

JESUS COLLEGE OXFORD

JC:F9 EDWARD CROSSLEY THOMPSON (FELLOW 1945-86)

Edward Crossley Thompson (1919-1991) read Mathematics at New College from 1937-40, and then worked at Bletchley Park. He was Fellow and Mathematics Tutor of Jesus College from 1945-1986. He held several College offices, including Tutor for Admissions and Senior Treasurer of the Amalgamated Clubs, but above all he served as Estates Bursar in 1962-78. During his term of office he oversaw the erection of buildings at Bartlemas Close, the Old Members Building, the creation of Stevens Close. Outside the College, he served as Chairman of the Board of the Mathematics Faculty, and was Junior Proctor in 1954/5. A bust of him, commissioned by the College to mark its thanks for his Bursarial work, stands in the Hall. The text of a memorial address given in Thompson's memory by his longtime colleague Geoffrey Young is given in *Jesus College Record* 1992, pp. 39-43.

The archives contain many papers of Thompson in his capacity as Estates Bursar, which are grouped among the Bursary papers. However, there are a few papers which reflect Thompson's keen interest in the history of Jesus College, and it is these which are listed in this collection. They were found in the archives in 2016, presumably given at various times by Thompson himself.

Catalogued in February 2021.

JC:F9/MSI – NOTES ON ASPECTS OF JESUS COLLEGE HISTORY

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1967-72

File inscribed "College History (J.N.L.B.)", containing E. C. Thompson's correspondence about the College history written by J. N. L. Baker. Baker planned to write a major new history of the College to be published for the Quatercentenary in 1971. When it was finished, the typescript was submitted to OUP, but rejected. Baker instead produced a drastically shortened version which was published in 1971, just before his death. A copy of the text of the larger version of Baker's history is in the archives among Baker's own papers.

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1971-9

File of papers assembled by Thompson on the history of the College's silver. These include copies of a catalogue for a silver exhibition held in June 1971 to mark the College's Quatercentenary, and notes on the silver owned by the College before the Civil War.

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1980

Folder containing a memoir of J. N. L. Baker (F. 1939-62) by E. C. Thompson, and a memorandum on College finance written by Baker in 1953, with some correspondence on the memoir from 1980. Thompson's memoir of Baker is a very important account of the College during the 1940s, 1950s, and 1960s, with some penetrating discussions of Principals Ogilvie and Christie, and the circumstances of their elections.

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Sep 1982

Folder inscribed "College Chest", containing a typescript, with drafts, by Thompson on the role of the College chest in the finances of Jesus College.

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JC:F9/MSI/5 **n.d. (1980s?)**
 Folder containing a typescript, with drafts, by Thompson on the Principals of Jesus College and their memorials in the Chapel. The notes are undated, but appear to have been written in the 1980s.

JC:F9/MSI/6 **n.d. (1980s?)**
 Folder, uninscribed, of miscellaneous notes by Thompson on College history. They include discussions of statutes, Royal Commissions, thoughts on the College during the 19th century, College finances, and various College funds.

JC:F9/MSI/7 **1984**
 Notes by E. C. Thompson on the creation of the gallery in Hall, written in March 1985 in response to an interview with Len Clarke in the 1984 issue of the *Jesus College Record*. Thompson took issue with the claim in the *Record* that the story of the creation of the gallery after the fire of 1913 was a “myth”, and supplies evidence that this story was the correct one.

JC:F9/MSI/8 **1985**
 Folder containing a typescript article by Thompson on Sir Leoline Jenkins, with his working notes towards it, including a typescript of Jenkins’s will.