

JESUS COLLEGE OXFORD

JC:PI56 PAPERS OF JOHN DUGDALE TURNER (MATR. 1933)

John Dugdale Turner (1913-67) came up to Jesus College in 1933, and read History. He worked for many years in Tanganyika (now Tanzania).

These documents were presented to the College by his daughters in May 2018 as Accession No. 473. They comprise photographs and some dinner menus. Turner was much involved in the Jesus Dramatic Society, being its President in Trinity Term 1935, and the papers include a photograph and two dinner menus relating to that Society.

The memorabilia relating to the Jesus Dramatic Society often includes an elephant. It is not known why this animal (otherwise unknown at the College) was adopted by this society at this time.

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JC:PI56/PI - PHOTOGRAPHS

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1936

Photograph of the Jesus College Lawn Tennis Club. The sitters are as follows:
Back Row (l. to r.): Richard Cerdin Griffiths (matr. 1934), J. D. Turner, Sidney Edwin Brindley (matr. 1932), and Merfyn Daniel Evans (matr. 1934).
Front row (l. to r.): Aditya Nath Jha (matr. 1934), Trevor Halse (matr. 1933) and Maxwell Guy Thomas Burrows (matr. 1934).
Size (including mount): 370 by 460 mm.

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n.d. (c. 1934-6)

Photograph of a group of men (presumably Jesus students and some friends) seated having a meal in a garden. Turner is seated fourth from the right. The purpose of the dinner is unknown, but in the centre of the group is an elephant which was the mascot of Fremlins Ale, and seems to have been adopted by the Jesus Dramatic Society.
Size (including mount): 130 by 180 mm.

JC:PI56/PI/3

20 Jun 1935

Photograph of a group of men seated having a dinner in an unidentified room. A menu visible on the table shows that this was the dinner held to celebrate the Jesus Dramatic Society's production of *The Birds*, held in Lincoln Hall. A copy of the menu is at **JC:PI56/XI/3**. "Lincoln Hall" appears to be a small room, and may not be the Hall of Lincoln College.
Size (including mount): 100 by 150 mm.

JC:PI56/XI - DINNER MENUS

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23 May 1934

Dinner menu, signed by several of those present, for a Bump Supper held at Jesus College (the First Eight had made five bumps that year).

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14 Jun 1934

Dinner menu, signed by many of those present for a commemoration dinner held to mark the Jesus Dramatic Society's performance of *Hamlet*. This was held in Lincoln Hall (see **JC:PI56/PI/3** on this room). The menu includes punning references to the play.

JC:PI56/XI/3

20 Jun 1935

Dinner menu, signed by many of those present for a commemoration dinner held to mark the Jesus Dramatic Society's performance of Aristophanes's *The Birds*. This was held in Lincoln Hall (see **JC:PI56/PI/3** on this room). The menu includes punning references to the play. See **JC:PI56/PI/3** for a photograph of the dinner.

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6 Mar "403 A.E." (i.e. 1937)

Dinner menu for the annual feast of the Elizabethane Society, with inscriptions from some of those present. Turner had finished his degree by now, and appears to have been about to leave for Tanganyika, because the menu includes several jokey references to his new home.