

EUSTACE WILKINSON JONES (1909-1992)

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This is one in a series of articles about prominent British and Irish field-bryologists of the past. The author would be very pleased to learn of any information which supplements its content.

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Bryological career

Oxford County Museum at Woodstock has about 800 plants that Jones collected between 1939 and 1991.

Family background and biography

Eustace Jones was born on June 6th 1909, son of Oscar Jones (born 1877, a civil engineer for the railways in 1901) and Alice (*née* Wilkinson, 1888).

Oscar Jones was born in Stafford, which was his mother's (Mary Jane *née* Taylor, 1850) home town. His father was Thomas William Jones, an architectural and civil engineer's draughtsman, whose own father, Thomas Jones, sold ale, porter and spirits.

Alice Jones's father was George Wilkinson, a journeyman currier and coal-miner, and son of a blacksmith.

Eustace was educated at Queen Mary's Grammar School, Walsall; then at Jesus College, Cambridge (1928-31), where he met Paul Richards. He graduated Ph.D. at Cambridge in 1937, having by then already joined the Forestry School at Oxford in 1934. He retired in 1972.

Jones remained a bachelor, and in about 1958 moved from the city of Oxford to live in the nearby village of Kirklington.