

**FINDING AID FOR:**

The Arva Moore Parks Vizcaya Photograph Collection

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## **Collection Description**

*Collection #:* P003

*Collection Title:* The Arva Moore Parks Vizcaya Photograph Collection

*Creator:* Parks, Arva Moore

*Location:*

*Inclusive Dates:* Circa 1910-1929

*Bulk Dates:*

*Extent:* 118 \_\_EA \_\_118 digital scans of photographs

*Restrictions:*

*Assoc Coll Matl:*

*Hist/Bio Note:* The bulk of the photographs in this collection were taken by Alice May Wood (c. 1875-1946). Alice May Wood was an early Miami Photographer who purchased the Miami studio of Fred Hand in 1915. After purchasing the studio, one of Wood's early projects was documenting the construction of Vizcaya's gardens.

The two panoramic photographs [am000115-am000116] were taken by William A. Fishbaugh (1873-1950), a professional photographer based in Southern Florida. Fishbaugh began his photography career in the early 1900s and settled on building photography c. 1910. He operated a photography studio in Tampa, Florida c.1910-1917, before selling his business and moving to Miami, Florida. In the 1920s, Fishbaugh was commissioned by George Merrick, developer of Coral Gables, to produce commercial photographs advertising Miami and the surrounding areas. These photographs contributed to the early real estate development boom in southern Florida.

Two of the aerial photographs [am000117-am000118] were taken by Joseph H. Pero (1893-1953) during his service with the US Navy at Dinner Key. Pero was a member of the Naval Air Rework Facility and served at Dinner Key before his deployment to France for six months, where he served as chief printer in the photographic section. Pero likely took these photographs during training exercises at Dinner Key c. 1917.

*Scope:* This collection is comprised of 118 digital images of Vizcaya in the 1910s-1920s. The original photographs were lent to Vizcaya for scanning in 2005, then returned to Ms. Parks.

The bulk of the images were taken by Alice Wood during the construction of Vizcaya and its gardens. Unlike the formal landscape portraits taken by Mattie Edwards Hewitt during the same period, the Wood photographs are more informal, many showing people at work. In addition to images of the construction, this collection also includes images of Paul Chalfin, F. Burrall Hoffman, Jr., Diego Suarez, and Phineas Paist.

Also included in this collection are several aerial photographs of Vizcaya. Three of the aerial photographs were taken by an unknown photographer. The two panoramic/circuit views were taken by William Fishbaugh [am000115-am000116]. The last two aerial photographs were taken by Joseh H. Pero [am000117-am000118]

*Notes:* Wood's works entered the public domain in 2016; Fishbaugh's works entered the public domain in 2020; Pero's works entered the public domain in 2023.

*Topic:* Construction--20th century

*Geographic:* Florida--Miami--Coconut Grove--lcsh --Florida--Miami-Dade county--lcsh --Florida--Miami--lcsh

*Personal:* Wood, Alice --Fishbaugh, William A.--June 20, 1873-November 3, 1950 --Pero, Joseph Herbert--1894-? --Hoffman, F. Burrall (Francis Burrall), 1882-1980 --Chalfin, Paul--1874-1959 --Suarez, Diego--1888-1974--lcsh --Paist, Phineas--1873-1937--lcsh

*Corporate:*

*Arrangement:* Duplicates of some of the Alice Wood photographs can be found in the Construction Albums Collection. \_\_These digital images were created by scanning original photographs in 2005. The photographs lent to Vizcaya were in no particular order. The photographs were scanned with images portraying people appearing first and aerial photographs appearing last.

## Item Records List

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**Series**

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**File Unit:**

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<u>Item Nbr</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
am001	Photographs	Diego Suarez	circa 1910 to 1920
am002	Photographs	F. Burrall Hoffman, Jr.	circa 1910 to 1920
am003	Photographs	Phineas Paist	circa 1910 to 1920
am004	Photographs	Paul Chalfin	circa 1916
am005	Photographs	Phineas Paist	circa 1910 to 1920
am006	Photographs	Five men pose in front of the Main Staircase	circa 1910 to 1920
am007	Photographs	Two men pose beneath the Forecourt Gate	circa 1910 to 1920
am008	Photographs	A man poses atop the Main House weathervane	circa 1910 to 1920
am009	Photographs	a man, woman, and two dogs	circa 1910 to 1920
am010	Photographs	A man with two dogs in the back seat of a car	circa 1910 to 1920
am011	Photographs	Two men in front of the East Façade	circa 1910 to 1920
am012	Photographs	One man during garden construction	circa 1910 to 1920
am013	Photographs	Several men working	circa 1910 to 1920
am014	Photographs	A worker displays a decorative stone shield with a caravel motif	circa 1910 to 1920
am015	Photographs	Construction of the gardens	circa 1910 to 1920
am016	Photographs	Construction of the gardens	circa 1910 to 1920

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am017	Photographs	Construction	circa 1910 to 1920
am018	Photographs	Construction	circa 1910 to 1920
am019	Photographs	North Sea Arm seen from the North	circa 1910 to 1920
am020	Photographs	Construction	circa 1910 to 1920
am021	Photographs	Unloading construction supplies by boat	circa 1910 to 1920
am022	Photographs	Construction of the North Sea Arm and Lower East Terrace, as seen from the Main House	circa 1910 to 1920
am023	Photographs	Mangroves North of the Main House	circa 1910 to 1920
am024	Photographs	Construction	circa 1910 to 1920
am025	Photographs	Construction	circa 1910 to 1920
am026	Photographs	Construction	circa 1910 to 1920
am027	Photographs	Construction	circa 1910 to 1920
am028	Photographs	Construction	circa 1910 to 1920
am029	Photographs	South Façade, as seen on payday	October 23, 1915
am030	Photographs	Transporting trees	circa 1910 to 1920
am031	Photographs	Boathouse	October 3, 1916
am032	Photographs	South Façade and Main Gardens under construction, view from the South	circa 1910 to 1920
am033	Photographs	East Façade	circa 1910 to 1920
am034	Photographs	Garden construction and South Façade, as seen from the South	circa 1910 to 1920
am035	Photographs	Garden Construction	circa 1910 to 1920
am036	Photographs	Garden Construction	circa 1910 to 1920
am037	Photographs	Garden Construction	circa 1910 to 1920
am038	Photographs	Garden Construction	circa 1910 to 1920

am039	Photographs	Construction	circa 1910 to 1920
am040	Photographs	Construction	circa 1910 to 1920
am041	Photographs	Construction	circa 1910 to 1920
am042	Photographs	North East corner of Main House, as seen from the water	circa 1910 to 1920
am043	Photographs	Garden construction	circa 1910 to 1920
am044	Photographs	Garden construction	circa 1910 to 1920
am045	Photographs	Garden construction	circa 1910 to 1920
am046	Photographs	Garden construction	circa 1910 to 1920
am047	Photographs	Construction	circa 1910 to 1920
am048	Photographs	Garden construction	circa 1910 to 1920
am049	Photographs	Barge construction, as seen from the South	circa 1910 to 1920
am050	Photographs	East Façade, as seen from Biscayne Bay	circa 1910 to 1920
am051	Photographs	Garden construction	circa 1910 to 1920
am052	Photographs	Garden construction	circa 1910 to 1920
am053	Photographs	Garden construction	circa 1910 to 1920
am054	Photographs	Main House as seen from the South	circa 1910 to 1920
am055	Photographs	Construction	circa 1910 to 1920
am056	Photographs	Construction	circa 1910 to 1920
am057	Photographs	Construction	circa 1910 to 1920
am058	Photographs	Barge construction	circa 1910 to 1920
am059	Photographs	Tea House, seen from above	circa 1910 to 1920
am060	Photographs	Barge, North Sea Arm, East Terrace	circa 1910 to 1920
am061	Photographs	East Terrace construction	circa 1910 to

			1920
am062	Photographs	Barge construction	August 12, 1916
am063	Photographs	Pump House	August 12, 1916
am064	Photographs	Entry Cascade construction	August 12, 1916
am065	Photographs	North road to Piazza	August 12, 1916
am066	Photographs	Village	April 4, 1916
am067	Photographs	North Bridge under construction	November 4, 1917
am068	Photographs	Construction	October 7, 1916
am069	Photographs	Construction	circa 1910 to 1920
am070	Photographs	Barge construction	circa 1910 to 1920
am071	Photographs	West Gate Lodge	circa 1910 to 1920
am072	Photographs	Southeast corner of Main House	circa 1910 to 1920
am073	Photographs	Pool ceiling/grotto construction	circa 1910 to 1920
am074	Photographs	Garden construction	circa 1910 to 1920
am075	Photographs	Southeast corner of Main House and Barge, as seen from Biscayne Bay	circa 1910 to 1920
am076	Photographs	Courtyard construction	circa 1910 to 1920
am077	Photographs	North Sea Arm	circa 1910 to 1920
am078	Photographs	Sitting Room	circa 1910 to 1920
am079	Photographs	Construction	circa 1910 to 1920
am080	Photographs	Garden construction	circa 1910 to 1920
am081	Photographs	East Statuary Walk, under construction, as seen from Secret Garden	circa 1910 to 1920
am082	Photographs	Garden construction	circa 1910 to 1920
am083	Photographs	Garden construction	circa 1910 to 1920
am084	Photographs	Courtyard, as seen from the arcade	circa 1910 to 1920
am085	Photographs	Barge, seen from above	circa 1910 to 1920

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am086	Photographs	Statuary	circa 1910 to 1920
am087	Photographs	Pool	circa 1910 to 1920
am088	Photographs	Garden construction	circa 1910 to 1920
am089	Photographs	Barge construction	circa 1910 to 1920
am090	Photographs	South Façade and garden construction	circa 1910 to 1920
am091	Photographs	Barge, seen from above	circa 1910 to 1920
am092	Photographs	Statuary	circa 1910 to 1920
am093	Photographs	Southeast corner of Main House, seen from the South	circa 1910 to 1920
am094	Photographs	South Façade, garden construction, Sea Arms, Barge	circa 1910 to 1920
am095	Photographs	Construction	circa 1910 to 1920
am096	Photographs	Barge, seen from the South	circa 1910 to 1920
am097	Photographs	Barge detail	circa 1910 to 1920
am098	Photographs	Northeast corner of Boat Landing	circa 1910 to 1920
am099	Photographs	Chauffeur's House, under construction	circa 1910 to 1920
am100	Photographs	View of Estate from the South	circa 1910 to 1920
am101	Photographs	Wall detail from the Lady Hamilton bedroom	circa 1910 to 1920
am102	Photographs	Entry Cascade construction	circa 1910 to 1920
am103	Photographs	Laundry House construction	circa 1910 to 1920
am104	Photographs	Garden construction	circa 1910 to 1920
am105	Photographs	Pool	circa 1910 to 1920
am106	Photographs	Breakfast Room floor	circa 1910 to 1920
am107	Photographs	South Façade	circa 1910 to 1920

am108	Photographs	South Façade	circa 1910 to 1920
am109	Photographs	Garden construction	circa 1910 to 1920
am110	Photographs	Garden construction	circa 1910 to 1920
am111	Photographs	Construction	August 12, 1916
am112	Photographs	Aerial of Vizcaya	circa 1910 to 1920
am113	Photographs	Aerial of Vizcaya	circa 1910 to 1920
am114	Photographs	Aerial of Vizcaya	circa 1910 to 1920
am115	Photographs	Panorama	circa 1910 to 1920
am116	Photographs	Gardens panorama	circa 1910 to 1920
am117	Photographs	Aerial of Vizcaya	December 31, 1919
am118	Photographs	Aerial of Vizcaya	October 18, 1911