



**Michaux Garden records, 1943-1949**  
**SCHS 1074.00**  
**Container 11/296**

**Creator:** Garden Club of Charleston

**Description:** Ca. 50 items.

**Biographical/Historical Note:** In the 1780s Andre Michaux was assigned to collect botanical specimens in America for the royal gardens of France. About 1786 he set up a garden near Charleston which served as a repository where plants and seeds could be kept until they were shipped to France. A memorial erected by the Garden Club of Charleston marks the site of the garden.

**Note:** Charleston, S.C. club founded in 1922 to advance gardening in the city.

**Scope and Content:** Records consist of correspondence, plats, and other items. Correspondence (1946-1949) chiefly consists of letters between Mrs. Ellison A. Williams, chairman of the Michaux Garden Committee of the Garden Club, and various government officials including Senator Burnet R. Maybank and Representative L. Mendel Rivers. Letters concern the Garden Club's efforts to acquire and preserve the site of a garden (or nursery) near Charleston (S.C.) established by the French botanist Andre Michaux (1746-1802).

Plats (1943) are of the Charleston Army Air Base and a tract of land there which was the site of the Michaux Garden. Other items include newspaper clippings; and notes tracing title to the property on which the Michaux Garden was located.

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**Container list:**

**11/296/1-4 Michaux Garden, 1943-1949**

**Records, 1943-1949. 50 items**

Charleston garden. Letters, news clippings, notes, and blueprint of Charleston Air Force base (1943) regarding the restoration by the Charleston Garden Club of French botanist, Andre Michaux. Correspondents include politicians, Mrs. Ellison A. Williams and J. Francis Brenner of the Charleston Airport.