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## Noel Riedinger-Johnson papers ARL.080

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Adirondack Research Library
<b>Creator:</b>	Riedinger-Johnson, Noel
<b>Source:</b>	Riedinger-Johnson, Noel
<b>Creator:</b>	Foster, Jeanne Robert, 1879-1970
<b>Title:</b>	Noel Riedinger-Johnson papers
<b>ID:</b>	ARL.080
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1912-2013
<b>Physical Description:</b>	2 Boxes
<b>Physical Description:</b>	1 Folder oversized photographs
<b>Physical Description:</b>	.77 Cubic Feet
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English .
<b>Abstract:</b>	The collection consists of the personal papers of Noel Riedinger-Johnson including research files, writings, articles, photographs, and other materials used in editing "Adirondack portraits: a piece of time," and other research on Jeanne Robert Foster and Paul Schaefer.

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## Biographical Note

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Noel Reidinger-Johnson is an author and former director of the Adirondack Research Center. Born in Schenectady, New York in 1943, her parents were friends of Jeanne Robert Foster who republished her book, "Neighbors of Yesterday" in 1963. On the death of Foster in 1970, her parents were willed a significant amount of her manuscripts, correspondence and personal effects of her Adirondack and Schenectady periods which she later inherited. After a life-long fascination with Foster's work, Noel Riedinger-Johnson obtained a contract to edit and publish a volume of her poems and prose in 1986 entitled, "Adirondack portraits: a piece of time." Noel was also involved with film production and editing, wokring on projects for both General Electric and the Couch-Sa-Chra-Ga Association, Inc. In addition, she was also involved in environmental advocacy in the Adirondacks, belonging to the Friends of the Forest Preserve, Inc.

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## Scope and Contents

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The collection consists of the personal papers and research files of Noel Riedinger-Johnson, primarily relating to her writings on Jeanne Robert Foster. The papers include writings, notes, and photographs used in compiling poems and prose of Jeanne Robert Foster for "Adirondack portraits: a piece of time," published by Syracuse University Press in 1986. Research materials include newspaper clippings, catalogs, and biographical materials on family, friends and associates of Foster. Additional materials contain Friends of the Forest Preserve, Inc. records, correspondence, writings and memorials for Paul Schaefer.

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## Arrangement

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The papers are arranged as two series, both of which are arranged alphabetically:

Series 1, Adirondack Portraits, 1926-1986.

Series 2, General, 1912-2013.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Statement

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## Conditions Governing Access

The collection is open to research.

## Immediate Source of Acquisition

The papers were donated by Noel Riedinger-Johnson to the Adirondack Research Library in July of 2019.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Johnsburg (N.Y. : Town)
- Schenectady (N.Y.)
- American poetry -- 20th century
- Riedinger-Johnson, Noel
- Schaefer, Paul, 1908-1996

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## Collection Inventory

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### Adirondack Portraits, 1926-1986

Physical Description: 0.40 Cubic Feet

Language of the Material: English.

#### Scope and Contents

Genealogical research, typescript drafts, original poems, and reproductions of O.D. Putnam photographs used in writing "Adirondack portraits: a piece of time" and in research into the life of Jeanne Robert Foster.

Title/Description	Instances	
Adirondack Portraits typescript, 1986	box 1	folder 1
"Before Forever Wild, the Adirondacks of the axe and plow," typescript, undated	box 1	folder 2
"Jeanne Robert Foster: a personal migration," typescript with corrections, 1986	box 1	folder 3
"Jeanne Robert Foster: roots in realism," typescript, 1987	box 1	folder 4
Neighbors of Yesterday photocopy with Identification Sheet, 1963	box 1	folder 5

O.D. Putnam photographs and other reproductions, 1969-1986	box 1	folder 6
Photographs used in Adirondack Portraits, undated	box 1 ARL Combined Box 2	folder 7-8
Putnam and Olivere Family research, 1926-1980	box 1	folder 9
Source material for Adirondack Portraits, 1958-1965	box 1	folder 10

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## General, 1912-2013

Physical Description: 0.37 Cubic Feet

Language of the Material: English.

### Scope and Contents

Research regarding the life of Jeanne Robert Foster, her friends and associates. Includes newspaper articles, catalogs, correspondence, writings. Also included are miscellaneous materials relating to Johnson's work with environmental advocacy in the Adirondacks.

Title/Description	Instances	
Friends of the Forest Preserve Inc. and Paul Schaefer memorial records, 1991-1997	box 2	folder 1
Houghton Library of Harvard, 1961-2013	box 2	folder 2
Jeanne Robert Foster publicity and articles, 1964-2003	box 2	folder 3
Mae Wallace McCasline poems written for Jeanne Robert Foster, 1916-2011	box 2	folder 4
Modeling photographs, undated	box 2	folder 5
Music, paintings and newspaper articles by Jeanne Robert Foster, 1913-1963	box 2	folder 6
Obituaries and miscellaneous articles on Jeanne Robert Foster, 1958-1970	box 2	folder 7
Poem by Jeanne Robert Foster sent to Noel Riedinger-Johnson, 1969	box 2	folder 8
Research on Constantin Brancusi, 1926-1971	box 2	folder 9
Research on Gwen John, 1920-2011	box 2	folder 10
Research on Albert Shaw, 1912-2013	box 2	folder 11
Research on Paul Swan, 2011	box 2	folder 12
Research on John Butler Yeats, 1919-1962	box 2	folder 13
Transcripts of Jeanne Robert Foster correspondence, 1969-1989		

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Writings on Paul Schaefer, 1993-1997

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