ADMINISTRATIVE AND BIOGRAPHICAL HISTORY
As a part of the routine business of C & J Clark Ltd, the company (and associated subsidiaries) have collected a range of maps and plans over time which now form a significant component of the family and firm’s archive collections.

EXTENT
3 plan chests

ARCHIVAL HISTORY
It is assumed that maps and plans have been collected by the firm since its beginnings in 1825 and following the emergence of the Property Department and Street Estates Ltd alongside the company’s archive in 1950. Maps relating to the local and social history of Street and district have also been occasionally contributed by members of the Clark family with local connections.

Two particularly significant deposits of maps and plans are extent in this collection, firstly that from Bowlinggreen Mill (Avalon Leatherboard) in Nov 1990 and secondly that from Properties, C & J Clark Ltd, in summer 2005.

SYSTEM OF ARRANGEMENT
Described below as:
1. Ordnance Survey, c 1889-1970s
2. Plans of C & J Clark Ltd
   i) Street, c 1910-1998
   ii) Bowlinggreen (Avalon Leather Board), Street, 1877-1980s
   iii) Out factories (non Street), 1946-1992
   iv) Aerial photographs, 1960s-1971
3. Plans of Street
   ii) Civic buildings and amenities, 1936-1977
   iii) Housing, c 1880-1970s
   iv) Tithe map and Street Urban District Council, 1841-1978
4. Non-Street plans, 1970s-1980s

DESCRIPTION
1. ORDNANCE SURVEY, c 1889-1970s
Various OS editions, mainly 25” and 6”, principally Street and immediate locality, 1889-1975 but also Somerset towns, 1903, 1928-1939; Exmouth and Plymouth (Devon), 1933; Warminster, 1936 and Westbury, 1937 (Wiltshire) and occasional plans for non-Westcountry towns where Clarks factories were based. Also 50” editions for Weston-super-Mare, Birmingham, Bath, Midsomer Norton, Yeovil and Dundalk.

Aerial photographs of Street OS sheets, 1959; geological surveys, 1970s, for Wellington, Taunton, Yeovil, Frome, Bath
2. PLANS OF C & J CLARK LTD
i) Street, c 1910-1998:
Plans for Cole, Merchant and Morley steam engine, undated [c 1910]; Factory plans, 1930s; Rubber factory, 1945; Grove factory 1947-1950; Departmental block plans, 1950, 1960s, 1980s; Engineering Dept, 1953; Directors’ Offices, 1956; HQ office layouts, 1956-1959; Chemical Making layout, 1957; Showrooms, 1958; Street Industrial Park for CJC, 1959, 1961; Tannery, Leigh Road, 1959, 1975; Grange Road bus and car parks, 1960; Street site plan, 1960s; K Block (Old Wessex) conversion into canteen, 1963; Bullmead warehouse alterations, 1964; Goods lift, 1966; New factory approach to HQ, 1966; Loading bay, 1967; Bypass and service roads to HQ, 1968; Silflex re-layout, H Block, 1968-1969; Bullmead loading bay extensions, 1969; Cowmead extension, 1970s; Lockhill factory, 1970; Site plan, Houndwood, 1970; Site plan, Cranhill and Lockhill, 1972, 1981; Magdalene Street offices, Glastonbury, 1970s; Retail warehouse, 1970; Houndwood, local services, 1970; Bullmead extension, 1970; Orchard Hall canteen proposed offices, 1970; New HQ carparks, 1971-1972; J Block offices, 1974; Material sample room and interview room, 1977; Bullmead autosort and packing extensions, 1982; Conversion, Maple factory to shopfitting department, 1986; Sketch of High Street frontage with portrait of Larry Tinsdale, 1990s; Revised Grove restaurant, 1994; Grange Lodge, 1995; Insurance plans, Bullmead, Woodsgate and Cowmead, 1998

ii) Bowlingreen (Avalon Leatherboard), Street, 1877-1980s:
New boiler, 1877; Proposed additions, William Reynolds, 1891-1910; Plan, [William Reynolds], c 1910; Engine house, 1922; Proposed alterations, J H Stock, 1932 Factory, 1940, 1944; Extension to offices, 1953; Chimney stack survey, 1954; Plans, 1950s-1980s

iii) Out factories (non-Street), 1946-1992:
Barnstaple: Site plan, Braunton Road, 1960s; Plan, 1966; Plan, Abbeyfield Road, 1970s
Bridgwater: Redgate, 1946-1947; Redgate, 1959-1982; St John’s, 1966; Redgate, 1973
Castle Cary: Ansford, 1960, 1974
Exmouth: Plans, 1966-1969; Proposed development, Masey Road, Exmouth, 1972
Kendal: Site plan, Netherfield, 1992
London: London office, 1969
Minehead: Vennland plan, 1964, 1970
Radstock: St Peter’s annexe, 1961; Site plan, St Peter’s, 1990
Shepton Mallet: Excalibur factory, 1969; Extension to Avalon Chemicals, 1971-1986
Tredgar: White Rose, 1974
Weston-super-Mare: Bushacre, 1957; Shoe component factory, 1956-1957
Bushacre, 1960s, 1972; Plans, Bushacre, 1970s-1980s; Bushacre alterations, 1970s-1980s; Winterstoke Road, 1976

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Yeovil: Goldcroft, 1961; Larkhill soling, 1961-1976

iv) Aerial photographs, 1960s-1971
Factories, St Peter’s, Rush Hill, Exmouth, Shepton Mallet, Ilminster, 1960s; High Street, Street, 1960s-1970s; Clarks HQ, 1971

3. PLANS OF STREET

Street Development Plan, 1959; Somerset Development Plans, 1960s; Survey of land between Houndwood Drove and West End, 1961; Plans for town centre development, 1974-1979; Street Review of Local Plan, 1979; Town Centre plan, 1981

ii) Civic buildings and amenities, 1936-1977

iii) Housing, c 1880-1970s
House for F J Clark, undated; Cottages, Grange Road, c 1880-1900; Wilfrid Terrace, 1885; Strode Cottages, 1886 Cobden Terrace, Wilfrid Terrace, George Skipper, c 1889; The Limes, 1892; Cottages, The Elms, 1892; Brutascbe Road, 1892-1893; Cottages, Park Terrace, 1893; The Lilacs and The Laburnums, 1896; Cottages, Grange Terrace, 1898; Map of Grange Estate for 1911 development at rear of Street House and Grange Barn; S T Clothier plans for Barn Close, commissioned by Roger Clark, 1914; Elmhurst [house formerly of Cyrus Clark] prior to conversion into grammar school, 1920-1921; Cottages, Southleaze Orchard, 1934; Cottages, Farm Road, 1934; Cottages, Grange Avenue, 1935-1938; Moormead House, 1940; Portway House, Street, 1944; Emergency huts, 1944-1946; Grange Hostel, 1959; Rosewood, High Street, alterations, 1966; Middleleigh, for Bancroft Clark, undated [1960s-1970s]; Plans of Whitenights prior to Jan Smuts Clark occupancy, 1973

iv) Tithe Map and Street Urban District Council, 1841-1978
Tithe map for parish of Street, 1841; Tithe apportionment for parish of Street; Local Board of Health, 1854; Drainage and waterworks plan, 1854; Housing Scheme, 1917-1926 (Merriman Road, Merriman Gardens, Jubilee Road, Park Road, Ivythorn Road, Middle Leigh Terrace, Oriel Terrace, Oriel Rd); Turf Moor allotments, SUDC, 1897

4. NON-STREET PLANS, 1970s-1980s
Court House, Long Sutton, 1975; Friends’ Meeting House, Long Sutton, 1970s-1980s

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FINDING AIDS
A rough list is available, partly compiled by Derek Patch in 1998 with subsequent additions. The collection would benefit from detailed future cataloguing, in particular the OS 6” and 25” plans.

RELATED UNITS OF DESCRIPTION
Maps and plans relating to the family and firm are also scattered throughout many of the Trust’s other archive collections. In particular, see PROP (Properties/Street Estates Ltd), which contains numerous maps and plans of Clarks’ factories and associated civic buildings (collection overview not yet available, Oct 2014).

PUBLICATION NOTE
It is not known to what extent this collection has been used in published research.