



## THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE ARCHIVES

<b>NAME OF COLLECTION</b>	JAMES, WILLIAM E
<b>ACCESSION NO</b>	1999.0055
<b>CATEGORY</b>	Other, individuals
<b>ACTIVITY</b>	Manufacturers, scientific equipment
<b>DATE RANGE</b>	1967-1996
<b>SIZE OF COLLECTION</b>	12 Boxes
<b>HISTORICAL NOTE</b>	<p>William (Bill) James developed an interest in amateur lens making which he developed through study at the FJ Hargreaves workshops in the United Kingdom. This lead to work at the Physics Department, Imperial College on the National Bubble Chamber Project, which was to display high energy particles in cosmic rays. He later undertook work in India under the Colombo Plan setting up an optical workshop at the Indian Institute of Technology and training technicians in optical Techniques. In 1965 he returned to Australia to work at the Physics Department, University of Tasmania where he made its 16 inch telescope. In 1968 he started his own company, James Optics, which was to manufacture various optical including the Prime Focus Corrector Lenses for the for the Anglo Australian Telescope at Siding Springs and the reflectors made for an Optus AUSSAT B satellite.</p>
<b>DATE OF TRANSFER</b>	27 <sup>th</sup> July 1999
<b>ACCESS CONDITIONS</b>	Access: Open
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<p>Primarily accounts and tax records covering the period 1967 to 1996. Additionally three photos from time at Delhi Institute of Tech and University of Tasmania. Files relating to STARLAB and Stromlo telescopes.</p>
<b>LISTED BY</b>	Peter Bode
<b>DATE</b>	2000

<b>Box No.</b>	<b>Archival no.</b>	<b>Description</b>
----------------	---------------------	--------------------

**Series 1      Accounts, 1968 - 1996**

	<b>1/1</b>	Cash payments Journals
Box 1	1/1/1	Cash payments, April, 1982 - May, 1996
	<b>1/2</b>	Petty Cash Books
Box 1	1/2/1	Petty Cash,; July 1982 - June, 1996
<del>Box ?</del>	<del>1/2/2</del>	<del>Petty Cash; July, 1989 - May, 1995</del>
	<b>1/3</b>	Cash Receipts Books
Box 1	1/3/1	Cash Receipts; March 1982 - June, 1996
Box1	1/3/2	Cash Receipts; Jan 1984 - April 1984
Box 1	1/3/3	Cash Receipt Book Dec 1965-March 1969
	<b>1/4</b>	General Ledger
Box 1	1/4/1	General Ledger; January 1982 - June 1996
	<b>1/5</b>	Profit and Loss Accounts
Box 1	1/5/1	Profit and Loss Accounts, January 1982 - June 1996
	<b>1/6</b>	Balance Sheets and Accounts
Box 12	1/6/1	Balance Sheet and Accounts: Year to 30 <sup>th</sup> June 1982
	1/6/2	Balance Sheet and Accounts: Year to 30 <sup>th</sup> June 1983 (x2)
	1/6/3	Balance Sheet and Accounts: Year to 30 <sup>th</sup> June 1984
	1/6/4	Balance Sheet and Accounts: Year to 30 <sup>th</sup> June 1985
	1/6/5	Balance Sheet and Accounts: Year to 30 <sup>th</sup> June 1986
	1/6/6	Balance Sheet and Accounts: Year to 30 <sup>th</sup> June 1988
	1/6/7	Balance Sheet and Accounts: Year to 30 <sup>th</sup> June 1990
	<b>1/7</b>	Invoices Issued
Box 1	1/7/1	Invoices Issued July 1983 - November 1996
	<b>1/8</b>	Order Books
Box 10	1/8/1	Order Book "Please Supply" October 1968 - September 1976
Box 1	1/8/2	Order Book September 1976 - July 1983
Box 10	1/8/3	Order Book August 1985 - August 1992
Box 10	1/8/4	Order Book January - March,1994
	<b>1/9</b>	Invoice and Statement Books
Box 10	1/9/1	Invoice and Statement Book 1968 - 1971
	1/9/2	Invoice and Statement Book 1971 - 1976
	1/9/3	Invoice and Statement Book 1976 - 1980
	1/9/4	Invoice and Statement Book 1980 - 1986
Box 1	1/9/5	Invoice and Statement Book 1983 - 1988
Box 10	1/9/6	Invoice and Statement Book 1991 - 1996

**Series 2      Income Tax**

	<b>2/1</b>	Income Tax returns and Supporting Documentation
Box 2	2/1/1	Return and Documentation, 1967 - 1968
	2/1/2	Return and Documentation, 1968 -1969
	2/1/2	Return and Documentation, 1969 - 1970
	2/1/3	Return and Documentation, 1970 - 1971

	2/1/4	Return and Documentation, 1971 - 1972
	2/1/5	Return and Documentation, 1972 - 1973
Box 3	2/1/6	Return and Documentation, 1973 - 1974
	2/1/7	Return and Documentation, 1974 - 1975
	2/1/8	Return and Documentation, 1975 - 1976
	2/1/9	Return and Documentation, 1976 - 1977
	2/1/10	Return and Documentation, 1977 - 1978
	2/1/11	Return and Documentation, 1978 - 1979
Box 4	2/1/12	Return and Documentation, 1979 - 1980
	2/1/13	Return and Documentation, 1980 - 1981
	2/1/14	Return and Documentation, 1981 - 1982
Box 5	2/1/15	Return and Documentation, 1982 - 1983
	2/1/16	Return and Documentation, 1983 - 1984
	2/1/17	Return and Documentation, 1984 - 1985
Box 6	2/1/18	Return and Documentation, 1985 - 1986
	2/1/19	Return and Documentation, 1986 - 1987
	2/1/20	Return and Documentation, 1987 - 1988
Box 7	2/1/21	Return and Documentation, 1988 - 1989
Box 9	2/1/22	Return and Documentation, 1989 - 1990
Box 7	2/1/23	Return and Documentation, 1990 - 1991
Box 9	2/1/24	Return and Documentation, 1991 - 1992
Box 7	2/1/25	Return and Documentation, 1992 - 1993
Box 8	2/1/26	Return and Documentation, 1993 - 1994
	2/1/27	Return and Documentation, 1994 - 1995
	2/1/28	Return and Documentation, 1995 - 1996
	2/1/29	Return and Documentation, 1996 - 1997
	2/2	Tax Miscellaneous
Box 12	2/2/1	loose handwritten tax notes
	<b>Series 3</b>	<b>Registration</b>
Box 11	3/1	Share Register as per the Companies Act. 11/1/82
	3/2	Memorandum and Articles of Association ( x2)
	<b>Series 4</b>	<b>Minutes</b>
	4/1	Ordinary Minutes, March 1982 - December, 1986
	<b>Series 5</b>	<b>Miscellaneous documents</b>
Box 12	5/1	'The Australian Physicist', Vol 23, number 2, March. 1986.
	5/2	Letter of Condolences to Marion(?)
	5/3	Lense related specifications document
	5/4	Starlab prism specifications file, 1983
	5/5	Spectograph, Telescope: specifications file
	5/6	Certificate of Incorporation of Proprietary Company
	5/7	Directors Report for Year ended 30/6/82
	5/8	Directors report for year ended 30/6/86
	5/9	Confirmation of ownership of Stromlo Observatory mirror, May 1988
	5/10	Disgruntled Poem (From employee?)

**Series 6**

6/1/1

6/1/2

6/1/3

**Photographs**

40 " mirror (University of Tasmania observatory)

Bill James at Delhi Institute of Technology, 1964

Bill James in Delhi, 1964 - 1965