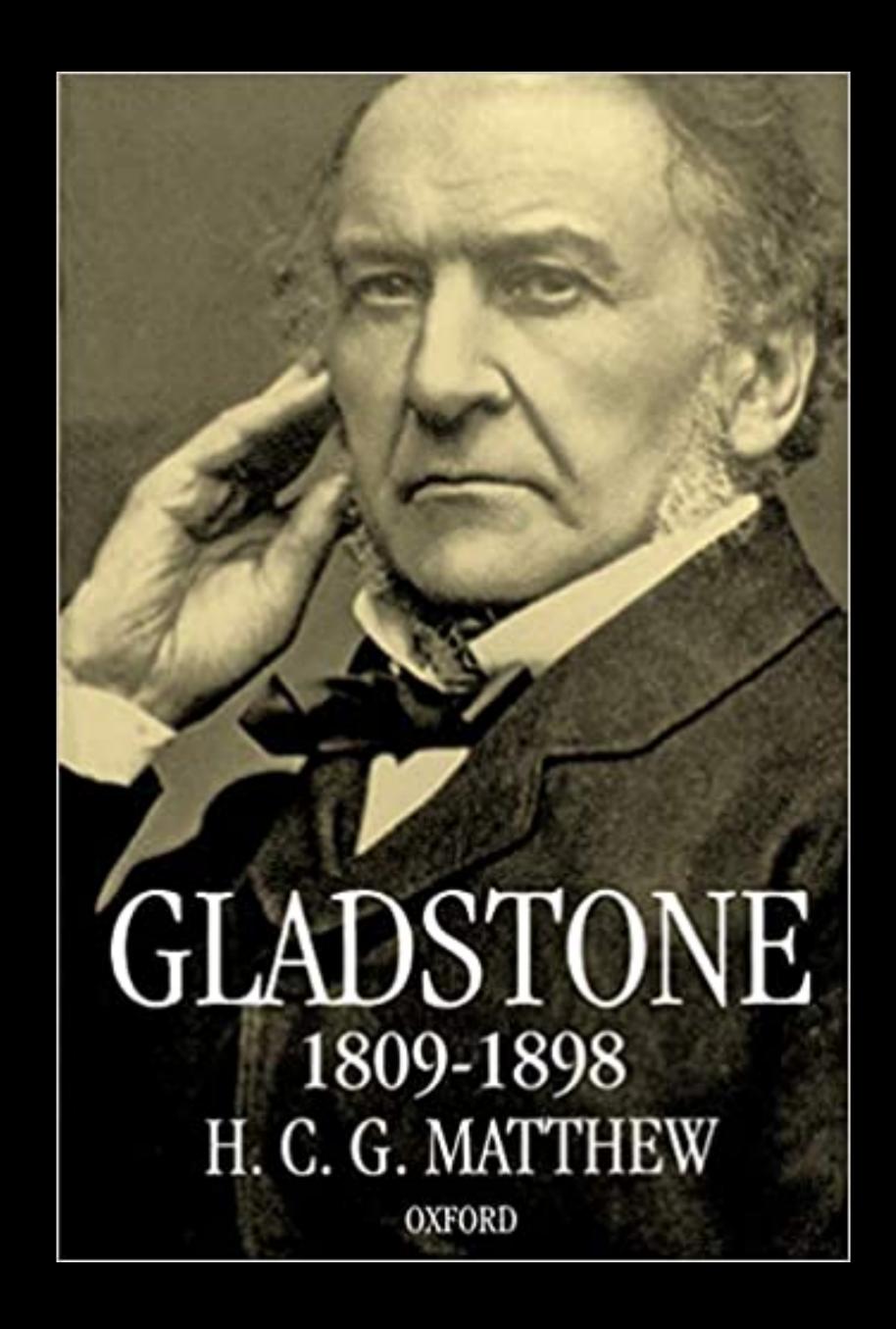
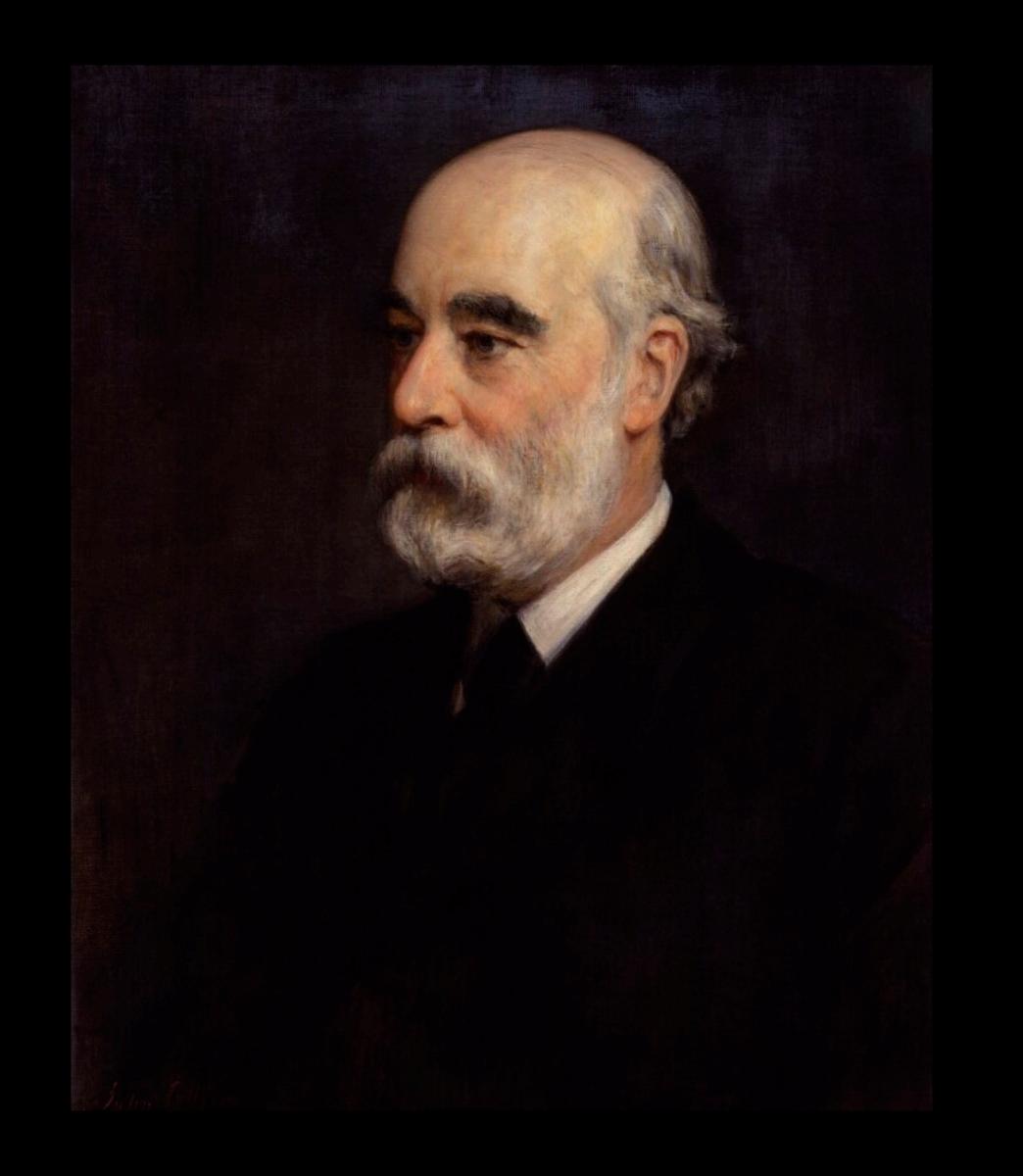
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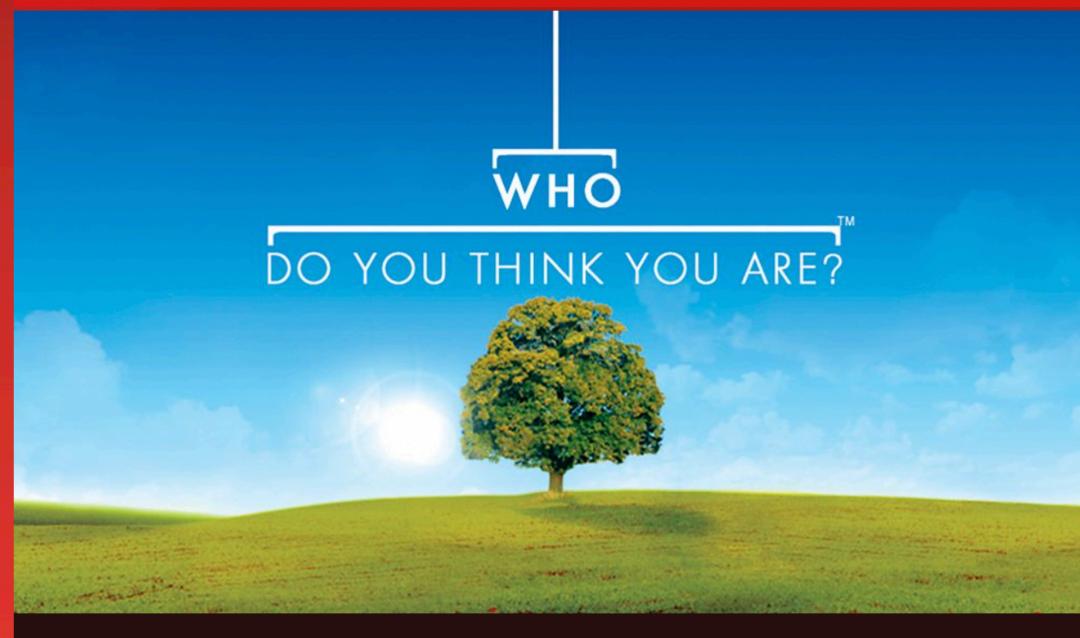






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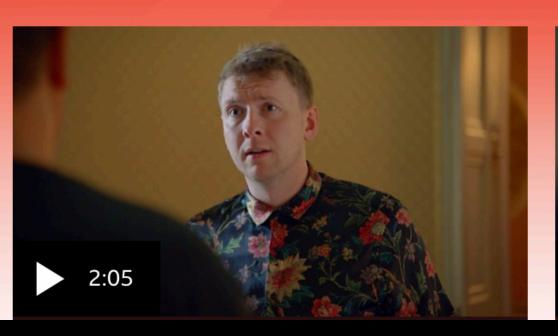
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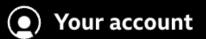














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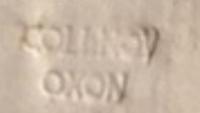
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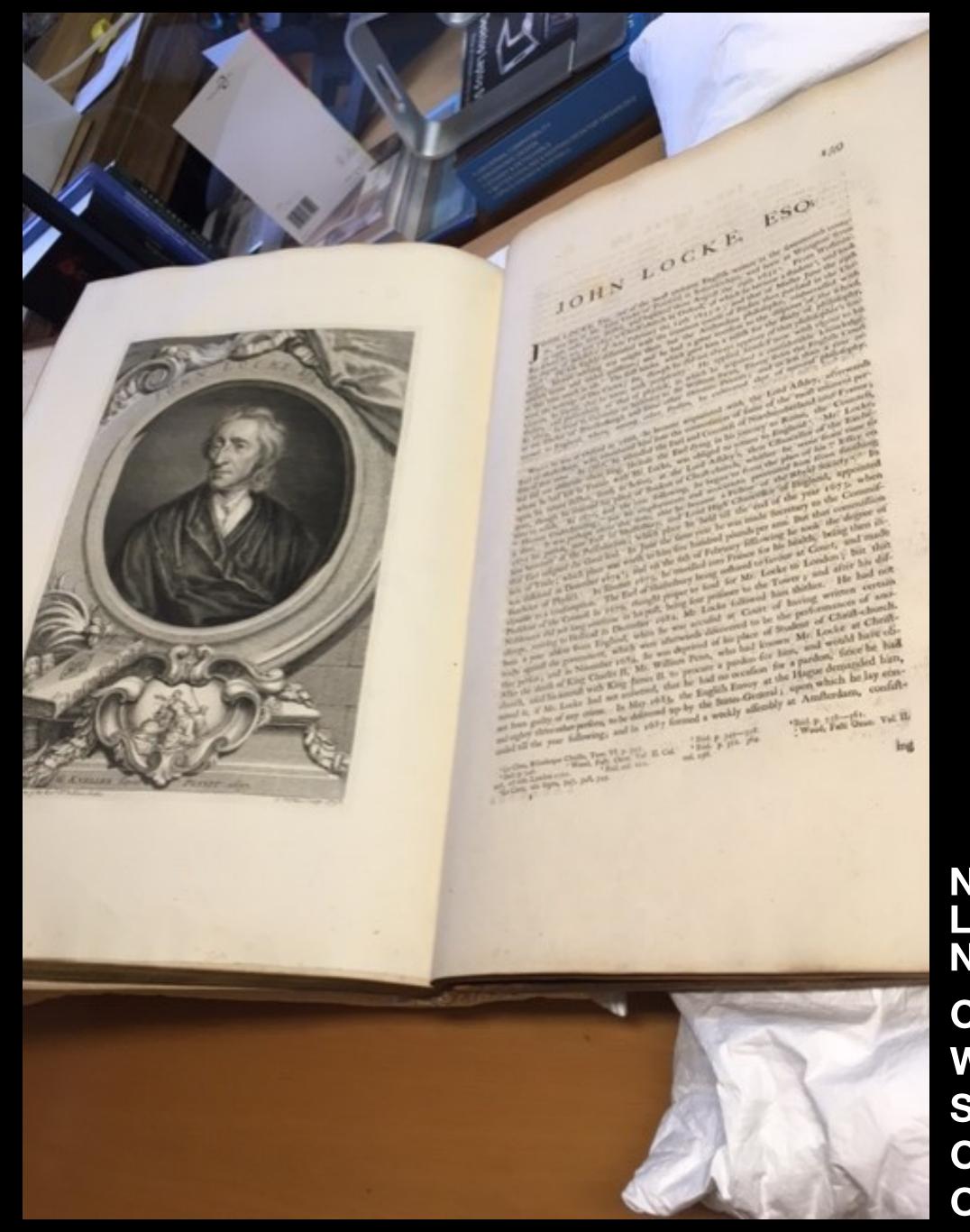
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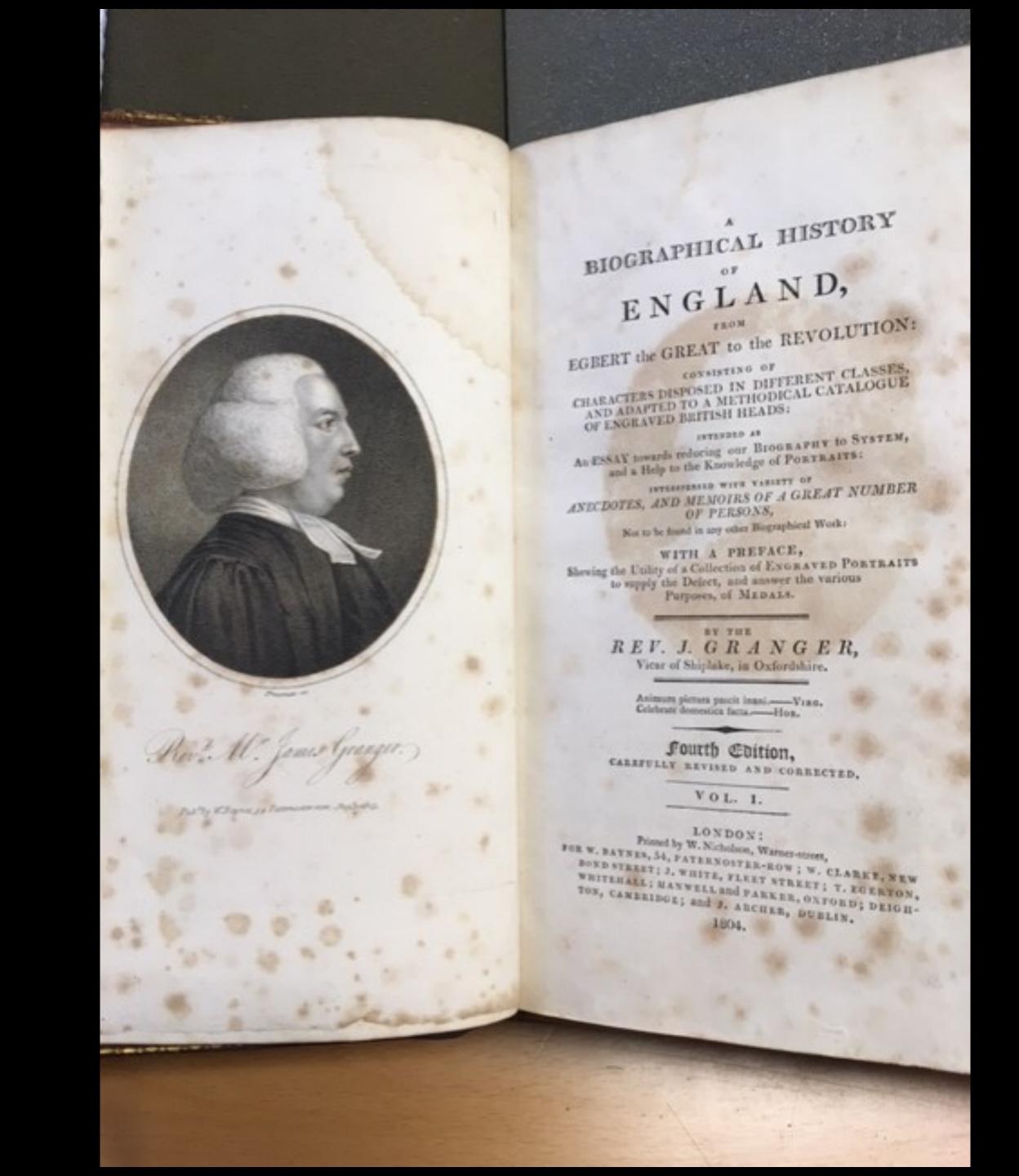


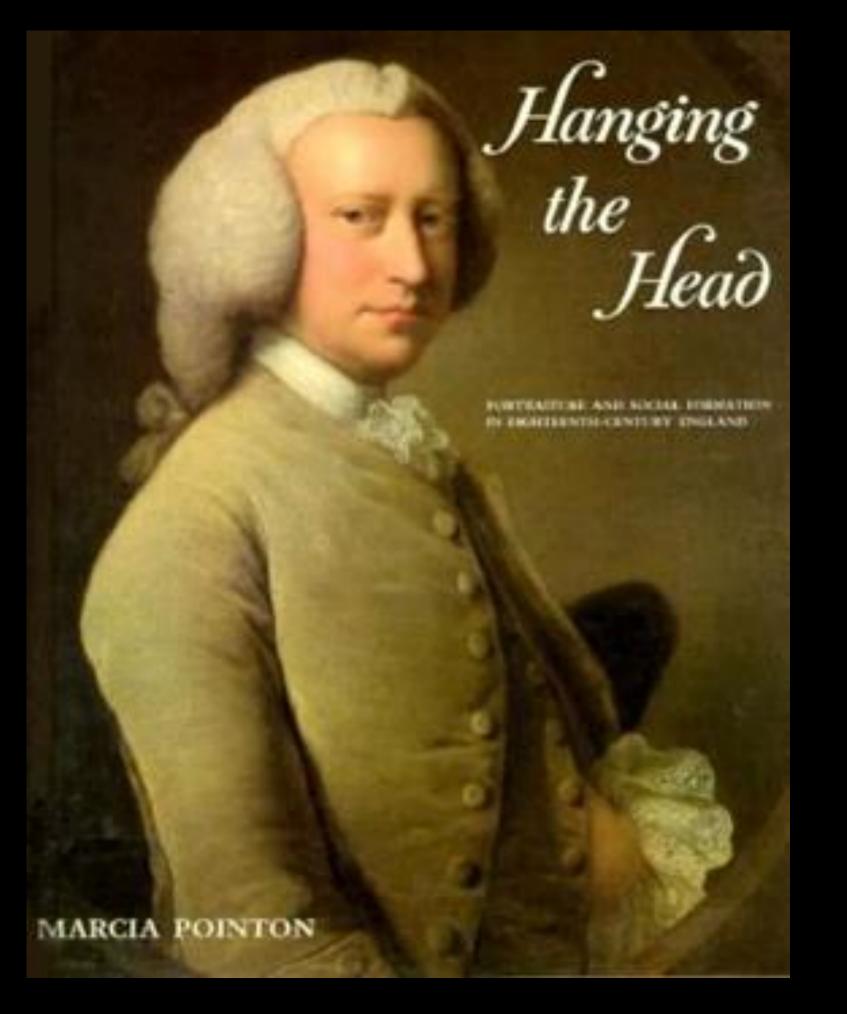
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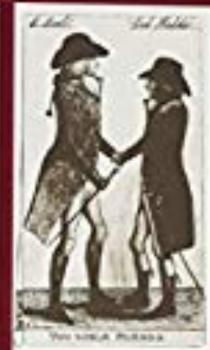
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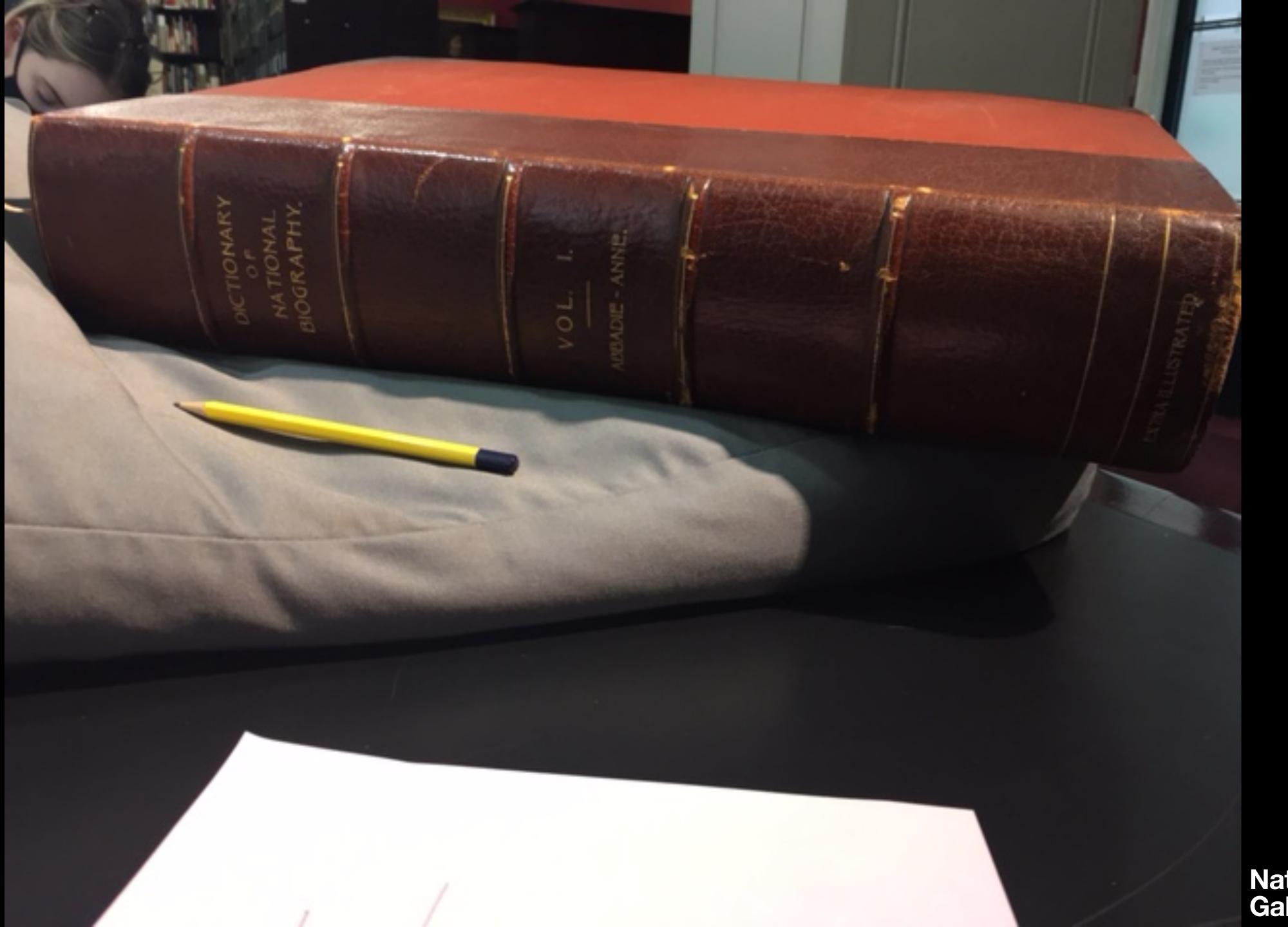




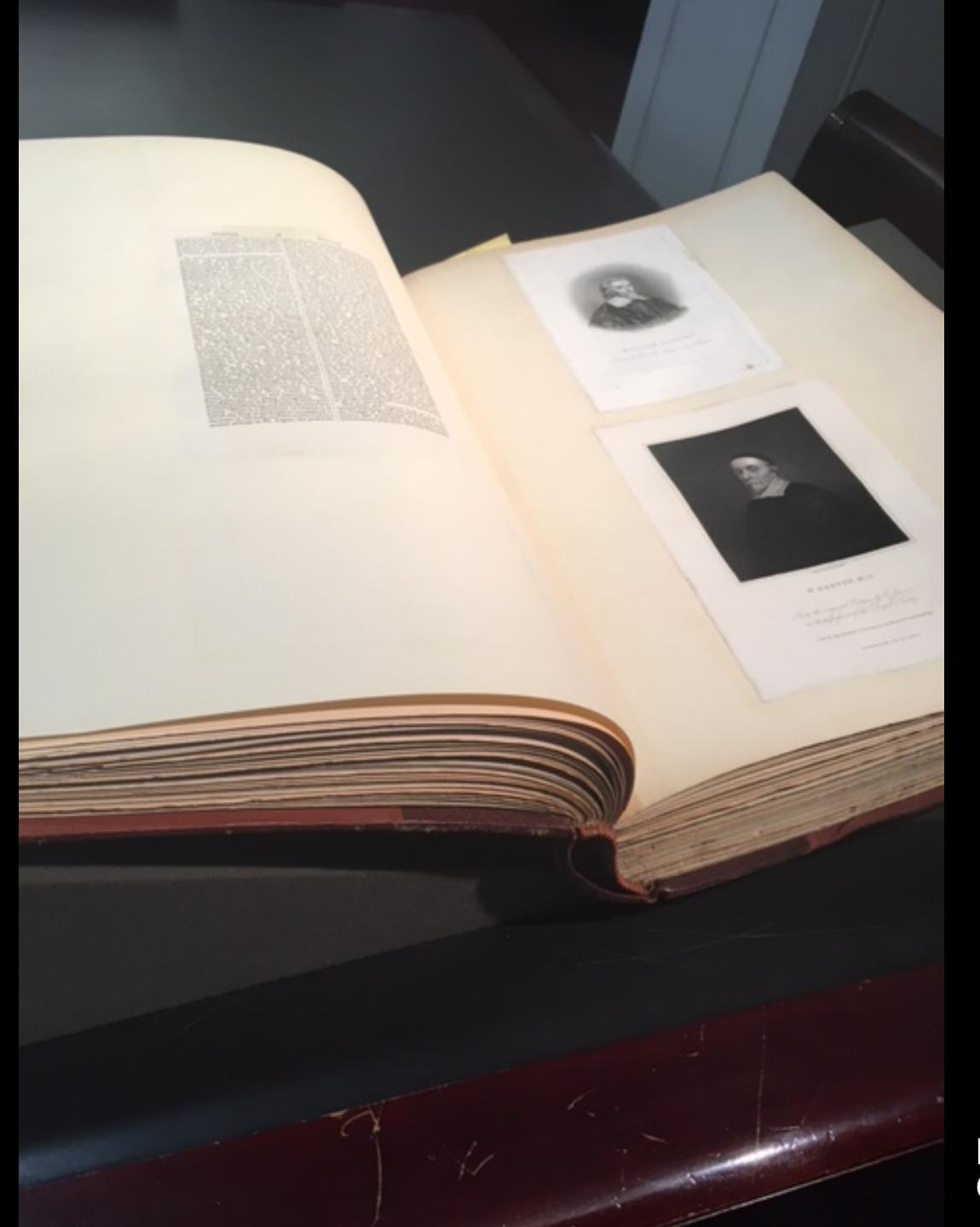
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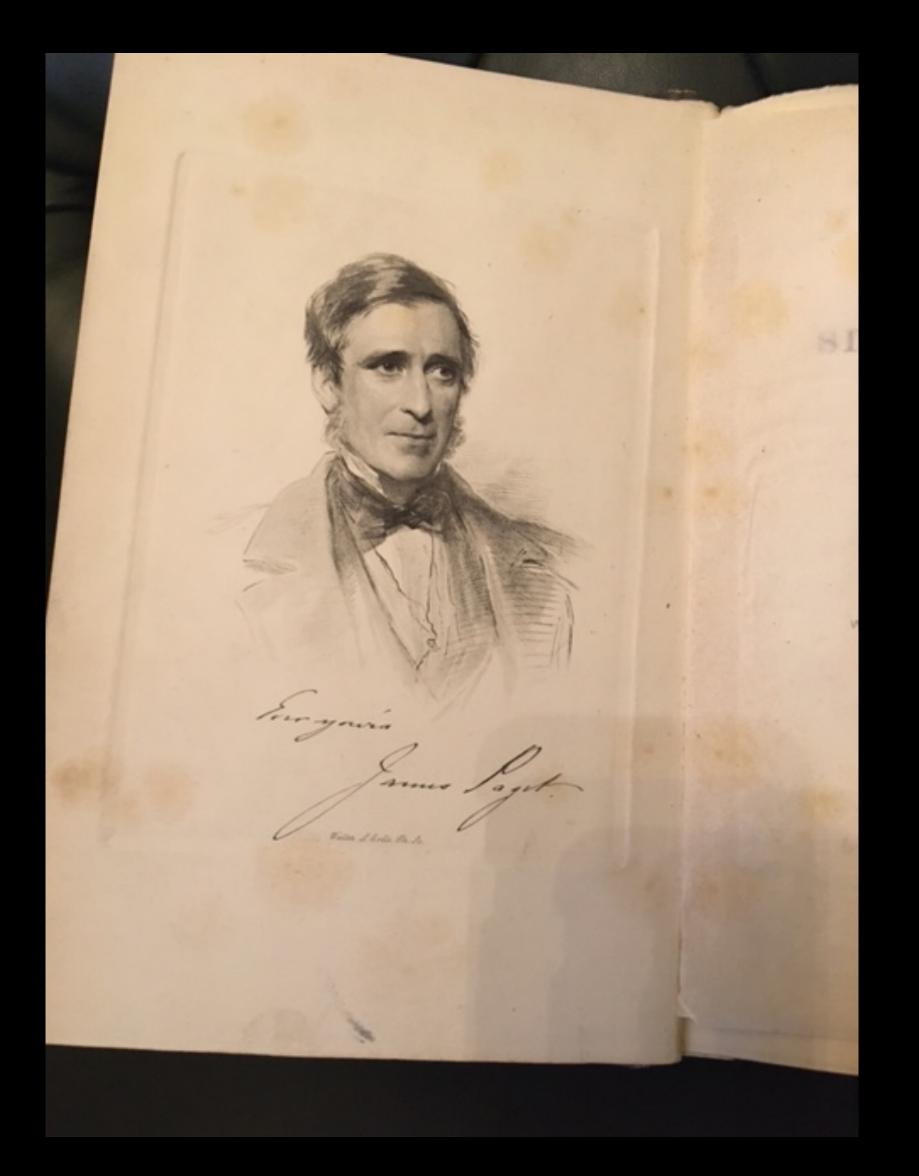
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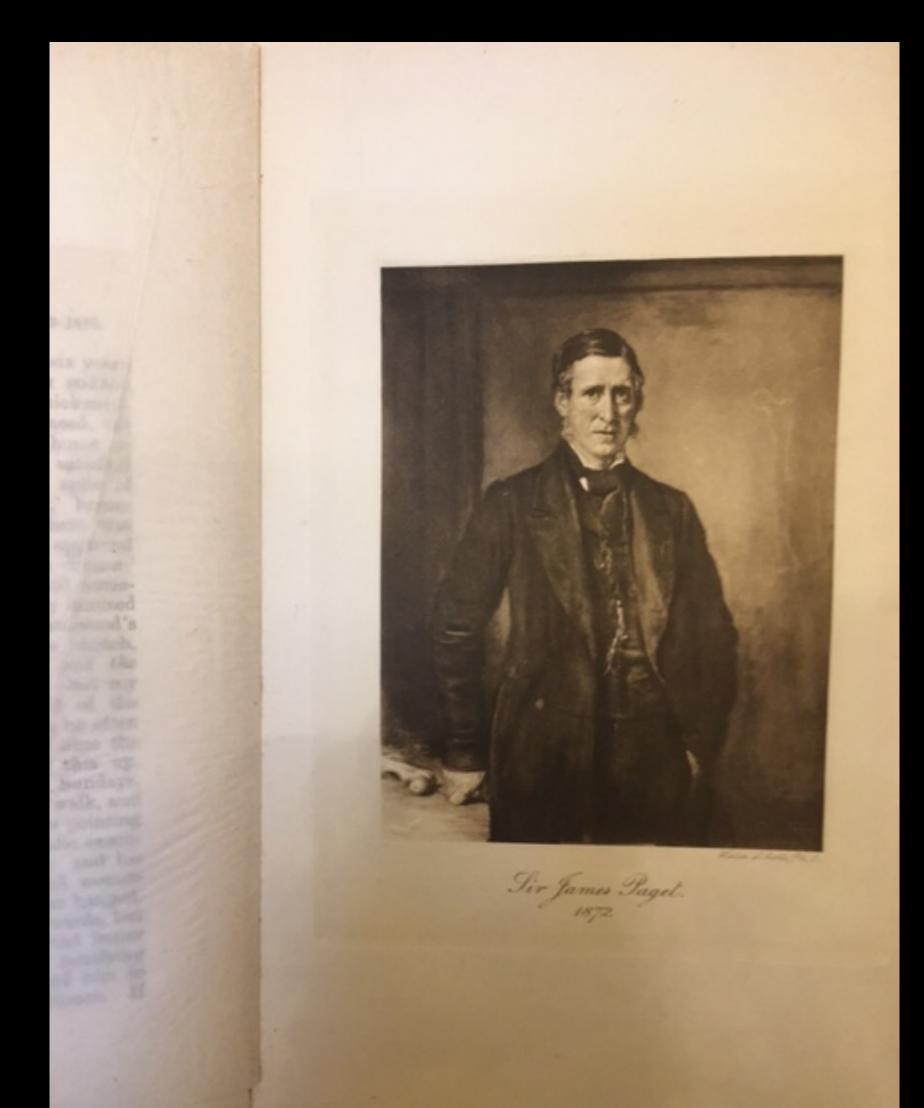


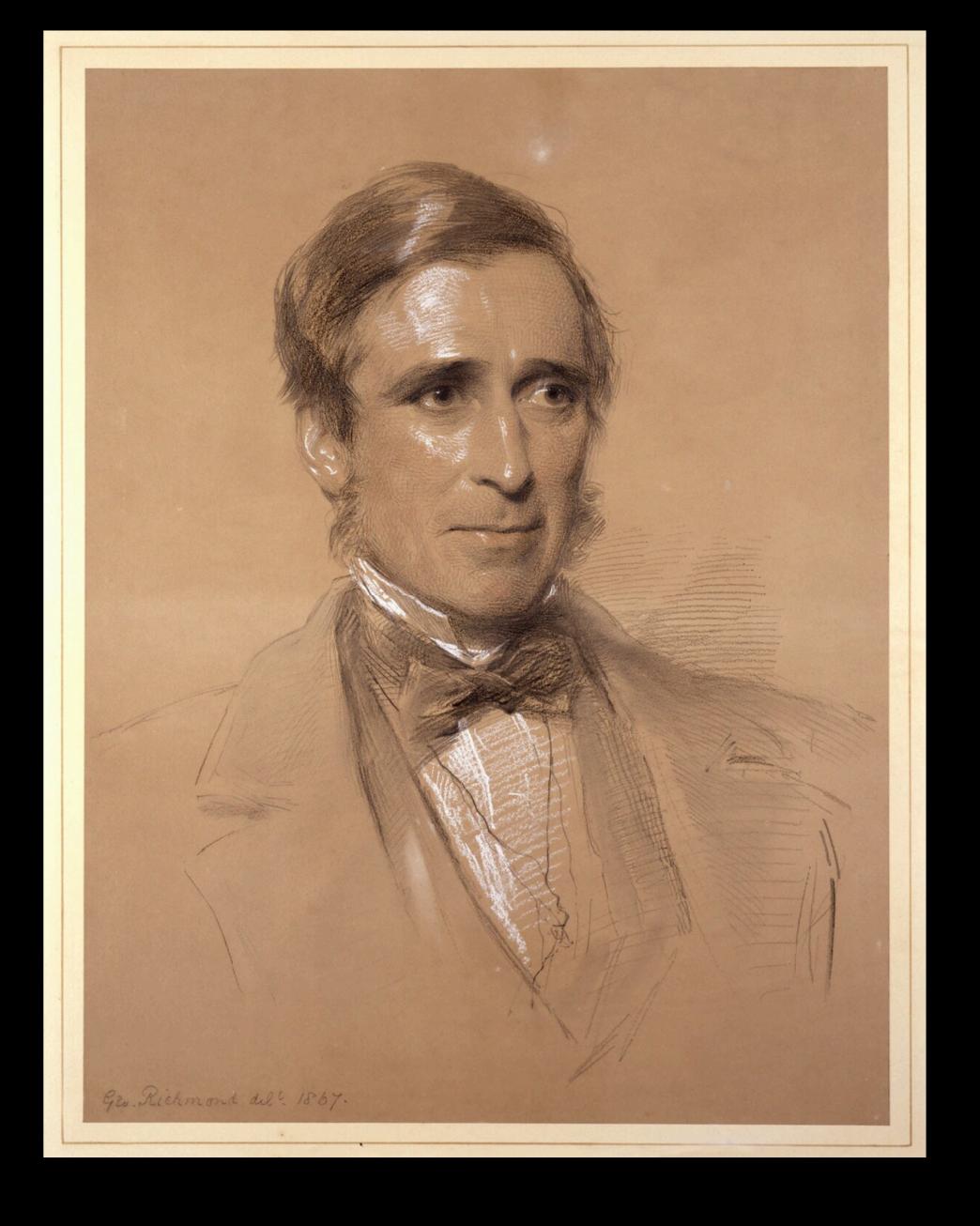
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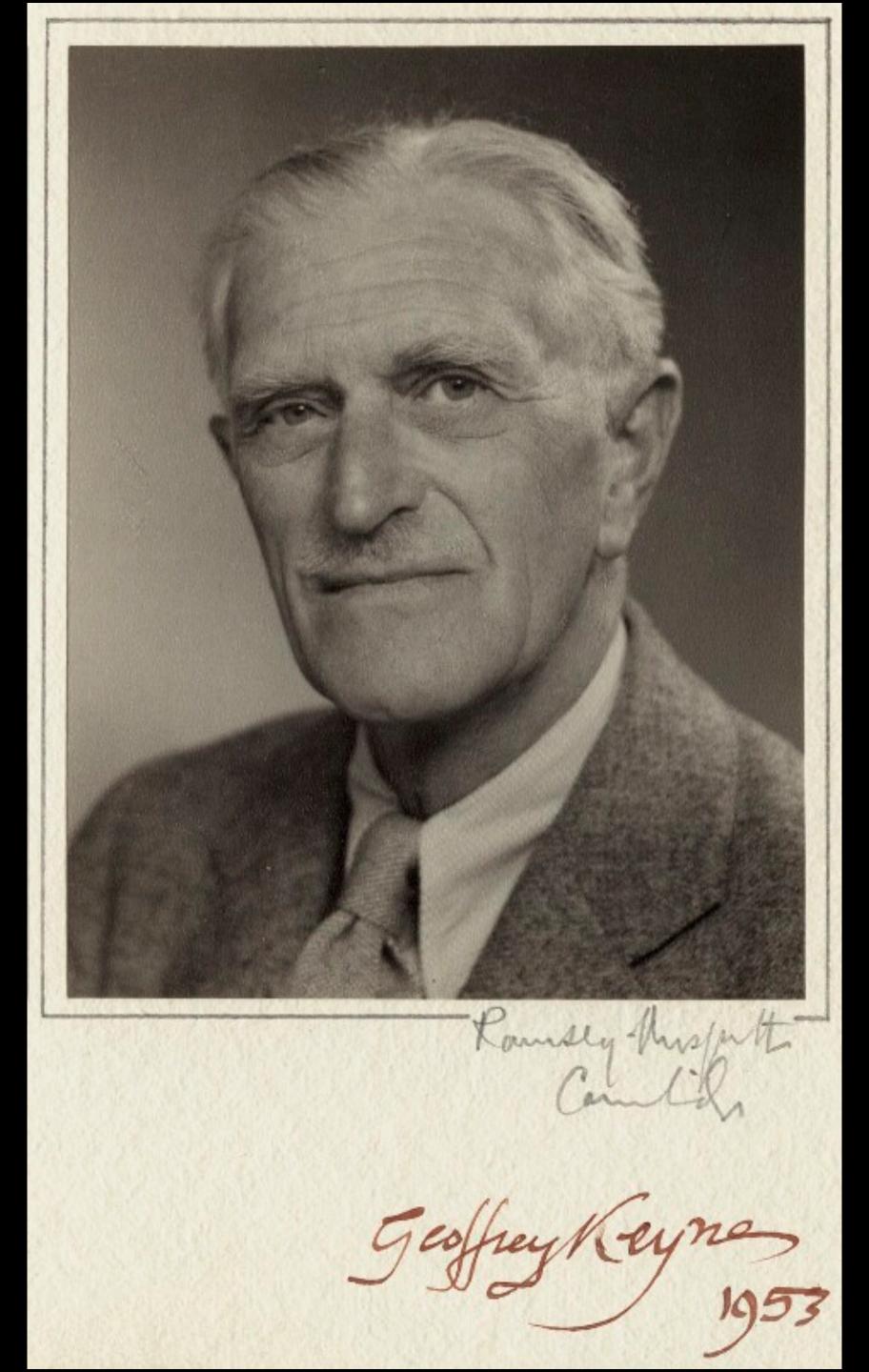








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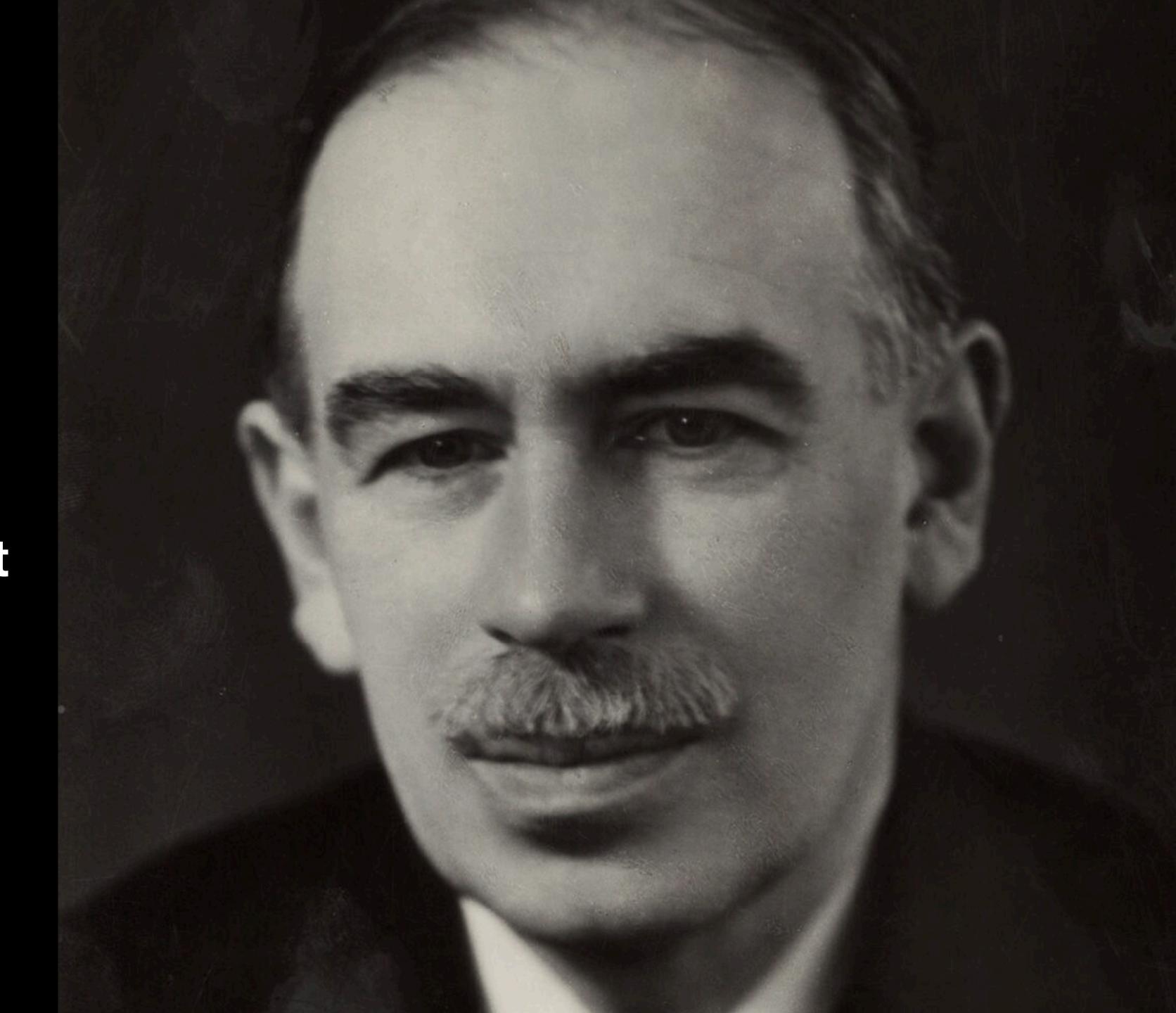
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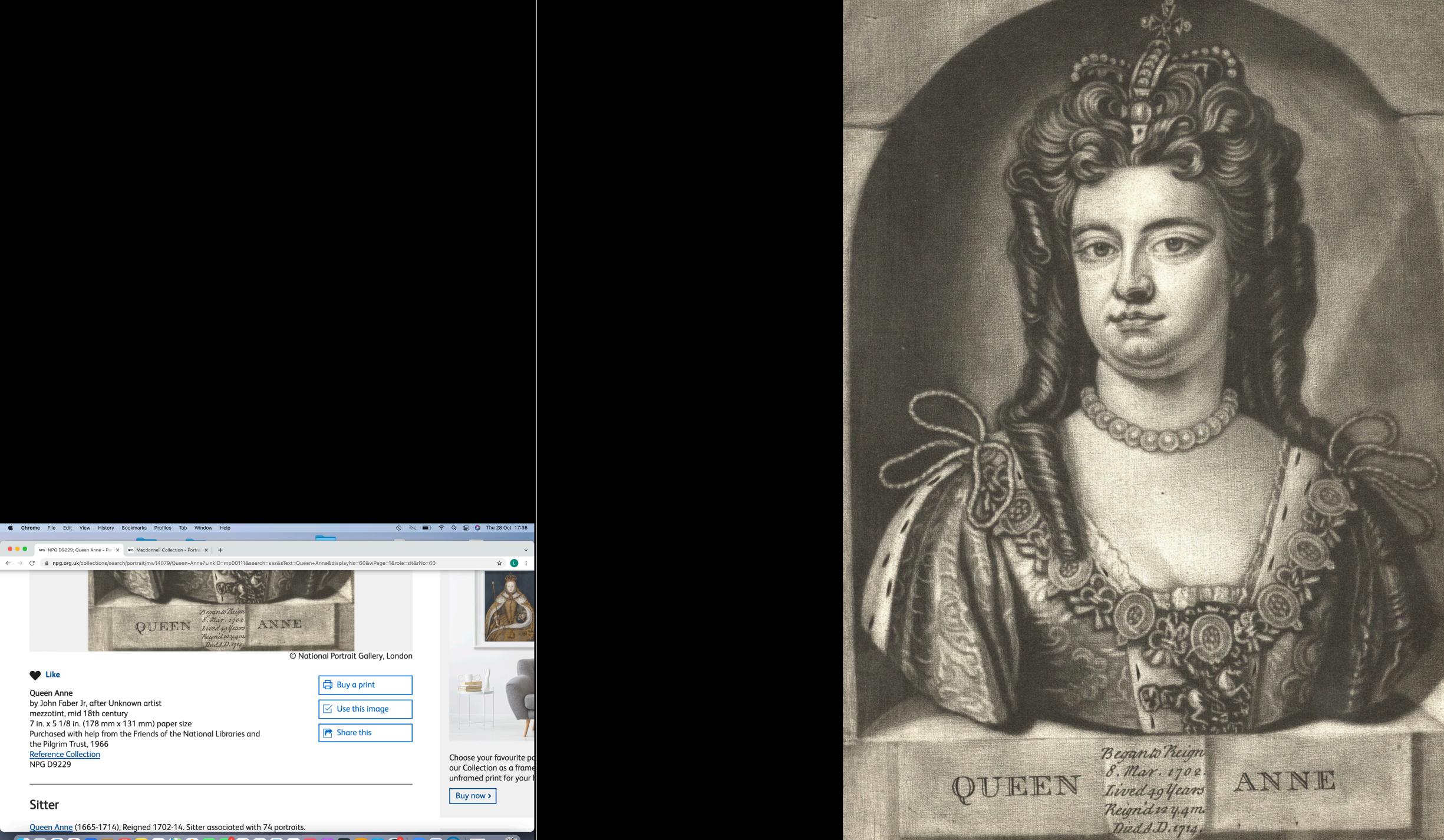
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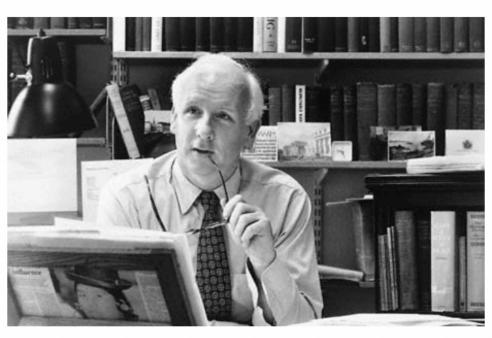
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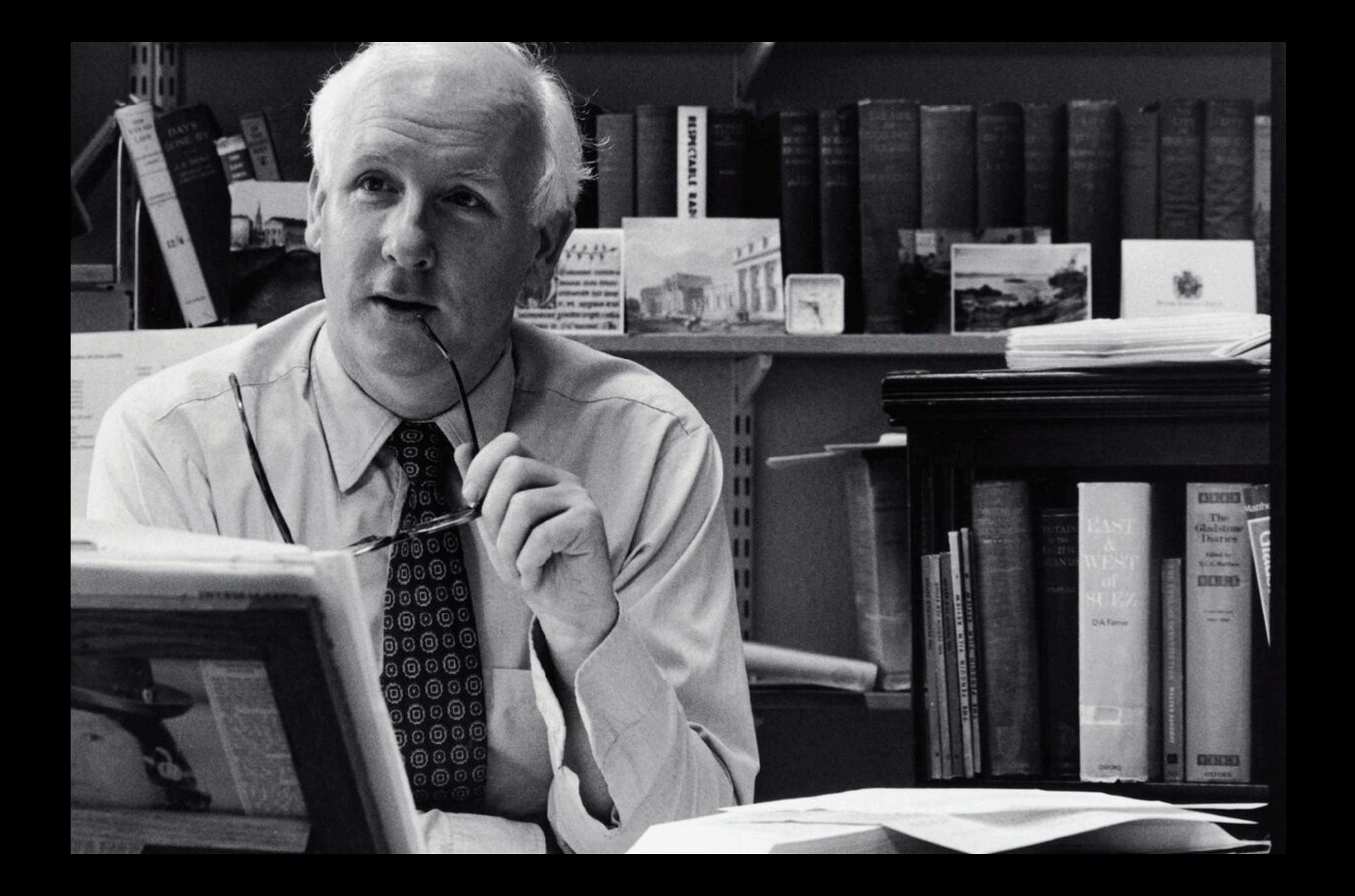
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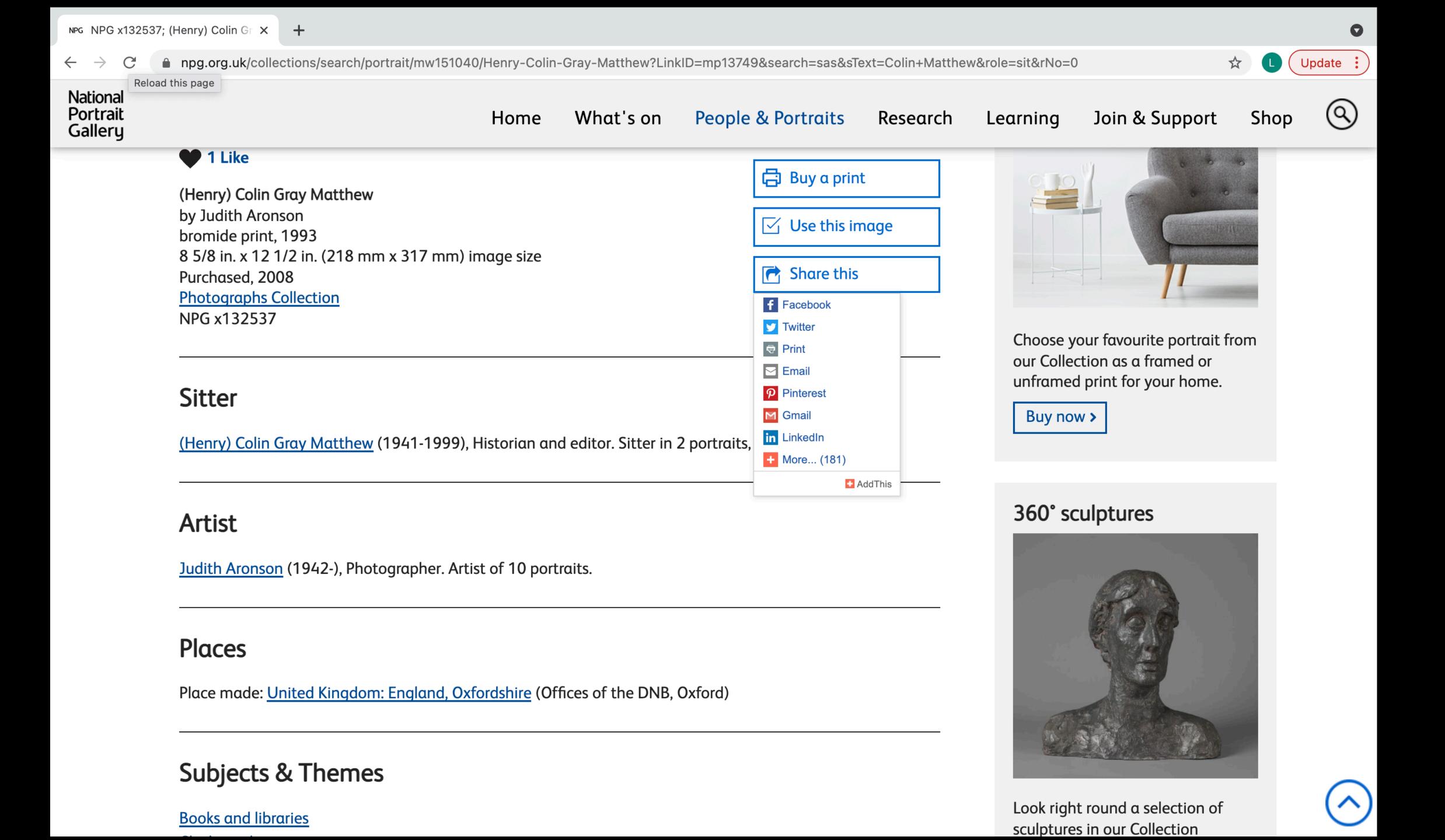
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#### Background and early life

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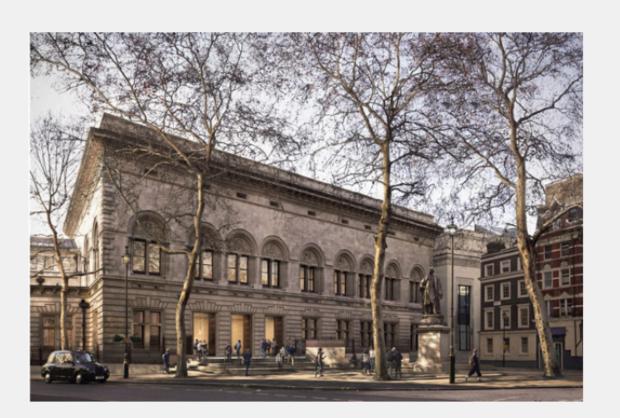
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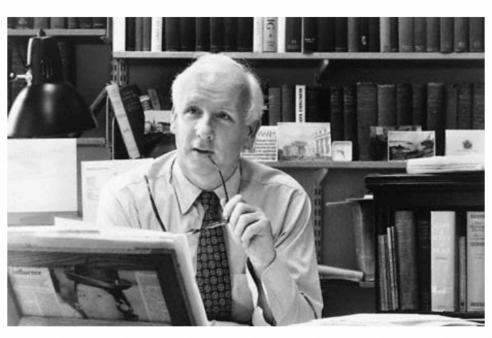
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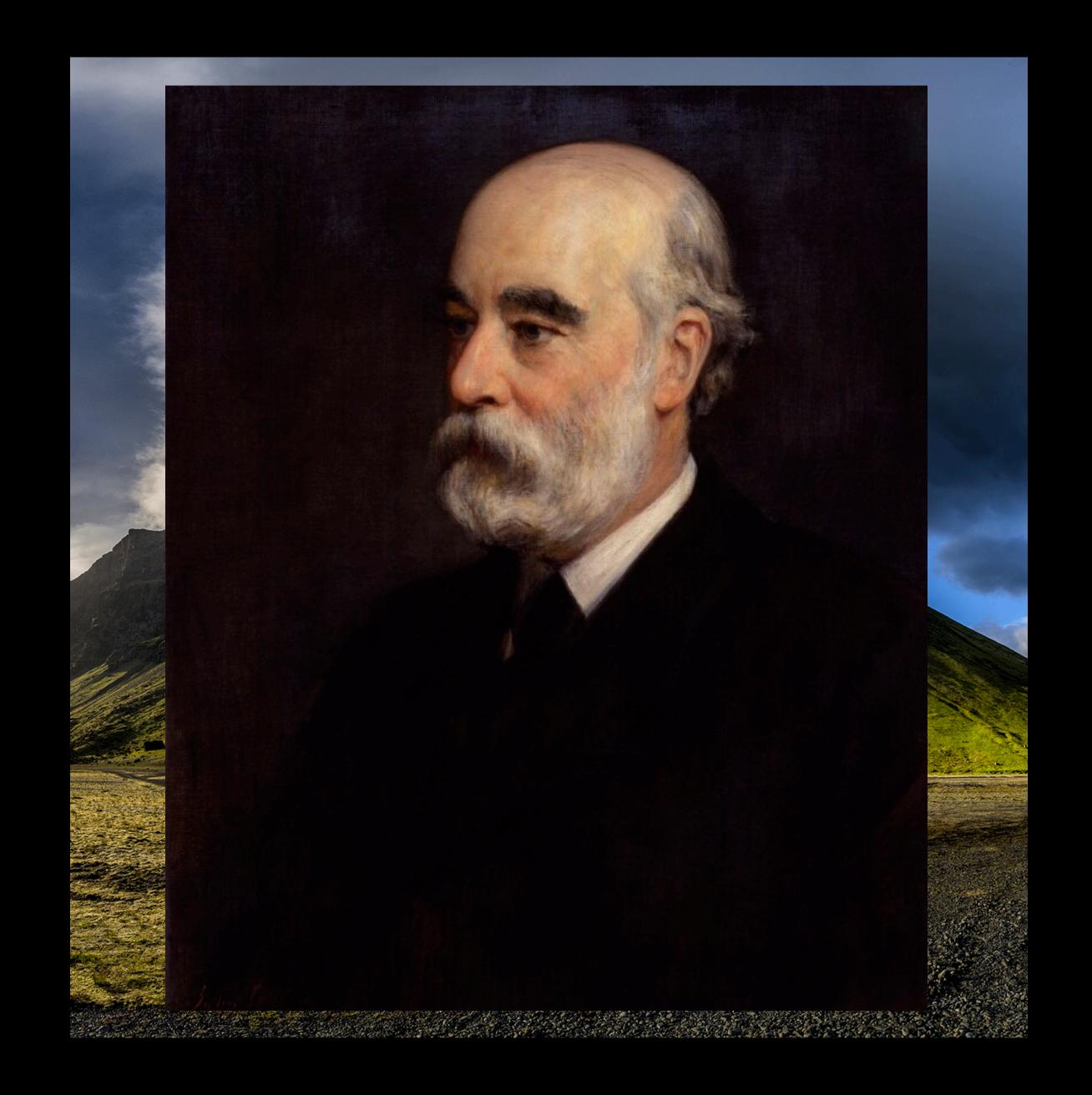
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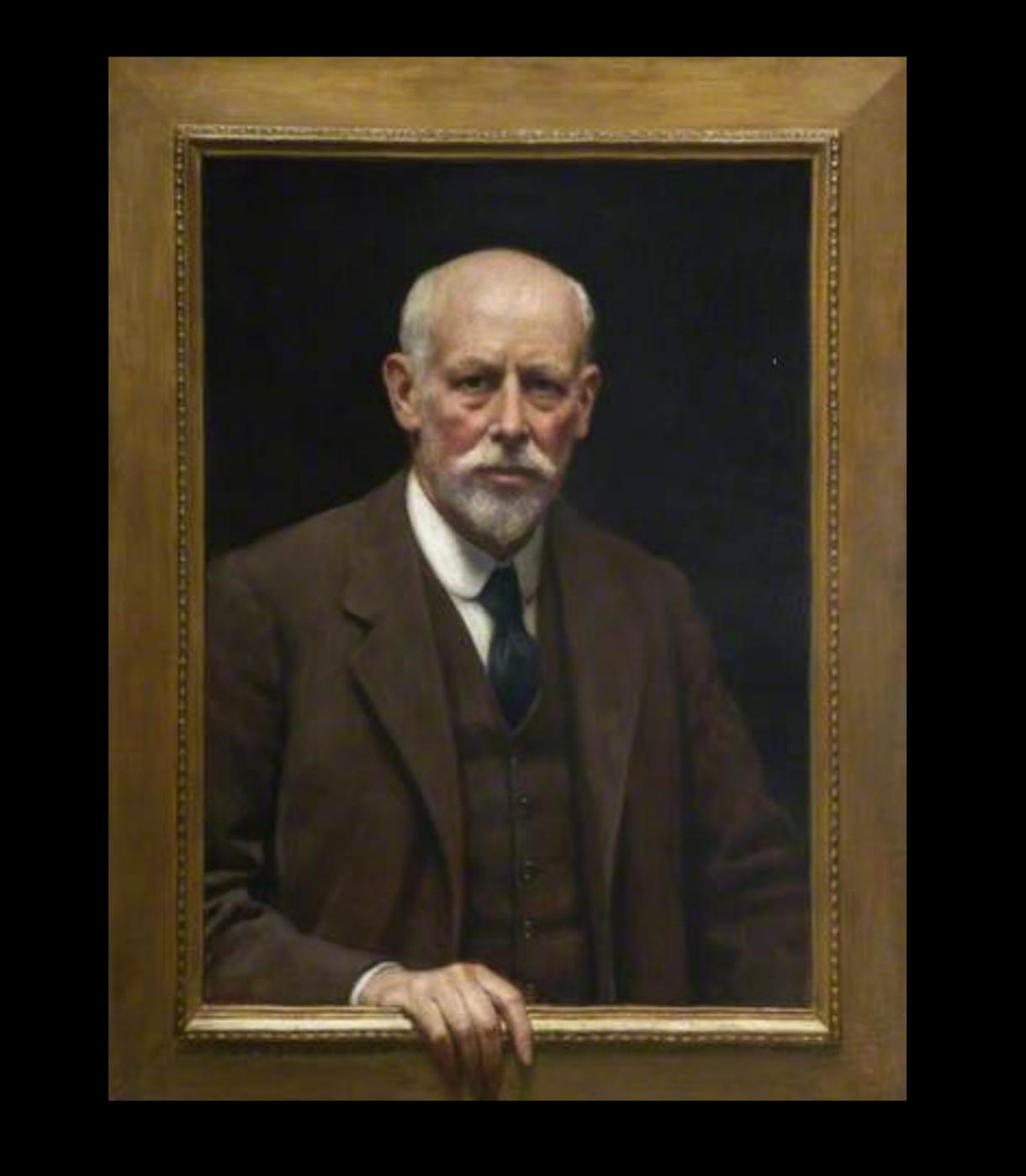
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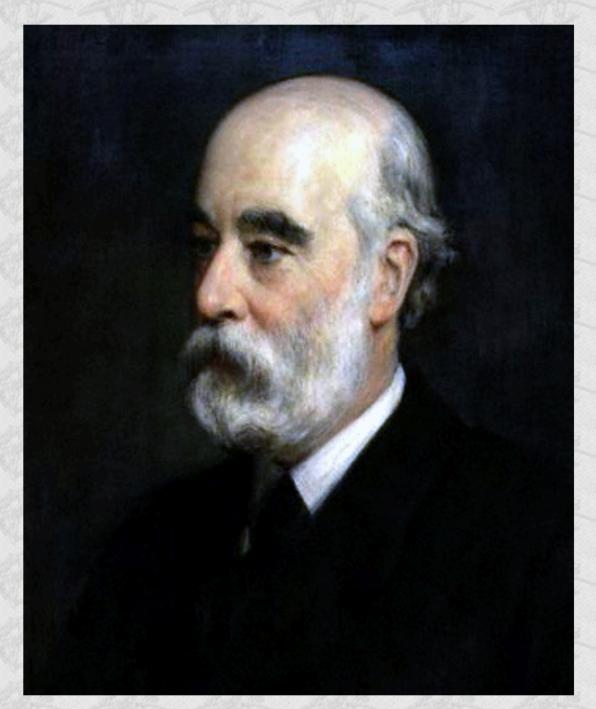
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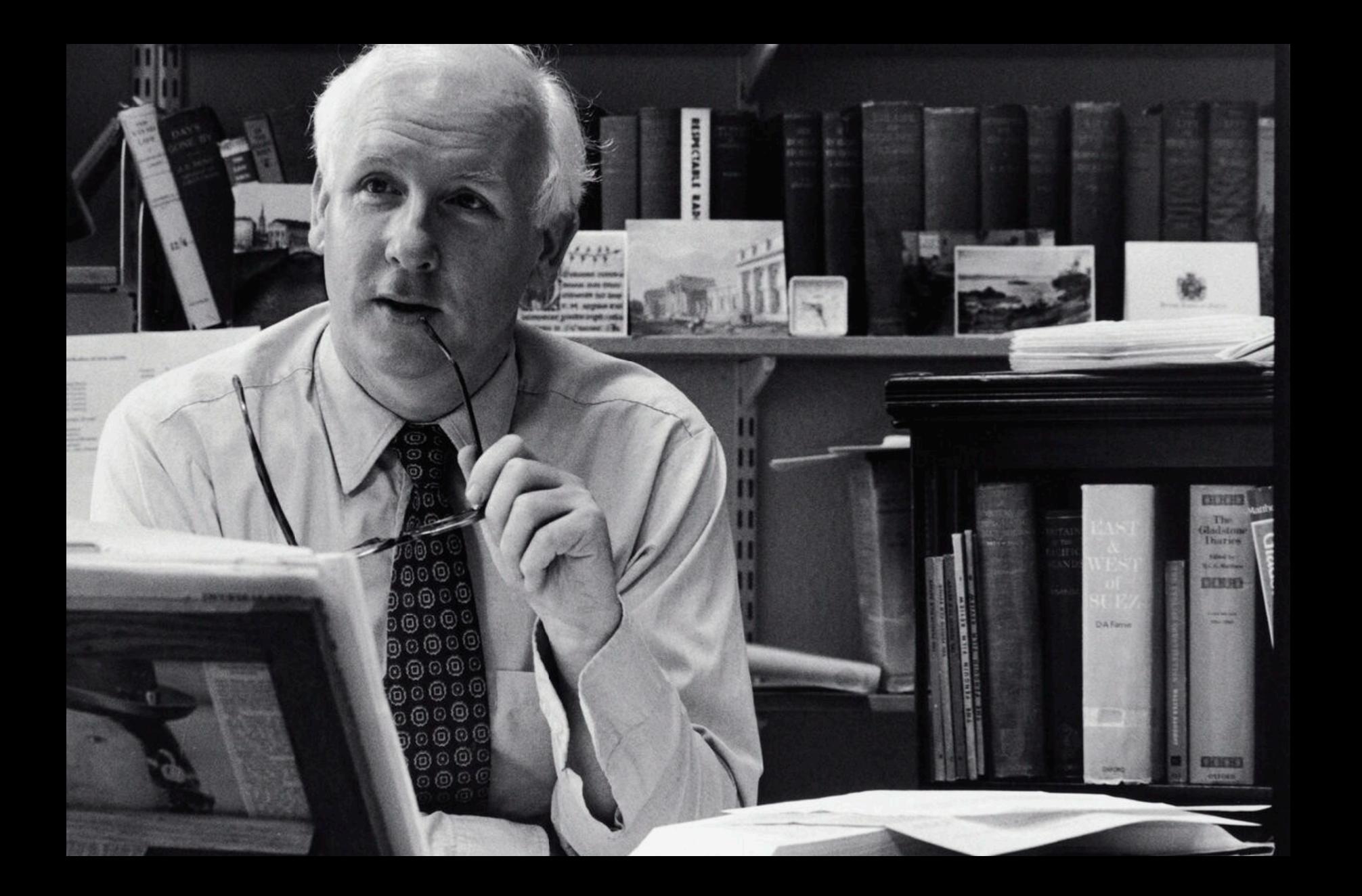
# 1899 Recollections of George Murray Smith



George Murray Smith (1824-1901) was a publisher well known to Wilkie Collins. He took over his father firm Smith, Elder in 1846 and published After Dark in 1856. In 1861 he won the bidding war for novel but one which became Armadale, published in his new Journal The Cornhill Magazine and in two volumes in 1866. In the 1870s he re-published one volume editions of several of Wilkie's books.

These reminiscences of Smith were taken down by the Australian writer William Henry Fitchett (1841-1928) on a visit to England in 1899. They have never been published but a typescript is in the Nation Scotland. The material was relied on by Leonard Huxley for his book *The House of Smith Elder* published in 1923 which <u>re-tells</u> some of these reminiscences of Wilkie Collins.

My introduction to Wilkie Collins came through Mr. Ruskin in the year [ ]. Ruskin, I think, must have known Wilkie Collins' father, the famous artist. He brought me one day the MS. of a novel with a classical subject Wilkie Collins had written. It was entitled "Antonina", and wished to know whether I would publish it. A "classical" subject, however was not tempting, and I declined the proposal. Later on, as I have told elsewhere, Wilkie Collins offered me the tale which afterwards attained great fame "The Woman in White", and I had reason to regret that I did not become its publisher. I published all his later books, and a story of his "Armadale"



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