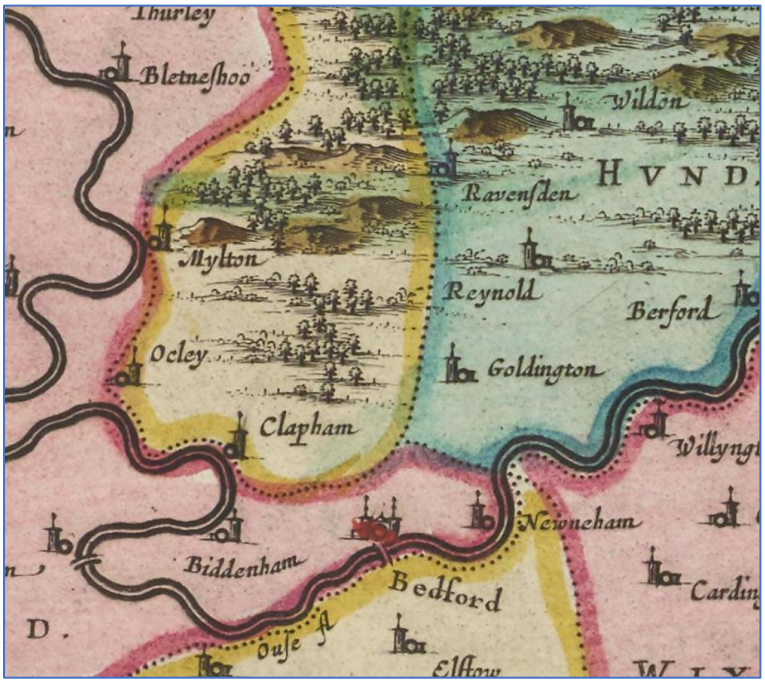
GARDENS TRUST GREEN FUTURES PROJECT 2025-2026
CLAPHAM PARK ESTATE - APPENDIX ONE

A Brief History of Clapham Park Estate through maps.

SOURCE: All maps below National Library of Scotland https://nls.maps.uk unless specified otherwise

Clapham Park Estate, which included ancient woodland and historic parkland, appears as a wooded site on the following old maps:



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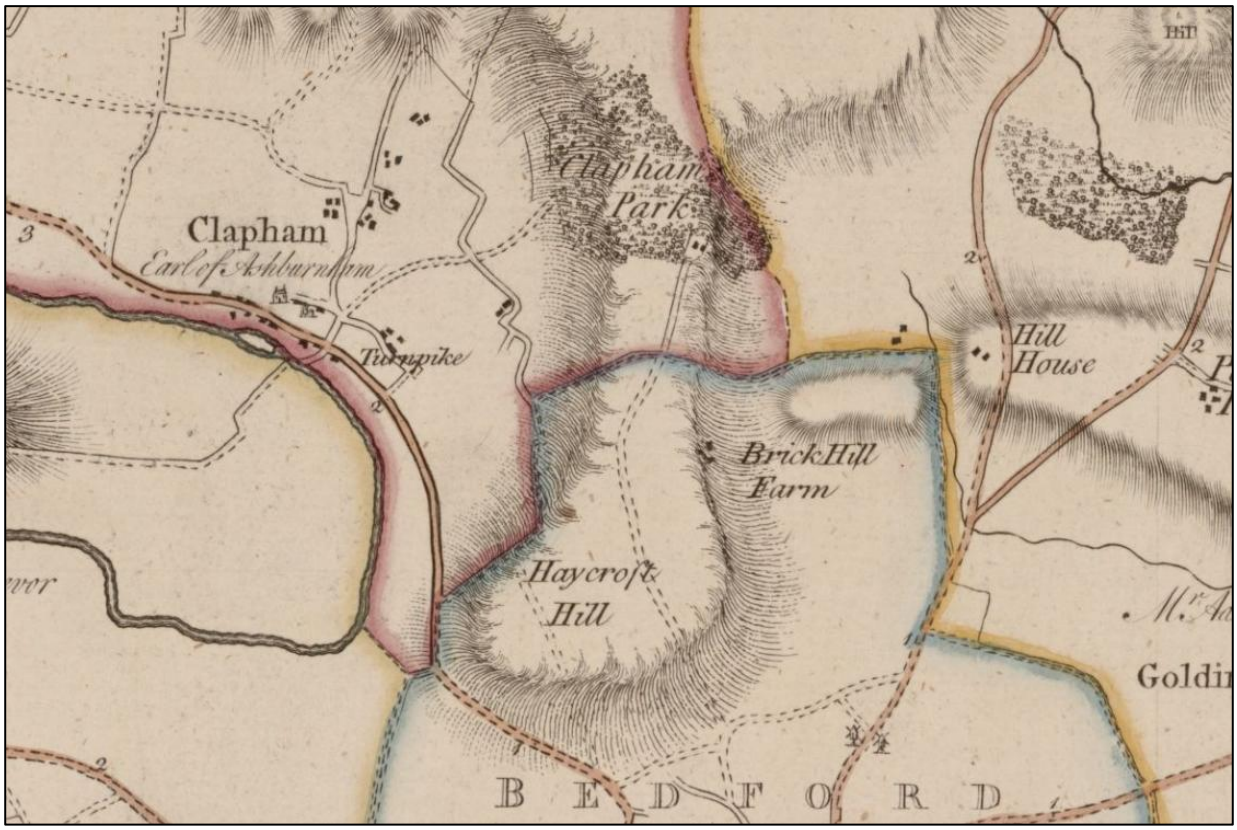
Screenshot from Blaeu Atlas Maior Vol 5, Bedfordiensis Comitatvs by Joan Blaeu, 1662-5

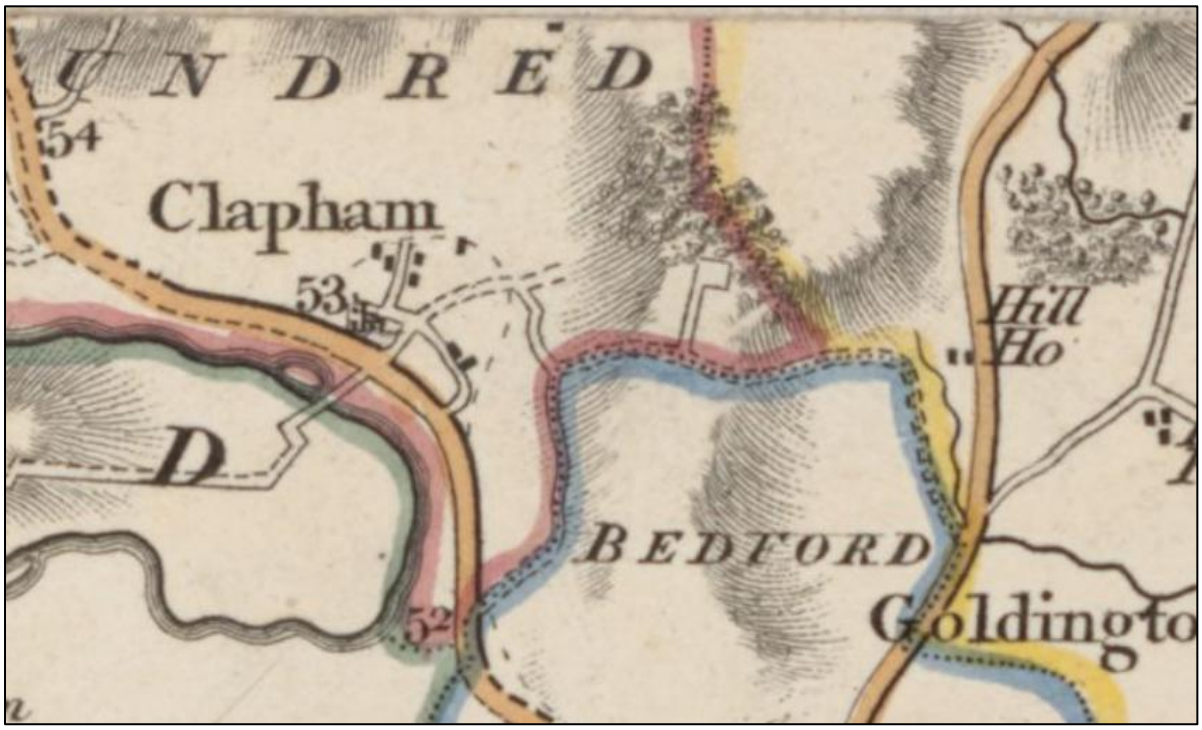
BELOW: Screenshot of William Gordon's Map of the County of Bedfordshire, 1736 "Actually survey'd after a New method" SOURCE: Bedfordshire Archives, Reference: HY956 https://bedsarchives.bedford.gov.uk>Archives-Service



BELOW:
Screenshot of Thomas Jefferys' Map of the County of Bedfordshire, surveyed 1765, with Clapham Park named within wooded area.



BELOW: Screenshot of John Cary's 'A new map of Bedfordshire, divided into hundreds exhibiting its roads, rivers, parks etc', 1825



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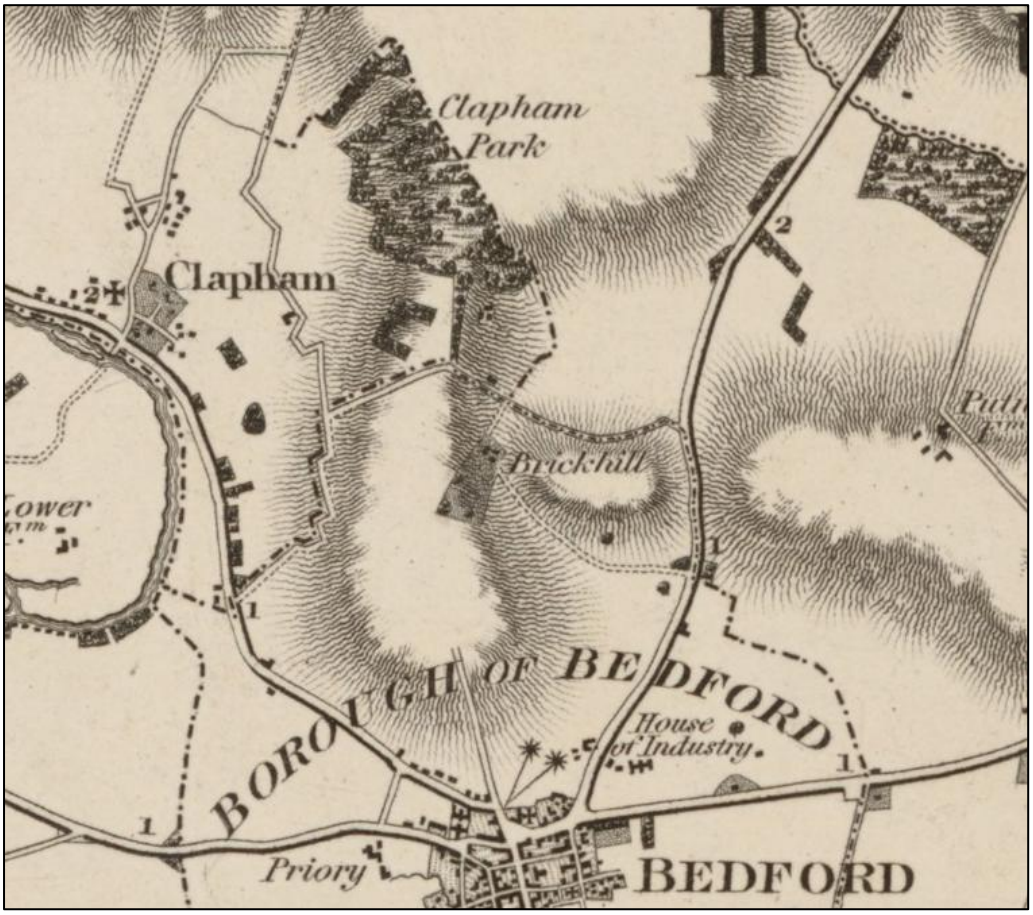
Screenshot of Christopher and John Greenwood's 'Map of the county of Bedford, from actual survey made in year 1825', 1826. Clapham Park named.



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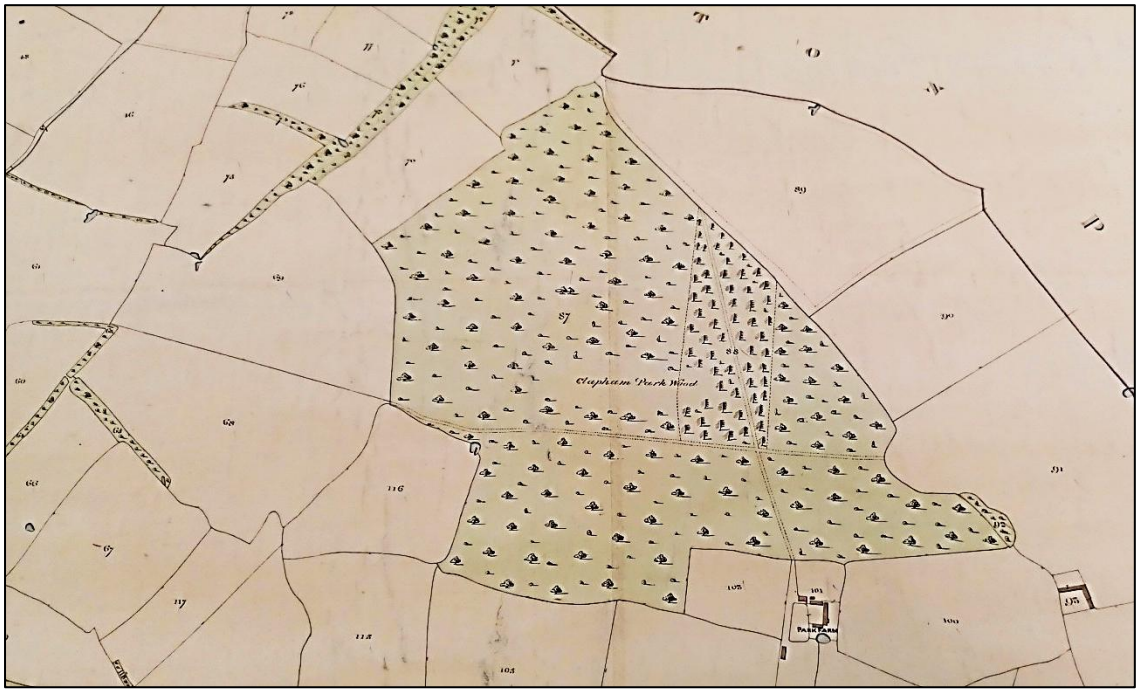
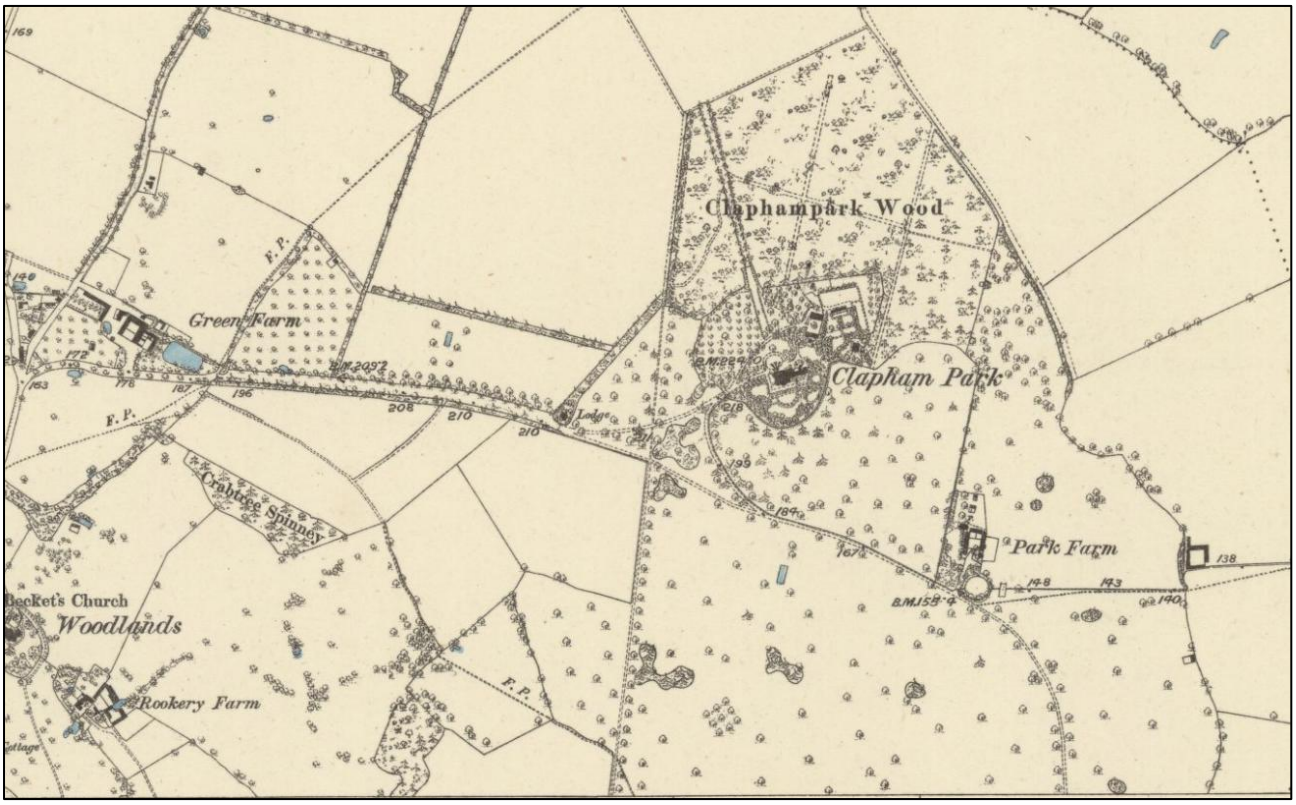
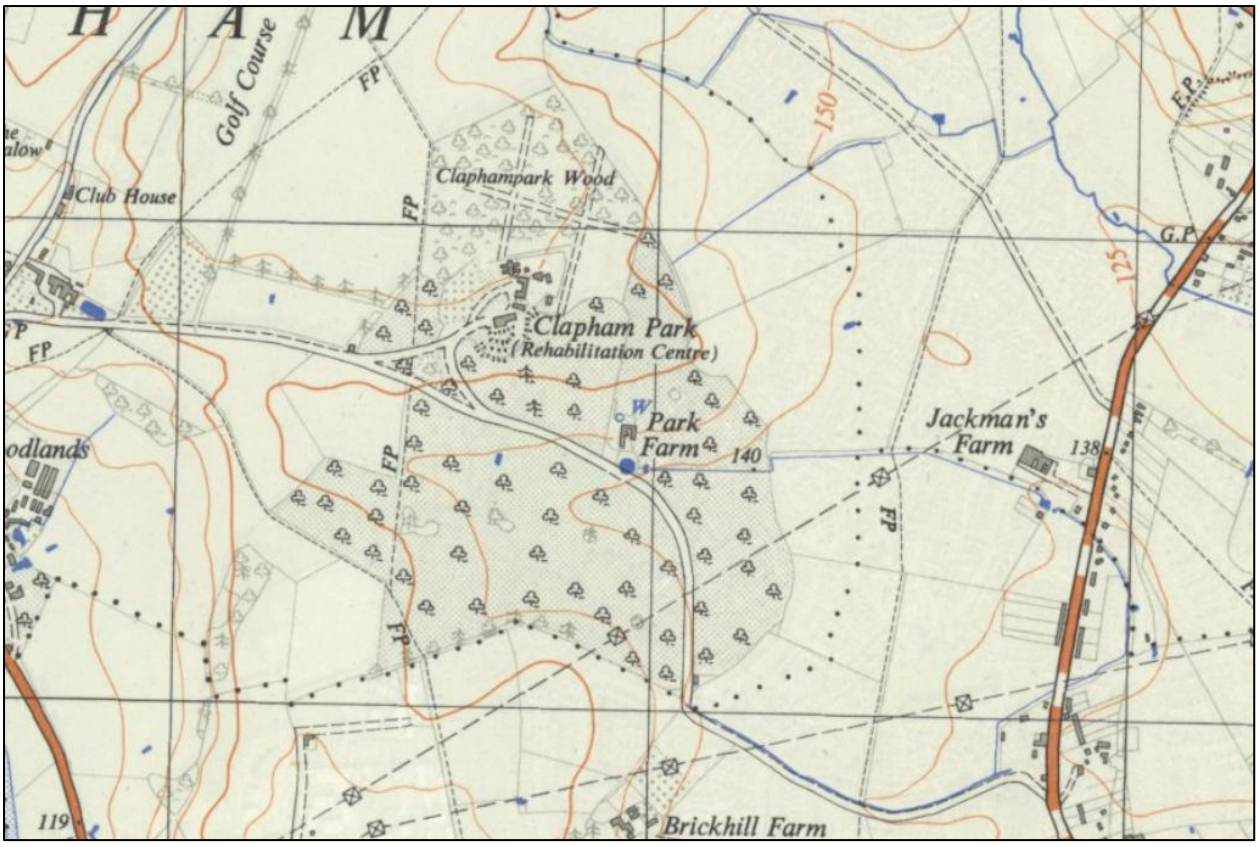
Screenshot of Tithe Map for Clapham, 1839
SOURCE: Bedfordshire Archives, Reference: MAT/10/1



BELOW: Screenshot of Ordnance Survey. Bedfordshire XI.NE, 6 inch, surveyed 1882, published 1884.



BELOW: Screenshot of Ordnance Survey. 1:25,000 Provisional Edition, Sheet Bedford TL05, revised 1899 to 1971, published 1956 when Clapham Park was a Rehabilitation Centre.



BELOW: Screenshot of Ordnance Survey. 1:25,000, Provisional Bedford 1945 – 1975 showing route of old Hawk Drive (in red) over modern map. Carriage Drive is shown in blue.



BELOW: Aerial view showing trees, and possibly groves, in the Parkland to the south of Clapham Park House in May 1929. The road shown in white is Hawk Drive.

SOURCE: www.britainfromabove.org.uk/image/EPW026463

