

The Filson Club Historical Society

**The Johnson Family
Papers**

The papers of the Johnson family of Scott County, Ky.

For information regarding literary and copyright interests for these papers, see the Curator of Manuscripts, James J. Holmberg.

Size of Collection

4 cubic feet

Locator Number Mss.\A\J67a

Biographical Note

George W. Johnson

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| 1811 | Born near Georgetown, Ky. |
| 1833 | Married Ann Viley. |
| 1838-
1840 | Elected to the Ky. House of Representatives. |
| 1860 | Supported John C. Breckinridge for president. |
| 1861 | Fled south to avoid arrest. |
| 1861 | Became Confederate governor of Kentucky. |
| 1862 | Joined the 4 th Kentucky Infantry and was killed at Shiloh. |

For more information consult the [Kentucky Encyclopedia](#).

Scope and Content Note

Collection consists of family correspondence, including the Civil War letters (copies) of George W. Johnson, provisional governor of Ky. for the Confederacy. The correspondence consists of letters received by Mrs. William H. Coffman (Anne Payne), a granddaughter of George W. Johnson. The correspondence deals with family news, genealogical data, and politics. The papers also include information on related families, genealogical scrapbooks, and newspaper clippings.

Prominent correspondents include Lyman Abbott, Dean Acheson, Herbert Agar, Martin Agronsky, Joseph Alsop, Alben Barkley, Chester Bowles, Mary Breckinridge, Virgil Chapman, Bert Combs, John Sherman Cooper, Basil W. Duke, Elbert Hubbard, Cordell Hull, Henry Jackson, Keen Johnson, George W. Johnson, Robert S. Kerr, William Lindsay, John B. McMaster, Mike Mansfield, Henry Morgenthau, Emmet O'Neal, Ambrose H. Sevier, John Sparkman, Adlai E. Stevenson, Thomas Underwood, and Lawrence Wetherby.

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A Johnson Family
J67a Papers. 1859-1971.

Box 1

- 1 The George W. Johnson papers (copies) from The Kentucky Historical Society.
- fl. 2 Family correspondence, 1892-1896.
- fl. 3 Family correspondence, 1897-1899.

Box 2

- fl. 4 Family correspondence, 1900-1906.
- fl. 5 Family correspondence, 1907.
- fl. 6 Family correspondence, 1908.
- fl. 7 Family correspondence, 1909.
- fl. 8 Family correspondence, 1910-1912.

Box 3

- fl. 9 Family correspondence, 1913-1918.
- fl. 10 Family correspondence, 1919.
- fl. 11 Family correspondence, 1920-1921.
- fl. 12 Family correspondence, 1922-1923.
- fl. 13 Family correspondence, 1924.
- fl. 14 Family correspondence, 1925 Jan.-Nov.
- fl. 15 Family correspondence, 1925 Dec.

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- fl. 16 Family correspondence, 1926-1929.
- fl. 17 Family correspondence, 1930-1931.
- fl. 18 Family correspondence, 1932-1933.
- fl. 19 Family correspondence, 1934.
- fl. 20 Family correspondence, 1935.
- fl. 21 Family correspondence, 1936-1939.
- fl. 22 Family correspondence, 1940-1949.

Box 5

- fl. 23 Family correspondence, 1950-1951.
- fl. 24 Family correspondence, 1952 Jan.-May.
- fl. 25 Family correspondence, 1952 June-Dec.
- fl. 26 Family correspondence, 1953.
- fl. 27 Family correspondence, 1954.
- fl. 28 Family correspondence, 1955.

Box 6

- fl. 29 Family correspondence, 1956 Jan.-May.
- fl. 30 Family correspondence, 1956 Dec.
- fl. 31 Family correspondence, 1957.
- fl. 32 Family correspondence, 1958.
- fl. 33 Family correspondence, 1959.
- fl. 34 Family correspondence, 1960-1962.
- fl. 35 Family correspondence, 1963-1969.
- fl. 36 Family correspondence, 1970-1971.

Box 7

- fl. 37 Correspondence, n.d.
- fl. 38 Correspondence, n.d.
- fl. 39 Social cards, 1870-1879.
- fl. 40 Social cards, 1890-1929.
- fl. 41 Social cards, 1930-1939.
- fl. 42 Cards, n.d.

Box 8

- fl. 43 Johnson family information.
- fl. 44 Johnson family information.
- fl. 45 Johnson family information.
- fl. 46 Payne family information.
- fl. 47 Viley family information.

Box 9

- fl. 48 Dr. William H. Coffman material.
- fl. 49 Martha Coffman material.
- fl. 50 Anne Payne material.
- fl. 51 Mary Breckinridge material.
- fl. 52 Richard M. Johnson material.
- fl. 53 Miscellaneous family information.
- fl. 54 Miscellaneous religious material.

Box 10

- fl. 55 Newspaper clippings about Dr. and Mrs. William H. Coffman.
- fl. 56 Newspaper clippings about the Payne family.
- fl. 57 Newspaper clippings about the Johnson family.
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- fl. 59 Newspaper clippings about the Johnson family.
- fl. 60 Newspaper clippings about the Breckinridge family.
- fl. 61 Newspaper clippings about the Johnston family.
- fl. 62 Newspaper clippings about the Viney family.
- fl. 63 Newspaper clippings about Tom L. Johnson.
- fl. 64 Miscellaneous notes and newspaper clippings.

fl. 65 Miscellaneous materials.

Box 11

66 Genealogical scrapbook.

67 Genealogical scrapbook.

Box 12

68 Genealogical scrapbook.

69 Genealogical scrapbook.

70 Genealogical scrapbook.

71 Genealogical scrapbook.

fl. 71a Miscellaneous material.