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Title: Peter Clark Collection

Name of creator: Clark, Peter John Alleguen (b.1939)

Dates of creation of material: 1900s – 1995

Level of description: Fonds

Extent: 1 box

Biographical history: Clark, Peter John Alleguen (b.1939)

Dr Peter Clark OBE was born in Sheffield in 1939. He has a BA from Keele University and a PhD from Leicester University. After teaching, in Turkey (1962-1963) and in the UK (1963-1967), he joined the Overseas Career Service of the British Council serving in Jordan (1968-1970), Sudan (1971-1977), Yemen Arab republic (1980-1984), Tunisia (1984-1988), United Arab Emirates (1988-1992) and Syria (1992-1997). From 1967-1968, 1977-1980 and 1997-1999 he work at the British Council headquarters London. He studied Arabic at the Middle East Centre for Arab Studies, Lebanon, 1970-1971. Since 1999 he has been a freelance writer, translator and consultant. He has translated six works of fiction and three histories from Arabic, as well as two volumes of diaries (*Damascus Diaries* and *Emirates Diaries*). He has written books on Istanbul, Wilfred Thesiger and Marmaduke Pickthall, a volume of articles, reviews and obituaries called *Coffeehouse Footnote*. He has co-edited a volume on the Iraqi Marshlands.

Scope and content: French map of Tunisia in 1904 and a collection of 80 postcards with images of Lebanon, Palestine and Syria c1900s-1930s. The postcards include general views of towns, historic buildings and archaeological and religious sites. Most of the postcards are of Aleppo, Deir El Zor, Jerusalem and Palmyra. Correspondence from Wilfred Thesiger to Peter Clark 1988-1995, mainly about an exhibition of Wilfred Thesiger's photographs arranged by Peter Clark, but also about mutual friends and the book *Karari* by Ismat Hasan Zulfo, which Peter Clark had translated into English.

Access conditions: Open

Language of material: French

Conditions governing reproduction: No restriction on copying or quotation other than statutory regulations and preservation concerns

Custodial history: Peter Clark purchased the postcards in a junk shop in Aleppo in about 1995 and he purchased the map of Tunisia in the United Kingdom in about 1984 or 1985, which he then displayed in his office in Tunis, where he worked until 1988.

Immediate source of acquisition: Received as a gift from Peter Clark 15 May 2023 and 5 Jul 2023.

Finding aids: In Guide; Handlist

Archivist's note: Fonds, series and item level description created by Debbie Usher 17 May 2023 and revised 11 Jul 2023. Biographical history supplied by Peter Clark.

**SERIES AND ITEM LEVEL DESCRIPTION OF THE PETER CLARK
COLLECTION**

- 1** **Map of Tunisia** **1 Jan 1904** **1 item**
Map of Tunisia 1:500,000 with the title ‘Carte Frontière de la Tunisie au 1er Janvier 1904 dressée par la direction générale des travaux publics’ published by Edward Stanford.
Language: In French
- 2** **Postcards** **Not dated,** **80 items**
Postcards of Lebanon, Palestine and Syria, mostly showing general views of towns, historic buildings and archaeological and religious sites.
System of arrangement:
2/1 Lebanon 6 items
2/2 Palestine 26 items
2/3 Syria 48 items
- 2/1** **Lebanon** **Not dated** **6 items**
Postcards, mainly showing general views of Beirut but also one postcard of Baalbek. The French captions are original.
System of arrangement:
2/1/1 Baalbek 1 item
2/1/2 Beirut 5 items
- 2/1/1** **Baalbek** **Not dated** **1 item**
Postcard of Baalbek showing the interior of the citadel in the royal residence.
2/1/1/1 Baalbek (Syrie) – Résidence du Roi à l’intérieur de la Citadelle.
[Baalbek (Syria) – Residence of the King inside the citadel].

<u>2/1/2</u>	<u>Beirut</u>	<u>Not dated</u>	<u>5 items</u>
2/1/2/1	Beyrouth (Syrie). - Vue panoramique. [Beirut (Syria) – panoramic view].		
2/1/2/2	Beyrouth (Syrie). – Panorama général et Quartier Medawar. [Beirut (Syria) – General panorama and Medawar quarter].		
2/1/2/3	Beyrouth (Syrie). – Vue générale et le Camp. [Beirut (Syria) – General view and the camp].		
2/1/2/4	Beyrouth (Syrie). – Miramar. [Beirut (Syria) – Miramar].		
2/1/2/5	Beyrouth (Syrie). – Rue du Port. [Beirut (Syria) – Harbour street].		
<u>2/2</u>	<u>Palestine</u>	<u>Not dated</u>	<u>26 items</u>
	Postcards of Palestine, mainly consisting of historic buildings and religious sites in Jerusalem but also including one postcard of St Catherine’s church in Bethlehem and one postcard of the grotto in the Church of the Annunciation in Nazareth. The French captions are original.		
	System of arrangement:		
2/2/1	Bethlehem		1 item
2/2/2	Jerusalem		23 items
2/2/3	Nazareth		2 item
<u>2/2/1</u>	<u>Bethlehem</u>	<u>Not dated</u>	<u>1 item</u>
	Postcard showing the interior of St Catherine’s Church Bethlehem.		
2/2/1/1	Bethléem. – église Ste-Catherine.		

2/2/2 Jerusalem Not dated 23 items

Postcards of Jerusalem mainly showing historic
and religious sites including the

- 2/2/2/1 Jérusalem. – Fort de Sions.
[Jerusalem – Fort of Zion which is the citadel or tower of
David]
- 2/2/2/2 Jérusalem. – Fort de David.
[Jerusalem – Fort of David]
- 2/2/2/3 Jérusalem. – Vue de la Porta d’Or.
[Jerusalem – View of the Golden Gate].
- 2/2/2/4 Jérusalem. – Mont de Morjane.
[Jerusalem – Mount Moriah]
- 2/2/2/5 Jérusalem. – Vue générale de Jérusalem.
[Jerusalem – General view of Jerusalem].
- 2/2/2/6 Jérusalem. – Vallée Silouan.
[Jerusalem – Valley of Silouan or Siloam].
- 2/2/2/7 Jérusalem. – Mont des Oliviers – Mosquée El-Aksa.
[Jerusalem – Mount of Olives – Al-Aqsa Mosque]
- 2/2/2/8 Jérusalem. – Harem Echerif
[Jerusalem - Haram al-Sharif].
- 2/2/2/9 Jérusalem. – Mosquée El-Aksa
[Jerusalem - Al-Aqsa Mosque].
- 2/2/2/10 Jérusalem. – Vue de la Ville avec celle de la Mosquée
Omar.
[Jerusalem – view of the city with the Omar mosque].
- 2/2/2/11 Jérusalem. – Mosquée El-Aksa – Intérieur.
[Jerusalem - Al-Aqsa Mosque interior].
- 2/2/2/12 Jérusalem. – Chaire de Kadi Burkan Eddine et Temple de
Salomon.
[Jerusalem – Pulpit of Kadi Burkan Eddine and temple of
Solomon].
- 2/2/2/13 Jérusalem. – Vue de la Ville.
[Jerusalem – view of the city].

- 2/2/2/14 Jérusalem. – 5me Station.
[Jerusalem – 5th station of the cross].
- 2/2/2/15 Jérusalem. – Tombeau d’Absalon.
[Jerusalem – tomb of Absalom].
- 2/2/2/16 Jérusalem. – Fort Antonia.
[Jerusalem – Antonia Fortress]
- 2/2/2/17 Jérusalem (Via Crucis). – Arc de l’Ecce Homo.
[Jerusalem – (Via Crucis or via dolorosa) – Ecce Homo arch].
- 2/2/2/18 Jérusalem. – Porte du Palais de Pilate ou lieu du Jugement de Jésus-Christ.
[Jerusalem – Gate of Pilate’s palace or place of the judgement of Jesus Christ].
- 2/2/2/19 Jérusalem. – La Grande Chapelle.
[Jerusalem – The Great chapel].
- 2/2/2/20 Jérusalem. – église Russe au Jardin Gethsemani.
[Jerusalem – Russian Church or Garden of Gethsemane].
- 2/2/2/21 Jérusalem. – La Pyramide de Zacharia et le Tombeau de Jacob dans la Vailée de Josaphat.
[Jerusalem – The Pyramid or tomb of Zachariah and the tomb of Jacob in the Valley of Jehoshaphat].
- 2/2/2/22 Jérusalem – Es Sakhrah ou Rocher du Prophète – Mosquée Omar.
- 2/2/2/23 Jérusalem –Rue de Jaffa.

- 2/2/3 Nazareth Not dated 2 items
- 2/2/3/1 Nazareth – église de la Sainte Annociation – Grotte de Saint Jésus.
[Nazareth – Church of the Holy Annunciation – Grotto of the Holy Jesus].
- 2/2/3/2 Nazareth – Le Tombeau de Jésus Christ 1 item
[Nazareth – tomb of Jesus Christ]

2/3 Syria Not dated 48 items

Postcards of Syria, mainly showing general views of a city, historic buildings or archaeological sites including images of Aleppo, Deir El Zor and Palmyra with a smaller number of postcards for Damascus, Hama, Homs and Raqqa. The French captions are original.

System of arrangement:

2/3/1	Aleppo	10 items
2/3/2	Damascus	1 item
2/3/3	Deir El Zor	11 items
2/3/4	Hama	4 items
2/3/5	Homs	3 items
2/3/6	Palmyra	15 items
2/3/7	Raqqa	4 items

2/3/1 Aleppo Not dated 10 items

Postcards of Aleppo mainly consisting of street scenes but also including the Zakaria Mosque, Turkish barracks and the city wall of the ancient city of Aleppo. The French captions are original.

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| 2/3/1/1 | 1. Alep. – Place de l’Horloge.
[Aleppo – Clock square] |
| 2/3/1/2 | 3. – Alep (Syrie). – Cour de la Grande Mosquée Zakaria
[Aleppo (Syria) – Courtyard of the Great Mosque Zakaria] |
| 2/3/1/3 | 4. – Alep (Syrie). – Place Gourand, Grand Rue.
[Aleppo – Gourand square, main street]. |
| 2/3/1/4 | 21. – Alep (Syrie). – Grande Avenue de la Station du D. H P, plus loin, la Citadelle et Vue de la Ville.
[Aleppo (Syria) Main station street of D.H.P and further on the citadel and a view of the town]. |
| 2/3/1/5 | 2. – Alep (Syrie). – Résidence du Général.
[Aleppo (Syria) - The General’s Residence]. |

- 2/3/1/6 6. – Alep (Syrie) Au premier plan, Cercle des Officiers et Rue Naoura.
[Aleppo (Syria) in the foreground, Cercle des Officiers and Naoura street].
- 2/3/1/7 14. – Alep (Syrie). – La Grande Caserne turque.
[Alepp (Syria) – The great Turkish barracks].
- 2/3/1/8 Allepp. Ansicht vom Deutschen Konsulat aus. View from the German consulate. Vue prise du consulat allemande.
- 2/3/1/9 Aleppo. An der Stadtmauer. Near the town wall. Près du mur d'enceinte.
- 2/3/1/10 No original caption [entrance to the citadel of Aleppo].

2/3/2 Damascus Not dated 1 item

Postcard showing a view of the Sultan Selim Mosque. The French caption is original.

- 2/3/2/1 Damas (Syrie). – Vue de Takiet (Mosquée) Sultan Selim
[Damascus (Syria) – View of Sultan Selim Mosque]

2/3/3 Deir El Zor Not dated 11 items

Postcards of Deir El Zor showing general views of the town, the Euphrates river and bridge street, the market, water carriers and the Great Hamidie Mosque. The French captions are original.

- 2/3/3/1 Deir El Zor (Syrie). – Vue naturelle de la Ville.
[Dier El Zor (Syria) view of the town].
- 2/3/3/2 Deir El Zor. – L'Euphrate.
[Dier El Zor – the Euphrates river].
- 2/3/3/3 Deir El Zor (Syrie). – Vue générale de l'Euphrate et du Pont.
[Deir El Zor (Syria) – General view of the Euphrates and the bridge].
- 2/3/3/4 Deir El Zor (Syrie). – Rue du Pont.
[Dier El Zor (Syria) Bridge street].

- 2/3/3/5 Deir El Zor (Syrie). – Rue du Pont.
[Dier El Zor (Syria) Bridge street].
- 2/3/3/6 Deir El Zor. – Rue générale.
[Deir El Zor – General street scene].
- 2/3/3/7 Deir El Zor. – Le Marché.
[Deir El Zor – the market].
- 2/3/3/8 Deir El Zor (Syrie). – Nouvelle Rue du Sérail et Vue de la Grande Mosquée.
[Dir El Zor (Syria) – New seraglio street and view of the great mosque].
- 2/3/3/9 Deir El Zor (Syrie). – Grande Mosquée Hamidie.
[Dier El Zor (Syria) – Great Hamidie Mosque].
- 2/3/3/10 Deir El Zor (Syrie). – Transporteurs d’eau.
[Dier El Zor (Syria) – Water carriers].
- 2/3/3/11 Souvenir d’Alep (Syrie). Editeur Wattar Frères, Alep (Syrie). Panoramique d’Alep.
[Souvenir of Aleppo (Syria) Editor Wattar Frères, Aleppo (Syria). Panoramic view of Aleppo].

2/3/4 Hama Not dated 4 items

Postcards of Hama showing the café du Salon, a grain merchant, the grand bazaar of the café El-Djesser and a view of the seraglio.

- 2/3/4/1 Hama (Syrie). – Vue du Grand Café du Salon.
[Hama (Syria) – View of the grand café du Salon].
- 2/3/4/2 Hama (Syrie). – Marchands de Grains.
[Hama (Syria) – Grain merchant].
- 2/3/4/3 Hama (Syrie). – Grand Bazar du Café El-Djesser.
[Hama (Syria) – Grand bazaar of the café El-Djesser].
- 2/3/4/4 Hama (Syrie). – Vue du Sérail.
[Hama (Syria) View of the seraglio].

2/3/5 Homs Not dated 3 items

Postcards of Homs showing the citadel, market square and the main street of the seraglio.

2/3/5/1 Homs (Syrie). – Citadelle.

[Homs (Syria) - the citadel].

2/3/5/2 Homs (Syrie). – Vue de la Place du Marché.

[Homs (Syria) – View of the market square].

2/3/5/3 Homs (Syrie). – Grande Rue du Sérail.

[Homs (Syria) Main street of the seraglio].

2/3/6 Palmyra Not dated 15 items

Postcards showing the archaeological site at Palmyra with images of temples, streets and an inscription. The French and English captions are original.

2/3/6/1 No 1 Palmyra. Arc de Triomphe. Triumphe Arch.

2/3/6/2 No 2 Palmyra. Entrée du Marché. Entrances to Market Place.

2/3/6/3 No 3 Palmyra. Entrée du Marché. Entrance to Market Place.

2/3/6/4 No 4 Palmyra. Colonnades du Temple. Columns of the Temple.

2/3/6/5 No 5 Palmyra. Temple de Dioclecian. Temple of Dioclecian.

2/3/6/6 No 6 Palmyra. Des Monolithes Tombés. Fallen Monolith.

2/3/6/7 No 7 Palmyra. Temple du Soleil. Temple of the Sun.

2/3/6/8 No 8 Palmyra. Colonnade du Temple du Soleil. Columns of the Temple Sun.

2/3/6/9 No 9 Palmyra. Une Rue. A street.

2/3/6/10 No 10 Palmyra. Petit Temple. Small Temple.

2/3/6/11 No 13 Palmyra. Les Ruines du Temple. Carved Doorjam.

2/3/6/12 No 14 Palmyra. Inscription Palmyrien et Grec. Greek and Palmyreen Inscription.

- 2/3/6/13 No 17 Palmyra. Linteau Sculpté a Kasr el Her. Carved door lintel at Kasr el Her.
- 2/3/6/14 No 19 Palmyra. Niches et Sarcophages. Burial Niches and Sarcophagi.
- 2/3/6/15 No 20 Palmyra. Le plafond d'un tombeau. Ceiling of a tomb.

2/3/7 Raqqa Not dated 4 items

Postcards of Raqqa including a general view of the town and the ruin of the palace of Haram-el-Rachid. The French captions are original.

- 2/3/7/1 121. Rakka (Syrie). – Panorama de la Ville.
[Rakka or Raqqa (Syria) – Panorama of the town].
- 2/3/7/2 119. Rakka (Syrie). – Entrée de la Ville et du Sérail.
[Rakka or Raqqa (Syria) – Entrance to the town and the seraglio].
- 2/3/7/3 126. Rakka (Syrie) Palais et Résidence de Haram-el-Rachid.
[Rakka or Raqqa (Syria) – Palace and residence of Haram-el-Rachid].
- 2/3/7/4 120. – Rakka (Syrie) Vieille Porte de Bagdad.
[Rakka or Raqqa (Syria) – Old Baghdad gate].

3 Wilfred Thesiger Correspondence 1988-1995 1 file

Correspondence from Wilfred Thesiger to Peter Clark, mainly about an exhibition of Wilfred Thesiger's photographs arranged by Peter Clark, but also about mutual friends and the book *Karari* by Ismat Hasan Zulfo, which Peter Clark had translated into English.

- 3/1 Letter from Wilfred Thesiger to Peter Clark 5 Sept 1988 1 sheet
- 3/2 Letter from Wilfred Thesiger to Peter Clark 22 Mar 1989 1 sheet
- 3/3 Letter from Wilfred Thesiger to Peter Clark 1 Jun 1989 1 sheet
- 3/4 Letter from Wilfred Thesiger to Peter Clark 21 Nov 1989 1 sheet

3/5	Letter from Wilfred Thesiger to Peter Clark	24 Nov 1989	1 sheet
3/6	Letter from Wilfred Thesiger to Peter Clark	21 Feb 1990	1 sheet
3/7	Letter from Wilfred Thesiger to Peter Clark	11 Jul 1995	1 sheet