

Hull History Centre: Invitations, menu and cards showing artwork (prints) by Benjamin Septimus Jacobs

**C DIJY                      Invitations, menu and cards showing                      Late 19th cent.  
artwork (prints) by Benjamin Septimus Jacobs**

**Accession number:** 23/41

**Biographical Background:** Born in 1851, Benjamin Septimus Jacobs was the seventh son of Bethel Jacobs, one of Hull's leading figures in the mid-19th century in Hull. Benjamin's father, Bethel was a silversmith and clockmaker who had a jeweller's shop at 7 Whitefrarigate. Benjamin was educated in Hull and trained to become an architect and set up his own practice Hull. He served time with the W. Botterill, architect of Hull and spent time on railway survey work.

Jacobs returned to Hull 1876 and worked from his practice in the city until he eventually retired in 1925. His best-known work in the city is probably the former Yorkshire Penny Bank built in 1898, overlooking Queen Victoria Square. He was commissioned to design Pacific Exchange in Hull's High Street, along with Phoenix Chambers. And like the former Yorkshire Penny Bank, both buildings remain. Wheeler Street Primary was another of his buildings, as too is Hull's Western Synagogue in Linneaus Street which opened in 1902.

Jacobs was involved in Jewish matters in the city and was one of the founders of the first president of the Hull Western Hebrew congregation, and president of the Hull Hebrew Board of Guardians. He was also a prominent freemason, being a twice W.M. of the Kingston Lodge 1010.

Jacobs died on 1st January 1931, aged 79 and buried at the Delhi Street cemetery, Marfleet, Hull.

**Custodial history:** Deposited by Jacqueline Rae in October 2023

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**Extent:** 8 items

**Related material:** Records of Hull's Jewish community can be found at C DJC. Please visit the Hull History Centre online catalogue <https://catalogue.hullhistorycentre.org.uk/> for further details. For additional information on the Jacobs family please consult the Biographical Index, available in the library area at the Hull History Centre.

**Access conditions:** Access will be granted to any accredited reader

C DIJY/1	Invitation to the Hull Musical Union Club concert The final smoking concert at the Public Rooms, Jarratt Street, Saturday 10th May, Chairman A.K. Rollit. Artwork by Benjamin Septimus Jacobs 1 item	10 May 1884
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C DIJY/2	<p>Invitation to celebrate the 50th anniversary of her Majesty's reign            From The Sheriff of Hull , Dr. Sherburn requesting the company of Captain &amp; [Mrs.] B.S. Jacobs at a reception at the Artillery Barracks on Friday evening the 24th June 1887.            Artwork by Benjamin Septimus Jacobs.            1 item</p>	27 Jun 1887
C DIJY/3	<p>Menu for a dinner            At the Victoria Hotel, 7 Jun 1888.            Artwork by Benjamin Septimus Jacobs.            1 item</p>	7 Jun 1888
C DIJY/4	<p>Card for the Humber Yawl Club            Artwork by Benjamin Septimus Jacobs.            1 item</p>	1891
C DIJY/5	<p>Invitation to Mr. [B.S.] Jacobs            From Fred Good &amp; Wm. Nicholson for supper at the Royal Oak, Paul 18 Sep 1886.            Artwork by Benjamin Septimus Jacobs.            1 item</p>	18 Sep 1886
C DIJY/6	<p>Invitation to Mr. Rollit            From Wm. Woodall to attend Queen Anne's Mansions, St. James's Park.            Artwork by Benjamin Septimus Jacobs.            1 item</p>	24 Mar 1884
C DIJY/7	<p>Card showing illustration of five young children            Printed artwork shows three young children with the text 'Lily &amp; Peacock's feather &amp; birthday weather, &amp; medieval joys; good wishes without measure, i said them all together by these small girls &amp; boys'.            The illustration is signed Alfred Gray, therefore it is no clear weather this is actually by Benjamin Septimus Jacobs.            1 item</p>	n.d.
C DIJY/8	<p>Card with illustration described as 'ye Jollie Sugar Boilers: in the Boiler Room'            Printed artwork. Illustration is very much similar to C DIJY/1-6 which are by Benjamin Septimus Jacobs.            1 item</p>	n.d.