

GUIDE TO THE BURGES JOHNSON PAPERS

Collection Abstract:

Burges Johnson (1877-1963) was an author, humorist and educator. The collection consists of papers, ephemera and artifacts related to his years in Port Washington, NY (1906-1915).

Collection Title: Burges Johnson Papers

Creator: Burges Johnson (1877-1963)

Inclusive Dates: 1904-1963

Size: 2 Boxes (1 l.f.)

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:

Dr. Burges Johnson was born in 1877 in Rutland, Vermont. Dr. Johnson was well known as an author and humorist, and had been a reporter for the *Commercial Advertiser* as well as the *New York Evening Post*. He was a professor at Vassar, Syracuse University, and finally Union College in Schenectady, New York. On July 15, 1904 Dr. Johnson married Constance Fuller Wheeler. The couple moved into their Port Washington home, "Borealis" on January 13, 1906. During his stay in the community, Johnson was active in many community organizations, as well as the Progressive Party. The family left Port Washington in 1915. Burges Johnson died on February 23, 1963.

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

The Burges Johnson Papers span the years 1904 to 1963, and contain correspondence, clippings, printed matter, ephemera, photographs and personal effects relating to the years that the Johnson's spent in Port Washington.

ORGANIZATION:

The collection is arranged into seven series:

SERIES I: Correspondence re: Progressive Party, 1912-1913

SERIES II: Accounting notes, 1904-1906

SERIES III: Clippings, 1912-1913; 1963

SERIES IV: Publications: *As Much as I Dare*, *A Personal Recollection*, 1944

SERIES V: Ephemera, 1909-1913

SERIES VI: Photographs

SERIES VII: Personal Effects – Volunteer firefighting

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS:

Series I: Correspondence, 1912-1913

Three letters regarding Johnson's involvement in the Progressive Party.

Series II: Accounting notes, 1904-1906

Handwritten notes on expenditures (1 page).

Series III: Clippings, 1912-1913; 1963

Clippings by and about Johnson, including an obituary from the *New York Times*.

Series IV: Publications

Photocopies of Chapter 10, "Bohemia to Suburbia" from Johnson's memoir, *As Much as I Dare*, originally published in 1944. The chapter relates to Johnson's years in Port Washington.

Series V: Ephemera, 1909-1913

Programs and fliers for the Methodist Choir, the Port Washington Club Minstrels and two Progressive Party events.

Series VI: Photographs, undated

4 photographs of Johnson, his wife, and their home in Port Washington.

Series VII: Artifacts

Uniform and ribbon from Johnson's time as a volunteer fireman in the Atlantic Hook and Ladder Company.

BOX LIST

Box 1

<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>
1	Correspondence, 1912-1913
2	Accounting Notes, 1904-1906
3	Clippings, ca. 1912-1963
4	Publications, 1944
5	Ephemera, 1909-1913
6	Photographs, undated

Box 2

Artifacts