



This photo program is from a visit to the Coral Castle in Homestead, Florida. Information about the castle has been taken from <http://coralcastle.com/>.

This is truly a heartbreaking story. What transpired manifested itself into a park using huge coral stones as a monument to his lost love, Agnes Scuffs. She cancelled the wedding to then 26-year-old Edward Leedskainin one day before the ceremony.

Edward Leedskainin was born in Riga, Latvia on August 10th, 1887. After losing Agnes, Edward moved to the United States and lived and worked in Canada, California and

Texas. He learned several skills through lumbering and the fact that his family were also stonemasons. At one point he developed tuberculosis and decided that a move to Florida was best for him. He moved to Florida in 1918, but his move to Homestead did not take place until 1936, when he purchased 10 acres of land.

Edward was a slight built man, just over 5 feet tall and weighing only 100 pounds. However, he alone built the Coral Castle, once known as Rock Park. With a fourth-grade education, he was able to understand weight and leveraging of rocks he brought, in some cases 10 miles away. He also dabbled with electro magnetism and once built an AC current generator. On the web site you'll see that he wrote several documents.

In 1964, he died in a hospital in Miami. Since 1940, he had welcomed visitors to his park and home. His feat in being able to build and understand the mechanics of cutting, transporting and building his park is truly amazing.







