

THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE ARCHIVES

NAME OF COLLECTION:	MAHLSTEDTS VIC. PTY LTD
ACCESSION NO:	61/17
CATEGORY:	Business, organizations
ACTIVITY:	Engineers, Civil Surveyors
DATE RANGE:	1877 – 1962
SIZE OF COLLECTION:	17 phase boxes (most elephantine)
DATE OF TRANSFER:	November 1962
ACCESS CONDITIONS:	Open
HISTORICAL NOTE:	The firm was established in 1884 as surveyors and civil engineers. The block plans of the Melbourne city area were prepared in the Mahlstedts offices and were frequently altered and revised to show change in construction and the degree of fire proofing of buildings.
DESCRIPTION:	Periodic block plans of the Melbourne city area, annotated as to fire-related features such as structural materials of buildings, location of staircases, water mains and plugs, etc. Name of owner and function of many buildings are also given. Some are original prints, some photocopy and negatives. Date range 1888-1962. Also held with collection, 1 vol Dove maps 1877.
NOTE ON COLLECTIONS:	
NOTE ON LISTING:	The collection items were renumbered in 2004
LISTED BY:	ACM
DATE:	17 April 2004

Box No	Item No	Description	Dates
		SECTION ONE	
		Section 1: (The Melbourne CBD block bordered by Flinders, Spencer, Lonsdale and Spring Streets) 25 sheets, numbered 1-25. Scale 1":40'; 559 mm square, black ink and colour wash.	
1	1	Photo-reduced reproductions of the compilation by Mahlstedt and Gee, Surveyors and Draughtsmen. 24 pp. including Pg 20 of the 1924 edition. A set of photographic negatives accompanies the set. [Various other negatives (see elsewhere for listing) also stored with this set.	1888
2	2	Photo reduced reproductions, 24 pp (missing sheets 8 & 10) A set of photographic negatives accompanies this collection (also missing sheets 8 & 10).	1905-1906
3	3	Original plans with amendments overlaid. Bound set, 24 sheets.	Base 1910 (Amended 1923)
4	4	Original plans, 24 loose sheets, unamended.	1923-1924
5	5	Original maps with subsequent amendments overlaid. Bound set. Sheets 1-2, 4, 9, 15, 18, 21-22 dated 1923; sheets 5-8, 10-14, 16-17, 19-20, 23-24 dated 1924; sheets 3, 25 undated; 1948 edition sheets 21 & 24 (dylene repro.) additionally tipped in.	1923-1924
6	6	Sheet 3 dated 1924, 25 sheets.	1923-24 (amended)
7	7	Original maps. Some overlay of street numbers and names, otherwise an unamended set. 21 loose sheets, numbered 1-24 (Sheets 7* & 23 missing.) 7 (Bourke, Swanston, Lonsdale & Russell); 23 (Collins, Spencer, Bourke & King); * Negative held	1948 Reprint
8	8	Photo reduced reproductions, 24 pp with index sheet	1948
-	-	<i>See also Accession: 107/34 Bates Smart Collection. Section 1 - 1948 reprint</i>	Amended to Jun 1981

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		SECTION TWO	
		Section 2 (The Melbourne CBD area north of Lonsdale street and incorporating part of North Melbourne (south of Hawke Street) and parts of Carlton (South of Wreckyn and Pelham Streets) 24 sheets, numbered 1A-24A. Scale 1":40'; 559 square, black ink and colour wash.	
2	9	Photo reduced reproductions, 17 pp (missing sheet 6) A set of photographic negatives accompanies this edition (also missing sheet 6).	1910-1915
9	10	Original plans. Bound set, marked <i>City of Melbourne Extension Plans</i> , 17 sheets – 1A-17A.	1910 base plan, amended [Argus building, cnr Latrobe/Elizabeth, not built. {it went up c1928}]
10	11	Original plans, 24 loose sheets, an unamended set. Sheet 13 (upper half only); sheets 6A and 12A are undated.	1923-1928
11	12	Original maps. Bound set. Published variously between 1923 and 1928: Sheets 1A, 10A, 11A, 15A, 16A, 17A dated 1923; sheets 3A, 9A dated 1924; sheets 4A, 5A, 7A, 8A, 14A dated 1925; sheets 18A-24A dated 1928; sheets 2A, 6A, 12A, 13A undated. Sheet 8A duplicated (but with fewer amendments) Sheet 13A top half of sheet only with paste-overs. Amended well beyond this date [included Commonwealth offices on corner of Spring and Latrobe Streets	1923-1928
12	13	Original maps. Bound set [to sheet 17A-thence loose 18A-24A]	1923 – 1928 Base – amended , but not as late as item 12
13	14	Original maps. Bound set. The 1923 base set with amendments up to ca 1962	1923, amended 1962
14	15	Original maps. 26 loose sheets (1A-26A) Reprint, unamended with sheets 25A-26A appearing for the first time.	1962
8	16	Photo reduced reproductions, 26 pp (missing sheet 5)	1962
-	-	<i>See also Accession: 107/34 Bates Smart Collection. Section 2 - 1962 reprint</i>	Amended to Jun 1981

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		MIXED SECTIONS	
15	17	<p>Variously dated half sheets, amendment pages and other maps, viz. sheet 7; 9 (lower half); 11; 12; 16 (right side); [As a combined panel] 2A left side, 3A right side, 16 left side, 19 right side; 19 (left side); 23, 25;</p> <p>2A (left side); 3A upper and lower halves; 3A right side; 4A upper and lower halves; 5A upper and lower halves; 12A upper and lower halves; 13A (lower half)</p> <p>Multiple amendments to the base plans were issued bi-monthly or quarterly in a single sheet. Each amendment was designed to be cut from a sheet and overlaid on the relevant part of the base plan. Separate amendments sheets survive for Feb-Apr 1914, May-Jul 1914, Aug-Oct 1914, Feb-Apr 1927, Aug-Oct 1929, Nov 1929 – Jan 1930. [<i>see also: HOWDEN & LYELL collection for amendment sheets 1928-29</i>]</p> <p>A linen-backed Plan of Melbourne showing original grantees for the CBD and parts of North Melbourne.</p>	
		SOUTH MELBOURNE PLANS	
16	18	<p>City of South Melbourne. Detail Fire survey, compiled by Mahlstedt and Son. Undated, but amended to the 1950's. 9 sheets, bound. Generally the area immediately south of the Yarra River bounded by St Kilda Rd to the east and Hartley St in Port Melbourne to the west and extending south as far as Grant Street with a further pocket north of Coventry Street, South Melbourne.</p>	[n.d.] – subsequently amended [The SLV holds a set of 9 plans dated 1923-25 and a further set reprinted 1950.]
		DOVE PLANS	
17	20	<p>Plans of Melbourne executed for Insurance Companies by H.P. Dove, Surveyor, for the area bounded by La Trobe Street to the north, Spring Street to the east, the Yarra River to the south and Spencer St. Railway Yards to the west. This set lacks most maps north of Bourke Street and east of Stephen (Exhibition) Streets – in all, 30 of 81 maps held. Maps</p>	1877

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		show buildings on each city block, occupier and their function, street number, when existing, number of storeys and if shingle roofed.	
		PHOTOGRAPHIC NEGATIVES (where not otherwise mentioned)	
1	19	Odd sheets from various editions, viz. 1948 reprint – Index, 1, 4, 7 1962 reprint – 6A, 7A, 8A	
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