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SUMMARY INFORMATION

Repository

University of Mississippi Libraries

Title

John F. Johnson Collection

ID

MUM00244

Date

1849-1911

General Physical Description note

4 boxes.

Abstract

Collection contains journals, correspondence, and legal and financial documents related to the work of John F. Johnson. Items were created 1849-1911.

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HISTORICAL NOTE

According to *The Memphis Commercial Appeal* (Mid-South, 14 Nov. 1982), the John F. Johnson journals document the history of the town of Greensboro, MS, a town 30 miles west of Starkville MS. The town "...died by 1885. A combination of forces brought about her demise: politics, the Civil War, crime, arson, and lack of postwar railroads."

The history of the town had been difficult to tell due to the lack of extant official records, but Johnson's papers help to address that need.

Also according to the same Commercial Appeal article, "John Forsyth Johnson, a Greensboro citizen who was born in 1825, was a farmer, tax assessor, and post-master who kept diaries from 1857 to 1912."

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SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

Collection contains journals, correspondence, and legal and financial documents related to the work of John F. Johnson. Items were created 1849-1911. According to *The Memphis Commercial Appeal* (Mid-South, 14 Nov. 1982), "Johnson, who lived most of his life near Greensboro, had an insatiable curiosity and made daily diary entries about a number of subjects: Politics, cotton and wheat prices, births, deaths, revival ('protracted meetings'), feuds, murders, events large and small -- very little escaped his attention or his pen."

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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Publication Information

University of Mississippi Libraries 2005

Access Restrictions

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Custodial History

Accruals

Source of Collection

Processing Information

Processed by University of Mississippi Department Special Collections Staff . EAD encoded finding-aid begun September 2005.

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CONTROLLED ACCESS HEADINGS

Personal Name(s)

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COLLECTION INVENTORY

Journals

Box 1

Folder 1, bound papers:

accounts and cotton weight records for 1875, 1878, 1879, 1880, and 1881.

daily diaries for 1884, 1885, 1886, and 1887.

Folder 2, bound papers:

account records, pp.13-19.

itemized work days of J.P. Piron, pp.20-21.

1877 list of people involved in transactions with John F. Johnson, p. 27.

copy of 1895 letter to P.O. Inspector, p.33.

copy of 1890 letter to Col. Petyon Randolp, General Manager Ga.-Pacific RR from J.F.J., p.34.

copy of petition to the Board of Supervisors (to grant the town a public road), p.55

two copies of certificates against the Rev. David Burry in Attala County, p.67.

copy of articles of agreement in the formation of a cooperative store, pp.100-102.

"Number of the Beard Lands in Pickens County Ala", p.110.

copy of 1890 land deed, p.112.

statement not to sell alcohol in town land, 1890, p.113.

copy of land deed, p.117.

petition to Board of Supervisors to alter route of road, p.120.

copy of February 19, 1890 letter to J.F.J. from Fry Sage, p.126.

Folder 3, bound papers:

account records for 1856, 1857, 1858, 1859, 1860, 1861.

Folder 4, loose journal pages:

account records, diary pages, copied correspondence (primarily 1870s).

Folder 5, bound papers:

account records of 1849.

journal for 1857, 1858.

journal of cotton 1870.

journal for 1859.

journal for 1860.

journal for 1861.

journal for 1862.

journal for 1868.

journal for 1869.

journal for 1870.

Correspondence

Box 2

1 ALS undated. ltr to G. Wurdem from J.

2. ALS December 17, 1856. Columbus, Miss. ltr to J.F. Johnson from C.R. Crusor.

3. ALS June 5, 1857. Lexington. ltr to J.F. Johnson from J.J. Hooker.

4. ALS March 8, 1858. Pickens County, Alabama. ltr to John. F. Johnson from Daniel J. Wargrove.

5. ALS March 3, 1859. Lexington. ltr to John F. Johnson from J.J. Hooker.

6. ALS November 9, 1870. Winona. ltr to Jn.F. Johnson from W.R. Shryoch Jr.

7. ALS April 16, 1871. Reform, Pickens County. ltr to J.F. Johnson from J.C.B. Johnson.

8. ALS February 13, 1873. New Orleans. ltr to Jno. F. Johnson from Jos. B. Wolfesler.

9. ALS August 14, 1873. Carthage, Miss. ltr to John F. Johnson from R. Collins.

10. ALS August 20, 1874. Winona. ltr to J.F. Johnson from W.H. Harvey.

11. ALS June 14, 1874. Ripley, Miss. ltr to John F. Johnson from W.C. Falkner.

12. ALS December 8, 1883. Reform, Alabama. ltr to J.F. Johnson from J.C.B. Johnson.

13. ALS January 4, 1884. Winona. ltr to John F. Johnson from C.D. Kelly.

14. ALS January 23, 1884. Winona. ltr to John F. Johnson from Wm.F. Farmer.

15. TLS February 23, 1884. Walthall, Miss. ltr to John F. Johnson from H. Carnabarr Higher.

16. ALS April 1, 1884. postcard to "Sir" from J.E. Jinkins.

17. ALS April 12, 1884. Walthall, Miss. ltr to Jno. F. Johnson from D.W. Owen.

18. ALS April 20, 1884. Little Rock, Ark. ltr to J.F. Johnson from H.C. Beard.

19. TL April 23, 1884. Greensboro, Miss. ltr to John F. Johnson from John R. Calhoun & Co.

20. TL April 28, 1884. Greensboro, Miss. ltr to John F. Johnson from John R. Calhoun & Co.

21. TL May 24, 1884. Greensboro, Miss. ltr to John F. Johnson from Wm. Garretson & Co.

22. ALS June 14, 1884. St. Louis. ltr to J.F. Johnson from John R. Calhoun & Co.

23. ALS July 28, 1884. Greensboro, Webster County, Miss. ltr to Miss Willie Beard from Clough C. Beard.

24. ALS November 3, 1883. Winona, Miss. ltr to Jno. F. Johnson from W.H. Witty.

25. ALS November 20, 1884. Columbus, Miss. ltr to Jno. F. Johnson from D.W. Owen.

26. ALS November 24, 1884. Greensboro, Miss. ltr to John F. Johnson from John R. Calhoun & Co.

27. ALS January 18, 1890. Habin, Miss. ltr to John F. Johnson from P.A. Shuffield.

28. ALS March 11, 1893. Winona, Miss. ltr to J.F. Johnson from J.S. Acee.

29. ALS 1904. Grady, Miss. ltr to Col. W.S. Hill from John F. Johnson.

30. TLS March 22, 1909. Grady, Miss. ltr to J.F. Johnson from H.D. Money.

31. ALS April 20, 1909. Jackson. ltr to Jno. F. Johnson from ____ McAfee.

Advertisements, notes, and legal and financial records:

32. undated material: including a printed letter from J.B. Bailey to "the Subordinate Granges of the State of Mississippi";

33. 1850s material

34. 1860s material

35. 1870s material

36. 1880s material

37. empty envelopes

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Xeroxed materials

Box 3

1. xerox of 1857 journal

2. xerox of 1858 journal

3. xerox of 1859 journal

4. xerox of 1860 journal

5. xerox of 1861 journal

6. xerox of 1862 journal

7. xerox of 1863 journal

8. xerox of 1868 journal

9. xerox of 1869 journal

10. xerox of 1870 journal

11. xerox of 1871 journal

12. xerox of 1874 journal

13. xerox of 1876 journal

14. xerox of 1888 journal

15. xerox of 1889 journal

16. xerox of 1890 journal

17. xerox of 1891 journal

18. xerox of 1892 journal

19. xerox of 1893 journal

20. xerox of 1894 journal

21. xerox of 1899 journal

22. xerox of 1900 journal

23. xerox of 1901 journal

24. xerox of 1902 journal

25. xerox of 1903 journal

Box 4

1. xerox of 1904 journal

2. xerox of 1905 journal

3. xerox of 1906 journal

4. xerox of 1907 journal

5. xerox of 1908 journal

6. xerox of 1909 journal

7. xerox of 1910 journal

8. xerox of 1911 journal

9. xerox of financial records

10. xerox of minutes of the Ebenezer Agricultural Relief No. 102 [includes typescript and commentary]

11. xerox of 1887 journal of Addie Johnson M_____

12. xerox of petition to Jefferson Davis concerning the substitution of Jacob Adcock for John F. Johnson in military service (April 18, 1864).

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