

EUROPEAN SYMPOSIUM ON THE CONSERVATION OF HISTORIC FRUIT AND KITCHEN GARDENS

Ancient Methods of Preservation
Vegetables in Hex



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History

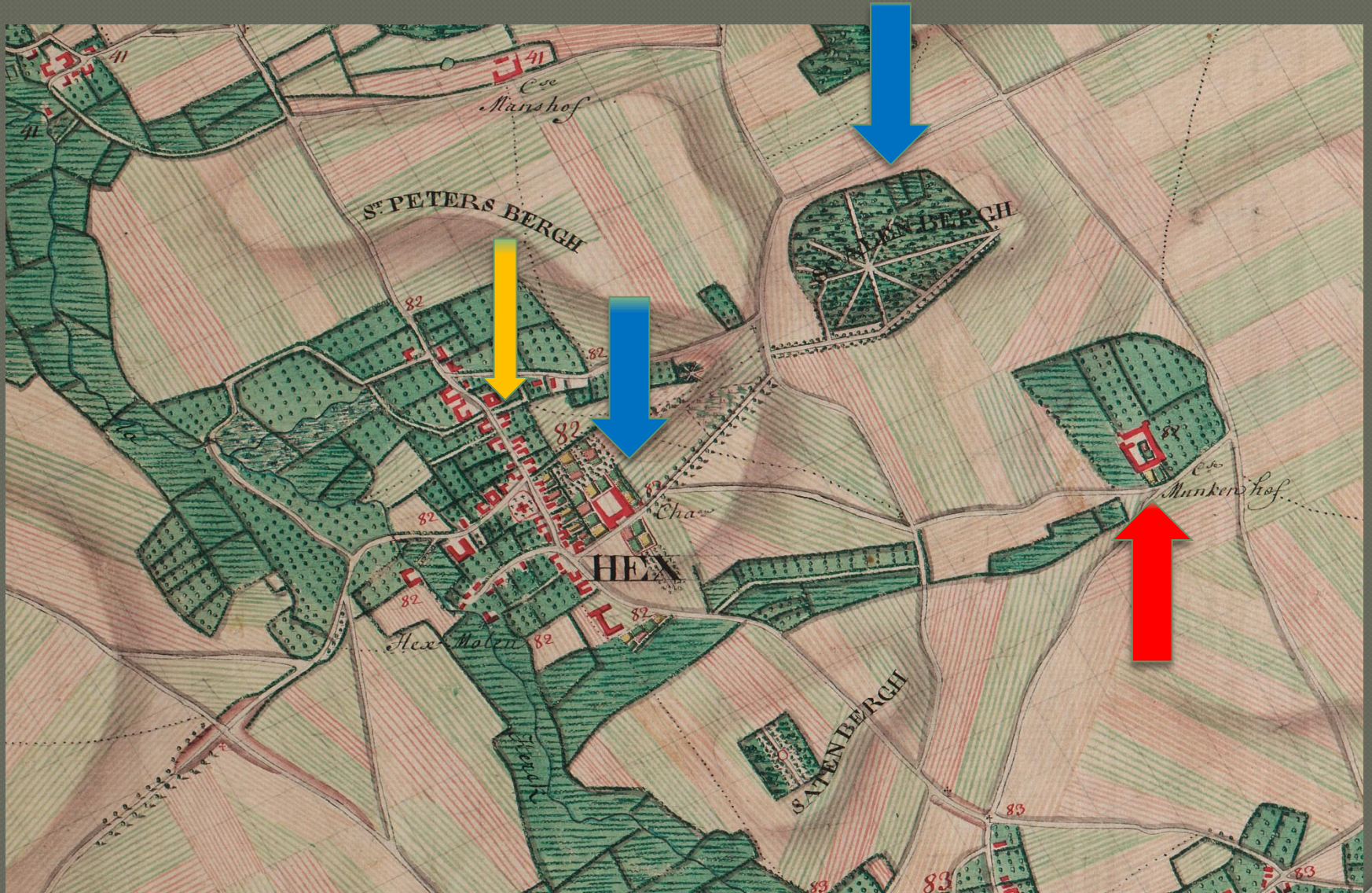
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16th century : Principality of Liège

1769 : Charles-Fançois de Velbruck

1784 : Romain-Joseph d'Ansembourg

Origin of the Estate



François-Charles de Velbruck



François-Charles de Velbruck

- ◉ ° Garath (D) 1719 - + Hex 1784
- ◉ Prime minister 1759 - 1763
- ◉ Prince Bisshop of Liège 1772 – 1784

- ◉ Enlightened humanist
- ◉ Art and nature lover
- ◉ Garden amateur







Chief gardener 'Janvier'



The Kitchen Garden

- ◉ History since 1770
- ◉ Description
- ◉ Philosophy
- ◉ Organic cultivation methods
- ◉ Conservation methods



History since 1770

- ◉ From small beds to a large field
- ◉ Original structure
- ◉ Collection of fruit and vegetables 1791
- ◉ 19th century
- ◉ 20st century

1792

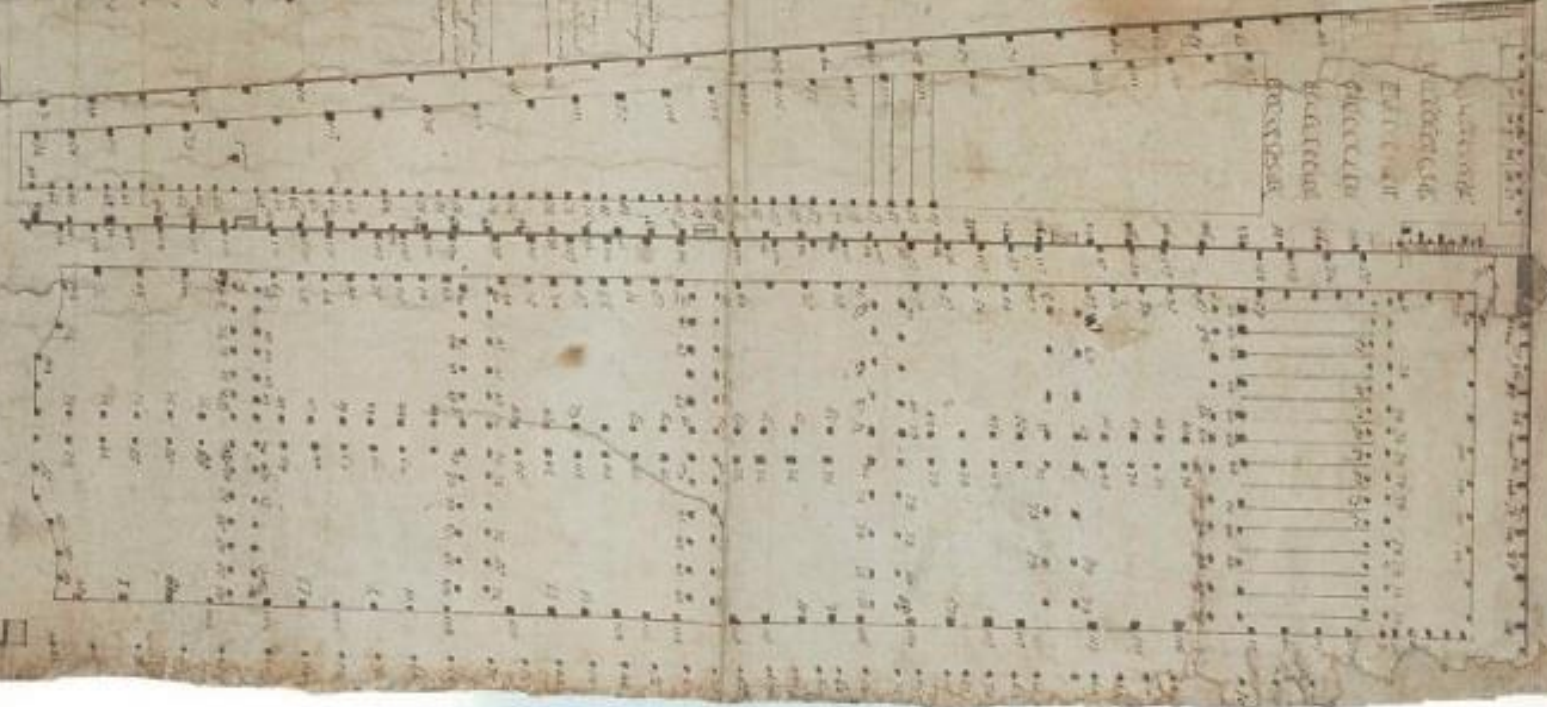
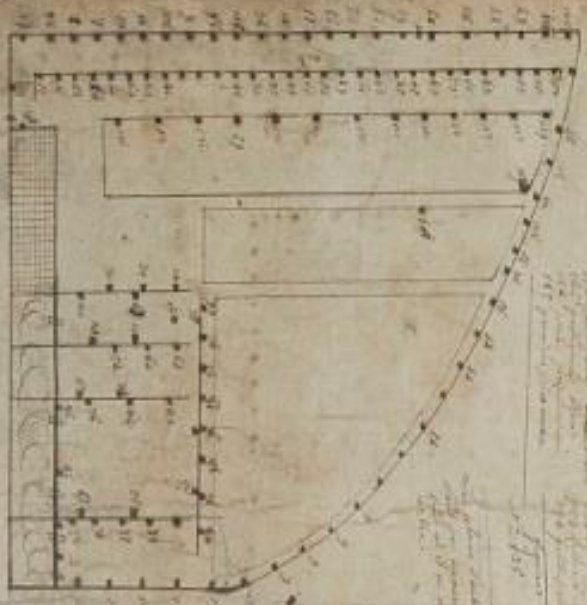
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Description

- The built structures:
 - the enclosure wall
 - the greenhouses
 - the nursery
 - the wells
 - the vegetable cellars

















Conservation methods: How?

- ◉ Store free from frost
- ◉ Keep in a dark place
- ◉ Harvest all Winter until start of Spring
- ◉ Exception: cardon to be harvested as from december when bleached.

Conservation methods

Which vegetables?

○ Vegetables cellars:

- a. Storage of root vegetables: potatoes, carrots, salsify, turnips, parsnips, beets, celery
- b. Transplanting leafy vegetables: cabbage, cardon, dandelion

Conservation methods: How?

○ a. Root vegetables:

- Harvest September – October
- Bury vegetables in mixture of sand and soil in several layers



Conservations methods: How?

○ b. Leaf vegetables:

- Harvest with their roots end october
- Transplant them in the cellar





















