

Leica Microsystems History



1847

Foundation of Spencer
Lens/American Optical
Instruments in USA



Charles A. Spencer

1849

Carl Kellner establishes
the "Optical Institute"
in Wetzlar



Carl Kellner

1853

Foundation of the
Bausch & Lomb
Instruments Division in USA



Bausch & Lomb, Rochester

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1869

Ernst Leitz takes over the "Optical Institute" and renames the company Ernst Leitz.

1872

Foundation of the precision engineering company R. Jung in Heidelberg

1876

Foundation of the optical company C. Reichert in Vienna



Historical Leitz microscopes



Rudolf Jung



Historical Reichert microscope

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1881

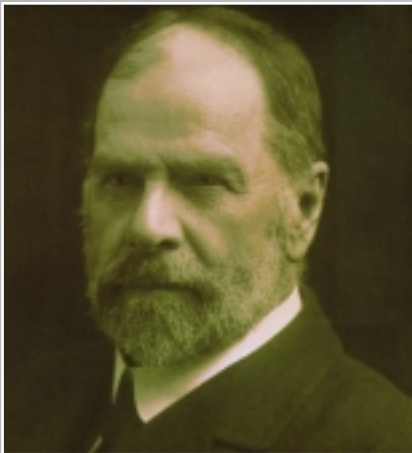
The son of Charles Darwin, Horace, establishes the optical company "Cambridge Instruments"

1907

The 100.000th microscope is presented to Nobel prize winner Robert Koch

1921

Foundation of the optical company Wild Heerbrugg in Switzerland



Horace Darwin



100.000th microscope



Heinrich Wild

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1972

Beginning of cooperation between Leitz Wetzlar and Wild Heerbrugg

1975

Metals Research expanded and bought Cambridge Instruments (1st manufacturer of Scanning Electron Microscopes)

1986

Foundation of the Wild Leitz group



Wild and Leitz logos



Cambridge Instruments logo



Wild Leitz group

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1986

Takeover of Reichert-Jung
by Cambridge Instruments

1990

The Wild Leitz and Cambridge
Instruments groups merge to
form the Leica group.

1993

1st Joint Venture Opening of
the Leica group in China for
specimen preparation



Reichert Jung logo



Leica group



Microtome Leica RM2125

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1994

Opening of the 2nd Leica Joint Venture for microscopy in China

1996

Acquisition of Jenoptik, E-Beam Lithography business and foundation of the Leica Microsystems Lithography in Jena

1999

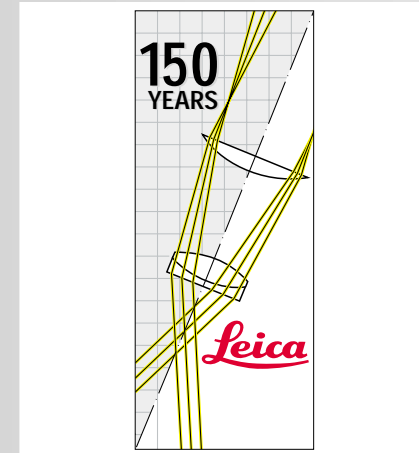
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150 years logo