

JESUS COLLEGE OXFORD

JC:P73 TUTORIAL ESSAYS AND COLLECTIONS IN ENGLISH OF WILLIAM PHILLIPS (MATR. 1920)

William George Phillips (b. 1896) came up to Jesus College in January 1920, having served in France, Belgium, and the Middle East during the First World War, and being mentioned in despatches. He read English, getting a Fourth in his Finals in 1922, and took his BA in 1925.

These four exercise books were given to the archives in May 2008 and assigned the Accession Number 134 in the spring of 2016. The donor had found them in a parcel of second-hand books. **JC:P73/MSI/1-3** contain essays which Phillips wrote for his tutorials, one book per term. The subjects discussed range from Middle English to the 18th century. **JC:P73/MSI/4** contains essays which Phillips wrote for “collections” (informal examinations) during his last term. All four books are dated on the inside front cover, and have a list of contents. None of the books, however, appear to contain any marks or comments from his tutors. They represent rare examples of actual undergraduate work from the 1920s.

Catalogued in February 2017.

JC:P73/MSI/1

Apr-Jun 1920

Exercise book titled on the inside front cover “Tutorial Exercises Trinity Term 1920”. This contains essays by Phillips on Elizabethan and Jacobean literature. Loose in the book is a cutting from *John O’London’s Weekly*, for 25 December 1920, with an article on Thomas Hobbes.

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Oct-Dec 1920

Exercise book titled on the inside front cover “Tutorial Exercises Michaelmas Term 1920”. This contains essays by Phillips on 17th and 18th century literature, and on Chaucer.

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Jan-Mar 1921

Exercise book dated on the inside cover to Lent Term 1921. This contains essays by Phillips on Middle English literature. Loose in the book is a copy (made by Phillips) of an examination paper in 19th century literature; an essay by Phillips on Robert Burton; and two short essays (clearly intended for collections) in another hand on drama.

JC:P73/MSI/4

Apr-Jun 1922

Exercise book titled on the inside front cover “Collections Trinity Term 1922”. This contains sets of examination questions, all copied out by Phillips, and then the questions from them which he chose to answer. The book contains no marks or comments from his tutors, so it is not clear whether Phillips maintained this book because he was set these papers by his tutors or because he was doing these papers as a revision aid. A table of contents is given at the front. Loose in the book is a draft letter from Phillips to an unknown addressee on *Eothen*.