William Edwards (1871-1949) matriculated from Jesus College in 1892, having already studied at University College, Cardiff. At Jesus, he was awarded a Meyrick Scholarship in History, and got a Second in Classics Mods in 1894, and a Second in History Finals in 1896. He later became Headmaster of Middlesbrough High School.

In addition to his teaching work, Edwards published a series of basic school textbooks in history, with such titles as *Notes on British History* (5 vols, 1909-23), *Notes on English Literature* (1915), *Notes on Scottish History* (1932), and *Notes on European History* (5 vols, 1925). These were evidently well received, and some of them were reprinted several times.

The two volumes of typescript here seem to relate to an unpublished book, and, according to a page inserted into both books, were presented to the Library of Jesus College by Edwards’s children after 1949 in memory of their father, as a graduate of the College. They were catalogued there as MSS 207-8, and were then transferred to the archives in September 2018 as part of Accession No. 507.


**JC:P214/MS1/1** n.d. (before 1949)
Bound typescript by William Edwards titled *Notes on English Constitutional History Volume I – To Magna Carta*.

**JC:P214/MS1/2** n.d. (before 1949)
Bound typescript by William Edwards titled *Notes on English Constitutional History Volume II*. In fact the book ends with the Tudors, and does not go on beyond 1603.