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# Clifford Dyment manuscripts

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## Gwybodaeth grynodeb | Summary information

<b>Lleoliad   Repository:</b>	Llyfrgell Genedlaethol Cymru = The National Library of Wales
<b>Teitl   Title:</b>	Clifford Dymant manuscripts
<b>ID:</b>	GB 0210 MSCLIFFDYM
<b>Alma system control number [alternative]:</b>	99633430102419
<b>Dyddiad   Date:</b>	1930-[1969] (dyddiad creu   date of creation)
<b>Disgrifiad ffisegol   Physical description:</b>	10 volumes.
<b>Iaith   Language:</b>	English
<b>Dyddiadau creu, golygu a dileu   Dates of creation, revision and deletion:</b>	
<b>Nodyn   Note [sourcesDescription]:</b>	The following sources were used in the compilation of this description: 'Dymant, Clifford Henry', in <i>Who Was Who</i> (Oxford: O.U.P., 2014), online edn. April 2014 < <a href="http://www.ukwhoswho.com">http://www.ukwhoswho.com</a> > [accessed 7 March 2016]; <i>The Oxford Companion to Twentieth-Century Poetry in English</i> , ed. by Ian Hamilton (Oxford: O.U.P., 1994); Robert Greacen, 'Mr Clifford Dymant: Poet and author', <i>The Times</i> , 8 June 1971, <i>Obituaries</i> , p. 14.
<b>Nodyn   Note [generalNote]:</b>	Title based on contents of fonds.

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

### Nodyn | Note

Clifford Henry Dymant (1914-1971), poet and writer, was born 20 January 1914 in Alfreton, Derbyshire, the son of William Clifford Dymant (1888-1918) and his wife Bessie (née Riding, 1888-1982), both of South Wales. Dymant spent his early childhood in Caerleon, Monmouthshire, but following the death of his father, in action in France on 22 May 1918, he moved with his mother and sister to Nottingham. He attended Loughborough Grammar School, Leicestershire, and for some time ran a cycle shop. Following the publication of his first volume of poetry, *First Day* (London, 1935) he moved to London. There

followed *Straight or Curly* (London, 1937), *The Axe in the Wood* (London, 1944), *Poems 1935-1948* (London, 1949), *Experiences and Places: New Poems* (London, 1955) and (with Marcella Dyment) *Fur, Feather, and Fin* (London, 1968), together with *Selected Poems* (London, [1945]) and *Collected Poems* (London, 1970), this last volume including a section of previously unpublished 'dream poems'. Other works included the biography *C. Day Lewis* (London, 1955) and *The Railway Game: An Early Autobiography* (London, 1962). Dyment also worked as a journalist and critic, wrote and directed documentaries for the Ministry of Information and other bodies during the Second World War, and worked for BBC radio and television as a broadcaster and writer of commentaries. In 1947 he married Marcella Salzer (d. 1968). Dyment died in London, 5 June 1971.

## **Hanes Gwarchodol | Custodial history**

NLW MSS 24079-86 apparently at one time in the possession of Dyment's mother Bessie Dyment (d. 1982); they may have been inherited by Dyment's sister, Irene Dyment, who died in April 2011.

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## **Natur a chynnwys | Scope and content**

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Literary manuscripts and other papers, 1930-[1969], of Clifford Dyment, including autograph and amended typescript copies of poems, 1930-[1969]; fragments of various prose works, [1948]-[1969]; correspondence, 1936-1953; drafts of his play 'Mr Everyman', [?1953]; and scripts, annotated by Dyment, for radio and stage adaptations of Turgenev's 'Torrents of Spring', [?1950s].

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## **Nodiadau | Notes**

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### **Nodiadau teitl | Title notes**

### **Ffynhonnell | Immediate source of acquisition**

NLW MS 23955E: C. R. Johnson Rare Book Collections; London; Purchase; March 2007; 004457406.  
NLW MS 24072D: Richard M. Ford; London; Purchase; September 2015; 6921927.  
NLW MSS 24079-24086: Richard M. Ford; London; Purchase (with NLW ex 2927); February 2016; 99633430102419.

### **Trefniant | Arrangement**

Arranged according to NLW MSS reference numbers: NLW MSS 23955E, 24072D, 24079-86.

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## Disgrifiadau deunydd | Related material

See also NLW ex 2927, which contains annotated printed works and miscellaneous personal papers. For further papers of Clifford Dymant, 1939-1970, see Philadelphia (PA), Temple University, Special Collections Research Center, (SPC) MSS LT 119.

## Ychwanegiadau | Accruals

Accruals are not expected.

## Nodiadau eraill | Other notes

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

## Pwyntiau mynediad | Access points

- Dymant, Clifford, 1914-1970 -- Archives. (pwnc) | (subject)

## Disgrifiad cyfres | Series descriptions

Cod cyfeirnod   Ref code	Teitl   Title	Dyddiadau   Dates	Statws mynediad   Access status	Cynhwysydd   Container
NLW MS 23955E vtls004457406	File - Clifford Dymant papers	[?1932]-[c. 1965]		NLW MS 23955E.
NLW MS 24072D vtls006921927	File - Clifford Dymant correspondence	1936-1942		NLW MS 24072D
NLW MS 24079A	File - First Footings	1930		NLW MS 24079A; Leaf cut out between ff. 1 and 2
NLW MS 24080D	File - Dream Poems	[1951]-[1969]		NLW MS 24080D
NLW MS 24081C	File - Mr Everyman: A Play	[?1953]		NLW MS 24081C; Some leaves

			damaged, with no loss of text
NLW MS 24082C	File - Mr Everyman: A Comedy	[?1953]	NLW MS 24082C; Covers worn
NLW MS 24083C	File - Turgenev's 'The Torrents of Spring'	[?1950s]	NLW MS 24083C - Fragment of missing leaf, presumably a title page, before f. 1
NLW MS 24084E	File - Turgenev's 'The Torrents of Spring'	[?1950s]	NLW MS 24084E; Folio 79 is a fragment only; several folios torn
NLW MS 24085i & iiD	File - Fur, Feather and Fin	[mid-1960s]-1968	NLW MS 24085i & iiD; Covers worn (24085iD)
NLW MS 24086D	File - Miscellaneous papers	1951-[1960s]	NLW MS 24086D