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Descriptive Inventory

MSS 392 JOHNSON, John R., 1893-1974 & Andrew Wilson Johnson, b. 1896

1 box. 8 folders. 128 items. 1917-1919. Originals.

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

John R. Johnson and his younger brother Andrew Wilson Johnson were born in Ohio, the sons of James L. Johnson and Janet K. Johnson, in 1893 and 1896 respectively. Both John and Andrew, then living in Wooster, Ohio, were inducted into the U. S. Army during World War I. John was stationed at Camp Wadsworth in South Carolina and Camp Upton in New York before being sent overseas to France. He served chiefly in the Artillery: 156 Depot Brigade; 4 Regiment 213 Field Artillery, and the 5 Corps Artillery Park. John married his wife Margaret after being discharged from service. Andrew attended Ohio State University before entering the Army. He was stationed at Camp Zachary Taylor in Louisville, Kentucky, where he worked in the camp hospital, and was discharged in September 1919. John died in Wooster, Ohio in January 1974.

COLLECTION NOTE

This collection consists of letters written by John R. Johnson (Folders 3-5) and Andrew Wilson Johnson (Folders 6-8) to their parents during their World War I military service, and by Andrew during his attendance at Ohio State University. John's letters date from July 1918-March 1919 and Andrew's from October 1917-September 1919. Also included (Folder 2) are induction and discharge notices relating to Andrew W. Johnson, and a blank Wayne County, Ohio personal property tax return for 1919.

John's letters relate his experiences as a soldier both in the United States and overseas. He discusses military camp life, including the prevalence of both venereal disease (Folder 3) and influenza (Folder 4) among the recruits. He also comments on conditions in France, including food supplies, farming methods (Folder 4) and transportation (Folder 5).

Andrew was far less enthusiastic about his military service than John, and spent considerable time attempting to obtain an early discharge. In addition to routine accounts of life and hospital procedures at Camp Taylor (Folder 7), his letters include critical opinions of the U.S. Army and government, the home front in Louisville (Folders 7-8), and relations between the soldiers who served overseas and those who remained stateside (Folder 8). His letters from

Ohio State University (Folder 6), where he was a student prior to entering the Army, include an account of attending a livestock judging contest in Chicago.

SHELF LIST

BOX 1	**Correspondence**	**1917-1919**	**128 items**
Folder 1	Inventory and biographical information		8 items
Folder 2	Draft notices, discharge letter, tax form	1918-1919	4 items
Folder 3	Letters of John Johnson	July-Aug. 1918	22 items
Folder 4	Letters of John Johnson	Nov.-Dec. 1918	15 items
Folder 5	Letters of John Johnson	Jan.-Mar. 1919	12 items
Folder 6	Letters of Andrew Johnson	Oct.-Dec. 1917	7 items
Folder 7	Letters of Andrew Johnson	Mar.-Dec. 1918	34 items
Folder 8	Letters of Andrew Johnson	Jan.-Sept. 1919	26 items

BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD

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SUBJECT ANALYTICS

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