

# COLLEGE

By 1930 the canal was losing trade to the railways and road transport and the Worcester Street Wharf was little used.

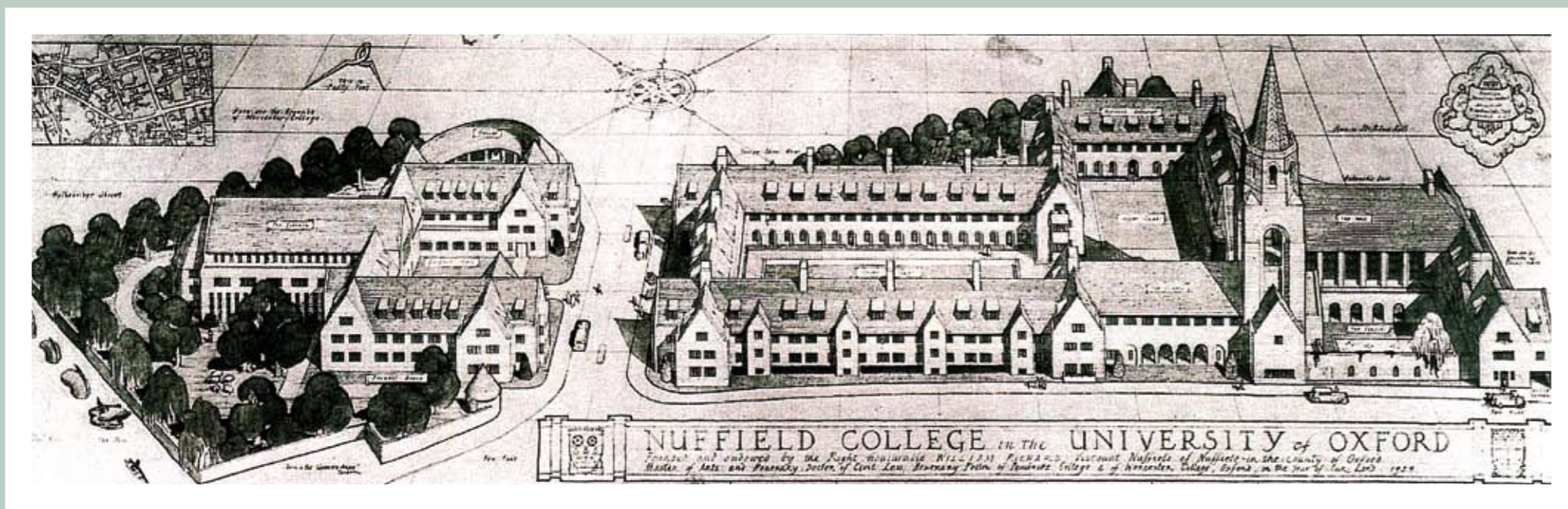


In 1937 Lord Nuffield gave the University one million pounds for a new college. He had already bought the Coal Wharf area from the Oxford Canal company and wishing to improve the western approach to the city, offered the land as a site for this new institution.

WWII delayed building work until 1949 when the foundation stone for the new college was laid. The Worcester Street wharf site had been intended for a library building but rising costs left it as a temporary car park until the present day.



Nuffield College's tower and spire have become a part of Oxford's famous skyline. The original designs Near Eastern influences can be seen in the pointed arch form of the voussoirs above the rounded arches in the College entrance and western gateway.



Harrison's second design of 1939 (after Colvin) Lord Nuffield thought the early plans were not English enough so Austen Harris (who had worked in Palestine and Greece) redesigned them in a more Cotswold tradition of domestic architecture. The old curved line of Worcester Street was to be straightened helping to unite the proposed two areas of the college.

The Militia Drill Hall from the corner of New Road and Worcester Street, 1911 (*Bodleian Library, Minn Collection*). Macclesfield House was built on this site in 1969.



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