

CHATEAU-SUR-MER

Historic Landscape Report

Preservation Society of Newport
County, Rhode Island

Project Data

Date: 1992

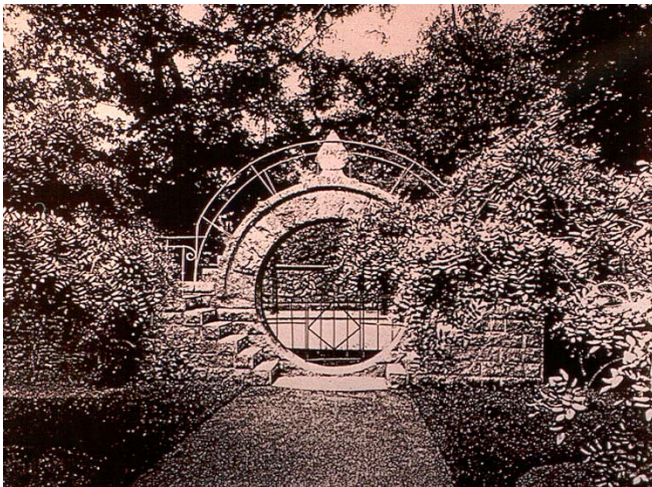
Size: 14 acres

Context: Historic Newport, Rhode
Island

Project Description:

Research and document the landscape's history, its
designers, design prototypes, functions and materials
Inventory, document and assess existing conditions
Document changes over time with a landscape chronology

The Preservation Society of Newport County, Rhode Island maintains several historic properties with significant landscapes, each exemplary of the different periods of American architecture and landscape design prior to 1920. Chateau-sur-Mer's gardens were initially laid out in the Modern or English style popularized in America by Andrew Jackson Downing in the 1840's and 1850's, an appropriate setting for the Victorian "cottage" transformed by Richard Morris Hunt in the 1870's and 1880's. The gardens were later enhanced by Ernest W. Bowditch (1890) and the Olmsted Brothers (1915-18), while at the same time maintaining the initial design's intent, style and functions. This historic landscape report is helping to guide the preservation and restoration of this historic designed landscape.



Chinese Moon Gate – Circa 1914



Chinese Moon Gate - 1992