



## HISTORIC WESTVILLE

*Georgia's 1850's Living History Museum*

### **Southern Gardens Series**

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### **Master List 1850 plants at Westville**

In 1991, Westville hired Catherine Drewery of Crawford, Georgia, a landscaper who specializes in historic gardens, to develop a master plan to restore our five gardens. The restoration work involved installing irrigation systems, and in many cases, to take up existing plants, remove 18 inches of sandy soil, rebuild each plot with a mixture of sand, red clay, and compost, then replant according to her researched list of pre-1850 flowers.

The project has been ongoing for ten years, and the results have been dramatic. The reconditioned soil now holds water and nutrients, the formal boxwoods are in their third year of re-growth, and the gardens are coming into their glory.

In addition, we have added an antique rose garden and an antique camellia garden, which were not part of the Drewery plans. In a few cases, we have added period substitutes (indicated in parentheses). Species names have been omitted where identification is uncertain. Plants indicated in brackets were in the Drewery plan but are not currently in Westville's gardens.

Achillea millefolium \* yarrow  
Allium sativum \* garlic  
Allium Schoenoprasum \* chives  
Allium tuberosum \* garlic chives  
Artemisia abrotanum \* Southernwood  
Artemisia absinthium \* wormwood  
Artemisia ludoviciana \* white sage 'Silver King'  
(Asarum \* wild ginger)  
(Aspidistra elatior \* cast iron plant)  
(Astilbe \* astilbe)  
Baptisia australis \* false blue indigo  
Buxus sempervirens \* dwarf boxwood  
Callicarpa americana \* American beautyberry  
Calycanthus floridus \* sweetshrub  
Canna generalis \* canna  
(Cassia \* senna)  
Centaurea cyanus \* bachelor's buttons  
Ceratostigma plumbaginoides \* plumbago  
Chaenomeles speciosa \* flowering quince  
Chrysanthemum leucanthemum \* ox-eyed daisy  
Clematis maximowicziana \* sweet autumn clematis  
(Colocasia esculenta Taro \* elephant's ear)  
Coreopsis grandiflora \* coreopsis, tickseed  
Coreopsis tinctoria \* calliopsis  
(Cyrtomium falcatum \* holly fern)  
(Deutzia \* deutzia)

Dianthus barbatus \* Sweet William  
 Dianthus plumarius \* pinks  
 (Digitalis \* foxglove)  
 [Dipsacus sativus or fullonum \* Fuller's teasel]  
 [Dolichos lablab \* hyacinth bean]  
 Echinacea purpurea \* purple coneflower  
 (Eleagnus macrphylla \* eleagnus)  
 Eupatorium coelestinum \* tall ageratum  
 Foeniculum vulgare \* fennel  
 (Forsythia forsythia) (note: many sources say forsythia didn't arrive in the South until 1900.  
 But a letter to the editor of the Natchez Daily Courier, Oct 24, 1854 mentions it. See article  
 by George R. Stritikus, extension horticulturist, Auburn U. in Magnolia: Bulletin of the  
 Southern Garden History Society XII.4 (Fall 1996)).  
 Gaillardia aristata  
 (or annual G. pulchella) \* blanket flower  
 Gardenia jasminoides \* gardenia, Cape jasmine  
 Guara lindheimeri \* guara  
 Gelsemium sempervirens \* Carolina jessamine  
 Hedera helix \* ivy  
 (Helleborus foetidus \* Lenten rose, or stinking hellebore)  
 Helianthus angustifolius \* swamp sunflower  
 Hemerocallis lilio-asphodelus  
 (syn. H. flava) \* lemon daylily  
 Hemerocallis fulva \* tawny daylily  
 (Hibiscus syriacus \* Rose of Sharon)  
 (Hosta elegans hosta ) (note-Hosta sieboldiana, famous for withstanding the London smog of  
 the 1840s would be a better period choice, if available)  
 Hydrangea macrophylla \* blue hydrangea  
 Hydrangea quercifolia \* oakleaf hydrangea  
 Iberis sempervirens \* candytuft  
 Ilex opaca \* American holly  
 (Impatiens \* impatiens, or patience plant)  
 (Ipomoea quamoclit \* Cypress vine)  
 Iris germanica \* tall bearded iris  
 (Itea virginica \* Virginia sweetspire)  
 Jasminum nudiflorum \* winter jasmine  
 (Kerria japonica \* kerria)  
 Lantana camara \* lantana  
 Leucojum aestivum \* snowflake, or snowdrop  
 Lilium candidum \* Madonna lily  
 Lilium martagon \* Turk's cap lily  
 [Lilium martagon 'Alba' \* white Turk's Cap lily]  
 Liriope muscari \* border grass  
 Lonicera fragrantissima \* winter honeysuckle  
 Lonicera sempervirens \* coral honeysuckle  
 Lunaria annua \* money plant, or honesty  
 Lychnis coronaria \* rose campion  
 Lycoris radiata \* spider lily  
 Melissa officinalis \* lemon balm  
 Mentha pulegium \* pennyroyal  
 Mentha piperita or spicata \* peppermint or spearmint  
 Muscari botryoides \* grape hyacinth, blue bottles  
 Nandina domestica \* nandina  
 Narcissus jonquilla  
 or pseudonarcissus \* jonquil or daffodil

Narcissus poeticus \* pheasant's eye narcissus  
 [Oenothera perennis \* sundrops]  
 Osmanthus fragrans \* tea olive  
 (Oxalis adenophylla \* oxalis)  
 Petunia \* old-fashioned single mixed petunias  
 [Phalaris arundinacea \* ribbon grass]  
 Phlox divaricata \* dwarf phlox  
 Phlox paniculata \* common purple, summer phlox  
 Phlox subulata \* thrift  
 (Platycodon campanulaceae \* balloon flower)  
 Poncirus trifoliata \* bitter orange  
 Rhododendron austrinum \* Florida azalea  
 Rosa banksiae \* Lady Banks rose  
 Rosmarinus officinalis \* rosemary  
 Rudbeckia fulgida \* black-eyed Susan  
 (Rumex scutatus \* French sorrel)  
 Ruta graveolens \* rue  
 Salvia elegans \* pineapple sage  
 Saponaria officinalis \* soapwort, Bouncing Bet  
 [Sedum spectabile \* showy sedum, houseleek, stonecrop]  
 (Sedum telephium \* autumn sedum)  
 (Scabiosa caucasica \* pincushion flower)  
 (Scilla sibirica \* Siberian squill)  
 Spirea prunifolia `Plena' \* bridal wreath spirea  
 Stokesia laevis \* Stokes' aster  
 (Tagetes erecta \* African marigold)  
 Tanacetum vulgare \* tansy  
 Thymus x citriodorus \* lemon thyme  
 (Tradescantia virginiana \* spiderwort)  
 Verbascum thapsus \* mullein  
 Verbena canadensis `Gene Cline' \* purple perennial verbena  
 Verbena canadensis `Rosea' \* pink perennial verbena  
 [Verbena tenuisecta `Alba' \* white moss verbena]  
 Vinca major \* periwinkle  
 Viola cucullata \* wild blue violets  
 Viola tricolor \* Johnny-jump-up  
 Vitis rotundifolia \* muscadine

***Antique Camellia japonica, with dates of introduction:***

Alba Plena \* 1792  
 Chandleri Elegans \* 1831  
 Daikugura \* 1851  
 Gigantea \* 1840  
 Nagasaki \* 1859

***Antique roses, with dates and type:***

Cramoisi Superieur \* 1832 China, also called "Agrippina"  
 Duchess de Brabant \* 1857 tea  
 General Jacqueminot \* 1853 hybrid perpetual  
 Henri Martin \* 1863 moss  
 Jeanne d'Arc \* 1848 noisette  
 Louis Phillipe \* 1834 China  
 Old Blush \* 1752 China , also known as "Common Monthly""Common Blush China," "Old Pink

Daily," "Old Pink Monthly," and "Parsons' Pink China"

[*Rosa laevigata* \* 1759 Cherokee rose]

[*Rosa Roxburghii* \* pre-1814 moss, also known as "Chestnut", or "Chinquipin" rose ]

[Seven Sisters 1817 climbing]

Souvenir de la Malmaison \* 1843 Bourbon