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DR. DAVID KIRBY

(1932 - 1969)

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Description of the collection

The papers cover the years 1961 - 69 and relate entirely to Dr. Kirby's work on embryology and reproductive physiology. They were received from Dr. W.D. Billington. Short tributes are included by Sir Alan Bullock, Master of St. Catherine's College Oxford and Mr. A.E.L. Todd.

A file referring to Kirby's fellowship at St. Catherine's College, and to his accident, is in the care of the Master of St. Catherine's and may be consulted only with his permission.

The David Kirby Memorial Fund provides a David Kirby Bursary, awarded annually in the University of Oxford (See Item 2).

Summary of the career of Dr. Kirby

- b.1932 Educated Melton Mowbray Grammar School  
 1950 - 52 National Service, R.A.F.  
 1954 Durham University (Zoology)  
 1957 Research student, Department of Zoology, Oxford. D.Phil.  
 1958 Married Joan Wilson  
 1960 Ford Foundation Research Fellow, London Zoological Society  
 1963 Senior Research Officer  
 1964 Senior Research Officer, Department of Zoology, Oxford (supported by the Medical Research Council)  
 1965 Fellow and Tutor in Zoology, St. Catherine's College Oxford  
 Dr. Kirby died in 1969 after injuries received in a car accident

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