



Jersey Archive Information Leaflets

Jersey Maps and Aerial Photographs

General Information

Jersey Archive has a large collection of maps, both of the island and individual parishes. Listed below are details of some maps, which have proved to be useful for research. The selection covers a range of dates and subjects and is broadly divided into two sections Town and Island. Other collections of maps, which may be useful for research purposes have been added to the end of the list.

Researchers will not find tithe or estates maps in Jersey and the earliest Ordnance Survey maps of the Island that the Jersey Archive holds were created in 1935. The map collections at the Jersey Archive do date back to the Gough Map of Great Britain dated c.1360, however the first really accurate and detailed map of the Island was not created until 1795.

Jersey Archive also holds a number of aerial photographs of Jersey which can be useful for defining past boundaries of properties and providing visual evidence of changes to the Island.

Access

Each collection and item held by Jersey Archive has a unique reference code. These references have been included in the following information after the collection or item title.

Should you wish to find out about a certain collection or item simply go to one of the Open Public Access Catalogues available in the Help Desk area of the Archive. Click on reference search and enter the collection reference.

Island Maps

1795 - D/AP/B/20 Richmond Map

An accurate survey and measurement of the Island of Jersey 1795, commissioned by the Duke of Richmond in response to the threat of invasion by the French. This map is extremely large and a user copy is available at the Help Desk area.

Also available is a guide to the Richmond Map by Jean Le Boutillier, which gives details of colour coding and an illustrated guide to the marking of individual features.

1845 - L/F/54/B/1 Railway Map including St Helier

A map of the proposed Island of Jersey Railway from St Aubin to St Helier and St Helier to St Catherine, this includes the boat routes to England and a projected railway line from St Germain to Paris

1849 - L/F/120/A/107 Godfray Map

The Godfray Map was created from data obtained from the Le Gros Survey of 1834. It shows boundaries of parishes and Vingtaines, roads, and individual houses (excluding heavily populated areas) including the name of the landowner.

A copy is available in the Help Desk area and has been laminated and cut into sections to make it easier to use, each section is numbered and relates to a key.

1867 - L/F/120/A/114 Map of Jersey surveyed by Staff Commander Richards

A large-scale chart in three parts. Roads are detailed, the position of railway routes are clearly marked, as are churches. Coastal soundings are marked, as is the position of coastal rocks, each of which is numbered. Martello towers, semaphore stations and other defences are clearly shown.

1871 - L/F/120/A/116 Railway Map including St Helier

A plan of the proposed Jersey Eastern Railway prepared for the Jersey Eastern Railway Company Limited, 1871. Shows the proposed route from St Helier to St Catherine's Breakwater. The following areas along the route are detailed, Havre des Pas, Grève d'Azette, St Clement and Grouville Bays and St Catherine.

1935 - D/Z/L/8 Ordnance Survey Maps of Jersey

Ordnance survey maps are the most accurate scale records of the Island that we have. They are extremely detailed and give the position of all major features on the Island including major developments, churches, hospitals and schools. Ordnance survey maps also include accurate details of individual properties and therefore are extremely useful for house historians.

The 1935 maps are the earliest ordnance survey maps we hold at Jersey Archive and show details of the Island before the changes brought about by the German Occupation.

1977/1981/1983/1987 - D/W/H Ordnance Survey Maps of Jersey

Jersey Archive holds ordnance survey maps of various scales for the above years. As not all sets are complete the 1981 map with a scale of 1:1000 (reference D/W/H1) is probably the best starting point for researchers.

Town Maps

1800 & 1860 - L/F/120/A/126 Double Map of St Helier.

These maps show the rapid expansion of St Helier during a major period of population growth in Jersey. They detail the development of the Harbour and of Town boundaries and also contain a list of the previous Constables of St Helier. This is a photocopy, which is of poor quality. The writing is readable but faint.

1834 - L/F/120/A/103 Le Gros Map of St Helier (Photocopy available at helpdesk)

A geometrical plan of the town of St Helier, including the Fort and the Harbour. Details of individual properties are shown and street names, some of which have changed or disappeared completely, are listed.

The plan also shows gardens, orchards and the property lines of major thoroughfares. Clarence Road where the archive now stands, is shown as an outcrop of granite surrounded by orchards.

1875 - D/Z/L/7 St Helier

This map can be seen on the OPAC, it shows the boundaries of the Town of St Helier in 1875 including the Fiefs of Melechès, Prieur, La Fosse, Buisson, Grainville, Collette des Augres which are drawn on in pen.

1907 - D/AL/A6/1907 St Helier

This is a large and detailed map of St Helier in four sections. This document has been scanned and a digitised image is now available to use - please ask for details at Help Desk.

Useful Map Collections

Plans of the Jersey Gas Network, 1930s-1970s - K/B/H

These technical plans show the position of gas mains in St Helier and across the Island. They give specific detail relating to the position of underground pipes and features. The maps also include locations of properties and can be useful tools for house history.

Planning Department Map Collection - D/W/H11/1-25

Miscellaneous outsize maps of Jersey [undated] showing details of features such as island footpaths, landfill sites, admiralty charts, green lanes, streams and wetlands. These detailed maps are too large for photocopying, however it may be possible to take a digital photograph of particular features.

Clarke Map Collection – L/F/120

The Clarke Map Collection contains nearly two hundred maps of Jersey dating from the very earliest medieval maps through to maps of St Helier in the 1970s. The collection includes maps by several of the most famous mapmakers and publishers of the seventeenth century as well as copies of later, more detailed maps of Jersey such as the Richmond and Godfray.

The collection also includes maps of the English Channel and Normandy, for example L/F/120/A/224a shows the towns and villages of Normandy and is useful for research into French Ancestry.

Aerial Photographs

1942 – 1945 - L/C/14 and L/C/34 Occupation Photographs

Occupation reconnaissance photographs from Operation Nestegg and the Brigadier Snow papers. These two sets of wartime photographs, taken by the RAF, give views of all the Channel Islands between 1942 and 1945. The photographs show military targets, landing sites, areas of evacuation and demarcation lines.

There are detailed views of many areas in Jersey including St Helier, however this is not a comprehensive set of photographs of the whole Island. These photographs are kept in cold storage and therefore a minimum of 24 hours notice is required prior to viewing.

1965 - D/W/E3/1-2 Huntings Surveys Limited

This series of photographs, which includes a key map, contains detailed aerial views of the whole of the Island. They are kept in cold storage and therefore a minimum of 24 hrs notice is required prior to viewing.

1974 - D/AL/B Aerial Photographs

This series of photographs contains detailed aerial views of the whole Island. D/AL/B1 is a detailed index map which shows specific areas photographed and gives a key to the legends used. The series has been digitised and copies of the photographs and index map are available to view on CD in the Help Desk area.

1992 – D/W/E3/4-5 Aerofilms Survey

The Aerofilms survey of 1992 contains detailed aerial views in colour of the whole Island at a scale of 1:10000. The photographs are kept in cold storage and therefore a minimum of 24 hours notice is required prior to viewing.

1997 – D/W/E3/6 BKS Surveys Limited

This survey by BKS Surveys Limited from 1997, which includes a key map, contains detailed aerial views in colour of the whole Island at a scale of 1:10000. The photographs are kept in cold storage and therefore a minimum of 24 hours notice is required prior to viewing.

The purpose of the Jersey Archive is to identify, select, collect, manage, preserve and provide access to the Island's on behalf of the whole community, promoting Jersey's culture, heritage and sense of place, both within its shores and beyond.

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The information in this leaflet is accurate as of March 2010. Please be aware that the Jersey Archive receives new collections on a regular basis and ask staff if you have any queries.