Williams Carter Barratt (b. 1863) came up to Jesus College in 1882. He passed Pass Mods in 1884, and sat for Pass Schools in 1885, including an exam in Rudiments of Faith and Religion. He took holy orders, and Crockford's Clerical Directory for 1929 reports that, having worked in Richmond, Surrey, and Eastbourne, Sussex, he emigrated to Cape Town where he was Assistant Chaplain at All Saints Home from 1900-26. In 1926, however, he returned to Oxford to become Chaplain of St. Thomas's Convent. As these documents show, he clearly had a lifelong interest in bellringing.

It is not known how these two pages from a photograph album came to the College archives, but the College was in correspondence with a great-niece of Barrett in 2005 and 2008. They were assigned the Accession Number 150 in the summer of 2016.

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Two pages taken from a photograph album which must once have belonged to William Barrett.

JC:P75/P1/1 has a group photograph of members of the Oxford University Society of Change Ringers taken in 1931, on the occasion of their Diamond Jubilee. The names of the sitters (and their Colleges) are given on a separate sheet, which shows that Barrett is seated in the front row, second from the left. Barrett is the only member of Jesus College present.

JC:P75/P1/2 has one side another group photograph of the OUSCR which is dated on the back to 1931. No names are given, but Barrett is seated in the front row, second from the right. On the other side of this page is an 18th century engraving of the church of St. Mary the Virgin, and a photograph dated 29 October 1939, showing Gilbert Turner, Bishop of St. Helena 1939-60 (who as signed it), and Russell Darbyshire, Archbishop of Cape Town 1938-48. The photograph was probably taken when Turner was consecrated as bishop, and presumably sent to Barrett, because Turner had served as a curate in Cape Town in the 1920s.