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A BIBLIOGRAPHY OF GARDEN HISTORY

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FOREWORD BY MAVIS BATEY

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We are happy that, for the 25th anniversary of the Garden History Society, Ray Desmond has agreed to produce this up-to-date bibliography of garden history. Since the first committee meeting, when he was appointed Librarian, he has collected information about garden history and historic gardens and made it available to members through bibliographies in the Society's Newsletter and Journal and to a wider public in his *Bibliography of British Gardens*. We are indebted to his scholarship and generosity.

Perhaps it is a measure of the success of the Society's campaigning for the relevance and importance of garden history that of the 150 or so books listed only 55 were available in 1965, when the Society was founded by Peter Hunt, who had just completed his *Shell Gardens Book*. For the entries in it he had called on a variety of expertise and was inspired with the idea of bringing the participants together to exchange ideas. The contributors' width of expertise, covering horticulture, landscape architecture, history, literature, art, architecture, botany and dendrology made Peter Hunt realize the need to make a cohesive subject of garden history by forming a society to bring these wide-ranging interests together. Shortly after the publication of the Shell guide, Peter Hunt and Miles Hadfield, who in 1960 had published his influential *Gardening in Britain*, met by arrangement in the buffet of a London railway station (less appropriate than an historic garden perhaps), and discussed the formation of the Garden History Society.

Frank Clark, the Society's first President, had published a pioneering book on *The English Landscape Garden* in 1948. It had been researched in the British Museum during the war when off duty from Civil Defence. Sadly, he died about two years before he was due to retire, when he had intended to spend his leisure on a larger work. *Furor Hortensis*, edited by Peter Willis and published in 1974, was a collection of essays on the history of the English landscape garden in memory of H. F. Clark. The proceedings of the symposium held in 1984 on the Conservation of Historic Gardens in conjunction with the Ancient Monuments Society were also published in his honour. Edward Malins, a dedicated committee member, will also be well remembered for his contribution on *English Landscaping and Literature*, published in 1966. The idea for an *Oxford Companion to Gardens* was initiated by Peter Hunt but he did not live to see its fulfilment. When it was finally published in 1986 a reviewer observed that the list of contributors read like a roll-call of GHS members past and present.

We are fortunate that for the last twenty years Tony Baggs, a keen garden historian and member of the Society, has been the architectural editor of the *Victoria History of the Counties of England* and we can rely on the section on the house being supported by an account of the laying out of the garden with plans.

Thanks to Christopher Taylor the recent volumes of the Royal Commission on Historical Monuments include archaeological gardens. The *Dictionary of National Biography*, which had previously been rather lightweight on gardeners and designers, is repairing the omissions in their new supplement 'from the beginnings to 1985'. Our own journal, *Garden History*, soon established itself internationally as the vehicle for original articles on the subject, and we owe a great deal to the scholarship and dedication of its founder-editor, Christopher Thacker. In 1988, as part of the celebration of the 1688 Tercentenary, the Garden History Society and the Dutch Garden Society jointly sponsored a book on *The Gardens of William and Mary*, edited by David Jacques and Arend van der Horst.

There is now an increasing number of courses and conferences on garden history run by university extra-mural departments, museum and local history societies and the new gardens trusts; there is a diploma in the conservation of gardens at the Architectural Association and provision for post-graduate work at the Centre for the Conservation of Historic Parks and Gardens at York. We are very grateful to Ray Desmond for producing this bibliography as a research tool to a field of literature which is rapidly expanding. It does not claim to be more than a selection of books that may be of value in the initial stages of research, but will be welcomed by many students as an essential reference list.

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LIBRARIES AND RECORD OFFICES

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