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C. W. PALMER & SONS LTD
Heating, Ventilating & Plumbing Contractor
43-47 Copnor Road, Portsmouth

In 1909 Charles Walter Palmer set up his own plumbing and heating business in Sydenham Terrace. Soon outgrowing these premises, he moved to 17-19 Hyde Street, Southsea. C.W. Palmer's eldest son, Reginald, took over in 1930, pioneering the installation of many new types of solid and liquid fuel combustion appliances.

Palmers were well known for their welding and were the first private company in the south to commercially fit welded steel and copper systems.

Anthony Palmer joined his father's company in 1956 and two years later the firm became a private limited company. A.J. Palmer took over in 1960. Since the late 1960s C.W. Palmer & Sons has confined its operation to the commercial and industrial sectors of the market and in 1986 the company purchased a new complex at Bishop's Waltham, creating or buying a controlling interest in several other companies which now form The Anthony Group.

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CARRIER TRANSIT CO LTD

1. Register Book of Members -
Companies Act, 1908-1917
2. Day Book,
28 September 1919 - 1 March 1921
3. Cash Book,
18 October 1919 - March 1921
4. Receipt Book,
9 November 1919 - 3 March 1921
5. Covers World Carriers Year Book and
Diary, 1920
6. Blank Bill Book, nd

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Accounting and Financial Records

1. Profit & Loss Accounts and Balance
Sheets:
 1. March 1962 [includes sales ledger
balances, pensions and PAYE details,
schedule of motor vehicles]
 2. September 1962 [includes Profit & Loss
appropriation account]
 3. March 1963 [includes schedule of motor
vehicles, sales/purchases ledger balances]
2. Sales and Bought Ledger Balance Book,
October 1960 - September 1961
3. Bought Ledger Balances,
September 1962
4. Trial Purchase Balances,
September 1962 and March 1963

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5. 'Working Papers' - includes wages and holiday stamp details, sundry creditor accounts, Bought/Sales Ledger balances:
 1. 1963-1964
 2. 1964-1967
6. Summary of financial position - includes written reports, lists of creditors and insurance, sales/bought ledger balances, Profit & Loss accounts and balance sheets, March 1961 - September 1962
7. Ledgers:
 1. February 1911 - March 1913
 2. March 1913 - May 1915
 3. April 1915 - January 1921
 4. January 1921 - September 1926
 5. September 1926 - March 1932
 6. April 1932 - November 1936
 7. Purchases Ledger,
November 1936 - November 1940
 8. Bought Ledger,
February 1950 - March 1961
 9. April 1960 - September 1965
 10. April 1961 - August 1962
 11. April 1964 - June 1968
[includes additional account for
June 1969]
 12. February 1964 - June 1968
[unbound sheets]
 13. May 1970 - July 1975
 14. Bought Ledger cleared accounts,
January 1970 - September 1972

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7. Ledgers:

15. Bought ledger cards,
June 1968 - November 1969
16. Sales Ledger manual cleared accounts,
February 1970 - December 1971
17. Summary Ledger - extracts from purchases/
sales ledgers, nominal and private ledgers,
bank,
June 1963 - October 1965
18. Summary Ledger - extracts from purchases/
sales ledgers, nominal and private ledgers,
bank,
October 1965 - January 1968
19. Purchases, Sub-Contract & Carriage Ledger,
October 1967 - June 1968

Operation:

8. Day Books:

Purchases [including credit notes]:

1. November 1936 - November 1940
2. December 1940 - June 1951
3. July 1951 - October 1955
4. November 1955 - April 1957
5. May 1957 - October 1958
6. September 1958 - November 1959
7. November 1959 - October 1961
8. November 1961 - June 1961

Heating Department, Bought Daybooks:

9. October 1960 - January 1965
10. April 1965 - February 1967
[plus miscellaneous receipts]

8. Day Books:

11. May 1965 - June 1968
12. December 1966 - June 1968
13. April 1973 - March 1974
[includes details of stock account,
stores, suppliers, contracts,
apprentices, vehicles]
14. Sales Book - including credit notes,
November 1936 - October 1955

Heating Department, Sales Daybooks:

15. September 1943 - March 1960
16. October 1958 - March 1961
[includes sheet metal department sales]
17. April 1963 - June 1967

Oilburners & Welding Department Daybooks:

18. Bought,
February 1961 - October 1966
19. Sales,
October 1939 - December 1943
[details solely for Airspeed Ltd]

9. File of Contract Numbers

1. 1958
10. File of Accounts recommended for payment
by C.W. Palmer Ltd, 1961
 11. Index of Account numbers for sales ledger,
nd
 12. Register of equipment loaned/returned,
August 1967 - January 1969
 13. Purchase Invoice register - includes
miscellaneous price lists, servicing notes
and cost ledger card,
July 1968 - June 1969

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14. Wages books:

1. October 1931 - 1 November 1940
[October 1932-October 1937 missing]
2. November 1940 - October 1942
3. October 1942 - August 1944
4. August 1944 - May 1947
5. May 1947 - December 1949
6. January 1950 - September 1952
7. September 1952 - June 1955
8. June 1955 - October 1957
9. November 1957 - March 1960
10. March 1960 - October 1961

15. Cash Books:

1. November 1934 - October 1938
2. November 1938 - October 1941
3. November 1941 - October 1944
4. November 1944 - October 1947
5. November 1947 - February 1950
6. March 1950 - May 1952
7. June 1952 - May 1954
8. June 1954 - June 1956
9. June 1956 - May 1958
10. July 1958 - April 1961
11. May 1961 - December 1961

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16. Petty Cash:

1. Balances (and miscellaneous bills),
1936-1937

Books:

2. November 1937 - February 1940
3. February 1940 - December 1941
4. January 1942 - October 1943
5. November 1943 - September 1945
6. October 1945 - October 1947
7. November 1947 - October 1950
8. November 1950 - July 1952
9. August 1952 - January 1954
10. February 1954 - June 1955
11. July 1955 - August 1956
12. September 1956 - January 1958
13. February 1958 - June 1959
14. June 1959 - September 1960
15. September 1960 - October 1961
16. June 1963 - November 1964
17. November 1964 - April 1966
18. June 1967 - September 1968

17. Postage Books:

1. October 1962 - September 1963
2. September 1963 - June 1964
3. May 1964 - January 1965
4. January 1965 - October 1966

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17. Postage Books:
 5. October 1965 - June 1966
 6. July 1966 - April 1967
 7. April 1967 - January 1968
18. Telephone Calls Books
 1. January 1963 - June 1964
 2. February 1964 - June 1964
19. Diaries of Appointments and work to be done
 1. 1963
 2. 1965
20. Taxation Records
 1. Tax tables, 1962-1963
 2. National Insurance Contributions and Receipts [includes correspondence re Board of Trade circular on census of production + 3 miscellaneous employer guides], 1962-1963
21. Correspondence:

Contracts [many include plans]:

 1. re Dr W.S. Stevenson
December 1935 - March 1937
 2. Specification for Thos Bradford & Co, laundry engineers - 1937
 3. From HM Office of Works re contract for Bognor and Cosham Post Offices [including plans] - 1937
 4. re Messrs Honess [includes plans and specification] - 1937
 5. re S. Lowman & Sons [includes plans] - 1937

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Contracts [many include plans]:

6. Specifications for Dr S.Conway,
Kingston Road, Buckland - June 1937
7. re Guildhall boiler contract - August 1937
8. 1-3. 3 bundles of correspondence, plans,
quotations etc re Fraser & White Ltd
contract, November 1937 - August 1938
9. From HM Office of Works re Southampton Docks
Customs Watch House - January 1938
10. From City of Portsmouth re Municipal
Aerodrome [includes plans and costings]
- February 1938
11. 1-2. 2 bundles of specifications, plans,
schedules from HM Office of Works re
Gosport Employment Exchange,
May 1938 - June 1938
12. From HM Office of Works, contract specification
and plan re Middleton Telephone Exchange,
Bognor - June 1938
13. From HM Office of Works, contract, specification
and plan for Fareham Joint Garage - July 1938
14. re Portsmouth Water Company Pumping Station,
November 1938 - May 1940
15. re The Manor House, Cosham - 1939
16. From City Architects, specification for
for Infectious Diseases Hospital waiting
room - February 1939
17. From Filtrators Ltd (water softeners),
February-December 1939
18. re The White Hart public house, Kingston
Cross [includes catalogues and invoices],
February 1939 - February 1941

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Contracts [many include plans]:

19. Specification and correspondence re Flying Bull Lane School contract [includes plan] - March 1939
20. Specification and plan for Blind Persons' Shop, Fratton Road - April 1939
21. From C.W. Palmer's suppliers (Filtrators Ltd and Smith & Son) re Pendragon Hotel, Clarence Parade - April-December 1939
22. From Portsmouth Corporation, specification and plans for Milton Hostel lavatory block - June 1939
23. Specification and conditions of contract for Engineer's Department, Guildhall - July 1939
24. Specification for Maylings House, Highlands Road, Fareham - from Austin & Wyatt - July 1939
25. re Airspeed (1934) Ltd, bundle of release notes, March 1940 - May 1940
26. re Rheostatic Co Ltd [includes catalogues and blueprints] October 1941 - October 1946
27. 2 bundles re de Havilland Aircraft Co (Airspeed division), 1948-1954:
 1. Plans and drawings
 2. Advice and release notes, orders etc
28. re Fraser & White Ltd [includes catalogues of Fraser & White advertising material], April 1951-December 1954
29. re Hydram Products Ltd (Engineers & Contractors) September 1955 - April 1956
30. Plans and estimates for R.N.A.Y. Fleetlands, Gosport extension to planning office, 1958-1959

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21. Correspondence:

Contracts [many include plans]:

31. Plans for R.A.F. Chessington, circular on conditions of government contracts for engineering works, 1959-1961
32. Plans for new Dockyard accommodation, Portsmouth & M.O.D. circular on conditions of government contracts for stores purchases - November 1965
33. National and Local Government Officers Association - subcontract specification for engineering services at Solent Lodge, Southsea - February 1977

22. Letter Books and files of letters

Carbon letter books (of letters sent & received):

1. March 1923 - September 1924
2. September 1924 - June 1925
3. c1942
4. c1949
5. c1952
6. September 1956 - January 1958
7. October 1956 - November 1957
8. June 1957 - January 1958
9. December 1957 - January 1958

Bundles of letters received and sent:

10. August 1928 - October 1933
11. October 1935 - February 1938
[including Steam Engineer Journal, April 1937]
12. January 1937 - December 1938
[including Steam Engineer Journal, December 1936]
13. October 1932 - May 1940 [including postcard of Coastlands Hotel and pamphlets]

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22. Letter Books and files of letters

Bundles of letters sent:

14. January 1933 - January 1939
[including Engineer & Contract Record, May 1933;
Heating & Ventilating Engineer, November 1937;
Plumbing Trade Journal, 7 October 1936]
15. July 1939 - February 1945
[including maps and Plumbing Trade Journal,
7 October 1936]
16. January 1945 - December 1947
17. March 1941 - January 1950
18. January 1949 - December 1950
19. January 1953 - April 1955

Bundles of letters received:

20. September 1939 - January 1944
21. October 1939 - September 1945
22. June 1945 - June 1948
23. September 1945 - December 1948
24. December 1950 - June 1956

Files of letters received and copies sent:

25. June 1964 - August 1970
[includes copies of legal documents, catalogues,
lists of equipment]
26. December 1968 - July 1960
[includes minutes of meetings, Annual Reports,
correspondence re C.W. Palmer takeover and
tool catalogue]
27. August 1970 - November 1971
[includes correspondence re missing sheet
metal machinery]

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22. Letter Books and files of letters

Other correspondence:

28. Miscellaneous bundle of receipts, 1921
29. Miscellaneous estimates,
July 1935 - October 1940
30. Miscellaneous invoices and correspondence,
December 1957 - January 1960
31. Miscellaneous correspondence, blueprints
drainage applications,
May 1933 - August 1937
32. Roll of miscellaenous plans and scale
drawings re St Mary's Hospital, IOW;
HMS Dryad; Halifax Building Society, Cosham;
Blackbrook Farm; DOE - 1981
33. Bundle of miscellaneous plans and blueprints
1934-1963

23. Insurance

1. Forms from National Employers Mutual, nd
2. Policies re Palmer family and employees,
1947-1957
3. Bundle of correspondence with National
Employers Mutual, 1949-1956
4. Correspondence re National Employers
Mutual, 1964

24. Price Lists, Instruction Manuals and Catalogues

Price lists:

1. Abridged price lists for British Oxygen
Co, Millbrook, Southampton, May 1932,
July 1935, April 1937
2. Price lists for Rowe Bros & Co Ltd, Bristol,
February 1938-February 1939
3. Price list for Ideal Standard sanitary
appliances, January 1949-January 1951

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Price lists:

4. Price list for John Stott & Co Ltd, Oldham, nd

Manuals:

5. Brockhouse - A Study in Industrial Revolution - Compton MacKenzie. Pub - J. Brockhouse & Co Ltd, 1945
6. The Science & Practice of Welding - A.C. Davies. Pub - Cambridge University Press, 1950
7. Quasi-arc Co Ltd - Electric Arc Welding, nd
8. Riley (Coventry) Ltd - Instruction Book for 6 Cylinder Riley Alpine, nd
9. 'Welding Cast Iron' - Brand Fluxes (Suffolk Iron Foundry (1920) Ltd, Stowmarket.

Catalogues:

10. Beck & Co Ltd - Hydraulic Sanitary & General Engineers & Founders (London), April 1903
11. Shanks & Co Ltd, tubal workers and Victorian potteries, 1910
12. Burn Bros - patentees and manufacturers of sanitary appliances, October 1910
13. J.A. Crabtree & Co Ltd, Walsall - Electrical accessories, 1924
14. G.E.C. Ltd - Magnets, conduits and conduit fittings, February 1932
15. G.E.C. Ltd - telephones, switchboards, fire alarm contacts and accessories, September 1932
16. G.E.C. Ltd - ironclad switchgear, November 1932
17. General Accessories Co Ltd - electrical accessories of British manufacture, September 1933

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24. Price Lists, Instruction Manuals and Catalogues

Catalogues:

18. Revo Electric Co Ltd, Staffs - electric fans, May 1935
19. Record Tool Works, Sheffield - tools for woodwork and metalwork, November 1935
20. Brown Bros Ltd (London) - electrical wiring supplies, 1937
21. Shanks 'Y' Catalogue - sanitary appliances, January 1937
22. H.A. Evans Ltd, Portsmouth - plumbers, brasswork, 1938
23. Messenger & Co Ltd, Loughborough - boilers pipes, radiators, etc, August 1938
24. Hobday Bros - electrical catalogue (abridged), 1940-1941
25. British Oxygen Co Ltd - oxyacetylene equipment, nd
26. McDowall, Steven & Co Ltd - cooking apparatus, rainwater and hot water pipes, baths and sanitary goods, nd
27. Nicholls & Clarke Ltd, London - ironmongery, sanitary equipment, etc, nd
28. Pollock, Brown & Co, Southampton - contractors tools and equipment, nd

25. Miscellaneous

Annual Reports:

1. Heating & Ventilating Contractors Association, 1964-1965
2. Heating & Ventilating Contractors Association, 1965-1966
3. International Association for the Promotion & Projection of Trade Ltd, 1965

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26. Other

1. Pamphlet on Guide to Trading Prices for Building & Plumbing Supplies, April 1979
2. Booklet on Attachment of Earnings Orders, 1959
3. Miscellaneous personal items and receipts re A.J. Palmer, 1961-1964
4. Miscellaneous unattached items

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