

## JESUS COLLEGE, OXFORD

**JC:F6** JOHN GRIFFITHS (MATR. 1856; FELLOW 1863-1916)

John Griffiths, the son of James of Llangendeirne, co. Carmarthen, was educated at Cowbridge School, and matriculated from Jesus College on 11 March 1856 aged 18. He was a scholar here from 1857-60, and read Mathematics, being awarded a First both in Mods in 1857 and in his Finals in 1860, and receiving the Junior and Senior Mathematics Scholarships in 1858 and 1862. He was elected a Fellow in 1863. He held various posts in the College including tutor and librarian in 1864, junior bursar in 1870, and dean in 1872. He retained his Fellowship until his death in May 1916, having spent his last years back in Wales, near Kidwelly. Further information on him is given in his obituary in *The Times* of 19 May 1916.

The only papers of Griffiths in the archives are these two mathematics notebooks. It is not known when or how they came to the College, but they lived for many years in the College Library, where they had been catalogued as MS 333 and MS 334.

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**JC:F6/MS1/1**

**Dec 1853-Oct 1854**

Mathematics notebook of John Griffiths. On the cover it is dated to December 1853, and on the inside front cover it is inscribed "John Griffiths Otr 19 1854 E Schola Bov: [i.e. Cowbridge School]." The notebook is otherwise undated, but it was probably used by Griffiths when he came up to Oxford. Its contents mainly relate to algebra and trigonometry.

**JC:F6/MS1/2**

**1884-5**

A second mathematics notebook of John Griffiths, once again mainly concerned with algebra and trigonometry. This was compiled when Griffiths was a Fellow of Jesus College, for several pages in the book appear to consist of his drafts for examination questions from 1885, when he was a University Examiner in Maths Finals.