Hugh Jones (1815-97), the eldest son of Edward of Holywell, co. Flint, matriculated from Jesus College on 25 October 1832 aged 17. He was a Scholar here from 1834-9, and then a Fellow from 1839-45. He got a Third in Literae Humaniores in Michaelmas Term 1836. Jones was Vicar of Holywell from 1844-68, and then of Llanrwst, co. Denbigh, in 1868-97. He was also a Canon of St. Asaph from 1850, a Canon residentiary there from 1860, and Archdeacon of St. Asaph from 1892-7.

Hugh Jones’s third son, Edward Bertram Hugh Jones (1861-1910) matriculated from Jesus College on 13 October 1879 aged 18, and, like his father, was a Scholar here from 1879-84. Also like his father, Edward read Classics, getting a Second in Mods in 1881 and a Second in Greats in 1883. He became a teacher, rising to become Vice-Principal of St. John’s College Battersea. In 1903 he went out to South Africa to become Rector of Michaelhouse, Natal, but died on his way home in 1910.

The following papers of father and son include a copy of extracts from Hugh’s undergraduate diaries, and Hugh’s battels bills, and Edward’s personal (and very detailed) account book and a few letters to his father. They were all given to the College by Edward’s son Maurice Hugh-Jones (1903-97). Maurice had attended New College before becoming an Economics Fellow at Keble College until 1959, when he was appointed Professor of Economics at Keele University.

Maurice Hugh-Jones gave these records to the College at various times: JC:P154/F1/1-9, JC:P154/F2/1, JC:P154/C1/1-3 and JC:P154/C2/1-2 were given in 1958; JC:P154/P1/1 was given in February 1983; JC:P154/MS2/1 was given in September 1989; and JC:P154/J1/1 was given at an unknown date.

The materials given in 1958 were used by J. N. L. Baker as the basis for an article by him, “Hugh Jones – Father and Son”, which was published in Dragon Vol. 9 no. 1 (Michaelmas 1959), pp. 4-8.

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**JC:P154/F1** – HUGH JONES’S BATELLS BILLS

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9 batells bills for Hugh Jones, from Lady Day 1833 to St. Thomas’s 1835.

**JC:P154/J1** – COPY OF HUGH JONES’S DIARY

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Photocopy of part of the diary kept intermittently by Hugh Jones from October 1832 until January 1834, during his first eighteen months at Oxford. Subjects covered include: family matters; journeys between Oxford and his home in North Wales; the sermons heard by Jones, be they in Anglican or Nonconformist places of worship (Jones regularly heard more than one sermon on Sundays); some of the academic books he is reading or borrowing, and his experiences of Collections; references to
painting (evidently a favoured recreation of his); and his financial affairs. The diary also contains many meditations and prayers by Jones.

**JC:P154/F2 – EDWARD HUGH-JONES’S ACCOUNT BOOK**

**JC:P154/F2/1 1867 & 1879-84**

Account book kept by Edward Hugh-Jones when at Jesus College. The book was started by his father Hugh in 1867, but quickly abandoned; a few pages were torn out, and then the book was given to Edward, who kept it as a record of his expenditure both at Oxford and at home. Edward records his expenditure in very great detail: money is spent, among other things, on clothing, haircuts, crockery, stationery, food, club subscriptions, rowing expenses (he was Captain of Boats for a while), tickets for concerts and plays, books, and travel costs.

**JC:P154/C1 – LETTERS FROM EDWARD HUGH-JONES TO HIS FATHER**

**JC:P154/C1/1 22 May 1883**

Letter from Edward Hugh-Jones (address, Jesus College) to his father Hugh Jones. Edward understands that his father may have to withdraw his sister Ella from school at Cheltenham, and offers to use the money from his scholarship for the following academic year to help pay to keep her there, suggesting that he could teach at a school during that time. In a letter of 22 Feb 1959 in **JC:P154/C3/1**, Edward’s brother George notes that Ella did complete her time at Cheltenham, and suggests that Edward’s offer was accepted.

**JC:P154/C1/2 “Saturday” (Jun 1883)**

Letter (2 sheets) from Edward Hugh-Jones (address, Jesus College) to his father Hugh Jones. Edward talks about his Finals examinations and his forthcoming viva. He also reports in detail on the summer concert and the Gaudy both recently held at Jesus College, and describes rowing on the river when a thunderstorm broke. Although the letter is undated, Hugh Jones has noted that he received the letter on 11 June.

**JC:P154/C1/3 8 Oct 1883**

Letter (2 sheets) from Edward Hugh-Jones (address, Chatham House, Ramsgate) to his father Hugh Jones. Edward, who has a teaching post at this school, reports that he has received an offer of a post of an unspecified kind in Italy before he starts the process of being ordained, and discusses the pros and cons of the offer. He is inclined to accept, but seeks his father’s advice. J. N. L. Baker’s article in the *Dragon* shows that Hugh-Jones did not to go Italy.
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JC:P154 PAPERS OF AND CONCERNING HUGH JONES (MATR. 1832; F. 1839-45) AND EDWARD HUGH-JONES (MATR. 1879)

JC:P154/C2 – LATER CORRESPONDENCE ON THE LIFE OF HUGH JONES

JC:P154/C2/1 26 Jun 1930
Letter from Henry Cleaver (address, Diocesan Registry, St. Asaph) to an unnamed daughter of Hugh Jones, giving details of his ecclesiastical career.

JC:P154/C2/2 20 Mar 1944
Letter from J. Goronwy Edwards, Senior Tutor of Jesus College, to an unnamed daughter of Hugh Jones, confirming the dates when Hugh Jones was attached to the College.


Correspondence between Maurice Hugh-Jones and J. N. L. Baker [11 items]. The letters are mainly concerned with the loan and later donation of the account book of Edward Hugh-Jones, the letters to his father, and Hugh Jones’s battels, as well as J. N. L. Baker’s article on father and son in the 1959 issue of the Dragon, which Maurice much appreciated. The correspondence also includes letters from Maurice’s uncle George which include reminiscences of Edward Hugh-Jones, not least his reactions on hearing about his examination results, and Hugh Jones, with reference to his education and religious upbringing.

JC:P154/MS1 – NOTES BY J.N.L. BAKER

JC:P154/MS1/1 n.d. (c. 1958-9)
Miscellaneous notes by J. N. L. Baker about Hugh Jones and his son, made in connection with his article on them for the Dragon [6 items].

JC:P154/MS2 – NOTES BY MAURICE HUGH-JONES ON HUGH JONES

JC:P154/MS2/1-2 1989
Typescript by Maurice Hugh-Jones comprising a supplement to a short life of Hugh Jones (of which there appears to be no copy in the archives), with addenda about his family, two of whom were portrait painters, along with a copy of a letter from Peter Lord to Hugh-Jones supplying further information about Hugh-Jones’s artistic ancestors.

JC:P154/P1 – PHOTOGRAPH OF PORTRAIT OF HUGH JONES

JC:P154/P1/1 Feb 1983
Colour photograph (measuring 150 by 100 mm) of a portrait of Hugh Jones, with correspondence [2 items] from February 1983 between Maurice Hugh-Jones and David Rees about the donation of the photo to the archives.