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GARDEN ON GEORGE SCHURMAN ESTATE, EAST HAMPTON, L. I.

George Schurman Estate, East Hampton, L.I.

East Hampton's gardens are finally beginning to reappear! While many of the gardens in town are part of private estates that are not accessible to the public, there are some beautiful images of these gardens in our [postcard collection](#). This postcard shows the gardens at what was originally the George Schurman estate on Further Lane, which later came to be known as Lasata.

George Wellington Schurman, a Manhattan lawyer, bought 10 acres on Further Lane from B.M. Osborne, conveniently located across the street from his brother. In 1917, Schurman contracted local builder Edward M. Gay to build a house designed by architect Arthur C. Jackson on the property. Plans included designs for a garden and a brick columned "Garden House." The garden shown above had a sunken area with a walkway lining an open field of grass in front of a fountain. The grassy area is edged with beds of flowering plants, including what appears to be pink azaleas. Large potted planters with blue hydrangeas can be seen at the top of the steps.

The Schurman family was active in the Summer Colony and George's wife, Helen Schurman, was involved with the Garden Club of East Hampton. At the July 1919 Garden Club flower show, George and Helen Schurman's gardener, Joseph Cassidy, won awards for his "collection of perennials," his "dish of pansies," his "blooms of buddelias," and his "collection of vegetables."

In 1923, the Schurman family relocated to Bedford, New York, and sold the property to the Martin family. Less than two years later, Major John V. Bouvier purchased the property in 1925. Years later, his granddaughter, Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy, selected floral arrangements for her father's funeral, which included daisies and bachelor's buttons; flowers she remembered in the the garden of her grandfather's home.

If you're interested in gardens, the [East Hampton Library](#) is hosting "[Big Ideas for Small Gardens](#)," a [Tom Twomey Series](#) event, on Saturday, July 7th, which features a garden tour afterwards.

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