

Charles P. Gorely, Jr. Landscape Architectural Plans  
Wellesley Historical Society

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**Title**

Charles P. Gorely, Jr. Landscape Architecture Plans

**Date**

1925-1951, n.d.

**Extent**

140 Items; including Sketches, Blueprints, and Blue-line Prints

**Name of Creators**

Charles P. Gorely, Jr.

**Admin/Bio History**

Landscape Architect Charles P. Gorely (1895-1971) was a Wellesley resident who served for eleven years as a Wellesley Park Commissioner. He was a member of the Wellesley American Legion, the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, the Audubon Society, the Museum of Fine Arts and co-founder of the Wedgewood Club of America. His wife Jean Watt Gorely wrote and lectured on early English Ceramics and 18<sup>th</sup> Century Arts and wrote a regular Wellesley Townsman Column from 1939 to 1956.

**Scope and Content**

A collection of blueprints, sketches and blue-line prints used or created by the Wellesley landscape architect Charles P. Gorely, Jr. in his work on town projects, real estate developments or for private individuals in or around Wellesley, Massachusetts. The materials include blueprints of landscape plans for Wellesley Homes, and sketches of exhibits for Massachusetts Horticultural Society flower shows. Many of the homes and gardens are identifiable using owner's names.

**System of Arrangement**

Catalogued as part of the larger Maps and Plans Collection

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**Conditions Governing Access**

The collection is open for research purposes by appointment only. Please contact the Wellesley Historical Society for more information.

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**Physical Access**

Some of the plans are fragile.

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**Languages and Scripts of the Material**

English

**Custodial History**

Given to the Society by Barbara Gorely Teller, daughter of Charles P. Gorely, Jr., Curator of the Wellesley Historical Society from 1983 to 1994.

**Immediate Source of Acquisition**

Given to the Society by Barbara G. Teller

**Accruals**

Further accruals are anticipated

**Existence and Location of Originals**

Wellesley Historical Society Maps and Plans

**Related Archival Materials**

Additional materials on Charles P. Gorely are located in the Wellesley Historical Society People Files. The materials may be unprocessed and include War Ration books belonging to Gorely's wife Jean Watt Gorely. The Frances Loeb Library at Harvard University's Graduate School of Design holds copies of three of his books.

**Description**

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