Ernest Ely Genner (1877-1930) was educated at King Edward's School Birmingham, before going up to Balliol in 1895. He had an outstandingly successful undergraduate career: he achieved Firsts in both Mods and Greats in 1897 and 1899 respectively, and was then elected to a Prize Fellowship at Magdalen College in 1899. He also won many of the major Classics prizes in Oxford, including the Ireland Scholarship. A detailed summary of Genner's early academic career, including lists of the many prizes he won, can be found in W. E. Macray, *Register of Magdalen College Oxford*, Vol. VII (Oxford, 1911), pp. 83-4.

In Michaelmas 1898, while still at Magdalen, Genner began to teach Greek and Latin language and literature to undergraduates at Jesus College, being employed as a Tutor there until he was elected a Fellow of Jesus in 1903. He remained a Fellow and Tutor there until 1926, holding several offices, including that of Librarian, Vice-Principal and Senior Tutor, but was then elected to a Fellowship at Oriel College. It has been suggested that Genner changed Colleges in response to the election of Alfred Hazel as Principal of Jesus in 1925.

In addition to his academic life, Genner was also a devout Methodist. He joined the University's Wesley Guild in 1897, and, as a member of the Wesley Memorial Church, became a Local Preacher travelling around local villages. His wife, Margaret Fryer, whom he married in 1911, was herself the daughter of a Local Preacher.

Genner died on 24 December 1930 following injuries sustained in a cycling accident at Headington (see *Jesus College Magazine* Vol. IV no. 36 (March 1931), p. 72). He had been travelling to a committee meeting at the local hospital.

The only papers of Genner in the archives of Jesus College are a group of five notebooks compiled by Jenner on his pupils. Former Archivist Brigid Allen has said of them that they "comprise a uniquely detailed source of personal information, containing factual notes, and sometimes barbed comments, about the academic prowess, general conduct, and (occasionally) subsequent careers and/or war records of 250 Classics students at Jesus." They therefore present character sketches of Genner's pupils which are unique for this period of the College's history.

The last students about whom Genner writes came up in 1925. Even after he left Jesus College, and, as is shown by the relevant Tutorial Lists, ceased to teach anyone there, he continued to make notes in the book about his pupils' progress until about 1929.

It is not known when these books were presented to the College, but they were in the possession of John Griffith, Classics Fellow of Jesus from 1938-80, at least as early as 1951, to judge from an annotation made by him in JC:F3/A1/4. It is therefore possible that, after Genner’s death, his widow passed them on to Griffith, or even to one of Griffith’s predecessors. Quite possibly he only handed them over to the College on his retirement as Fellow in 1980 (see JC:F3/MS1/1 below).

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These notebooks follow a similar pattern for each pupil. Genner usually gives a date of birth; comments on the family; records of the texts the pupil is reading and the lectures he is attending; and marks in his Latin and Greek prose compositions. He also records his (very candid) opinions on his pupils’ character, abilities, and progress. At the end of each book are tables of marks given for entrance examinations for College scholarships and university prizes, when Genner was one of the examiners.

Exercise book titled by Genner “Records of Jesus Pupils”, containing his notes on the following undergraduates:

- Stanley Gerald Dunn (matr. 1898); page 2
- Henry Alvarez da Costa Pereira (matr. 1898); page 3
- Reginald Walter Matthew (matr. 1898); page 4
- Henry Griffith Walter Thomas (matr. 1898); page 5
- David Williams (matr. 1898); page 6
- Robert Ifor Jones (matr. 1898); page 7
- John Meredydd Williams (matr. 1898); page 8
- Priaulx Carré Ingrouille (matr. 1898); page 9
- Richard Playford Fenn (matr. 1899); pages 10-13
- Henry Parry-Jones (matr. 1899); pages 14-17
- Enrico Davison (matr. 1899); pages 18-21
- William Christopher Wordsworth (matr. 1899); pages 22-25
- Sidney Aurelius Jones (matr. 1899); page 26-29
- John Roberts (matr. 1899); pages 30-33
- Sam Redman (matr. 1899); pages 34-37
- William John Gruffydd (matr. 1899); pages 38-41
- William Bennett Hughes (matr. 1899); pages 42-44
- Maurice Watson Manthorp (matr. 1900); pages 46-49
- Christopher Lintrup Paus (matr. 1900); pages 50-53
- Arthur Edward Williams (matr. 1900); pages 54-57
- Charles Walter Maybury Best (matr. 1900); pages 58-61
- Clifford Hicks Butler (matr. 1900); pages 62-65
- Evan Oliver Evans (matr. 1900); pages 66-69
- Arthur Selwyn Basil Jones (matr. 1900); pages 70-73
- George Glyndwr Newell (matr. 1900); pages 74-77
- Owen Bydder Edwards (matr. 1900); pages 78-81
- John Christopher Wilberforce Rock (matr. 1900; migrated to Jesus 1901); pages 82-85
- John Seymour Blake Reed (matr. 1901); pages 86-89
- William Samuel Davies (matr. 1901); pages 90-93
- Richard Williams (matr. 1901); pages 94-97
- William Verting Sherlock (matr. 1901); pages 98-101
- Victor Arnold Elliott (matr. 1901); pages 102-105
- Arthur Augustus Llewelyn Green (matr. 1901); pages 106-108
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D. Gifford-Wood (failed to matriculate, 1901); page 110
Morgan Evan Davies (matr. 1901); page 114-117
John Williams Thomas (matr. 1901); page 118-121
Samuel Havard Lockyer (matr. 1901); page 122-125
Richard Mackenzie Williams (matr. 1901); page 126-129
Frederick Bruce Wilkins (matr. 1901); page 130-133
Albert Copland Sergeant (matr. 1902); pages 134-137
Thomas Wallace Lumb (matr. 1902); pages 138-141
Harold Lacey (matr. 1902); pages 142-145
Cyril Lodovic Burt (matr. 1902; Hon. F. 1948); pages 146-149
Richard Idwal Hopwood (matr. 1902); pages 150-153
Thomas Williams Phillips (matr. 1902; Hon. F. 1948); pages 154-157
Henry Trevor Tristram (matr. 1902); pages 158-161
Edward Maynard Coningsby Denny (matr. 1902); pages 162-165
Matthew Le Marinel (matr. 1902); pages 166-169
John William Adams (matr. 1902); pages 170-173
John Felix Orlando Lewis (matr. 1902); pages 174-177
Idwal Edward Williams (matr. 1902); pages 178-180
Arnold Ernest Meyrick (matr. 1902); pages 182-185
George Ernest Laurie (matr. 1903); pages 186-189
William Staveley Armour (matr. 1903); pages 190-193
Howell Pugh Roberts (matr. 1903); pages 194-197
John Alwyne Imison (matr. 1903); pages 198-201
Herbert Baxter (matr. 1903); pages 202-205
David John Jones (matr. 1903); pages 206-109
Harold Augustine Thomas (matr. 1903); pages 210-213
John Arthur Smith Griffiths (matr. 1903); pages 214-217
Gwilym Arthur Edwards (matr. 1903); pages 218-221
Griffith Hughes (matr. 1903); pages 222-223
Francis Bernhard Heiser (matr. 1903); pages 226-227.

Pages 230-40 contain Genner’s tables of marks for the Jesus Scholarship exams for 1900, 1901, 1902, and 1904.

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1904-1906

Exercise book titled by Genner “Records of Jesus Pupils”, containing his notes on the following undergraduates:

Anson Robertson Craik Wood (matr. 1904); pages 1-4
Frank William Andrews (matr. 1904); pages 5-8
Morgan Hector Phillips (matr. 1904); pages 9-12
Lewis Cornewall Bishop (matr. 1904); pages 13-16
Thomas John Rowlands (matr. 1904); pages 17-20
John Duncan Mackie (matr. 1904); pages 21-24
William Farel Webber (matr. 1904); pages 25-28
Charles Eric Cunningham (matr. 1904); pages 29-32
Arthur Mainprize Walmsley (matr. 1904); pages 33-36
Charles Edgar Hugh Thomas (matr. 1904); pages 37-40
Walter Morgan (matr. 1904); pages 41-44
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Tudor Price Williams (matr. 1904); pages 45-58
John Arthur Hughes (matr. 1904); page 49
Percy Barter (matr. 1905); pages 53-56
John Ainsworth Dale (matr. 1905); pages 57-60
Leslie Morgan Thomas (matr. 1905); pages 61-64
Stanley Hide (matr. 1905); pages 65-68
Roderick Donald William Dunning Macleod (matr. 1905); pages 69-72
Leslie William Atkin Berry (matr. 1905); pages 73-76
Jenkin Alban Davies (matr. 1905); pages 77-80
Vyvyan Warren Richards (matr. 1905); pages 81-84
Herbert Stewart Ross (matr. 1905); pages 85-88

[Gennner only paginated this notebook thus far. The remaining page numbers were added during cataloguing.]

Alwyn Terrell Petre Williams (matr. 1906; Hon. F. 1935); pages 89-91. A note on his later life has been added by a different hand which can be identified from JC:F3/A1/ p. 229 as that of John Griffith.

Frazer Woodland Toms (matr. 1906); page 92
Charles Latham (matr. 1906); pages 93-95
Percival Vaughan Davies (matr. 1906); pages 96-98
Harold Davies Littler (matr. 1906); pages 99-101
James Hunt (matr. 1906); pages 102-104
Melville Andrew (matr. 1906); pages 105-107

Pages 109-19 contain Genner’s tables of marks for the Jesus Scholarship exams for 1905 and 1907, and for the Ireland and Craven Scholarships for 1906.

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1906-1910
Exercise book titled by Genner “Pupils’ Records Jesus College Oct 1906”, containing his notes on the following undergraduates. This book was left without any page numbers by Genner, but was paginated during cataloguing.

Francis James Hanby (matr. 1906); pages 2-5
William Alcuin Jones (matr. 1906); pages 6-8
John William Cornforth (matr. 1906); pages 10-12
Thomas Salmonson Dawson (matr. 1906); pages 14-17
Harry Victor Higgs (matr. 1906); pages 18-20
Arthur Pearce Shepherd (matr. 1907); pages 22-23
Edward Trevor Dyson (matr. 1907); pages 24-25
Percy William Dodd (matr. 1907; F. 1919-31); pages 26-29
William Yorke Madeley (matr. 1907); pages 30-33
Charles Piper Hazard (matr. 1907); pages 34-37
Arthur Thomas Whellock (matr. 1907); pages 38-41
Charles Bernard Johnson (matr. 1907); pages 42-45
Arthur Clifford Lawson (matr. 1907); pages 46-49
Edward Clarendon Hyde (matr. 1907); pages 50-53
George Davys Jones (matr. 1907); pages 54-57
John Edward Bazille Corbin (matr. 1907); pages 58-61
John Douglas Craig (matr. 1908); pages 62-65. A note on his later life has been added by a different hand which can be identified from JC:F3/A1/ p. 229 as that of John Griffith.
Ivor Williams (matr. 1908); pages 66-69
William Arthur Davies (matr. 1908); pages 70-73
Stephen Winter Warr (matr. 1908); pages 74-77
William John Andrew Jones (matr. 1908); pages 78-81
Charles Robert Attenborough (matr. 1908); pages 82-85
Greville Muir Matthew (matr. 1908); pages 86-89
Harry Arnold Baylis (matr. 1908); pages 90-93
Harold Trevor Eddershaw (matr. 1908); pages 94-97
Walter Leigh Williams (matr. 1908); pages 98-101
Leslie George Taylor (matr. 1908); pages 102-105
Bernard Cecil Hamilton Nicholls (matr. 1908); page 106
John Granville Waldegrave Ferguson (matr. 1909); pages 107-109
Henry Cecil Morgan (matr. 1909); pages 110-113
Douglas Reay Norman (matr. 1909); pages 114-117
Arthur Benjamin Jordan (matr. 1909); pages 118-121
Percy Instan Painter (matr. 1909); pages 122-125
Herbert Reginald Hardie (matr. 1909); pages 126-129
Frederick Spencer Purchas (matr. 1909); pages 130-133
Alfred Joseph Stanley Hart (matr. 1909); pages 134-137
Jacob Picton Gordon Williams (matr. 1909); pages 138-141
Harold Llewellyn Evans (matr. 1910); pages 142-143
Pages 148-153 contain Genner’s tables of marks for the Jesus Scholarship exams for 1908 and 1910.

Exercise book titled by Genner “Pupils’ Records E. E. Genner Jesus College Oxford”, containing his notes on the following undergraduates. This book was left without any page numbers by Genner, but was paginated during cataloguing.

Aubrey Convi (or Gonvi) O’Hara Russ (matr. 1910); pages 2-5
Brian Rhys (matr. 1910); pages 6-9
John Elwyn James (matr. 1910); pages 10-13
William Ewart Nicholson (matr. 1910); pages 14-17
Gerard Charles Whiteley (matr. 1910); pages 18-21
Thomas Ronald Godfray (matr. 1910); pages 22-25
Trevor Stanley Phillips (matr. 1910); pages 26-29
William Oswald Newsam (matr. 1911); pages 30-33.
George Robert Murray Crofts (matr. 1911); pages 34-37
Harry William Thomas Armstrong (matr. 1911); pages 38-41
Hew Ramsay Waugh (matr. 1911); pages 42-45
Leonard Gosse Cooper (matr. 1911); pages 46-49
Clarence Charles Ouless (matr. 1911); pages 50-53
Herbert Cyril James (matr. 1911); pages 54-57
Leslie Gordon Lee (matr. 1911); pages 58-61
Hermann Henry Frederic Elliott Spencer (matr. 1911); pages 62-65
Mowbray Charles Maynard Denny (matr. 1911); pages 66-69
Richard Bennet Hughes (matr. 1911); pages 70-74
Thomas Rowland Powel (matr. 1912); pages 74-75
John Ewart Shillito (matr. 1912); pages 76-79
Guy Johnstone Acheson (matr. 1912); pages 80-83
Jack Parnell Webb (matr. 1912); pages 84-87
Frederick John Roberts (matr. 1912); pages 88-91
David Davis (matr. 1912); pages 92-95
Frank William Jones (matr. 1912); pages 96-99
David Morgan Evans (matr. 1912); pages 100-103
Gwilym Coleshill Davies (matr. 1912); pages 104-107
Arthur John Barrett (matr. 1913); pages 108-111
Robert Michael Scott (matr. 1913); pages 112-115
Angus Buchanan (matr. 1913); pages 116-119
John Henry Williams (matr. 1913); pages 120-123
Geoffrey Frederick John Reeves (matr. 1913); pages 124-126
Alan John Spencer Simmance (matr. 1913); pages 128-131
Frederick Llewelyn Hughes (matr. 1913); pages 132-134
David Ogmore Williams (matr. 1913); pages 136-139
Edward Arthur Edwards (matr. 1913); pages 140-142
Meurig Owen (matr. 1914); pages 144-147
Robert Edward Kingsdown Pemberton (matr. 1914); pages 148-152
William Gordon Temple Edwards (matr. 1914); pages 152-153
Harry Fletcher Attwater (matr. 1914); pages 156-157
Malcolm Vyvyan (matr. 1914); page 160
Clifford Kent Wright (matr. 1915); pages 164-165
William David Davies (matr. 1915); pages 168-171
Alan George Capel Gordon-Smith (matr. 1915); pages 172-173
Sidney Francis Dawes (matr. 1915); pages 176-177
Joseph Edward Parry (matr. 1915); pages 180-182
William David George Wilkinson (matr. 1916); pages 184-187
Eric Cynwyd Rees (matr. 1918); pages 188-189
Henry Alfred Brain (matr. 1919); pages 190-193
Geoffrey Ronald Goddard (matr. 1919); pages 194-195
Alexander Todd (matr. 1919); pages 198-201
James Houghton Page (matr. 1919); pages 202-205
John Gower Meredith Richards (matr. 1919); pages 206-209
Thomas Meirion Lloyd (matr. 1919); pages 210-213
Lewis David Heppenstall (matr. 1919); pages 214-216
Ernest Douglas Mansell (matr. 1919); pages 218-221
Alwyn Rigby Hughes (matr. 1919); pages 222-224
Robert ball Smith (matr. 1919); pages 226-229. Notes on his later career,
dated 18 Dec 1951, added by John Griffith.
Thomas Hampden Evans-Prichard (matr. 1919); pages 230-233
Ewart Whitehead (matr. 1919); pages 234-237
Clement Wilfred Porter (matr. 1919); pages 238-241
Laurence James Carnol Wheeler (matr. 1919); pages 242-245
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Clifford Herbert Davies (matr. 1919); pages 246-249
Reginald Vernon Phillips (matr. 1919); pages 250-253
Sidney Harwin (matr. 1919); pages 254-256
Arthur Walter Sneyd (matr. 1919); pages 258-261
John Hubert Dickinson (matr. 1920); pages 262-265
Thomas Iorwerth Ellis (matr. 1920); pages 266-267.

Pages 268-89 contain Genner’s tables of marks for the Jesus Scholarship exams for 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, the Ireland and Craven Scholarships for 1913 and 1914, and the Hertford Scholarships for 1911. The results of the College scholarships during the war years sometimes note where someone accepted for an award was then killed in action.

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1920-1927
Exercise book titled by Genner “Pupils’ Records E. E. Genner Jesus College Oxford”, containing his notes on the following undergraduates. This book was left without any page numbers by Genner, but was paginated during cataloguing.

John Edward Daniel (matr. 1920); pages 1-4
Frank Pyrah (matr. 1920); pages 5-8
Albert William Griffiths (matr. 1920); pages 9-12
Donald William Reid (matr. 1920); pages 13-16
William Frederick Flemington (matr. 1920); pages 17-20
Charles Henry Eason (matr. 1920); pages 21-24
Garfield Howell Jenkins (matr. 1920); pages 25-28
John Humphrey Jones (matr. 1920); pages 29-32
Harold Arthur Harris (matr. 1921); pages 33-36
Arthur Dyfrig James (matr. 1921); pages 37-40
Edmund Ronald Tucker (matr. 1921); pages 41-44
Charles Stanley Archer (matr. 1921); pages 45-48
Neil Evans (matr. 1921); pages 49-52
Edward Ewart Matthews (matr. 1921); pages 53-56
Alfred Barnholt Hughes (matr. 1922); pages 57-60
George Ferrand Longbotham (matr. 1922); pages 61-64
Kenneth Charles Thompson (matr. 1922); pages 65-68
Thomas Edmeades Baker (matr. 1922); pages 69-70
Thomas Douglas James Cleverdon (matr. 1922); pages 73-76
William Glyn Hughes Simon (matr. 1922); pages 77-80
Norman Gregory Matthews (matr. 1922); pages 81-84
John Basil Gower-Jones (matr. 1922); pages 85-88
Thomas Horace James (matr. 1922); pages 89-92
John Kenneth Barnes (matr. 1923); pages 93-96
Eric Harold Francis Smith (matr. 1923); pages 97-100
Herbert John Evans (matr. 1923); pages 101-104
Leonard Goulden Fluke (matr. 1923); pages 105-108
Glynne Humphreys Roberts (matr. 1923); pages 109-112
Harry Alec Cadwaladr Evans (matr. 1923); pages 113-116
John Gwynfloyd Nicholas (matr. 1923); pages 117-120
William Augustine Havard (matr. 1923); pages 121-124
Arthur Gordon Jenkins (matr. 1923); pages 125-128
Terence Bruce-Mitford (matr. 1924); pages 129-132
Gwilym John Jones (matr. 1924; later Gwilym John Price-Jones); pages 133-136
Robert Leoline James (matr. 1924); pages 137-140. A note on his later life has been added by a different hand which can be identified from JC:F3/A1/ p. 229 as that of John Griffith.
William Moses Williams (matr. 1924); pages 141-144
Edward Parkinson (matr. 1924); pages 145-148
John Cyril Hill (matr. 1924); pages 149-152
John Maurig Evans (matr. 1924); pages 153-156
Philip Martin Russell Lynch (matr. 1924); pages 157-158
Gunasena de Soyza (matr. 1924); pages 161-164
Raymer Llewellyn Evans (matr. 1925); pages 165-168
Geoffrey Noel Jenks (matr. 1925); pages 169-171
Arthur Colinwood Beard (matr. 1925); pages 173-175
Benjamin Sydney Edwards (matr. 1925); pages 177-178
Joseph Kaye Hammond (matr. 1925); pages 181-182
Charles Stephen Conway Williams (matr. 1925); pages 185-186
Trevor Randall Claerwen Protheroe (matr. 1925); pages 189-190
William Harkness Browne (matr. 1925); pages 193-195
Emlyn Williams (matr. 1925); pages 197-199
Norman Scott Fergusson (matr. 1925); pages 201-203
Eric Evans (matr. Apr. 1926); pages 205-206

Pages 207-226 are blank.
Pages 227-34 contain Genner’s tables of marks for the Ireland and Craven Scholarships for 1921, 1926, and 1927, and the Hertford Scholarship for 1921.

**JC:F3/MS1 – NOTE BY JOHN GRIFFITH**

Typed note by John Griffith (F. 1938-80) on Genner’s notebooks, in which he discusses the teaching of Classics in the early 20th century, and expresses his hopes that the notebooks will find a safe home somewhere. The annotations make in the notebooks suggests that they had been in Griffith’s possession since at least 1951. Griffith’s retirement as Fellow in 1980 is presumably the reason for his handing them over to the College.