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JC:P248 PAPERS OF SIR FLINDERS PETRIE ON EARLY BRITISH HISTORY

Sir William Matthew Flinders Petrie (1853-1942) was one of the most distinguished archaeologists of his generation, best known for his work in Egypt. However, as these papers show, he took an interest in British archaeology and history as well.

Petrie had no links with Jesus College, and most his papers are held in other repositories, notably the Egypt Exploration Society, the National Maritime Museum, the Griffith Institute and the Sackler Library, Oxford, and University College London. It appears that these two documents from his papers were both given to Jesus College after his death by his widow Hilda, who died in 1957, presumably because of their “Celtic” connotations, to join the Celtic Library.

The documents later made their way to the Fellows’ Library, and were transferred from there to the archives in September 2018 as part of Accession No. 507.

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Manuscript paper (28 fols.) by Sir Flinders Petrie, titled “Neglected British History”. This was read at a meeting of the British Academy and published in *Proceedings of the British Academy* (1917/18), pp 251-78. It is dated 14 November 1917. With the lecture is a letter from Sir Israel Gollancz to Sir Flinders Petrie, dated 134 September 1917, in which he suggests a date when Petrie’s lecture may be read, and discusses plans to establish an annual British Academy lecture on Celtic subjects in memory of Sir John Rhys. There is a note with these papers by David Rees suggesting that they were given to the Celtic Library by Lady Petrie in about 1950. [formerly listed as MS 178]

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n.d. (c. 1915-25?)

Untitled typescript (21 fols.) of an untitled article or lecture on Gildas by Rev. Arthur Wade-Evans (1875-1964), who had matriculated from Jesus College in 1893. It is undated, but a volume published in 1911 is described on fol. 11 as “recent”. The typescript was bound in 1962, according to an old list, and it bears a bookplate recording that it was given by Hilda, Lady Petrie at an unknown date. Presumably Wade-Evans had given the typescript to Petrie, and it was found among Petrie’s papers on his death. [formerly listed as MS 249]