:* original shrub no longer extant

*Notes:*

This climbing rose appears on the 1955 historical base map and is identified as a donation by an anonymous donor. It also appears on the 1967 map, but not the 1969 map. West recalled that the plant was killed during the hard freeze of 1959 and he thought it was never replanted. A new shrub may have been installed after he left the farm in the early 1960s. By 1999 there was not a rose in this location.

*Primary Sources:*

(1) Walter A. West, Interview by Carol Hegeman, Tape Recording, September 26-28, 1983, Transcript at Eisenhower National Historic Site Library, vol. 2, sect. 1, p. 5.

*Secondary Sources:*

(1) 1955 Map (2) 1967 Map

102

*Plant Name:* **Kentucky fescue #31 seed**

*Number Donated:* 100 pounds

*Date:* 3/55

*Donor:* Lee and Clyde Creech, Pineville, KY

*Location:* pasture

*Status in 1999:* unknown

*Notes:*

The seed was for a trial planting on the farm to determine how the grass performed in the Pennsylvania climate.

*Primary Sources:*

(1) Dwight D. Eisenhower to Creech Brothers, March 17, 1955, Ann Whitman Files, Gettysburg Farm Series: "Fruits, Vegetables, Flowers, Grasses," Eisenhower National Historic Site Library.

103

*Plant Name:* **Meyer Z-52 zoysia grass**

*Number Donated:* unknown number of plugs

*Date:* 8/56

*Donor:* A. Kiefer Mayer, Indianapolis, IN

*Location:* lawn

*Status in 1999:* unknown

*Notes:*

These plugs were used to try out this species of grass on the farm. It is unclear if they were donated or purchased.

*Primary Sources:*

(1) A. Kiefer Mayer to Ann C. Whitman, August 27, 1956, Ann Whitman Files, Gettysburg Farm Series: "Fruits, Vegetables, Flowers, Grasses," Eisenhower National Historic Site Library.

