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American Literature

Guide to the

**Condolence letters received by Julia Quinn Anderson on the death of  
John Quinn**

1924

Berg Coll MSS 186163

## Summary

**Correspondent:** Anderson, Julia Quinn

**Title:** Condolence letters received by Julia Quinn Anderson on the death of John Quinn

**Date:** 1924

**Size:** .1 linear feet (1 folder)

**Source:** Purchased, 2022

**Abstract:** John Quinn (1870-1924) was a corporation lawyer in New York City who amassed an important private collection of paintings, drawings and sculpture as well as books and manuscripts of contemporary authors. The collection consists of seven condolence letters on the death of John Quinn from prominent friends; six are addressed to Quinn's sister Mrs. William V. Anderson (Julia Quinn Anderson); one letter is addressed to lawyer Thomas J. Curtin, John Quinn's assistant. Items comprise: an autograph letter signed "A. Gregory," from Irish patron of the arts Augusta, Lady Gregory, on Coole Park letterhead, to "Dear Sister of John Quinn," dated [1924] July 29 (2 pages), with typescript copy; a typed letter signed from lawyer Richard Campbell on 14 Wall Street letterhead, dated 1924 August 26 (2 pages); an autograph letter signed (1 page) from New York Times editor John H. Finley, with a separate autograph manuscript poem "In Memory of John Quinn" signed "John Quill" with ink drawing of a quill (1 page), both dated 1924 July 29, with typescript copy of the poem; an autograph letter signed from lawyer and author Richard Walden Hale on Schooner Head, Bar Harbor, Maine letterhead, dated 1924 August 26 (1 page), with envelope; an autograph letter signed from artist Walt Kahn, on Ogunquit, Maine letterhead, dated 1924 July 30 (1 page); an autograph letter signed from poet and editor Michael Monahan on New Canaan, Connecticut letterhead to "My dear Mr. Curtin," dated 1924 July 31 (1 page); and a typed letter signed from artist John Sloan as president of The Society of Independent Artists, dated 1924 December 5 (1 page). Lady Gregory, apologizing for having forgotten Anderson's name, writes of her shock and grief after receiving the news by cable, and by a telegram from W. B. Yeats

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## Custodial History

Ownership by descent from Julia Quinn Anderson, sister and heir of John Quinn.

**Arrangement:** Alphabetical by surname

## **Key Terms**

### **Occupations**

Art patrons

Authors and patrons

### **Subjects**

Condolence notes

### **Genre/Physical Characteristic**

Letters (correspondence)

### **Names**

Campbell, Richard, 1872-1935

Curtin, Thomas J. 1880-1925

Finley, John H. (John Huston), 1863-1940

Gregory, Lady, 1852-1932

Hale, Richard Walden, 1871-1943

Kuhn, Walt, 1877-1949

Monahan, Michael, 1865-1933

Quinn, John, 1870-1924 -- Death and burial.

Quinn, John, 1870-1924 -- Friends and associates.

Sloan, John, 1871-1951