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**JOHNSON FAMILY PAPERS**

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**JOHNSON FAMILY PAPERS**

**I**

The papers of the Johnson Family, first president and founder of Winthrop College - Dr. D.B. Johnson's family, were deposited by Burgh and Susanne Johnson on January 30, 1978 with the College Archives. An addition of 21 braille books were donated by Rev. Matthew James, Trinity Bible Church, 914 Cherry Road, Rock Hill, SC 29732.

Linear feet of shelf space occupied: 4.75  
Number of pieces included: ca. 10,000

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Notices were released to the following journals and catalogs: NUCMC on July, 1978. ( see collection control file for any additional notices)

Scope and Content Note: **The collection consists of biographical papers, correspondence, certificates, letters of recommendations, medical records, catalogues and bulletins belonging to and concerning Dr. D.B. Johnson, founder and first president of Winthrop College. There is also an extensive collection of old photographs of N.C. countryside, Winthrop campus and students and of Dr. Johnson and his family and friends. Also included in the Johnson Family Papers are correspondence, newspaper clippings, notebooks, scrapbooks, and financial papers of Mrs. D.B. Johnson, the children and other family members. This collection is an excellent source of information on the development of Winthrop College as well as on the personal life of Dr. D. B. Johnson. See also Acc. 2 & Acc. 32 (9-19).**

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JOHNSON FAMILY PAPERS (cont.)

Disposition of Items: Copies of *The Johnsonian* dated from 1923-1933 transferred to Archives storage, a 1907 cookbook titled *The Boston Cooking School Cook Book* transferred to Special Collections; copies of Tatlers, catalogues, and bulletins (1930 Winthrop Training School Yearbook, 1904 Winthrop Yearbook, Catalogue of Winthrop Normal College, and Tatlers of 1909, 1915, 1901 and 1916) transferred to Archives storage; book titled *Memorial Addresses on the Life and Character of Benjamin R. Tillman*, transferred to Special Collections; 1916 edition of *LaBelle France* transferred to Acquisitions; and a stamp valued at 15 dollars transferred to safe in Winthrop College librarian's office. See also M9-19 Acc. 32.

## II

### DESCRIPTION OF SERIES

<u>Box(es)</u>	<u>Folder(s)</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Year(s)</u>
A) PAPERS RELATING TO DR. DAVID B. JOHNSON			
1	1	<i>BIOGRAPHICAL DATA</i> Consists of fact sheets on Dr. Johnson quotes from letters and testimonials about him, citations to Journals and papers which refer to Dr. Johnson and fact sheets relevant to Dr. Johnson=s teaching career and Progressive educational projects. The information extends from 1856 to 1918. No arrangement. <i>American Education</i> , Nov. 1915.	1956-1918
1-2	2-5	<i>GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE</i> Includes letters written by Dr. Johnson to his mother, Mrs. M.E. Nance, business correspondence concerning the Columbia, S.C. graded Schools, Winthrop Normal and Industrial College and other organizations. Also includes personal letters. In chronological order.	1873-1928, nd
2	6	<i>CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO WILLIAM G. BURGIN</i> Letters from Mr. Burgin, friends and colleagues to Dr. Johnson attesting to Mr. Burgin’s good character and professionalism. These letters were in response to criticism of Mr. Burgin’s “radical” teachings. For further information see personnel records for Burgin, (W412), and the Biographical File. In chronological order.	1912-1927
2	7-8	<i>SPEECHES</i> Assorts parts of addresses to clubs, Winthrop students and faculty, and notes for class lecture presentations. In chronological order.	1880s-1900s, 1905, 1913, 1926-1927, nd
2-3	9-10	<i>CERTIFICATES AND LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION</i> Letters of introduction written for Dr. Johnson by family members and friends to various persons and employers listing his attributes and accomplishments. Also includes certificates of merit, attendance and membership. In chronological order.	1880-1895, 1901-1910, 1918-1926
3	11	<i>PAPERS RELATING TO DR. JOHNSON’S MEDICAL HISTORY</i> X-rays, reports, receipts for appointment and doctor’s letters of opinion and advice. In chronological order.	1915-1920, nd

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3	12	<i>SCRAPBOOK</i> Includes testimonials, letters and newspaper notices during Dr. Johnson's term as Superintendent of Columbia, S.C. City Schools and Principal of Winthrop Normal and Training School for Teachers. No arrangement.	1880s-1890s
3-4	13-15	<i>NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS</i> Concerning Dr. Johnson's career as an educator both in Columbia and Rock Hill. Also clippings relating to his membership and association with the NEA and clippings of his death announcement. In chronological order.	1877-1895, 1900s-1950, 1942, nd
4	16	<i>PAPERS RELATING TO FOUNDER'S DAY</i> Cards, letters, and telegrams of congratulations from friends, faculty and students. Also program notes of Founder's Day activities and memorial notices on Founder's Day after Dr. Johnson's death. In chronological order.	1921-1942, nd
4	17-18	<i>NOTEBOOKS</i> Includes lecture notes concerning mathematics, a class notebook used during Dr. Johnson's freshman year in college, two summer school methods books dated 1888 and held in Saratoga, N.Y., and another notebook relating to Winthrop employees and expenses from 1893-1895. No arrangement.	1880s-1890s
5-7	19-28	<i>FINANCIAL PAPERS</i> Receipts, invoices, canceled checks, bank statements, insurance accounts and policies, stock and bonds and income tax returns for both Mai Rutledge Johnson and Dr. D.B. Johnson. In general chronological order.	1880-1976
7-9	29-35	<i>PHOTOGRAPHS</i> Includes scenes of Dr. Johnson with students, poses by himself, portraits of various family members, snapshots of the Johnson children and friends and several views of the Winthrop campus. Also included are negatives of snapshots and several old photographs of North Carolina landscape. In general chronological order.	1877-1955, nd

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9	36	<i>PAPERS RELATING TO W. R. BRADFORD</i> William Rufus Bradford was a member of the S.C. House of Representatives from York and the editor of the <i>Yorkville Enquirer</i> . The series is composed of correspondence between Congressman Bradford and Dr. Johnson concerning dormitory space and the Joint Committee on Printing, which provided for the cost of printing the Winthrop catalogue. In chronological order.	1915-1936
9-10	37-39	<i>CATALOGUES AND BULLETINS</i> Journals, college and graded school catalogues, annual reports and proceedings of various trustee groups. In chronological order.	1880-1887, 1902, 1910, 1920, 1927- 1930
10-12	40-46	<i>VARIOUS PAPERS</i> Consists of program notes of the Southern Education Board, central district meeting of Winthrop daughters, Winthrop annual dinner, and thirty-second annual meeting of the Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and a signed letter to the board of trustees of the Peabody Fund from various S.C. officials. Also includes a composition journal of Annie Frances Calder, a guestbook, a book of anecdotes about Dr. Johnson compiled by students and a bill for property confiscated from Thomas Johnson during the Civil War by Colonel Laughlin of the 11 <sup>th</sup> Infantry. In general chronological order.	1862, 1903, 1913, 1921, 1926-1928
B) PAPERS RELATING TO MRS. D. B. JOHNSON			
12-14	47-54	<i>CORRESPONDENCE</i> Largely consists of letters, telegrams and cards of sympathy for the death of Dr. Johnson but also contains some letters from family friends and associates. In general chronological order. (See also Acc. #2; Boxes 14 & 15)	1922-1968
15	55	<i>VARIOUS PAPERS</i> Includes notebooks on Bible teachings, Wofford commencement program and a certificate from the United Daughters of the Confederacy. In general chronological order.	1921-1928, 1936- 1939, nd

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DESCRIPTION OF SERIES (cont.)

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C) PAPERS RELATING TO DAVID BANCROFT JOHNSON, JR.			
16	56	<i>CORRESPONDENCE</i> David Bancroft Johnson, Jr. Was Dr. and Mrs. Johnson's first born, (1903). Mainly lessons from a Bible correspondence course but also includes letters from friends. In chronological arranged.	1951-1968
16	57	<i>VARIOUS PAPERS</i> Consists of his baby book, a Wofford commencement program and a scrapbook of postcards and valentines. No order.	1903-1905
D) PAPERS RELATING TO BURGH JOHNSON			
16-18	58-63	<i>CORRESPONDENCE</i> Letters to Burgh Johnson, Dr. and Mrs. Johnson's 2 <sup>nd</sup> child, from friends and parents in high school, college and at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis. In general chronological order.	1926-1939, nd
18	64	<i>VARIOUS PAPERS</i> Includes a midshipman certificate form the U.S. Naval Academy monthly requisition forms, English class notes and souvenirs from the Naval Academy such as program notes, dance card, a banner, etc.	1925-1927, nd
E) PAPERS RELATING TO SUSANNE JOHNSON			
18-19	65-67	<i>CORRESPONDENCE</i> Congratulatory letters on the birth of Susanne Johnson, the 3 <sup>rd</sup> child of 1974 Dr. and Mrs. D. B. Johnson, letters from her parents, birthday cards and holiday greeting cards. In general chronological order.	1921-1946,
19	68	<i>VARIOUS PAPERS</i> Includes poems, bulletins, program notes, a list of baby gifts and her baby book. In general chronological order.	1921, nd



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F) PAPERS RELATING TO VARIOUS FAMILY MEMBERS			
19	69-70	<i>CORRESPONDENCE</i> Consists of letters to Margaret E. Nance, Dr. Johnson's mother, to Florence Nance, to Mrs. Paul Workman and to Mrs. Hugh Hindman. Also included is correspondence of Mr. David B. Johnson, Dr. D. B. Johnson's father, and his Bowdoin College journal. In general chronological order.	1834-1955, nd
21 Bd. Vols.		<i>Braille Books</i> This consists of the Bible and other religious works written in Braille. The <i>Bible</i> is missing volumes 1, 2, and 16, and the first volume of Ullman's <i>The White Tower</i> is also included (there are six volumes in all). Volume three of the book <i>And God Remembered</i> is included, as is volume eight of a <i>Concordance to the Old and New Testaments</i> (there are ten volumes in all).	ca1933, ca1940, ca1943, ca1945, 1946