

Memories of Chester, Herman Radmacher Series, LuShan Estate Video Transcription

Herman: This is a Christmas card sent to a friend of mine, Ellen Howell, which was ... This is Lyla Tyng's LuShan Farm. These were the chairs from her sitting room. She sent this personally to Ellen back in 1990. Are you familiar with LuShan Farm at all? Well this lady was married to Mr. Luce the Publisher. Then they divorced, but she stayed there. Her mother's name was Haskell, and she was one of the original investors of International Harvester, and that's where they made their money.

Her mother used to come and live with her there along with other places. I can remember she wanted a flower garden. When I first got into the plumbing business, my father used to do the work there. She had my father and I run a pipe from the main house all the way down the hill to the farm with a spigot every 50 feet so she could water her flowers that she had from the mansion all the way down to the farm. It was really something else!

She was a grand lady and lived there for quite a few years. My father did a lot of work for her, but when I got there it wasn't too long more that she had left the farm and it was sold away. In fact, I think it was the Luce brothers or the Luce family that sold it and there were arguments of all kinds about how the farm was to be sold and everything. It didn't come out the way they wanted it, I don't think.