

# Oxford Women in Economic and Social History

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Above, Miss Moberly, Miss Penrose, Mrs Johnson, Miss Jourdain, and Miss Fox-Blake, Principals of Colleges, who  
have received Honorary Degrees.

St Hilda's

Somerville

OHS.

St Hughs

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## A. E. Levett (1881-1932)

- 1907 BA Modern History at Lady Margaret Hall
- 1910-23 History Tutor, St Hilda's
- 1913-23 Vice-Principal, St Hilda's
- 1923-28 Tutor to women students, King's College London
- 1929 Professor of Modern History, University of London

### Notable publications:

- *Studies in Manorial History* (Oxford, 1938)
- 'The Courts and Court Rolls of St. Albans Abbey', *Transactions of the Royal Historical Society* (1924)
- *The Black Death* (Oxford, 1916)

Portrait at St. Hilda's College





## Lynda Grier (1880-1967)

CBE

- 1908 Economics Tripos at Newnham, Cambridge
- 1915 Professor of Economics, Leeds University
  - studied the substitution of men by women in munitions factories during the war
- 1921-45 Principal, Lady Margaret Hall
- 1926 First woman to serve on Oxford's Hebdomadal Council
- 1940s Faculty Fellow and Chairperson of Education Committee, Nuffield
- 1948-50 British Council Chief Representative in China during the Communist Revolution
- 1951 CBE
- 1953 First honorary Doctor of Laws given to a woman graduate of Cambridge

## C. Violet Butler (1884-1982)

- 1905 BA Modern History, St Anne's
- First woman to gain a Distinction in the Diploma in Economics and Political Science
- 1914-45 Economics Tutor, St Anne's

Notable publications:

- *Domestic Service: An Enquiry by the Women's Industrial Council* (London, 1916)
- *Social Conditions in Oxford* (Oxford, 1912)

She taught:

- Town Government and its Economic Background from 1760
- Municipal and Social History from 1760
- The Regulation of Hours and Working Conditions, 1820-1920

Portrait by Peter Wardle, 1968







## Julia de Lacy Mann (1891-1985)

- 1910-14 BA Classics at Somerville
- The war years
  - Social science diploma at LSE
  - Worked as a clerk in the Admiralty
  - 1916-19 worked in the Foreign Office, attending the Paris peace conference as one of the staff
- 1919 Economics Diploma with Distinction at Somerville
- 1923 Economics Tutor at St Hilda's
- 1927-34 Assistant Editor of the *Economic Historical Review*
- 1928-55 Principal of St Hilda's

## Joan Thirsk (1922-2013)

CBE, FBA, FRHistS

- 1941-2 ATS Intelligence Corps at Bletchley Park
  - 'fusion room', responsible for tracing the location of units of the German army
- 1949 PhD at the LSE under the supervision of RH Tawney
- 1951-65 Research fellowship in agrarian history at University of Leicester
- 1952-3 Helped found the British Agricultural History Society and the *Agricultural History Review*
- 1965-83 Reader in Economic History, Oxford
  - innovations in farming and industry
  - consumption, knitting, tobacco, food history
- 1994 CBE





## Joan Thirsk (1922-2013)

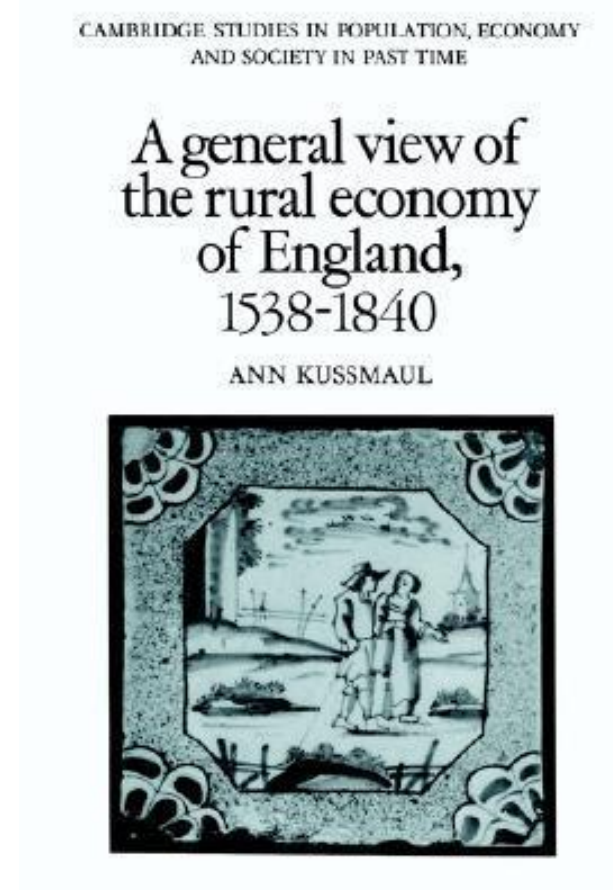
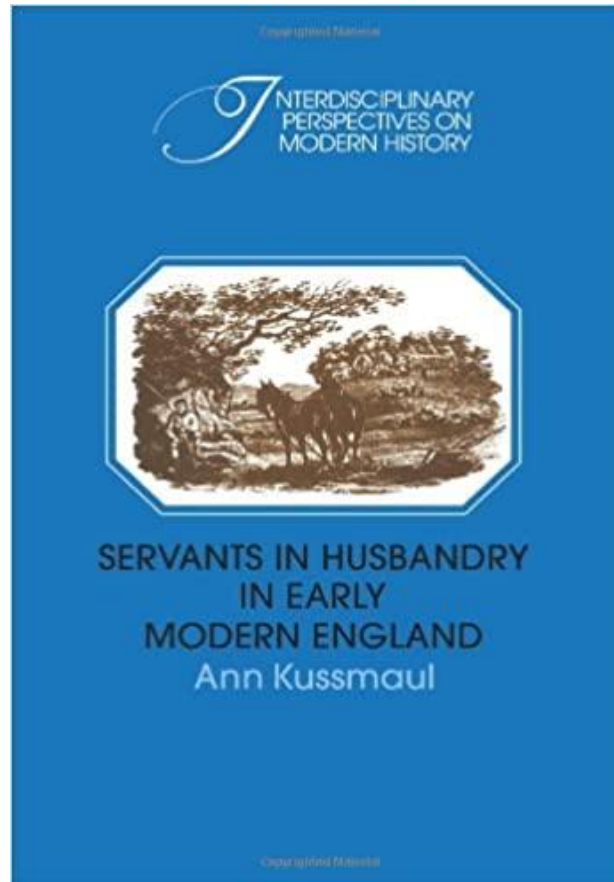
### Notable publications:

- *Food in Early Modern England: Phases, Fads, Fashions 1500-1760* (Hambledon, 2007)
- *Economic Policy and Projects: Development of a Consumer Society in Early Modern England* (Oxford, 1978)
- General editor, *The Agrarian History of England and Wales* (Cambridge, 1974 onwards)
- *English Peasant Farming: the Agrarian History of Lincolnshire from Tudor to Recent Times* (London, 1957)



## Ann Kussmaul (1945-2008)

- Educated at Mount Holyoke College, Duke University and the University of Toronto
- Doctorates in Economics and Economic History
- 1992-6 Reader in Economic History, Oxford





## Jane Humphries

CBE, FBA, FRHistS

- 1970 Economics Tripos at Newnham
- 1973 PhD at Cornell
- 1973-80 Assistant and then Associate Professor, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
- 1980-95 University Lecturer in Economics, Cambridge
- 1995-8 Reader in Economics and Economic History, Cambridge
- 1998-2004 Reader in Economic History, All Souls
- 2004-16 Professor of Economic History, All Souls
- 2010-13 President, EHS
- 2018 CBE  
Centennial Professor, LSE
- 2019 Royal Economic Society Prize





## Jane Humphries

Some notable publications:

- 'The Wages of Women in England, 1260-1850', with Jacob Weisdorf, *JEH*, 75/2, (2015)
- *Childhood and Child Labour in the British Industrial Revolution* (Cambridge, 2010)
- 'Women's Labour Force Participation and the Transition to the Male-Breadwinner Family, 1790-1865', with Sara Horrell, *EHR*, XLVIII/1 (1995)
- 'Enclosures, Common Rights and Women: The Proletarianization of Families in late Eighteenth and early Nineteenth Century Britain', *JEH*, L/1 (1990)
- 'Class Struggle and the Persistence of the Working-Class Family', *Cambridge Journal of Economics*, 1/3 (1977)

