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Gwybodaeth grynodeb | Summary information

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Hanes gweinyddol / Braslun bywgraffyddol | Administrative history | Biographical sketch

Nodyn | Note

Saunders Lewis, dramatist, poet, historian and literary critic, was born in Wallasey, Cheshire to a family of prominent Welsh Calvinistic Methodists. He was educated at a boys's school in Liscard and at Liverpool University, where he studied English and French. His academic career was interrupted by the First World War, in which Lewis served with the South Wales Borderers, but he quickly resumed his studies at the end of the conflict, and, having graduated, worked as librarian in Glamorgan before taking up a post as lecturer in the Welsh department of the University College of Swansea. In 1925, Lewis was one of the pioneering figures involved in establishing the National Party of Wales (later known as Plaid Cymru) and was made President of the fledgeling organisation the following year. Having written about the Roman Catholic church for a number of years, in 1932 Lewis converted to the faith also practised by his wife Margaret. In 1936, Lewis, D. J. Williams and Lewis Valentine set fire to the Royal Airforce's Bombing School in Pen-y-berth on the Llyn Peninsula, an event which has gone down in the annals of

Welsh history and which earned Lewis imprisonment in Wormwood Scrubs and dismissal from his lecturing post in Swansea. He was eventually appointed senior lecturer in Welsh at the University of Cardiff but retired in 1957 to devote his time to writing. Lewis's literary output is prodigious and he is considered by many to be the most important Welsh literary and political figure of the twentieth century; it is considered that his radio address for 1962, *Tynged yr Iaith*, was the direct instigating force behind the establishment of the Welsh language movement *Cymdeithas yr Iaith Gymraeg*.

Natur a chynnwys | Scope and content

Papers, 1901-1991, of dramatist, poet and literary critic John Saunders Lewis consisting mainly of correspondence and comprising letters, 1914-1955, between Saunders Lewis and Margaret Lewis (née Gilcriest), including letters written whilst Saunders Lewis was serving in the First World War and whilst he was imprisoned in Wormwood Scrubs in 1937; letters, 1919-1984, to Saunders Lewis from various correspondents, including seventy-three letters, 1923-1983, from Kate Roberts, and fifty-three letters and cards, 1948-1974, from artist and writer David Jones, together with letters, 1937, to Margaret Lewis from David Jones and from various correspondents to her, 1919-1951; letters, 1919-1924, to Saunders Lewis from his father Ludwig Lewis, and letters, 1952, 1984-[c. 1986], to Mair Saunders Jones, daughter of Saunders and Margaret Lewis, including a letter, 1952, from Kate Roberts; together with autograph and typescript drafts of plays by Saunders Lewis, 1936-1983, articles, notes and addresses by him, including students notebooks of 1914-1920, and poetry, 1912-1947, by both Saunders and Margaret Lewis. References include those to *Plaid Cymru*, Welsh nationalism, contemporary Welsh literature, the state of the Welsh language at the time, and Roman Catholicism.

Nodiadau | Notes

Nodiadau teitl | Title notes

Ffynhonnell | Immediate source of acquisition

NLW MSS 22723-22737; John Saunders Lewis; Donation; 1964, 1980, 1984 (kept under seal until the deaths of Saunders Lewis, Kate Roberts and David Jones)

NLW MSS 22723-22737; Mrs Mair Saunders Jones, daughter of Saunders Lewis; Penarth; Donation; 1986

NLW MSS 22951-22964, 23015-23027, 23224-23233, 23547-23548; Mrs Mair Saunders Jones, daughter of Saunders Lewis; Penarth; Purchase; 1991, 1992, 1994, 1996

Trefniant | Arrangement

Arranged according to NLW MSS reference numbers: NLW MSS 22723-22727, 22951-22964, 23015-23027, 23224-23233, 23547-23548.

Cyfyngiadau ar fynediad | Restrictions on access

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Amodau rheoli defnydd | Conditions governing use

Usual copyright laws apply.

Rhestrau cymorth | Finding aids

The descriptions are also available, together with a detailed list of contents, in Handlist of Manuscripts in the National Library of Wales, Volume VIII (Aberystwyth, 1999) and Handlist of Manuscripts in the National Library of Wales, Volume IX (Aberystwyth, 2003).

Nodiadau eraill | Other notes

- **Statws cyhoeddiad | Publication status:** Published
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Pwyntiau mynediad | Access points

- Lewis, Saunders, 1893-1985 -- Archives. (pwnc) | (subject)
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Disgrifiad cyfres | Series descriptions

Cod cyfeirnod Ref code	Teitl Title	Dyddiadau Dates	Statws mynediad Access status	Cynhwysydd Container
NLW MS 22723D vtls004278889 (WIAbNL)0000278889	File - Llythyrau at Saunders Lewis,	1923-1983 /	Readers consulting modern papers in the National Library of Wales are required to abide by the conditions noted on the 'Modern papers - data protection' form issued with their readers' tickets.	NLW MS 22723D.
NLW MS 22724E vtls004279465 (WIAbNL)0000279465	File - Letters to Saunders Lewis,	1937-1974 /	Readers consulting modern papers in the National Library of Wales	NLW MS 22724E.

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NLW MS 22725E vtls004279534 (WIAbNL)0000279534	File - Llythyrau at Saunders Lewis,	1919-1984.	Readers consulting modern papers in the National Library of Wales are required to abide by the conditions noted on the 'Modern papers - data protection' form issued with their readers' tickets.	NLW MS 22725E.
NLW MS 22726E vtls004279882 (WIAbNL)0000279882	File - Erthyglau a nodiadau,	[c. 1920]-1979 /		NLW MS 22726E.
NLW MS 22727A vtls004280351 (WIAbNL)0000280351	File - Barddoniaeth R. Williams Parry,	[1948x1952] /	Readers consulting modern papers in the National Library of Wales are required to abide by the conditions noted on the 'Modern papers - data protection' form issued with their readers' tickets.	NLW MS 22727A.
NLW MS 22951C vtls004631735	File - Caernarfon court speech,	1936 /	Readers consulting modern papers in the National Library of Wales are required to abide by the conditions noted on the 'Modern papers - data protection' form issued with their Readers' Tickets.	NLW MS 22951C.
NLW MS 22952C vtls004631769	File - Drama deledu,	[1940s], 1975 /		NLW MS 22952C.
NLW MS 22953C vtls004631772	File - Love's the Doctor,	[c. 1960] /		NLW MS 22953C.
NLW MS 22954C vtls004631785	File - Problemau Prifysgol,	1962 /	Readers consulting modern papers in the National Library of Wales are required to	NLW MS 22954C.

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NLW MS 22955C vtls004631797	File - Merch Gwern Hywel,	[c. 1964] /		NLW MS 22955C.
NLW MS 22956C vtls004631808	File - Cymru Fydd,	[c. 1967] /		NLW MS 22956C.
NLW MS 22957C vtls004631821	File - Y Cynol Chabert,	1968 /	Readers consulting modern papers in the National Library of Wales are required to abide by the conditions noted on the 'Modern papers - data protection' form issued with their Readers' Tickets.	NLW MS 22957C. NLW MS 22957C.
NLW MS 22958D vtls004631907	File - Y Cynol Chabert,	[c. 1968] /	Readers consulting modern papers in the National Library of Wales are required to abide by the conditions noted on the 'Modern papers - data protection' form issued with their Readers' Tickets.	NLW MS 22958D.
NLW MS 22959C vtls004631922	File - Notes & fragments,	[c. 1970] /	Readers consulting modern papers in the National Library of Wales are required to abide by the conditions noted on the 'Modern papers - data protection' form issued with their Readers' Tickets.	NLW MS 22959C.
NLW MS 22960C vtls004631930	File - Dwy Briodas Ann,	1973 /	Readers consulting modern papers in the National Library of Wales are required to abide by the conditions noted on the 'Modern papers - data protection'	NLW MS 22960C.

			form issued with their Readers' Tickets.	
NLW MS 22961C vtls004631938	File - Cell y Grog,	1974 /	Readers consulting modern papers in the National Library of Wales are required to abide by the conditions noted on the 'Modern papers - data protection' form issued with their Readers' Tickets.	NLW MS 22961C.
NLW MS 22962D vtls004631945	File - '1938',	1978 /	Readers consulting modern papers in the National Library of Wales are required to abide by the conditions noted on the 'Modern papers - data protection' form issued with their Readers' Tickets.	NLW MS 22962D.
NLW MS 22963E vtls004631973	File - Llythyrau at Saunders Lewis,	1901-1983.	Readers consulting modern papers in the National Library of Wales are required to abide by the conditions noted on the 'Modern papers - data protection' form issued with their Readers' Tickets.	NLW MS 22963E 4p V5576444.
NLW MS 22964C vtls004631976	File - Miscellanea,	1925, 1976 /	Readers consulting modern papers in the National Library of Wales are required to abide by the conditions noted on the 'Modern papers - data protection' form issued with their Readers' Tickets.	NLW MS 22964C.
NLW MS 23015C vtls004632028	File - Letters to Margaret Gilcriest,	1914 /		NLW MS 23015C.
NLW MS 23016C vtls004632034	File - Letters to Margaret Gilcriest,	1915 /		NLW MS 23016C.

NLW MS 23017C vtls004632047	File - Letters to Margaret Gilcriest,	1916 /		NLW MS 23017C.
NLW MS 23018C vtls004632074	File - Letters to Margaret Gilcriest,	1917, 1991 /		NLW MS 23018C.
NLW MS 23019C vtls004632184	File - Letters to Margaret Gilcriest,	1918 /		NLW MS 23019C.
NLW MS 23021C vtls004632199	File - Letters to Margaret Gilcriest,	1920 /	Readers consulting modern papers in the National Library of Wales are required to abide by the conditions noted on the 'Modern papers - data protection' form issued with their Readers' Tickets.	NLW MS 23021C.
NLW MS 23022C vtls004632206	File - Letters to Margaret Gilcriest,	1921 /	Readers consulting modern papers in the National Library of Wales are required to abide by the conditions noted on the 'Modern papers - data protection' form issued with their Readers' Tickets.	NLW MS 23022C.
NLW MS 23023C vtls004632211	File - Letters to Margaret Gilcriest,	1922-1923 /	Readers consulting modern papers in the National Library of Wales are required to abide by the conditions noted on the 'Modern papers - data protection' form issued with their Readers' Tickets.	NLW MS 23023C.
NLW MS 23024E vtls004632232	File - Letters to Margaret Gilcriest,	1924-1926 /	Readers consulting modern papers in the National Library of Wales are required to abide by the conditions noted on the 'Modern papers - data protection' form issued with their Readers' Tickets.	NLW MS 23024E.
NLW MS 23025D vtls004632242	File - Letters to Margaret Lewis,	1927-1932 /	Readers consulting modern papers	NLW MS 23025D.

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NLW MS 23026C vtls004632267	File - Prison letters,	1937 /	Readers consulting modern papers in the National Library of Wales are required to abide by the conditions noted on the 'Modern papers - data protection' form issued with their Readers' Tickets.	NLW MS 23026C.
NLW MS 23027C vtls004632275	File - 'John-Sack-and-Sugar' articles,	1921-1922 /	Readers consulting modern papers in the National Library of Wales are required to abide by the conditions noted on the 'Modern papers - data protection' form issued with their Readers' Tickets.	NLW MS 23027C.
NLW MS 23224C vtls004631323	File - Letters to Saunders Lewis,	1918-1923 /	Readers consulting modern papers in the National Library of Wales are required to abide by the conditions noted on the 'Modern papers - data protection' form issued with their Readers' Tickets.	NLW MS 23224C.
NLW MS 23225C vtls004631332	File - Letters to Margaret Lewis,	1919-1951.	Readers consulting modern papers in the National Library of Wales are required to abide by the conditions noted on the 'Modern papers - data protection' form issued with	NLW MS 23225C.

			their Readers' Tickets.	
NLW MS 23226D vtls004631383	File - Lewis family letters,	1919-[c. 1986].		NLW MS 23226D.
NLW MS 23227D vtls004632387	File - Poetry,	1912-[c. 1919], 1991 /		NLW MS 23227D.
NLW MS 23228C vtls004632397	File - Poetry and prose,	1914-1947 /	Readers consulting modern papers in the National Library of Wales are required to abide by the conditions noted on the 'Modern papers - data protection' form issued with their Readers' Tickets.	NLW MS 23228C.
NLW MSS 23229-23230A vtls004632409	File - Memoranda,	1914-1920 /	Readers consulting modern papers in the National Library of Wales are required to abide by the conditions noted on the 'Modern papers - data protection' form issued with their Readers' Tickets.	NLW MSS 23229-23230A.
NLW MSS 23231A, 23232B. vtls004632439	File - Notebooks,	1914-1947 /	Readers consulting modern papers in the National Library of Wales are required to abide by the conditions noted on the 'Modern papers - data protection' form issued with their Readers' Tickets.	NLW MSS 23231A, 23232B.
NLW MS 23233C vtls004632452	File - Address, &c.,	1922-1989 /	Readers consulting modern papers in the National Library of Wales are required to abide by the conditions noted on the 'Modern papers - data protection' form issued with their Readers' Tickets.	NLW MS 23233C.
NLW MS 23547D vtls004632473	File - The Hidden Kingdom,	1979 /	Readers consulting modern papers	NLW MS 23547D.

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NLW MS 23548C vtls004632483	File - Miscellanea,	1923, [1930s] /	NLW MS 23548C.