

DeKalb History Center

Archie and Willimore Trotter Johnson Papers (1890s-1960)

Scope and content: The Archie and Willimore Trotter Johnson Papers include four scrapbooks with photographs, news clippings, poems, riddles, short stories, cards, certificates.

Provenance: Accession information could not be determined. Papers received prior to 1998. ACC # FITS.2

Access: Single photocopies may be made for research purposes. Permission to publish materials from this collection must be requested from the archivist, DeKalb History Center. Citation should be as follows:

Description of specific item; Archie and Willimore Trotter Johnson Papers, DeKalb History Center Archives

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Size: 4 scrapbooks

Biographical Sketch: The collection suggests that Mrs. Johnson was Willimore Trotter Johnson, wife of Archie Johnson and daughter of Elizabeth Alston Trotter. Archie (A.A.) Johnson worked in association with the Johnson Coal Company in Coeburn, Virginia, as the budget indicates income from coal sales. Mrs. A.A. Johnson (Willimore Trotter Johnson) was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and a descendant of John Alston, who was a captain in the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War. She also served a term as President of the Coeburn Women's Club around 1950. One address in the collection shows she lived on East College Avenue in Decatur.

Description: The Archie and Willimore Trotter Johnson Papers include four scrapbooks with pictures, mementoes and cards. Johnson appears to have been a teacher and lived for a time in Madison, Georgia. The first photograph album, dating from 1902 until the 1970s, displays family portraits, holiday and graduation pictures, outdoor settings, and a series of photographs taken at Camp Rackett., one of the few portions to have captions with names and some explanations. The second album contains more family photographs, including those of a wedding in October, 1946. Most of these photographs are labeled. There is a photo dated 1902 and there are photographs from the 1960s as well. The third scrapbook contains written mementos of A.A. Johnson that seems to be a repurposed ledger for the Johnson Coal Company of Coeburn, Virginia. There is fourth scrapbook with a wooden cover that covers the 1940s and 1950s.

Subject Headings: Where possible, Library of Congress Subject Headings have been used.

Main Entry: Johnson, Archie (A.A)
Johnson, Willimore Trotter.

Subject/Added Entries: Alston, Captain John
Camp Rackett
Johnson, Archie
Trotter, Elizabeth Alston

Scrapbook List

Scrapbook	Description	Date(s)
1	Photographs, cards, newspaper clippings Black leather	1890s-1970
2	Photographs and mementoes Cover is gone, Decatur High School 1923	1930-1950
3	Scrapbook with a wooden cover and leather ties	1940-1959
4	Gray and green fabric cover, repurposed Johnson Coal & Co. ledger from 1953	1950s