JESUS COLLEGE OXFORD

JC:P147 EPHEMERA OF DENIS LESTER (MATR. 1924)

Denis Theodore Lester (1903-90) came up to Jesus College in 1924 and read Modern Languages, having already obtained a BA from London. On going down from Oxford, he became a schoolmaster, spending much of his career teaching at University College School. He was also an examiner for the Oxford Local Exam Delegation.

These items of ephemera were presented to the College in August 1993 by Lester’s granddaughter Miss S. Sheppard. They comprise a few items collected by Lester after he went down, but also a sizeable collection of old postcard views of the College.

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JC:P147/X1 – MISCELLANEOUS EPHEMERA

JC:P147/X1/1 14 & 21 May 1932
Cuttings from Country Life magazine, with two parts of an article about Jesus College.

JC:P147/X1/2 n.d. (late 1960s?)
Prospectus for the Oxford Union. Undated, but the photographs suggest a date of the late 1960s.

JC:P147/X1/3 Mar 1971
Invitation from the Jesus College Boat Club for a quartercentenary dinner for members of the Boat Club to be held in Maidenhead that September.

JC:P147/X1/4 1971
Invitation to Lester and his wife to attend a quartercentenary garden party in Jesus College in June 1971.

JC:P147/X1/5-6 27 Jun 1975
Two copies of a seating plan for a gaudy at Jesus attended by Lester. Harold Wilson (matr. 1934), then in his second term as Prime Minister, was also there.

JC:P147/P1 – POSTCARDS OF JESUS COLLEGE

These postcards were presumably collected by Lester during and after his time at Jesus College. All the cards are unused, so he probably bought them when new. They all measure about 90 by 135 mm.

JC:P147/P1/1 n.d. (c. 1920-40)
Postcard with three views of Jesus College, namely the view from Turl Street, a view into the Chapel, and a view of the First Quadrangle. Full-size postcards of each of these views are to be found at JC:P147/P1/2, JC:P147/P1/4, and JC:P147/P1/6. Caption: “Jesus College, Oxford.”

JC:P147/P1/2 n.d. (c. 1920-40)
Postcard with a view of Jesus College as seen from Turl Street (this photograph is also reproduced on UC:P147/P1/1 above). Caption: “Jesus College, Oxford.”
Postcard with a view of the First Quadrangle of Jesus College seen facing east. There are railings all around the grass. Caption: “Oxford, Jesus College Quad. (Founded A.D. 1571)”.

Postcard with a view of the First Quadrangle of Jesus College seen facing east, but this time with no railings around the grass (this photograph is also reproduced on UC:P147/P1/1 above). Caption: “Jesus College, Oxford.”

Postcard with a view of the First Quadrangle of Jesus College seen facing westwards from the archway under the tower. Caption “Jesus College, Oxford.”

Postcard with a view of the Chapel of Jesus College seen facing eastward from the Antechapel (this photograph is also reproduced on UC:P147/P1/1 above). Caption: “The Chapel, Jesus College, Oxford.”

Postcard with a view of the Chapel of Jesus College seen facing eastward from inside the Chapel proper. Caption: “Jesus College Chapel, Oxford.”

Postcard with a view of the Chapel of Jesus College seen facing westward from the altar. Caption: “The Chapel, Jesus College, Oxford.”


Postcard with a view of the Hall of Jesus College as seen facing westwards. Caption: “Oxford, Jesus College, Dining Hall. (Founded A.D. 1571)”.

Postcard with a view of the Hall of Jesus College as seen facing eastwards. Caption: “The Hall, Jesus College, Oxford.”

Postcard with a photograph of the College’s half-length portrait of Elizabeth I (then hanging in the Hall). Caption: “Queen Elizabeth’s Portrait. Jesus College Oxford.”

Postcard with a view of the Second Quadrangle of Jesus College, seen facing northwards. This shows the quadrangle with its walls covered in ivy. Caption: “Oxford Jesus College, Inner Quad (Founded A.D. 1571)”.
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JC:P147/P1/14  n.d. (c. 1920-40?)
Postcard with a view of the Second Quadrangle of Jesus College, seen facing northwards. This also shows the quadrangle with its walls covered in ivy. Caption: “Jesus College, Oxford.”

JC:P147/P1/15  n.d. (c. 1920-40?)
Postcard with a view of the Second Quadrangle of Jesus College, seen facing eastwards. This also shows the quadrangle with its walls covered in ivy. Caption: “Jesus College, Oxford.”

JC:P147/P1/16  n.d. (c. 1930-50?)
Postcard with a view of the Second Quadrangle of Jesus College, seen facing towards its northwest corner. This shows the quadrangle with its walls cleared of ivy. Caption: “Oxford. Quadrangle, Jesus College.”

JC:P147/P1/17  n.d. (c. 1920-40?)
Postcard with a view of the interior of the Fellows’ Library seen facing northwards. Caption “The Library, Jesus College, Oxford”.

JC:P147/P1/18  n.d. (c. 1920-40?)
Postcard with a photograph of a set of chessmen in the Senior Common Room of Jesus College. Caption: “Chessmen, Jesus College Common Room Oxford.”

JC:P147/P1/19  n.d. (c. 1905?)
Postcard with a view of the “Octagon House”, Broad Street. This was situated at 29 Broad Street, and in 1931 was altered to become the Junior Common Room of Hertford College. Caption: The Oldest House in Oxford (13th Century). The Octagon House, Broad Street.”