

## GLAMORGAN RECORD OFFICE/ARCHIFDY MORGANNWG

**Reference code:** GB 214 DX 153

**Title:** Records of Edward John and Son,  
Agricultural Merchants, Eagle Stores,  
Cowbridge

**Dates of creation:** 1900 - 1969

**Level of description:** Fonds

**Extent:** 24 vols and 4 large boxes; 0.5 cubic metres

**Name of creator:** Edward John, Agricultural Merchant,  
Cowbridge (c.1880 - c.1900); Edward John  
and Son (c.1905 - ?); Edward John and Son  
Ltd. (? - *post* 1969)

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### **Administrative history**

Edward John appears to have set up in business on his own account as an agricultural merchant in Cowbridge at some time between 1875 and 1881, having before this been agent in Cowbridge for the seed and manure merchants Hall, Reynolds and Co. By the early years of the twentieth century Edward John's son William H. John seems to have been taken into the business, now named Edward John and Son, and described on its letter-heading as 'Corn, seed, manure merchants and wool staplers'. At some point between 1926 and 1965, the firm became a limited liability company, Edward John and Son Ltd. By 1968, it appears have been part of Rank Hovis McDougall Agricultural Industries Ltd., although still trading under its own name. The business had ceased trading by 1978.

The business was situated in Westgate, Cowbridge, and by the early twentieth century also had branches in Bridgend (Quarella Road) and Llantwit Major. By the 1960s, it included among its customers a large number of farms across Glamorgan, and not only sold agricultural supplies but also bought grain produced on the farms.

### **Immediate source of acquisition**

The records were found in the premises occupied by Edward John and Son Ltd. after the firm had vacated them. They were presented to the Record Office on 13 October 1978 and 4 April 1979 (file number 11/0756).

**Content of collection**

The records consist mainly of accounting and financial records, including personal (sales) ledgers (1900-1905 and *c.* 1958-1969), purchase ledger (1967-1968), journals (1959-1969), cash books (1956-1959), invoice book (1922-1924), wages books (1958 and 1966-1967), and papers *re* corporate planning (1968-1969). There are also a small number of papers and certificates relating to the cereals deficiency payments scheme (1965-1969), and 3 early twentieth century school exercise books which presumably belonged to members of the John family.

**Appraisal, destruction and scheduling information**

One volume of invoices for *c.* 1960s has been destroyed. All other records have been retained.

**Accruals**

None expected.

**Access conditions**

No restrictions on access.

**Language of material**

English

**Finding aids**

A detailed list follows.

**Related material in the Glamorgan Record Office**

No other material relating to this business is held.

**Associated material held in other repositories**

None known.

**Note**

Description compiled in the Glamorgan Record Office 30 August 2000.

**RECORDS OF EDWARD JOHN AND SON, AGRICULTURAL  
MERCHANTS, EAGLE STORES, COWBRIDGE**

**DX 153/1                    Personal Ledger, 1900 - 1905**

[1 vol.]

**DX 153/2/1-3 Personal Ledgers, sales, c.1958 - 1965**

Contain annual summaries of sales

DX 153/2/1    A - G  
DX 153/2/2    H - Q  
DX 153/2/3    R - Z

[3 vols.]

**DX 153/3/1-9 Personal Ledgers, sales, 1965 - 1969**

DX 153/3/1    A - B  
DX 153/3/2    MISSING  
DX 153/3/3    E - G  
DX 153/3/4    H - J  
DX 153/3/5    K - L  
DX 153/3/6    M - O  
DX 153/3/7    P - S  
DX 153/3/8    T  
DX 153/3/9    U - W

[8 vols.]

**DX 153/4/1-2 Sales Balance and Purchase Ledgers, 1967 - 1969**

DX 153/4/1    Sales Balance Ledger, 1967 - 1969  
DX 153/4/2    Purchase Ledger, 1967 - 1969

[2 vols.]

**DX 153/5/1-4 Sales Journals, 1965 - 1969**

DX 153/5/1    1965 - 1966  
DX 153/5/2    1966 - 1967  
DX 153/5/3    1967 - 1968  
DX 153/5/4    1968 - 1969

[4 vols.]

**DX 153/6/1-5 Transfer Journals, 1959 and 1962 - 1964**

Showing transfers between personal (sales) accounts, with monthly summaries.

DX 153/6/1 1959  
DX 153/6/2 1962  
DX 153/6/3 1962 - 1963  
DX 153/6/4 1963 - 1964  
DX 153/6/5 1964 - 1965

[5 vols.]

**DX 153/7/1-8 Debtors' Credit Journals, 1958 - 1965**

Showing refunds or credits on personal sales accounts

[8 vols.]

**DX 153/8/1-4 Purchase Journals, 1950 - 1961 (incomplete)**

DX 153/8/1 1950, 1953, 1958  
DX 153/8/2 1959  
DX 153/8/3 1960  
DX 153/8/4 1961  
DX 153/8/5 1967 - 1969

[5 vols.]

**DX 153/9/1-12 'Debtors' Cash Books', 1957 - 1969**

Include monthly summaries of both debtors and creditors.

DX 153/9/1 1957  
DX 153/9/2 1958  
DX 153/9/3 1959  
DX 153/9/4 1960  
DX 153/9/5 1960  
DX 153/9/6 1961  
DX 153/9/7 1962  
DX 153/9/8 1962 - 1963  
DX 153/9/9 1963 - 1964  
DX 153/9/10 1964 - 1965  
DX 153/9/11 1965 - 1966  
DX 153/9/12 1966 - 1967

[12 vols.]

- DX 153/10/1-10**      **Petty Cash Books, 1956, 1958 - 1967**  
[10 vols.]
- DX 153/11**            **Invoice Book, 1922 - 1924**  
Contains invoices for goods purchased by the store, pasted into large volume.  
[1 vol.; formerly numbered as DX 153/1]
- DX 153/12**            **Bank statements, Dec. 1961 - Sep. 1962**  
[1 bdl.]
- DX 153/13/1-2**      **Wages Books, 1958 and 1966 - 1967**  
DX 153/13/1 1958  
DX 153/13/2 Sep. 1966 - Aug. 1967  
[2 vols.]
- DX 153/14**            **Papers *re* corporate planning, 1968 - 1969**  
Include balance sheets for 1964 - 1967  
[1 bdl.]
- DX 153/15**            **Papers *re* Plant Royalty Bureau Ltd., 1969 and undated**  
[1 bdl.]
- DX 153/16**            **MAFF Circulars, blank forms, and miscellaneous papers, c.1967 - 1969**
- DX 153/17**            **Returns to Home-Grown Cereals Authority on the price of wheat, barley and oats, 1966 - 1968**  
[5 vols.]
- DX 153/18**            **Home-Grown Barley forms, 1965 - 1969**  
Certificates of purchase of barley from local producers  
[1 bdl.]

**DX 153/19**

**Wheat Certificates, 1965 - 1969**

Certificates of purchase of wheat from local producers under Cereals Deficiency Payments Scheme

[1 bdl.]

**DX 153/20**

**Contract notes for homegrown grain, 1970**

[1 booklet]

**DX 153/21**

**School exercise books belonging to Alice and Sydney Lane, early C20**

[3 booklets]