Frederick Charles Lay had been offered a scholarship at Jesus College in 1914, but went off to service in the First World War. He therefore did not matriculate from Jesus College until 1918, when he read Chemistry, getting a Second in 1921.

The papers below suggest that it was Lay who in 1965 suggested at a Jesus College Association dinner that the Old Members might be encouraged to make a gift to the College for its 400th anniversary, an initiative which resulted in the construction of the Old Members’ Building. He was also a member, in its earlier stages, of the Appeal Committee which was set up for the 400th anniversary of Jesus College in 1971.

These papers were been given to the College by his daughter Prudence Osborne in September 1980.

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**JC:P160/MS1 – PAPERS ON THE QUATERCENTENARY OF JESUS COLLEGE**

**JC:P160/MS1/1**  Jul 1965-Jan 1967
Bundle of minutes of the Quatercentenary Fund Committee, with associated circulars and correspondence [9 items].

**JC:P160/MS1/2**  Mar-Jun 1969
Bundle of correspondence, mainly about an Appeal Dinner at Jesus College which Lay was organising [23 items].

**JC:P160/MS1/3**  n.d. (late 1960s?)
“Jesus College Quatercentenary Appeal: First List of Subscribers”: printed circular. With it comes a typed supplementary list of more subscribers.

Folder created by Lay containing miscellaneous papers about the anniversary, including arrangements for the visit made by the Prince of Wales on 12 Jun 1971 to open the new building.

**JC:P160/MS1/5**  4 Sep 1969
Typed circular from the Home Bursar of Jesus College to be sent to Old Members, in which is set out the programme of events for the College’s 400th anniversary.

**JC:P160/MS1/6**  12 Sep 1970
Typescript of a draft of the text for a quatercentenary brochure for Jesus College.

**JC:P160/MS1/7**  14 Sep 1970
Letter to Lay inviting him to attend the topping-out ceremony of the new building at Jesus College.
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JC:P160 EPHEMERA OF FREDERICK CHARLES LAY (MATR. 1918) ON THE QUATERCENTENARY OF JESUS COLLEGE

JC:P160/MS1/8 1971
Small scrapbook evidently kept by Lay, in which he pasted programmes and related ephemera relating to events held at Jesus College to mark its 400th anniversary.

JC:P160/MS1/9 12 Jun 1971
Programme of events and list of administrative arrangements for the opening of the Old Members Building by the Prince of Wales.

JC:P160/MS1/10 Mar-June 1971
Collection of newspaper cuttings, taken from various newspapers, about the 400th anniversary of Jesus College, and in particular the visit of the Prince of Wales. The provenance of this collection is uncertain, but they were found with Lay’s papers, and they may well have been assembled by him [7 items.]

JC:P160/MS1/11 1971
Text of A Jesus College Miscellany, a theatrical piece written and directed by Douglas Cleverdon (matr. 1922) for the Quatercentenary of Jesus College, and performed there in June and July 1971. The provenance of this document is uncertain, but it was found with Lay’s papers, and it is plausible that he was given a copy of the Miscellany, on account of his work towards the anniversary.

JC:P160/C1 – CORRESPONDENCE ON THE COLLECTION

JC:P160/C1/1 Sep-Oct 1980
Correspondence between Prudence Osborne, Geoffrey Young, and David Rees, on the deposit of this material in the archives of the College.