

## JESUS COLLEGE ARCHIVES

JC:F3

PAPERS OF ERNEST ELY GENNER (F. 1903-26)

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 Genner 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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### JC:F3/A1 – THE ACADEMIC NOTEBOOKS OF E. E. GENNER

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.

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**1899-1903**

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 Cornwall 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

[Genner 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.

**JC:F3/A1/3**

**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 Whitelock (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

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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.

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**1910-1920**

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 Oules (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

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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 Penry 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 Ogmores 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-Pritchard (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.

**JC:F3/A1/5**

**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

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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/MSI – NOTE BY JOHN GRIFFITH****JC:F3/MSI/1****Jul 1980**

Typed note by John Griffith (F. 1938-80) on Genner's notebooks, in which he discusses the teaching of Classics in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, and expresses his hopes that the notebooks will find a safe home somewhere. The annotations made 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.