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# Augustus John Papers,

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## Gwybodaeth grynodeb | Summary information

<b>Lleoliad   Repository:</b>	Llyfrgell Genedlaethol Cymru = The National Library of Wales
<b>Teitl   Title:</b>	Augustus John Papers,
<b>ID:</b>	GB 0210 MSAUGJOHN
<b>Virtua system control number [alternative]:</b>	vtls004279282
<b>GEAC system control number [alternative]:</b>	(WIAbNL)0000279282
<b>Dyddiad   Date:</b>	[1880s]-1980 / (dyddiad creu   date of creation)
<b>Disgrifiad ffisegol   Physical description:</b>	30 vols.
<b>Lleoliad ffisegol   Physical location:</b>	ARCH/MSS (GB0210)
<b>Iaith   Language:</b>	English
<b>Iaith   Language:</b>	French
<b>Iaith   Language:</b>	Romany
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<b>Dyddiadau creu, golygu a dileu   Dates of creation, revision and deletion:</b>	
<b>Nodyn   Note [generalNote]:</b>	Title based on contents.

## Hanes gweinyddol / Braslun bywgraffyddol | Administrative history | Biographical sketch

### Nodyn | Note

Augustus Edwin John, artist, was born at Tenby in Pembrokeshire. He studied at the Slade School in London between 1894 and 1899. A diving accident in 1897 caused severe head injuries, affecting his personality and painting style. He married Ida Nettleship in 1901, and they had five children. At about the same time, he was appointed to teach art at the University of Liverpool, where he was taught the Romani language. Periods of travelling throughout England and Wales in a gypsy caravan inspired much of his work before World War 1. In 1902, he met Dorothy MacNeill, and gave her the Romani name Dorelia.

She became his most important model and lifelong inspiration; she moved to Paris with Augustus's sister, the artist Gwen John, the following year. Augustus based himself mainly in Paris in 1906-1907. After Ida's death in 1907, Augustus and Dorelia married and had four children. His early period of work was characterised by drawings from life, notably of contemporaries including Ida and Dorelia and his sisters, as well as portraits in oils influenced by the Old Masters and an experimental series of etchings. He was elected President of the National Portrait Gallery in 1914. During World War I, he spent a brief time in France employed by the Canadian government as a war artist, and was official artist at the Paris Peace Conference in 1919. After a period of painting landscapes and employing a more modern impressionistic idiom, he became increasingly successful as a portrait painter. His subjects included Thomas Hardy, T. E. Lawrence, George Bernard Shaw, and David Lloyd George. He was elected to the Royal Academy in 1928, resigned in 1938, and was re-elected in 1940. He was elected President of the Royal Cambrian Academy of Art in 1934 and President of the Gypsy Lore Society in 1938. In 1942 he was awarded the Order of Merit for services to art. He died at Fryern Court, Hampshire, his home since 1927, in 1961.

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## Natur a chynnwys | Scope and content

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Papers, [1880s]-1980, of or relating to the artist Augustus John and comprising letters from Augustus John to miscellaneous recipients and including over eight hundred and forty letters to his second wife Dorelia McNeill, letters to Augustus John from family, friends and miscellaneous individuals, letters from Ida John (née Nettleship), first wife of Augustus John, mainly to relatives and friends, letters to Dorelia McNeill from miscellaneous correspondents, and other correspondence of the John and Nettleship families; sketchbooks, 1908-[mid 1920s], of Augustus John; drafts of autobiographical writings by Augustus John which would later be published as *Chiaroscuro* (London, 1952) and the posthumous *Finishing Touches* (London, 1964); miscellaneous family papers of the John and Nettleship families; catalogues of Augustus John's papers; and a volume of poems, [c. 1909], of Arthur Symons, composed during his period of madness and transcribed by his amanuensis Agnes Tobin.

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## Nodiadau | Notes

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### Nodiadau teitl | Title notes

### Ffynhonnell | Immediate source of acquisition

NLW MSS 22775-22797; Sotheby's; London; Purchased at auction; 17 December 1979

NLW MSS 22798-22803; Miss Rebecca John, granddaughter of Augustus John; London; Purchase; 1988

NLW MS 23410C, ff. 1-11; Sotheby's; London; Purchased at auction, lot 540; 24 July 1995

NLW MS 23410C, ff. 12-13; Anonymous; Donation; 1995

NLW MS 23410C, ff. 14-15; Phillips; London; Purchased at auction, lot 425; 9 November 1995

## Trefniant | Arrangement

Arranged according to NLW MSS reference numbers: NLW MSS 22775-22803, 23410C.

## Cyfyngiadau ar fynediad | Restrictions on access

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.

## Amodau rheoli defnydd | Conditions governing use

Usual copyright laws apply. Information regarding the ownership of Augustus John copyright can be found at <http://tyler.hrc.utexas.edu/> (viewed December 2010).

## Rhestrau cymorth | Finding aids

A detailed list of the manuscripts' contents may be found in the schedule of Augustus John Papers, available at NLW.

## Disgrifiadau deunydd | Related material

Printed and miscellaneous items acquired with these groups, together with related material donated by Augustus John's granddaughter Miss Sara G. John, Llangedwyn in 1990 and 1991, are NLW ex 1237. The papers and correspondence are described more fully in the catalogue Augustus John Papers (Aberystwyth, 1991), where other Augustus John papers and correspondence at NLW are listed.

## Nodiadau eraill | Other notes

- **Statws cyhoeddiad | Publication status:** Published
- **Dynodwr sefydliad | Institution identifier:** Llyfrgell Genedlaethol Cymru = The National Library of Wales

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## Pwyntiau mynediad | Access points

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- John, Augustus, 1878-1961 -- Correspondence. (pwnc) | (subject)
- John, Augustus, 1878-1961 -- Archives. (pwnc) | (subject)
- John, Augustus, 1878-1961 -- Family -- Correspondence. (pwnc) | (subject)

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## Llyfryddiaeth | Bibliography

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See Ceridwen Lloyd-Morgan, Augustus John Papers at the National Library of Wales (Aberystwyth, 1996).

**Disgrifiad cyfres | Series descriptions**

Cod cyfeirnod   Ref code	Teitl   Title	Dyddiadau   Dates	Statws mynediad   Access status	Cynhwysydd   Container
NLW MS 22775C. vtls004279288 (WIAbNL)0000279288	File - Letters,	1907-1961 /	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 22775C.
NLW MS 22776D. vtls004279357 (WIAbNL)0000279357	File - Letters to Dorelia McNeill,	[1903]-[1911] /		NLW MS 22776D.
NLW MS 22777D. vtls004279384 (WIAbNL)0000279384	File - Letters to Dorelia McNeill,	[1912]-[1917] /		NLW MS 22777D.
NLW MS 22778D. vtls004279405 (WIAbNL)0000279405	File - Letters to Dorelia McNeill,	[1918]-[1950] /		NLW MS 22778D.
NLW MS 22779E. vtls004279406 (WIAbNL)0000279406	File - Letters to Augustus John,	1907-1961.	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 22779E.
NLW MS 22780E. vtls004279412 (WIAbNL)0000279412	File - Letters to Augustus John,	[c. 1909]-1961.		NLW MS 22780E.
NLW MS 22781D. vtls004279417 (WIAbNL)0000279417	File - Letters to Augustus John,	?1908-1961.	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 22781D.

NLW MS 22782D. vtls004279418 (WIAbNL)0000279418	File - Letters to Augustus John,	?1899-1961.	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 22782D.
NLW MS 22783D. vtls004279447 (WIAbNL)0000279447	File - Letters to Augustus John,	[c. 1904]-1961.		NLW MS 22783D.
NLW MS 22784D. vtls004279456 (WIAbNL)0000279456	File - Letters to Augustus John,	1907-1961.	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 22784D.
NLW MS 22785D. vtls004279464 (WIAbNL)0000279464	File - Letters to Augustus John,	1904-1961.	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 22785D.
NLW MS 22786D. vtls004279489 (WIAbNL)0000279489	File - Letters to Augustus John,	?1908-1961.	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 22786D.
NLW MS 22787D. vtls004279511 (WIAbNL)0000279511	File - Letters to Augustus John,	1927-1961.	Readers consulting modern papers in the National Library of Wales are required to	NLW MS 22787D.

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NLW MS 22788C. vtls004279514 (WIAbNL)0000279514	File - Letters,	[c. 1892]-1906 /		NLW MS 22788C.
NLW MS 22789D. vtls004279522 (WIAbNL)0000279522	File - Letters to Dorelia McNeill,	1903-1969.	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 22789D.
NLW MS 22790D. vtls004279542 (WIAbNL)0000279542	File - John & Nettleship family letters,	1906-1979.		NLW MS 22790D.
NLW MS 22791C. vtls004279588 (WIAbNL)0000279588	File - Sketch-book,	1908 /		NLW MS 22791C.
NLW MS 22792A. vtls004279589 (WIAbNL)0000279589	File - Sketch-book,	[mid 1920s]		NLW MS 22792A.
NLW MS 22793A. vtls004279590 (WIAbNL)0000279590	File - Sketch-book,	[mid 1920s] /		NLW MS 22793A.
NLW MS 22794A. vtls004279591 (WIAbNL)0000279591	File - Sketch-book,	[mid 1920s] /		NLW MS 22794A.
NLW MS 22795C. vtls004279592 (WIAbNL)0000279592	File - Chiaroscuro,	[c. 1938]-1951		NLW MS 22795C.
NLW MS 22796E. vtls004279594 (WIAbNL)0000279594	File - Finishing Touches,	[c. 1910s]-1961		NLW MS 22796E.
NLW MS 22797D. vtls004279606 (WIAbNL)0000279606	File - Miscellaneous papers,	1930-?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' form issued with their readers' tickets.	NLW MS 22797D.



NLW MS 22798B. vtls004279622 (WIAbNL)0000279622	File - Letters,	[1880s]-1907 /		NLW MS 22798B.
NLW MS 22799D. vtls004279629 (WIAbNL)0000279629	File - Nettleship & John family letters,	1899-1980.		NLW MS 22799D.
NLW MS 22800E. vtls004279667 (WIAbNL)0000279667	File - Nettleship & John family papers,	[c. 1908]-1967.		NLW MS 22800E.
NLW MS 22801A. vtls004279676 (WIAbNL)0000279676	File - Poems	ca. 1909 /		NLW MS 22801A.
NLW MS 22802D. vtls004279684 (WIAbNL)0000279684	File - Catalogue of Augustus John papers,	[c. 1977] /	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 22802D.
NLW MS 22803D. vtls004279689 (WIAbNL)0000279689	File - Catalogue of Augustus John papers,	[c. 1977] /	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 22803D.
NLW MS 23410C. vtls004650251	File - Letters,	1901-1943 /		NLW MS 23410C.