

Finding Aid of 33MSS-118 Elizabethan Gardens Special Garden Areas Records, 1997 - 2000

Descriptive Summary

Repository: Outer Banks History Center, Manteo, N.C.

Creator: Kathy Mitchell

Title: 33MSS-118 Elizabethan Gardens Special Garden Areas Records

Language of Materials: English

Location: For current information on the location of these materials, please contact the Outer Banks History Center, www.obhistorycenter.net.

Abstract:

The Elizabethan Gardens is a living memorial to the men and women of the Roanoke Voyages (1584-1587) who attempted to colonize the new world. More than 500 plant species are found within its 10-acre site on the north end of Roanoke Island, adjacent to Waterside Theatre. The Shakespearean Herb Garden, the Queen's Rose Garden, and the formal sunken knot garden are some of the Garden's features. The Elizabethan Gardens is also home to an impressive collection of statuary including an enthralling Italian fountain in the formal garden and a larger-than-life bronze statue of Elizabeth I, the largest likeness of her in the world.

This collection was amassed by Kathy Mitchell, former employee of the Elizabethan Gardens, while she aided in the development of the special gardens areas. The collection is comprised of receipts, correspondence, diagrams, charts, labels, and plant lists relating to the renovation of the Rose Garden, the creation of interpretive labels for the Herb Garden and the design of a perennial border around the grand lawn.

Extent:

.25 cubic feet

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions:

Available for research.

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Biographical/Historical Note:

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While working at the Elizabethan Gardens on Roanoke Island from 1987 - 1991, Kathy Mitchell discovered a love of working with native plants. She later became the conservation horticulturalist at the North Carolina Aquarium on Roanoke Island. She continued to assist the Elizabethan Gardens with special planting areas like the Rose Garden and the Herb garden.

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Collection Arrangement:

This collection is arranged by subject.

Online Catalog Headings:

These and related materials may be found under the following headings in online catalogs.

Subject Terms

Garden borders -- North Carolina -- Roanoke Island

Herb gardens -- North Carolina -- Roanoke Island

Rose gardens -- North Carolina -- Roanoke Island

Geographic Term

Elizabethan Gardens (Roanoke Island, N.C.)

Roanoke Island (N.C.)

Related Collections:

Additional information on topics found in this collection may be found in the Manuscript and Archives Reference System (MARS) <http://www.ncarchives.dcr.state.nc.us>.

See also:

33MSS-70 Elizabethan Gardens Records, 1953 – 2003

Container List:

1:1.1 Finding aid

1:2.1 Rose Garden

1:3.1 Herb Garden Label Program

1:4.1 Perennial border