

JESUS COLLEGE ARCHIVES

JC:P136 PHOTOGRAPH ALBUM AND EPHEMERA OF FREDERICK WILKINS (MATR. 1901)

Frederick Bruce Wilkins (1882-1961) came up to Jesus College in 1901, having been educated at Cheltenham College. He was awarded a Mathematics Scholarship, getting a Second in his Maths Mods in 1902, but then changed to Classics, getting a Second in both Mods in 1903 and Greats in 1905. From 1905-8 he taught Maths at Bradford Grammar School, but in 1908 he moved to India to work for the Indian Educational Service, where he remained until 1923, apart from serving in France in 1917-18. He then returned to England to settle in Cheltenham, where he worked as a private horticulturalist.

The album at **JC:P136/P1/1**, with the loose items listed separately, was given to the College by Wilkins's daughter Judy, the wife of the conductor Sir Charles Mackerras, in December 1993. The group photograph at **JC:P136/P2/1** was given to the College by Lady Mackerras in September 2005.

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1900-10

Photograph album of Frederick Bruce Wilkins. Names of sitters are not given, but Wilkins's position on each photograph in which he appears is given.

Fol. 1r: Group photograph of the College, dated May 1902.

Fol. 1v: "Togger [i.e. Torpids] 1902". Formal group photograph.

Fol. 2r: "Lizzies [i.e. the Elizabethane Society] May 1902". Formal group photograph.

Fol. 2v: "Togger 1902". The crew in their boat by the river ready to start.

Fol. 3r: "Togger 1902". The crew just setting off for the race.

Fol. 3v: "VIII's 1902. Bumping CCC". An action shot, with College barges in background.

Fol. 4r: "VIII's Week 1902". The Jesus First Eight in front of the Jesus College Barge, filled with spectators.

Fol. 4v: [blank]

Fol. 5r: "Soccer Team 1902-3". Formal group photograph.

Fol. 5v: [blank]

Fol. 6r: "Lizzie Dinner 1903". Formal group photograph, taken in Second Quad.

There is a reference in the Society's minutes to a decision to have the photograph taken in the 2nd quad instead of in Hall]

Fol. 6v: [blank]

Fol. 7r: "Bump Supper 1903". Group photograph taken in Second Quad.

Fol. 7v: [blank]

Fol. 8r: "V. C.C.C. Cambridge". Photograph of two football teams, posed all together. See Fol. 32v below, which dates this event to 21 November 1904.

Fol. 8v: [blank]

Fol. 9r: Photograph of woman signed "Trilby". This must be an actress who took this role in the play of the same name.

Fol. 9v: [blank]

Fol. 10r: Eleven photographs. Several are photographs of men, some uniform. One is signed "O. B. Edwards", who was Owen Bidder Edwards (matric 1900), and another

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signed "H. H. W." (identified from fol. 34v below as H. H. "Bert" Wilkins; a brother of Wilkins himself?). Others show the ship H. M. S. Russell, and some shipboard scenes. These may have been taken in 1908, when Wilkins was travelling to India on H. M. S. Russell. **JC:P136/P2/2** was found loose in this opening.

Fol. 10v: [blank]

Fol. 11r: Nine photographs. These include camping scenes, group photographs, and unidentified men. They probably date from Wilkins's time in India.

Fol. 11v: [blank]

Fol. 12r: Three photographs of women. One is signed "Cissie Passmore".

Fol. 12v: [blank]

Fol. 13r: Nine photographs. Two are of camping scenes, the rest of men. Three are signed "V. A. Elliott" (Victor Arnold Elliott [matric 1901]), "A. C. W. Edwards" (Alfred Cecil Wall Edwards [matr 1901]), "Walter M. Best" (Charles Walter Maybery Best [matric 1900]), and "M. E. Davies" (Morgan Evan Davies [matr. 1901]).

Fol. 13v: [blank]

Fol. 14r: Nine photographs, all unlabelled. One shows three students standing in the First Quadrangle of Jesus College; five are of men; The others show an English Church, a warship, and a group of men in fancy dress.

Fol. 14v: [blank]

Fol. 15r: Nine photographs. Two are captioned: "on H. M. S. Russell, Jun 9, 1908", one of which clearly shows Wilkins. One is uncaptioned, and the rest are captioned: "Chatalpara (Luke's Bungalow)", "Dacca, March '09", "Chatalgara", "[illegible] Oxford, June '07", "Elsie and son", and "A. J. P., Oxford June '07".

Fol. 15v: [blank]

Fol. 16r: Nine photographs. Some of them are captioned thus: "A Magh [?] School at [illegible], 1909"; "Circuit House, Rangamati"; "Cooper's boat on the Kamaphili, Jan. 1910"; and Kasalong Muck, Jan 1910" (two photographs given this caption).

Fols. 16v-32r are all blank. The remaining items in this album are menus and pieces of ephemera pasted into it.

Fol. 32v: Menu for a dinner to celebrate a football match between Jesus College and Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, 21 Nov 1904. It has been signed by the participants, whose names are all printed in the menu. See Fol. 8r above for a photograph of the teams.

Fol. 33r: Menu for a Bump Supper at University College for that College's Second Torpid, dated 1904 (day and month not given, but presumably March). Some of the attendees have signed the menu.

Fol. 33v: Menu for the Annual Dinner of the Elizabethane Society, 17 Mar 1904. Names of attendees and their guests are given.

Fol. 34r: Menu for a dinner to celebrate a match between the "A.C." (Athletics Clubs?) of St. John's College, Cambridge, and Jesus College. The names of participants are listed.

Fol. 34v: Menu for the Annual Dinner of the Elizabethane Society, 12 Mar 1903. Names of attendees and their guests are given. Also on this page are three Christmas cards from H. H. "Bert" Wilkins, who presumably is a brother of Wilkins. Two are dated 1900 and 1901; the third is undated. **JC:P136/XI/1**, which was found here, was presumably once pasted onto this page.

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JC:P136/P2 – LOOSE PHOTOGRAPHS

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1901/2

Photograph of the Jesus College Football XI, 1901/2. Names given as O. D. Griffiths, F. B. Wilkins, O. C. White, A. C. W. Edwards, S. A. Jones, D. Williams, F. Allen, O. B. Edwards, Beards [sic], G. G. Newell, and H. W. Jones.
Size (including mount): 380 by 440 mm.

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n.d. (c. 1908)

Photograph (found in **JC:P136/P1/1** fol. 10r) of warship, identified from other photographs in the album as being of H. M. S. Russell.

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Dec 1903

Christmas card (found in **JC:P136/P1/1** fol. 34v) to Wilkins from “Bert” (presumably his brother – see the other Christmas cards pasted into the album there).