LONDON BOROUGH OF LAMBETH LAMBETH ARCHIVES DEPARTMENT

IV/260	JAMES WALKER LTD., JEWELLER.
Depositor:	John Cresswell (Streatham Society)
Accession Number:	1999/14
Date:	2006
Extent:	6 boxes
Condition:	Gift
Access:	Open
Covering Dates:	1911 to 1983

Introduction:

James Walker of Streatham was a major high street jeweler. The company was founded by Sidney Sanders and William Metherell. Their first shop was opened in Streatham High Road in 1902. From 1907 they operated as Sanders & Co. and were later to acquire the name 'James Walker' from a jewelers shop in Peckham, which was established in 1823. During the 1920s the company was dissolved and two new companies, James Walker and Sanders & Co., were formed. In 1969 the respective companies were amalgamated as James Walker, Jeweller. By the 1980s there were some 130 branches, making the company the largest jewellers' chain in the United Kingdom. The James Walker group was sold off in 1984 to H. Samuel, who later became part of the Ratners jewellery company. Century House Streatham, their headquarters and workshop, was closed in September of that year and the building later turned into luxury flats. During World War II the workshops at Century House were used to produce component parts for aircrafts, tanks and ships.

The collection composes mainly of retail ephemera, catalogues and photographs. There are a few business and financial records, the remainder were probably passed to H. Samuel. The collection gives a unique insight into contemporary fashion and design seen in the jewellery and silverware industry, and the photograph are illustrative of period shop displays and interiors.

IV/260/1 Administration

/1 Certificate of Incorporation. James Walker, Jeweler, Limited. 1Item.	1911
/2 Purchase of Chronometer-Watches from Royal Observatory. 1Item.	November 1917
/3 Trade Mark Certificates.2 items.	1920, 1973
/4 List of Branches in existence from December 19201 Item.	
 /5 List of branches. Opening & closing dates. Includes some branch manager names and branches closed during World War II. 1 Item. 	1923 –1977
/6 Manager Conference at Streatham.11tem.	November 1926
/7 Manager Conference at Hamilton & Co., Strand, London.1 Item.	1927
/8 Registration of Business Names Act.3 Items.	1927, 1932, 1964
/9 Plate License 1Item.	1940
/10 List of James Walker Branches.2 Items.	August 1976
/11 Number of Branches in 1978. Number of branches from 19201 file with volume.	0
/12 Interim Report.1 item.	1981/1982
/13 Internal Memorandum. Notification of closure of Worcester E1 Item.	Branch. 1983
/14 Company Proceedures.1 file.	nd

/15 Printed Stationary, samples	nd
IV/260/2 Financial	
/1 Index of Stock 1 Volume	1883 – 1919
/2 Sales Account Book 1 Volume	1890 - 1899
/3 Stocktaking. East Ham branch1 Volume	July 1940
/4 Wholesale Gold Stock.1 Item.	March 1941
/5 Dividend Warrant. Copy1 Item	June 1960
/6 Special Distribution. Cheque 1Item.	December 1965
/7 Merger with Sanders & Company. Information documents.1 Envelope.	1969
/8- Dividend Warrant. Copy1 Item.	November 1978
IV/ 260/3 Correspondence	
/1 War Production.1 Envelope. 33 Items.	1945
/2 Letter. Return of photographs. Lewisham Branch.	1983
/3 Memorandum. Closure of Worcester Branch.	1983
 /4 James Walker to John Cresswell, Streatham Society. Transfer of company material. 8 items. 	1984

IV/260/4 Sales Catalogues and Brochures, Leaflets & Advertising

/1 J.C.Vickery. Specialties and Novelties booklet.1 Item	1926-1927
/2 J.C.Vickery. Specialties and Novelties catalogues.5 Items	c1925 to 1937
/4 Fabric Table Mats for item display.	c1930
 /3 Sterling Silver and Electro-Plate. Catalogue. c1930 1 Item 	
/4 Table Mirror & Fan Table Lamp. Advert.1 item	c1930
/5 Here Comes the Bride. Wedding Rings. Booklet.1 item	c1933
/6 Mail card. 1 Item.	1934
/6 Rings of Beauty. Booklet1 Item	c1935
/5 Mail card with shop front photos for Regent Street, Swindon Branch	n. 1935
/7 James Walker Ltd. The London Jeweller. Booklet.	c1935
/8 James Walker Gifts. Postal Catalogues 2 copies	c1935
/9 Invitation/advertising brochure for Sutton branch.1 Item	c1935
/10 War Production. Machinery and Equipment1 Envelope	1945
/11 James Walker Rings. Booklet.	1957
/12 'Spring-Time Specials' from James Walker. Leaflet	c1970

/13	Your Diamond. Card advert.	c1975
/14	Advertising Campaign Folder. Christmas.	1979
/15	'Everything of value in a Jeweller's'. Leaflet	nd
/16	'Everything you value in a jeweller's'. Advertising pack. 14 items	c1980
/17	Sanders & Co. Ring Card. 1 Item.	nd
/14	Saunders Company. Card Writing Case and Blotter. With accompany adverts.	nd
IV/2	260/5 Furniture Equipment	
/1	Boardroom Furniture 1 File.	1973-1975
IV/2	260/6 Art and Design Work	
/1	Rolls Royce car design. Pencil on Tracing paper.	1938
/2	Design for Century House advert.	1958
/3	Artist Sketch. New 4 th . Floor extension to Century House.	c1960
/4	Price notices for gifts. 2 Items	c1940
/6	Three ring designs in Watercolour. 3 Items	nd
/7	Cartoon. Pen and Ink. 'to the King's jewellers'	nd
IV/2	260/7 Miscellaneous	
/1	Designs for monograms. 1 sheet.	c1880
/2	Valuable Services rendered during the War. British Red Cross certificate.	1914-1918

3 items

/3 Certificate. Company of Clock-makers. Sidne	ey Sanders 1920	
/4 Photographs and Brief History of Retired or I Members of Staff.1 file	Deceased 1929-1961	
/5 Watchmaker Jeweller & Silversmith magazine 2 items	. Sept.,Oct. 1942	
/6 Goldsmiths Journal. Article on Alderman Sidne	ey Saunder. August 1942	
/7 Alderman Sidney Sanders. Centenary of Birth	n leaflet. November 1972	
 /8 Newspaper Cuttings book with photographs and company ephemera. 2 Volumes 1942 to 1965, 1965 to 1981 		
/9 James Walker Course in Retail Salesmanship.	c1950	
/10 F.Hinds. Ltd. Jewellers. The Company Histo	ory. January 1980	
 /11 Newspaper Cuttings Book (Financial). 2 Volumes. 1951 to July 1965, Mar 1976 to May 1981 		
/12 'Walkers' World'. Company Magazine1 Volume	May 1979 to September 1983	
/13 Ring size card 1 Item	nd	
/14 Business card for Sidney Saunders.	nd	
/15 Certificate from The Grand Priory of St. Joh	n of Jerusalem.	
/16 N.A.G Engraving Card.	nd	
/17 Plastic carrier bag.		
/18 Inventory of Collection. Streatham Society (1 File.	John Cresswell). nd	
/19 Obituary. Alderman Sidney Sanders JP.	nd	
/20 James Walker. History and Notes. Collection 1 File.	n Inventory. John Creswell. nd	

IV/260/8 Photographs

SP. 7070	Display of watches for sale	c1960
SP. 7071	George Wood. Shop front. Sale of stock.	c1935
SP. 7072	Taylor. Shop front. Closing down sale.	c1925
SP. 7073	Sanders and Company. Lewisham. Shop front.	1930
SP. 7074	R&W Crofts. Shop front. Sale.	c1910
SP. 7075	James Walker. Shop Front and interior views.	
	Shopping Mall.	c1980
SP. 7076	James Walker. Shop interior views of shop.	c1930
SP. 7077	James Walker, Nottingham. Shop window display.	1969
SP. 7078	James Walker? Edgware. Shop entrance.	c1935
SP. 7079	James Walker. Wembley. Shop front.	c1938
SP 7080	James Walker. ?Lewisham. Front shop advertising	
	The New Wyler watch.	c1935
SP. 7081	James Walker. Brixton Road, Shop front with staff.	1915
SP. 7082	Interior views of shop.	c1953
SP. 7083	Martin Keogh. ? Waltham. Shop front.	c1920
SP. 7084	James Walker. Window display.	c1935
SP. 7085	James Walker. Wilton Road, Victoria.	c1930
SP. 7086	J.C.Vickery. Shop front.	c1935
SP. 7087	Sanders. ?Lewisham. Shop front and interior.	c1965
SP 7088	James Walker. Richmond. Shop front	c1980
SP. 7089	Barfoot Bros. Hove, Sussex. Shop front.	c1910
SP. 7090	James Walker, Jersey. Shop and Street views.	c1980
SP. 7091	Presentation. Paul Edwards and Judy Phillip.	c1970
SP. 7092	Silver Plating workshop.	c1930
SP. 7093	James Walker, Union Street, Torquay.	
	Shop and Interior views.	1979
SP. 7094	Group photos with Gerald Saunders.	c1970s-c1980s
SP. 7095	James Walker, Guernsey Shop. Interior views.	c1980s
SP. 7096	James Walker, Ashford branch. Wartime Use.	1942
SP. 7097	James Walker, Shopfitting. Location unknown.	c1980s
SP. 7098	James Walker. Head Office staff presentation.	c1979
SP. 7099	Millar Stone & Jonas Ltd. of Streatham. Showrooms	1980
SP. 7100	Retirement Presentations. Group photos.	c1980
SP. 7101	Drivers and Company Chauffeur. Group photo.	c1980
SP. 7102	Gerald Saunders. Photo of portrait.	c1980
SP. 7103	Pobjoys. Workshop views.	c1960
SP. 7104	James Walker, Wilton Road, Victoria. Shop front.	

c1935

Museum Objects (with Museum Collection)

Two boxes of items from James Walker building. Streatham. Includes printing plates, company stamp dies, display labels, advertising, rubber office stamps, company name plates, jewellry boxes, presentation statue from BDBA and ARP sign. c1920 -1984

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