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Edwin and Sara John papers

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Crynodeb o wybodaeth | Summary of information

Lleoliad Repository:	Llyfrgell Genedlaethol Cymru = The National Library of Wales
Teitl Title:	Edwin and Sara John papers
Cod cyfeirnod Reference code:	GB 0210 MSEDJOHN
Virtua system control number [alternative]:	vtls006250396
Dyddiad Date:	1911-[?2005] (dyddiad creu date of creation)
Disgrifiad ffisegol Physical description:	6 volumes, 5 folders and wallets, 1 large box.
Iaith Language:	English
Iaith Language:	French
Dyddiadau creu, golygu a dileu Dates of creation, revision and deletion:	April 2012 and May 2017.
Nodyn Note [sourcesDescription]:	The following sources were used in the compilation of this description: Michael Holroyd, Augustus John: The New Biography (London, 1996); Sue Roe, Gwen John: A Life (London, 2001); Mary Taubman, Gwen John: The Artist and Her Work (London, 1985).
Nodyn Note [generalNote]:	Title based on contents of fonds.

Hanes gweinyddol / Braslun bywgraffyddol | Administrative history | Biographical sketch

Nodyn | Note

Gwendolen Mary John (Gwen John) (1876-1939), artist, was born on 22 June 1876 in Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, to Edwin and Augusta John, and was raised in Tenby. She attended the Slade School of Fine Art, London, from 1895 to 1898. In 1904 she settled in Paris, moving to the suburb of Meudon in 1911. She died in Dieppe, France, on 18 September 1939. Gwen John's younger brother, Augustus Edwin John (1878-1961), artist, was born in Tenby, Pembrokeshire, and became a leading British portrait painter. He married Ida Nettleship (1877-1907) in 1901 and they had five children: David (b. 1902), Caspar (1903-1984), Robin (b. 1904), Edwin (1905-1978) and Henry (1907-1935). Dorelia McNeill (1881-1969), his mistress and, following Ida's death, his common-law wife, gave him a further

four children: Pyramus (1905-1912), Romilly (1906-1986), Elizabeth Ann (Poppet) (1912-1997) and Vivien (1915-1994). The family settled at Alderney Manor, Dorset, and from 1927 at Fryern Court, Fordingbridge, Hampshire. Augustus died there on 31 October 1961. Edwin John, after a brief career as a boxer, became a watercolour artist. He lived in Paris for some years in the mid-1930s and, possibly as a result, was made executor and chief legatee to his aunt, Gwen John, on her death in 1939. He married Beatrice D. Barry in 1932; their son Ben was born in 1935 and their daughter Sara in 1946.

Natur a chynnwys | Scope and content

Papers of Edwin John and his daughter Sara John, 1911-[?2005], including family and other correspondence, 1911-2004; press cuttings, 1931-1985; and theses and other papers relating to Gwen John, [?mid 20 cent.]-2002.

Nodiadau | Notes

Nodiadau teitl | Title notes

Ffynhonnell | Immediate source of acquisition

NLW MSS 23919-22, NLW ex 2293-7: Miss Sara John; Oswestry; Purchase (with NLW Facs 975); January 2004; 0200401714, 0200401716-7, 0200401721-2, 0200401726-8.
NLW ex 2975-7: Miss Sara John; Oswestry; Donation; April 2016; 99138932502419.

Trefniant | Arrangement

Arranged at NLW as follows: correspondence; papers.

Cyfyngiadau ar fynediad | Restrictions on access

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Disgrifiadau deunydd | Related material

Among the manuscripts and archives at NLW relating to Augustus and Gwen John are NLW, Augustus John Papers; NLW, Gwen John Manuscripts; NLW, Michael Holroyd (Augustus and Gwen John)

Manuscripts; NLW, Michael Holroyd (Augustus John) Research Papers; and NLW, Mary Taubman (Gwen John) Research Papers.

Nodiadau eraill | Other notes

- **Dynodwr sefydliad | Institution identifier**: Llyfrgell Genedlaethol Cymru = The National Library of Wales

Pwyntiau mynediad | Access points

- John, Sara G. -- Archives (pwnc) | (subject)

Disgrifiad cyfres | Series descriptions

Cyfres | Series NLW MSS 23919-22: Correspondence

Dyddiad | Date: 1911-1994, [?2005] (dyddiad creu) | (date of creation)

Natur a chynnwys | Scope and content:

Correspondence of Edwin John and of Sara John, 1911-1994, including letters to Edwin John from Augustus John, Gwen John, Dorelia McNeill and other family members, 1928-1975, and from Mary Taubman, 1953-1977; and letters to Sara John from Augustus John, Dorelia McNeill and other family members, 1959-1994, in particular Romilly John, 1968-1986; and a copy, [?2005], of a painting by Edwin John.

Disgrifiad ffisegol | Physical description: 4 volumes.

Iaith y deunydd | Language of the material:

English

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Nodyn | Note [generalNote]:

Title based on contents.

Trefniant | Arrangement:

Arranged according to NLW MSS references numbers: NLW MSS 23919-23922.

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Cod cyfeirnod Reference code	Teitl Title	Dyddiadau Dates	Disgrifiad ffisegol Physical description
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NLW MS 23919D vtls004320598 (WIAbNL)0000320598	File - Letters to Edwin John	1911-1975	52 ff.Placed in melinex sleeves within ringed box at NLW.
<p><i>Crëwr / Creator:</i> John, Gwen, 1876-1939John, Betty, 1903-1987John, Edwin William, 1847-1938John, Augustus, 1878-1961McNeill, Dorelia, 1881-1969</p> <p><i>Natur a chynnwys / Scope and content:</i> Some thirty-three letters and postcards, 1928-1975, addressed to Edwin John, mainly from family members.The correspondents include his father Augustus John, 1932-1946 (ff. 9-11), his aunt Gwen John, 1928-1933 (ff. 15-25), and his step-mother Dorelia McNeill, 1963-1967 (ff. 31-47). Also included are two letters from Edwin to his wife Betty John, [?1933] (ff. 48-51), and two postcards addressed to Gwen John from her father, Edwin William John, 1911 (ff. 13-14).</p> <p><i>Nodyn / Note [generalNote]:</i> Title based on contents.</p> <p><i>Nodyn / Note [generalNote]:</i> Preferred citation: NLW MS 23919D.</p> <p><i>Lleoliad ffisegol / Physical location:</i> ARCH/MSS (GB0210)</p>			
NLW MS 23920F vtls004320599 (WIAbNL)0000320599	File - Mary Taubman letters to Edwin John	1953-1977, [?2005]	170 ff.Placed in melinex sleeves within ringed box at NLW.
<p><i>Crëwr / Creator:</i> Taubman, MarySymons, Arthur, 1865-1945Rodin, Auguste, 1840-1917</p> <p><i>Natur a chynnwys / Scope and content:</i> Seventy-seven letters, 1953-1977, from Mary Taubman (née Edmond), art historian, to Edwin John, discussing Taubman's research into the life and work of Gwen John, including identification of her paintings, publication of her letters, preparations for exhibitions of her work, and the gathering of materials for a proposed biography.Also included are transcripts, [1967], of letters to Gwen John from Arthur Symonds (f. 79) and Auguste Rodin (f. 80); and a colour copy, [?2005], of a 1955 watercolour painting by Edwin John of Gwen John's garden house at Meudon (f. 170).</p> <p><i>Nodyn / Note [generalNote]:</i> Title based on contents.</p> <p><i>Nodyn / Note [generalNote]:</i> Preferred citation: NLW MS 23920F.</p> <p><i>Lleoliad ffisegol / Physical location:</i> ARCH/MSS (GB0210)</p>			
NLW MS 23921C vtls004382253 (WIAbNL)0000382253	File - Romilly John letters to Sara John	1968-1986	175 ff.
<p><i>Crëwr / Creator:</i> John, Romilly.</p> <p><i>Natur a chynnwys / Scope and content:</i> One hundred and forty letters, 1968-1986, from Romilly John to his niece Sara John.The letters contain references to the John family, in particular Augustus, Gwen and Edwin John, with many discussing the settlement of the estate of Dorelia McNeill.</p> <p><i>Nodyn / Note [generalNote]:</i></p>			

	<p>Title based on contents.</p> <p><i>Nodyn Note [generalNote]:</i></p> <p>Preferred citation: NLW MS 23921C.</p> <p><i>Lleoliad ffisegol Physical location:</i></p> <p>ARCH/MSS (GB0210)</p>		
NLW MS 23922D vtls004320601 (WIAbNL)0000320601	File - Letters to Sara John	1959-1994	101 ff.Placed in melinex sleeves within ringed box at NLW.
	<p><i>Crëwr Creator:</i></p> <p>Fleming, Amaryllis, 1925-1999John, Caspar, 1903-1984John, David, 1902-Pol, Poppet, 1912-1997White, Vivien, 1915-1994John, Augustus, 1878-1961McNeill, Dorelia, 1881-1969</p> <p><i>Natur a chynnwys Scope and content:</i></p> <p>Some eighty-two letters, cards and postcards, 1959-1994, to Sara John from family members, relating to family matters with occasional references to art.The correspondents include Amaryllis Fleming, [1990s] (ff. 4-8), Augustus John, 1959-[1961] (ff. 12-25), Sir Caspar John, 1970-1983 (ff. 26-38), David John, [? 1970s] (ff. 39-40), Poppet Pol (formerly Elizabeth Ann John), 1970-1994 (ff. 41-52), Vivien White (née John), 1987-1994 (ff. 53-66), and Dorelia McNeill, 1962-1969 (ff. 67-97).</p> <p><i>Nodyn Note [generalNote]:</i></p> <p>Title based on contents.</p> <p><i>Nodyn Note [generalNote]:</i></p> <p>Preferred citation: NLW MS 23922D.</p> <p><i>Lleoliad ffisegol Physical location:</i></p> <p>ARCH/MSS (GB0210)</p>		
<p>Cyfres Series NLW ex 2293-7, 2975-7: Papers</p> <p><u>Dyddiad Date:</u> 1930-2004 (dyddiad creu) (date of creation)</p> <p><u>Natur a chynnwys Scope and content:</u></p> <p>Papers of Sara John, 1930-2004, including correspondence, press cuttings and theses and other papers relating to Gwen John.</p> <p><u>Disgrifiad ffisegol Physical description:</u> 2 volumes, 5 folders or wallets, 1 large box.</p> <p><u>Iaith y deunydd Language of the material:</u></p> <p>English</p> <p>French</p> <p><u>Nodyn Note [generalNote]:</u></p> <p>Title based on contents.</p>			
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<p>NLW ex 2293 vtls004320607 (WIAbNL)0000320607</p>	<p>File - Press cuttings relating to Augustus John.</p> <p><i>Crëwr / Creator:</i> John, Sara G.</p> <p><i>Natur a chynnwys / Scope and content:</i> A scrapbook compiled by Miss Sara John, containing press cuttings, 1948-1985, relating to Augustus John and his family.</p> <p><i>Nodyn / Note [generalNote]:</i> Title based on contents.</p> <p><i>Nodyn / Note [generalNote]:</i> Preferred citation: NLW ex 2293.</p> <p><i>Lleoliad ffisegol / Physical location:</i> ARCH/MSS (GB0210)</p>	<p>1948-1985</p>	<p>1 volume.</p>
<p>NLW ex 2294 vtls004320610 (WIAbNL)0000320610</p>	<p>File - Press cuttings relating to Edwin John.</p> <p><i>Crëwr / Creator:</i> John, Sara G.</p> <p><i>Natur a chynnwys / Scope and content:</i> A scrapbook compiled by Miss Sara John, containing press cuttings and ephemera, 1931-1932, relating to her father, the artist and boxer Edwin John (1905-1978).</p> <p><i>Nodyn / Note [generalNote]:</i> Title based on contents.</p> <p><i>Nodyn / Note [generalNote]:</i> Preferred citation: NLW ex 2294</p> <p><i>Lleoliad ffisegol / Physical location:</i> ARCH/MSS (GB0210)</p>	<p>1931-1932</p>	<p>1 volume.</p>
<p>NLW ex 2295 vtls004320613 (WIAbNL)0000320613</p>	<p>File - 'A New Interpretation of Gwen John...' by Sheila Anne Lees.</p> <p><i>Crëwr / Creator:</i> Lees, Sheila Anne</p> <p><i>Natur a chynnwys / Scope and content:</i> A photocopy of a typescript thesis by Sheila Anne Lees, 'A New Interpretation of Gwen John based on her unpublished correspondence' (1986).</p> <p><i>Amodau rheoli defnydd / Conditions governing use:</i> Copyright belongs to Sheila Anne Lees, Wigan.</p> <p><i>Nodyn / Note [generalNote]:</i> Title based on contents.</p> <p><i>Nodyn / Note [generalNote]:</i> Preferred citation: NLW ex 2295.</p> <p><i>Lleoliad ffisegol / Physical location:</i> ARCH/MSS (GB0210)</p>	<p>1986</p>	<p>100 pp.</p>

NLW ex 2296 vtls004320614 (WIAbNL)0000320614	File - 'Gwen John. A Critical Study' by Philippa J. Gimlette. <i>Crëwr / Creator:</i> Gimlette, Philippa J. <i>Natur a chynnwys / Scope and content:</i> A photocopy of a typescript thesis by Philippa J. Gimlette, 'Gwen John. A Critical Study', [?late 1970s]. <i>Amodau rheoli defnydd / Conditions governing use:</i> Copyright belongs to Philippa J. Gimlette. <i>Nodyn / Note [generalNote]:</i> Title based on contents. <i>Nodyn / Note [generalNote]:</i> Preferred citation: NLW ex 2296. <i>Lleoliad ffisegol / Physical location:</i> ARCH/MSS (GB0210)	[?late 1970s]	64 pp.
NLW ex 2297 vtls004320627 (WIAbNL)0000320627	File - Miscellaneous material relating to the John family. <i>Natur a chynnwys / Scope and content:</i> Miscellaneous printed material and ephemera relating to the John family (the artists Gwen John and Augustus John), including funeral cards, obituaries and a family tree of the Nettleship family. <i>Nodyn / Note [generalNote]:</i> Title based on contents. <i>Nodyn / Note [generalNote]:</i> Preferred citation: NLW ex 2297. <i>Lleoliad ffisegol / Physical location:</i> ARCH/MSS (GB0210)	1930-1999	1 folder.
NLW ex 2975	File - Edwin John letters to Sara John <i>Crëwr / Creator:</i> Holroyd, MichaelJohn, BenMcNeill, Dorelia, 1881-1969John, Betty, 1903-1987Sewell, Brian <i>Natur a chynnwys / Scope and content:</i> Some four hundred and eighty-six letters and postcards, [1950s]-1978, from Edwin John, mainly in Paris, to his daughter Sara John; together with twelve from Sara to Edwin, 1964-1977. Also included are nine miscellaneous letters to Sara John, 1965-1996, including one from Michael Holroyd; an exchange of letters between Sara John and Brian Sewell, October 2004, concerning Sewell's article on Augustus and Gwen John ('Feminists still haunt Augustus', Evening Standard, 1 October 2004, pp. 38-39); four letters from Edwin to his son Ben John, 1953; two letters from Edwin, 1946, 1973; five John family postcards, 1952-[?1964], from Ben John, Dorelia McNeill and Sara's mother Beatrice Dorothy John; and twelve scraps, postcards and other miscellaneous items, [n.d.]. <i>Nodyn / Note [generalNote]:</i> Title based on contents. <i>Lleoliad ffisegol / Physical location:</i> ARCH/MSS (GB0210)	1946-2004	c. 535 items (1 large box)
NLW ex 2976	File - Gwen John	[?mid 20 cent.]-2002	1 small box.

	<p><i>Crëwr / Creator:</i> John, Sara G.Taubman, Mary</p> <p><i>Natur a chynnwys / Scope and content:</i> Papers relating mostly to Gwen John, [?mid 20 cent.]-2002, accumulated by Sara John. They include a carbon copy typescript of Mary C. A. Edmond's [i.e. Mary Taubman] Edinburgh University dissertation, 'Gwen John 1876-1939', [1953]; a carbon copy typescript draft of introductory notes for an unidentified publication, [?mid 1960s]; a typescript 'final draft' of 'Gwen John 1876-1939' by Sara John, 1982; an incomplete typescript work (ff. 7-9, 11, 13-15, 20-21 only) concerning Gwen John's relationship with her patron John Quinn, [20 cent, last ¼]; various notes, translations and quotations, mostly manuscript, [? in the hand of Sara John], [20 cent, last ¼]-2002; a copy of 'The Antiquary', a poem by Augustus John, dated 1948; and six family photographs, the subjects including Ida, Edwin, Sara and Augustus John, [? mid 20 cent.]-[late 20 cent.].</p> <p><i>Nodyn / Note [generalNote]:</i> Title based on contents.</p> <p><i>Lleoliad ffisegol / Physical location:</i> ARCH/MSS (GB0210)</p>
NLW ex 2977	<p>File - Edwin John letters to Guy Roddon 1962-1978 1 archival wallet.</p> <p><i>Crëwr / Creator:</i> Roddon, Guy</p> <p><i>Natur a chynnwys / Scope and content:</i> Forty-two letters and postcards, 1962-1978, from Edwin John to his friend, the artist Guy Roddon. Also included is a letter, [n.d.], from Roddon's daughter Louise to Sara John.</p> <p><i>Nodyn / Note [generalNote]:</i> Title based on contents.</p> <p><i>Lleoliad ffisegol / Physical location:</i> ARCH/MSS (GB0210)</p>