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**WILLIAM HOLYMAN AND SONS PTY LTD COLLECTION**

**Shipping Industry, Tasmania  
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Captain William Holyman arrived in Launceston from Hull in 1854. By 1898, with his sons William and James, he had built up a substantial sea trade (the White Star Line) serving the North West Coast, the Bass Strait Islands and Melbourne. In later years, the firm became known as William Holyman and Sons Pty Ltd. Victor Holyman, a grandson of Captain William Holyman, was the founder of the Australian National Airways (ANA), later known as Ansett Airlines.

The collection was donated to the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery in 1982.

- 1 William Holyman and Sons Pty Ltd - ANA Journal, May 1949-Nov 1946 (1064)
- 2 Journal, Apr 1936-Jan 1939 (1042)
- 3 Day book, Nov 1934-Jul 1935 (1043)
- 4 Ships' detail book (*Marrah, Lanena, Laranah, Wareatea, Loatta* etc),  
Apr 1935-Aug 1940
- 5 Ships' detail book (*Marrah, Lanena, Laranah, Wareatea, Loatta* etc),  
Jan 1941-Mar 1948
- 6 Switchboard telephone book, Sep 1949-Jul 1950 (13)
- 7 Debit cash book, Apr 1932-Jun 1935 (1048)
- 8 Sundry debtors' book, Feb 1934-Sep 1934 (1075)
- 9 Sundry debtors' book, Sep 1934-May 1936 (1074)
- 10 Credit cash book, May 1930-Jan 1932 (1058)
- 11 Credit cash book, Jun 1927-May 1930 (1005)
- 12 Credit cash book, Sep 1950-Sep 1952 (1082)
- 13 Sundry debtors' book, May 1936-Nov 1937 (1007)
- 14 'Cash book', Aug 1952-Sep 1953 (1034)
- 15 Sundry debtors' book, Sep 1942-Sep 1950 (1033)
- 16 Journal, Jul 1939-Jun 1941 (1008)
- 17 Journal (ANA freight), Dec 1943-Jan 1946 (1009)
- 18 Sundry debtors' book, Jan 1933-Feb 1934 (1055)
- 19 Ships' detail book (*Mareatea, Laranah, Marrawah* etc), Apr 1922-Mar 1930  
(1016)
- 20 Journal, Jun 1945-Jul 1946 (1091)
- 21 Cash book, Sep 1948-Jul 1952 (1031)
- 22 Cash book, Jun 1913-Mar 1915 (1026)
- 23 Journal (Agency accounts), Jul 1941-Oct 1943 (1050)
- 24 Sundry debtors' book, May 1943-May 1945 (1036)
- 25 Journal, Jul 1940-Mar 1944 (1083)

- 26 Credit cash book, Jul 1937-Jun 1940 (1015)
- 27 Day book, Jul 1939-Jun 1940 (1028)
- 28 Freight journal, Jul 1936-Oct 1936 (1090)
- 29 Deck officers' overtime book (various ships), Jan 1939-Jul 1946 (1095)
- 30 Telephone book, Jan 1942-Apr 1943
- 31 Telephone book ('Journal'), Apr 1943-Jun 1944 (1092)
- 32 Telephone book, Jul 1946-Jan 1947
- 33 Journal, Aug 1948-Aug 1949 (1077)
- 34 Sundry debtors' book, Oct 1935-Sep 1943 (1078)
- 35 Day book (Agency accounts), Aug 1935-Jun 1937 (1063)
- 36 Journal, Mar 1946-Apr 1948 (1060)
- 37 Debit cash book, Feb 1929-Mar 1932 (1086)
- 38 Sundry debtors' book, Jun 1951-Sep 1952 (1039)
- 39 Analysed journal, Sep 1938-Feb 1942 (1094)
- 40 Analysed journal, Mar 1942-Aug 1948 (1005)
- 41 Telephone book, Jun 1940-Jan 1942 (1097)
- 42 Telephone book ('Journal'), Jan 1947-Jan 1948 (1098)
- 43 Telephone book, Jan 1948-Sep 1949
- 44 Day book, Apr 1932-Feb 1934 (1014)
- 45 Sundry debtors' book, Mar 1947-Jul 1948 (1051)
- 46 Credit cash book, Jan 1932-Oct 1934 (1085)
- 47 Credit cash book, Oct 1934-Jul 1937 (1027)
- 48 Journal (?), Mar 1944-Oct 1947
- 49 ANA freight journal, Sep 1948-May 1949 (1049)
- 50 Air freight cash book, Feb 1938-Aug 1941 (1044)
- 51 Journal, Nov 1930-Jul 1933 (1071)

- 52 Journal, Jun 1920-Sep 1923 (1047)
- 53 Journal (Day book) ('rough copy'), Apr 1937-Jan 1938 (1059)
- 54 Journal (Day book), Apr 1936-Mar 1937 (1018)
- 55 Sundry debtors' book, Nov 1932-Oct 1934 (1013)
- 56 ANA freight journal, Aug 1941-Dec 1943 (1006)
- 57 Agency accounts book, Oct 1943-Jan 1946 (1075)
- 58 Agency accounts book, Jan 1947-Sep 1952 (1022)
- 59 Journal, Nov 1941-Feb 1944 (1070)
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- 66 Day book, May 1933-Feb 1934 (1012)
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- 72 Day book, Oct 1943-Jan 1946 (1066)
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- 94 Sundry debtors' book, Jan 1939-Feb 1940 (1035)
- 95 Debit cash book, May 1947-Apr 1949 (1072)
- 96 Debit cash book, May 1949-Jan 1951 (1073)
- 97 Debit cash book, Feb 1951-Sep 1968 (1001)
- 98 Debit cash book, Sep 1938-Mar 1942 (1025)
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