

The Wallace Fountain in Chantilly was Moved Once



**Place Maurice Versepuy
4 Rue de Gouvieux
60500 Chantilly
FRANCE**

This Wallace fountain was given to the city of Chantilly by François Wells (1846-1922), a wealthy Parisian diamond dealer who lived in Chantilly. The fountain was initially installed at Place Omer Wallon sometime before 1922, then moved to Place Versepuy, a crossroads between several busy streets.

Place Versepuy has a raised, flower garden bed serving as a base for the fountain. Place Versepuy refers to Maurice Charles Versepuy, an explorer who participated in an expedition through several African countries and died in 1896 at the age of 27 of an illness contracted during his journey.

The Wallace Fountain in Chantilly bears a commemorative plaque to Wells and differs from the original model. The dolphins and finial on the top are missing and rosettes are bolted in place of the usual scallop shells on the pedestal. The rosettes and bolts are vestiges from the adaptation of the fountain to the local water circulation system.

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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