

NO1
Papers from No One Office
1700-1983

ADMINISTRATIVE AND BIOGRAPHICAL HISTORY

No One Office was the office of two key members of the Clark family, William Stephens Clark (1839-1925) and his second son Roger Clark (1871-1961). The room now forms part of the Shoe Museum in the oldest part of 40 High Street, Street, the headquarters of C & J Clark Ltd. However, the space was firstly a bedroom in the house built in 1857 for Alfred Sturge Clark (1828-1910), second son of company founder Cyrus Clark who lived next door.

No One Office firstly became the office for William Stephens Clark (WSC) in 1870, then partner of the company with his father James Clark. William's second son Roger then shared the office from 1904, throughout his position as Company Secretary and inheriting it on William's death in 1925. Following his retirement in 1947 as a director, he continued to use the office until his death in 1961. The office was used for directors' meetings from the formation of the private limited company in 1903 until the 1950s, when a larger room upstairs was used as a Board Room. Company archivist Charles Gray used the office during the early 1970s for his historical work on the company.

EXTENT

49 boxes

ARCHIVAL HISTORY

The collection was kept in situ in No One Office until it was partly removed to the archive and catalogued in 1981. Furniture and pictures remain in place as part of the permanent display of No One Office within the company's Shoe Museum, visible through a glass panel from the exhibition galleries. The remainder of the collection was transferred in 1998.

SYSTEM OF ARRANGEMENT

The collection is primarily stored as per its original location in No One Office eg centre desk, roll-top desk, black wooden box, small iron chest, Roger Clark filing bureau, bookcase bureau, James Clark mahogany bureau, safes, listed per box.

DESCRIPTION

Arranged below by topic as follows:

- i) History of C & J Clark Ltd;
- ii) History of other firms
- iii) Clark family
- iv) Buildings and land
- v) Education
- vi) Temperance
- vii) Associations and societies
- viii) Society of Friends
- ix) Books

i) History of C & J Clark Ltd

Patents: Agreement re lock-stitch sewing machine, c 1882; Letters re expired patents and registrations, WSC, undated; Letters re licences and Hodges patent, undated; Letters patent, James Clark, for 'improvements in the manufacture of boots, shoes and clogs, 1848; Patent specifications, 1848-1918; Letters patent, Thomas Irons, lastmaker, 1853; Letters patent, James Miles no 1943, 1863; Letters patent, John Keats and William Stephens Clark no 2817, 1864; Letters patent, William Stephens Clark no 21614, 1869; Burrows patent, 1894; Correspondence re Keats-Clark patent, 1897-1899

Travellers and agents: Travellers' order books, 1860-1865; Letter re appointment as traveller, Job Doel, 1861; Letters from William Atkinson, 1868-1884; letters relating to his death, 1884, and replacement George Hefford, 1884-1910; Appointment of J P Rice as representative, London, Manchester and Midlands, 1879-1913; Papers re agreements with export agencies and travellers, 1897-1929; Correspondence with Josiah Coe, traveller, 1903-1912; Agreements with representatives and agents, 1915

Notes on company history: Notes by Charles Gray, Arthur Halliday and Bancroft Clark on Clarks Overseas Shoes, selling, Avalon Industries and other subsidiary companies, factory development, retailing, foreign trade, record office management, CEMA process, McKinsey reorganisation and postwar retailing, 1950s-1970s; Barber notes for 150th company history, 1963; signed copy of Barber 1950 company history, signed by all directors

Congresses and exhibitions: Great Exhibition catalogue, 1851; Report, Lightning Rod Congress, 1896; Report on Proceedings of the International Industrial Welfare (Personnel) Congress, Holland, 1925; Report on Industrial Relations Cambridge Congress, 1928; Report on World Social Economic Congress, Holland, 1932

Employees: Papers re wages and hours, 1872-1892; Salary lists, 1915-1947; List of recipients of 50 years' service gift, 1918; Information for employees, 1937

Medals and certificates: Great Exhibition, 1851 (4 medals); Paris Exhibition, 1862 (medal); British Empire Exhibition, 1924 (medal); Exhibition of the works of industry of all nations, undated (medal)

Arbitration and award: Correspondence, George Palmer to Clarks re Simpson and Palmer matter, undated; Correspondence with Thomas Simpson and James Holmes (accountant), 1850-1865; Letters, 1860s; Deed of agreement, T Simpson, 1862; Deed of covenant, 1863; Papers re capital of Thomas Clark, 1867-1877; Papers re loan from Thomas Clark junior, William Palmer and James Hooper, 1868-1872; WSC correspondence re award, 1869; Simpson letters to WSC, 1869-1874; Settlement for J Aubrey Clark and Alfred Clark by James Clark, 1888; Settlement for Sarah Clark and T B Clark by James Clark, 1888; Letters re settlement for nieces, Margaret E Clark, Theodora Clark and E Clark (widow of J A Clark), 1895

Partnerships: Articles of partnership, WSC and Frank Clark, 1889, James Clark and WSC, 1873, James Clark, WSC and John Morland, 1871; articles of partnership, WSC, John Morland, John Coleby Morland and Roger Clark, 1896; papers re dissolution of partnership and William Palmer's executorship of estate of Cyrus Clark, 1870; papers re dissolution of partnership of James Clark, WSC and John Morland, 1883

James Clark private notebooks: Passbook, 1904-1906; travelling pocket book containing details of orders, 1836-1861 (14 volumes)

WSC private notebooks: Volumes containing calculations re shoe production and materials, 1867; Avalon Leatherboard dyes etc, 1900; new partnership, 1903; Clarks history, 1914; Clarks financial crisis, 1840-1844

Miscellaneous papers: Order book, 1834-1836; Correspondence James Clark-WSC, 1844-1873; Papers re James Holmes, cashier, 1850-1863; Letter, William Tanner, re Crimean war coats, 1854; Papers re appointment of William Atkinson to succeed Kelly, 1867; Prices and costs for shoes, 1868-1879; Price lists, 1870-1877; Valuations, CJC etc, 1882; Valuations, CJC, Avalon Leatherboard and family, 1910-1915; Apprenticeship indentures, 1915-1917; Papers relating to Street Estates, 1945-1955

ii) History of other firms

Alan McAfee Ltd: Letters and balance sheets, 1897; deeds and documents, 1904; papers, 1908-1923

Avalon Leatherboard Co: Papers, 1891-1898; letters, 1876-1877; letters re Sheldon & Petrie & Co steam engine, 1890-1892; letter re proposed syndicate of manufacturers, 1889-1890; copy plan, 1947

Clark, Brangwin and Son / Brangwin and Clark: Papers, 1897-1921 (also relating to Whitenights School)

Clark, Son & Morland: Trust deed for employees, 1909

R W Carter (Ilminster) Ltd: Correspondence relating to winding up, 1936-1937

Glastonbury Gas Company: Correspondence, 1890-1899

Mendip Mills: Correspondence, 1890-1899; share certificates, 1880; correspondence with James Clark, 1885-1887; papers re loans, undated; correspondence with F Impey, undated

Wookey Paper Mills: Correspondence, 1885

iii) Family papers

Helen Priestman Bright: Notebook, undated, marriage settlement, undated [1866]

Alice Clark: Photograph, c 1900; memorial brochure, 1934

Ann Elizabeth Clark: Graduation thesis, University of Berne, 1877; letter re estate, 1924; diplomas and testimonials etc., 1920

Cyrus Clark: Letters to James Clark, 1842-1844

Esther Bright Clark (later Clothier): Papers re estate, 1935

Fanny Clark and husband Arthur Reynolds: Marriage settlement, undated

Elizabeth Mary Smithson Clark (wife of Frank Clark): Obituary, 1927

James Clark: School copybook and essays, 1825-1825; Deed/lease, Joseph Storrs Fry, 1835; Marriage certificate, 1835; Letter, Elihu Burritt to Mrs J Clark re The Bond of Brotherhood journal, 1851; Letters re death, 1906; WSC memo re reading of will, 1906; Info on legacies, 1907

James Edmund Clark: Papers re estate, 1870-1959

J Aubrey Clark: Poem to advertise surplus CJC stock in Bath shop, 1845

John Bright Clark: Letter re journey to Vienna, 1899; Papers re death, estate and marriage settlement, 1933; Memorial brochure, 1934; Testimonial from Clarks workforce on marriage, 1904

Joseph I Clark: Probate papers, 1826, 1831

Joseph Clark II: School exercise book, 1813; Marriage certificate, Martha Clothier Gillett, 1836; Lease of Hindhayes, 1877; Probate papers, 1877

Phyllis Vaughan Clark later Parr: Papers re deposit with CJC, 1941-1942

Roger Clark: Personal correspondence, A-Z, undated; medal from Belgian Government re chair/treasurer for Belgian Committee (Refugees) of Street, 1918;

papers relating to Belgian refugees, 1918; accounts, Street Belgians Committee, 1918; will, 1927

Sarah Bancroft Clark: Will, 1951

Sarah Elizabeth Clark: Drawing of house of Cyrus Clark, 1850

Thomas Beaven Clark: Correspondence re estate, 1920-1929

Theodora E Clark: Papers re estate, [1940]

William Stephens Clark: Notes and lectures incl. Bristol Peace Conference talk 'Is arbitration a practicable means of settling national disputes?', 1891, American shoe factories, undated, factory ventilation, undated; correspondence with John Morland, 1894; journey accounts, 1861-1862; diary, 1851; travel journals and accounts, 1857-1863; letters following death and papers re estate, 1925; Golden Wedding anniversary autograph album, 1916; silver wedding factory autographs, 1891

James Clothier: Copy will and papers, 1750-1810

Mary Curry: Papers re estate and will, 1922-1923

Robert Dyer (friend of Joseph Clark): Manuscript journals, 1747-1806

Arthur B Gillett: Correspondence re shares and Jordans property, 1931-1939

William Gillett: Inventory of goods and effects, 1804; Gillett family papers, undated; Marriage certificate with Martha Clothier, 1804; Martha Gillett will, 1853

William Impey: Accounts, 1880; The Chronicles of the Impey Family, Henry Corder, 1941

Robert King: Will, 1841 (Joseph Clark, executor)

Morton family: Marriage settlement, probate and trust papers, 1781-1867

Cyrus Ovens: Papers re estate, 1854

Elizabeth Pease Nichol: Framed engraving, Edinburgh, 1800

Isabella Pasley: Papers re estate, will, death certificate etc, 1905-1936 incl. re building of Little Askew, Wraxhill; ? Diary, 1891

Anna Maria Priestman and Mary Priestman: Letters re suffrage and politics, undated; wills and letters, undated

Edwin Pye: Papers re investments, 1936-1944

Sarah Satterthwaite: Marriage certificates, 1848 and 1882

Stephens family: Birth certificate, Eleanor Stephens, 1812 Elizabeth Stephens, Will, undated; Eleanor Stephens, marriage settlement, 1835; Samuel Stephens of New Zealand, estate papers, undated

Fanny Sturge: School exercise book, 1783

Margaret A Tanner nee Priestman: Will, undated

Family letters General family letters, 1799-1900; Fanny Clark, Joseph Clark, Cyrus Clark, 1830s; Cyrus Clark-James Clark re 1851 Great Exhibition; WSC-wife Helen Priestman Bright (later Clark), 1865-1868

Family photographs Eliza Stephens, undated; Joseph Clark II and Joseph Clark III, 1860; Roger Clark, 1888; Alice Clark, 1912

Family literary societies

Manuscripts and illustrations for earlier version of the Village Album (by Eleanor Clark and her Stephens sisters), undated; Manuscript book of Avalonian Budget pieces, 1830-1839; Village Chronicle, 1840-1849, incl. papers of J Aubrey Clark; List of Village Albums, names and dates, 1910-1920

iv) Buildings and land

Plans, particulars and conditions of sale: Incl: Street House, 1871; Street Farm, 1885, 1888; Abbey Grange, 1890; house on Hindhayes Lane, 1899; Lower Ivythorn Dairy Farm, 1919; cottage, Goswell Lane, 1859; Westlands, Winscombe, 1901

Deeds: Clarks and The Grange, 1717-1823; factory and premises, 1870-1899; Clarks, Street House and council leases, 1825-1890; Street Farm, 1824-1890

William Reynolds, architect: Correspondence re building work eg Grange Terrace, Grange Estate, Street Farm Estate, Wilfrid Road, 1900

Valuation list, Street parish: Copy (corrected and revised), 1875
Wells Union, Street parish (copy), 1889

Bear Hotel: Copy statement by Lt-Col Prevost and Rev George Beitby re need for 'well-conducted hotel and posting house' for Street, c 1886-1889; Account book, 1883; Inventory and valuation, 1923

Bowlinggreen: Deeds incl land opposite Old Rectory, 1898

Chilkwell Street, Glastonbury: Correspondence re sale, 1935-1948

Clarks factory, 40 High Street: Correspondence re clock tower, 1887-1889;
Correspondence re bells, 1893-1905; Costs etc of factory extensions, 1896

Crispin Hall / Street Club and Institute: Membership cards, Roger and Sarah Clark, 1911-1912; Day book, 1918-1930; Letters, 1906-1935; Letters, 1866-1933; Minutes, 1897-1937; Cash book, 1885-1936; Minute book, Working Men's Club, 1869-1876; Scrolls presented to WSC, 1906; Cash book, Crispin Hall, 1928-1934; Papers re endowment, Crispin Hall, 1937-1946

Elmhurst: Sales particulars, 1919

Elms Inn: Letters to F Spencer, 1914

Friends Charity Lands: Estate plan, 1929

Glastonbury and Street tramway: Bills and acts, 1852-1868

Grange Estate /Street House / Abbey Grange: Papers re repairs, Alice Clark, 1931; Correspondence re sale of timber, 1890-1891; Advertisement plan for sale of estate, 1890; Papers re sale of Street Farm etc, 1880-1899; Tenancy agreements, Joseph Eavis, 1885-1903; J J Eavis papers re loan, 1945-1946

Hindhayes Farm: Correspondence re farm, Vine Cottage, Unity Club, 1934-1936

Holmcroft, East Lane: Particulars of sales, 1919; Papers re estate of Joseph Motley, 1876-1877

Keens Elm: Deeds, 1868-1953

Knole estate: Sales particulars, 1913

Longbridge: Correspondence re Coombes Farm, 1933-1936; Mortgage etc, undated; Papers re estate and F Impey, 1900; Letters re will codicil of WSC, 1916

Market Place, Glastonbury (Golden Wheel): Letters re purchase and sale, 1936-1955; Deeds, 1936

Mill Batch: WSC agreement to purchase land from R Impey, 1879

Millfield: Papers re building, undated; Lease to Mr Meyer etc, 1925

National Trust – Court Barn, Tor, Ivythorn Hill: Papers re Ivythorn Hill estate, 1907-1955; Correspondence re West Pennard Court Barn, Glastonbury Tor and Ivythorn Hill, 1935-1944

Northover Nurseries: Memoranda and articles, 1916; correspondence, 1933-1936

Old Rectory House: Probate and estate papers, 1805-1877

Orchard Rd: Deeds, 1859-1895

Overleigh Farm: Sale notice, undated

Peck Mill: Calendar of deeds, 1983; Deeds, undated

Polden Farms Ltd: Memoranda and articles of association, 1939; Letters, 1930-1949

Sedgemoor: Correspondence with Austin Sims re land, 1932-1937; Correspondence with Henry Wright re Cary Village Drainage Board, 1934

Selby: Papers re land, 1898

Street Library / Street Club Library / Street Factory Library: Letters, 1887-1929; Cash book, 1924-1959; Newscutting re opening of Street Library, 1924; Cash book, Street Factory Library and Working Men's Club, 1863-1866; Accounts, 1956-1958

Street Post Office: Correspondence re electricity supply, 1936-1938

Street Tenants Ltd: Prospectus, undated; Rule book, 1912; Papers, 1914-1915

Street Waterworks: Ceremonial key given to WSC on opening, 1904; Model spade given to WSC on cutting first sod, 1903

Victoria Athletic Field: Papers, 1927-1929

Miscellaneous: Letters re house at Overleigh, undated; Deeds for Clark family property, undated; Deeds and documents for Whitlows, Northover, 1700-1752
Mortgage for property in Street, 1733; Deeds re Higher Water Barrow, Small Mead Orchard and Bove Moor, 1799, 1898-1922; Deeds, Perianus Leaze, Coxmead, Bove Moore, 1815-1900; Accounts re Clark family property, 1842-1875; Joseph Clark II, estate plan, 1843; Farm day book, Cyrus Clark and James Clark, re lands incl Waterbarrow, Street, 1849; Deeds re Welchman property (for British School), 1854; Tenant agreements for field and orchard leases, 1872-1926, incl. Street Farm; Papers re Northfield and Wraxhill (E C Impey and J S L Ballerd), 1890-1899; Deeds re late James Clark, Beer Lands, Water Barrow and Five Acres, 1895; Deeds re Old Rectory, 1895; S T Clothier letters to Roger Clark re Street Urban District Council housing, 1911; Deeds re Shoulder of Mutton orchard, 1929; Papers re Wootton Estate, 1930; Schedule of deeds re Wilfrid Road, Strode Cottages, Leigh Road, Somerton Road cottages, 1930-1939; Papers re purchase of Southdene, 1933-1954; Correspondence re Tithe Redemption Commission, 1950s

v) Education

British School: Letters from Street School Board to Clarks, 1879; Notes by WSC on transfer, undated; Deed of gift, 1875

Elmhurst: Papers re unveiling of memorial plaque to WSC by Smuts, new hall, 1929

Hindhayes School: Papers re lease, 1949-1950

Long Sutton school: Account book, 1932

Millfield School: Papers re lease with Jack Meyer, 1925

Overleigh adult school: Rose bowl for Alice Clark, 1924

Secondary school: WSC letters re proposed scheme, 1903-1905

Sophia Sturge Clark and elementary schools: Correspondence, 1930

Somerset School of Cookery and Housewifery: Account book, 1898-1908; Papers re school scheme, County Education Committee, 1895

Somerset Technical School: Indentures and correspondence, Street Urban District Council and Somerset County Council, 1899-1945

Strode School: Account book, 1915-1920

Whitenights School: Letters, 1900-1921, 1934; Correspondence re lectures, 1937-1939

WSC bursaries: Correspondence re candidates, 1936-1944

vi) Temperance

Band of Hope: Minutes, 1868-1875

Friends Total Abstinence Society: Membership cards, 1877

Rechabite Society (Independent Order of Rechabites): Medal, John Clough, Sheepfold Tent, for services as honorary secretary, 1840; Minute book, 1842-1847

Street Teetotal Society: Membership card, undated; Street Teetotal Pledge Book, 1858-1863; Temperance and teetotal pamphlets, undated

Western Temperance League: Accounts, 1940s; Correspondence, 1936-1940

vii) Associations and societies

Bristol and District United Society of Boot and Shoe Makers, Street branch:

Letter re new branch, 1873

British and Foreign Anti-Slavery Society: Thomas Clarkson, British and Foreign Anti-Slavery Society, convention, London, 1840 (medal)

Friendly Society: Rules, 1850-1920

Glastonbury and Street Auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Society: Letter ledger, 1854-1894

Glastonbury Festival: Accounts, 1921-1923; Cashbook, 1916; List of subscribers, 1919; Accounts for Immortal Hour, 1914; Fund account book, 1914-1920; Memoranda and articles of association, The Music Student Ltd, 1900-1930; Accounts, Glastonbury Festival School, 1921-1922; Accounts, Greek Festival, 1922; Correspondence re Glastonbury Festival funds, 1919-1951; Papers re broadcast of Apollo in the West and The Immortal Hour, 1954; Accounts, Glastonbury Theatre Fund, 1924-1925

Park Close Club: Accounts, 1900-1940; Papers, 1954; Deeds, accounts and correspondence incl re sale, 1907-1952

Society for the Preservation of Ancient Buildings: Correspondence incl re West Pennard Court Barn, 1935-1937

Somerset Rural Community Council: Correspondence, 1935-1937

Street and Walton Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars: Charter, 1873; Minute book, 1873-1992; Papers re Cyrus Clark, 1892-1920; Lodge of Mid Somerset Good Templars, account book, undated

Street Belgian Committee: Photograph, M Lannoye, 1915

Street Historical Society: Subscriptions, 1946-1947; Vouchers, 1957

Street Shoemakers Provident and Benefit Society: Papers re formation, 1913

Street Working Men's Club (Lodge): Joint Lodge minute book, 1877; Lodge minute book, 1883-1887

Elinn Burritt letter to Mrs J Clark re Bond of Brotherhood, 1851

viii) Society of Friends

Bristol and Somerset Quarterly Meetings: Lists of members, 1957; Friends Book of Meetings, 1958; Advice and Queries, 1928

Claverham Meeting House: Papers and correspondence, undated

Enemy Alien Refugees: Papers re Refugee Joint Consultative Committee, 1939; Papers re German Committee of the Society of Friends, 1939, incl. individual application forms for those appearing at Taunton Aliens Tribunal, 1939

Long Sutton (properties): Account book, 1923-1932; Correspondence re Friends properties at Long Sutton, 1946-1956

London Yearly Meeting: Reports and minutes, 1947-1957; Yearly Meeting epistles, 1716, 1717, 1756, 1798

Somerton Meeting House: Correspondence, 1931-1956

Sibford School: Correspondence re education for various children, 1931-1938

Sidcot School: Papers, undated

ix) Books

G. Cheyne (1734). *An essay of health and life*

[Robert Dossie] (1764). *Handmaid to the arts*

Edward Young (1797). *The complaint and The consolation or night thoughts.*

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LANGUAGE

English

FINDING AIDS

The collection was first listed in situ by L H Barber in Feb-Mar 1963. A typescript catalogue was prepared by Florrie Coole in Dec 1977. Prior to removal to the archive, James Boswell listed part of the collection fully in Dec 1981 and Jan 1982. Annabel Ainsworth undertook additional work on the collection in the mid 1980s. Derek Patch catalogued the collection fully to box level in 1998.

RELATED UNITS OF DESCRIPTION

Other papers relating to the early history of C & J Clark Ltd are available at the Alfred Gillett Trust in several business collections, particularly No Two Office (office of Hugh Bryan Clark, Stephen Clark and Nathan Clark) and C & J Clark Ltd (CJC). Personal papers of William Stephens Clark are available in MIL (Millfield) and personal papers of Roger Clark in WN (Whitenights).

PUBLICATION NOTE

It is not known to what extent this collection has been used in published research, although it was probably used for L H Barber's unattributed *Clarks of Street 1825-1950* (1950).