



## **Eleutherian Mills and Longwood Gardens aerial views 1968.017**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Audiovisual Collections
<b>Creator - pht:</b>	Dallin, J. Victor (John Victor), 1897-1991
<b>Title:</b>	Eleutherian Mills and Longwood Gardens aerial views
<b>ID:</b>	1968.017
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	circa 1930s
<b>Physical Description:</b>	13 item(s)
<b>General Physical Description:</b>	6 negatives : film ; 8 x 10 in. ; 7 negatives : glass ; 8 x 10 in. and 3 photographic prints ; 8 x 10 in. Six glass negatives accidentally broken after printing.
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English .
<b>Abstract:</b>	Between 1802 and 1921, Eleutherian Mills was a gunpowder mill site used for the manufacture of explosives by the du Pont family business, which was founded by Éleuthère Irénée "E.I." du Pont (1771–1834). Longwood Gardens is a series of formal display gardens in Kennett Square, Pennsylvania, that was developed by Pierre S. du Pont (1870-1954), a descendent of E.I. du Pont. These are aerial views of the residence at Eleutherian Mills and Longwood Gardens taken by Dallin Aerial Surveys Company.

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## Biographical Note

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Colonel J. Victor Dallin (1897-1991), a Royal Flying Corps-trained pilot who served in World War One, started Dallin Aerial Surveys as a single proprietorship in 1924. The firm was in business through February 1941 when he was called to military service as part of the Pennsylvania National Guard. Colonel Dallin became the first manager of the Philadelphia Airport in 1940, and was chief of the city's Bureau of Aeronautics from 1946 to 1953.

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## Scope and Content

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Three aerial photographs of Eleutherian Mills (residence) near Wilmington, Delaware, and ten aerial photographs of Longwood Gardens, Kennett Square, Pennsylvania, in the 1930s. Taken by the Dallin Aerial Survey Company, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Victor Dallin, owner.

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## Administrative Information

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### Existence and Location of Copies

Modern prints made from original negatives available.

### Access Restrictions

This collection is open for research.

### Processing Notes

Eleutherian Mills views are Dallin negatives numbered 7698, 7699, and 7705. Longwood Gardens negatives are not numbered.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Aerial photographs

- Gardens
- Longwood Gardens (Kennett Square, Pa.)
- Eleutherian Mills (Greenville, Del. : Estate)

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## Collection Inventory

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Title/Description	Instances
Eleutherian Mills residence, First Office, Barn and garden	box GL 2
Eleutherian Mills residence, First Office, Barn, garden and iron bridge over Brandywine river	box GL 2
Looking downstream, Brandywine River, Eleutherian Mills residence, First Office, barn and garden	box GL 2
Longwood Gardens, conservatory, greenhouses, Edgar White and Way (Dora Mae Blake) family homes (now razed), Red Lion and dairy farm	box GL 2
Longwood Gardens, mansion, garage and open air theater	box GL 2
Longwood Gardens, conservatory, greenhouses (prior to construction of sunken gardens and fountains) and Red Lion, before 1929	box GL 2
Longwood Gardens, mansion, open air theater and dairy farm	box GL 2
Longwood Gardens, conservatory, Italian gardens, "The Anvil" home, houses and Red Lion	box GL 2
Longwood Gardens, conservatory, greenhouses, Italian gardens, and Red Lion	box GL 2
Longwood Gardens, mansion hidden by trees, lake, Italian garden, Friends Meeting and cemetery	box GL 2