

The Wallace Fountain at Hyères was Installed in 1880



Avenue Alexis Godillot et Avenue Jean Natte
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Alexis Godillot was a French entrepreneur and manufacturer best known for his military boots. Their design differentiated between the right foot and the left foot and they had a curvature of the insole at the arch for better walking comfort. In 1853, during the Crimean War, his factory in Saint-Ouen produced saddles, tents and shoes for the French army. Godillot served as mayor of Saint-Ouen, a suburb of Paris, for 13 years.

His entrepreneurial spirit brought him to the shores of the Mediterranean Sea where he participated in the development of the seaside resort of Hyères, specifically the area around the existing Wallace fountain.

In 1880, Godillot offered the town a Wallace fountain which was originally intend for Place des Palmiers. The fountain was finally installed at the top of the avenue named for the generous donor. Manufactured by the Val d'Osne foundry, it is one of the oldest Wallace Fountains in France.

If anyone has additional information about the history or origin of this fountain, please share it by contacting us at admin@wallacefountains.org.



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