



Descriptive Summary

Title: The Johnson Collection

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Creator: Lloyd and Marie Finley Johnson

Dates: 1914-2000

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Administrative Information

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Biographical Note

Lloyd F. Johnson

Lloyd F. Johnson was born in 1906 and grew up in Chelsea, South Dakota. He began his higher education in 1925 at Northern Normal and Industrial School in Aberdeen. He graduated with his B.S. in Education in 1932. He received his Master of Arts degree from the University of South Dakota in 1939 and continued on to receive his Doctorate of Education at the University of North Dakota in 1954.

His career in education began in 1932 at the elementary level. His experience went on to include high school teaching, high school Principal, Superintendent of Schools, college classroom teaching, and he retired as Dean of Administrative Services at Northern State College in 1971. This is when the faculty of Northern State College voted to name the new fine arts building on campus the Lloyd F. and Marie A. Johnson Fine Arts Center, after Lloyd and his wife Marie for all of their

hard work and number of years they put in at Northern. In July of 1977, Lloyd became the Director of Development at Presentation College in Aberdeen.

Lloyd married Marie Finley in 1935 at Sacred Heart Church in Aberdeen. They had two children, Keith and Mary Kay. Lloyd's interest in aviation came from his experience in the field during W.W.II. He became a flight instructor and operated a flight training school in Aberdeen. He trained 127 people for license qualification. Lloyd's wife Marie passed away in April of 1971 due to illness. In 1973 Lloyd married again to Mary Spensley. Lloyd passed away April 12, 1992.

Lloyd's memberships, awards, and honors from the Aberdeen community and the State of South Dakota include: Director and Program Chairman of Mid-America District of American College Public Relations Association, member and Past President of Phi Delta Kappa, a member of Who's Who in Public Relations, and Ambassador of Good Will for the State of South Dakota. Lloyd was involved in many things and was loved and admired by many.

Marie Finley Johnson

Marie Finley Johnson was born in Rising Sun, Wisconsin on March 23, 1906. Her family moved to Ipswich in 1909 when she was just three years old. Marie came to Aberdeen in 1918. She attending grade school and high schools in Edmonds County, Ipswich, and Aberdeen. Marie attended and graduated from the Pre-Normal Curriculum at Northern Normal and Industrial School. Following this, she completed a two-year Commercial Arts Curriculum and a four-year High School General with a B.S. in Education and a Major in Business.

Marie was involved in many clubs at Northern, including Pi Omega Pi, Sigma Delta Epsilon, and Speech and Drama Club. Also as a student at Northern, she worked as a student assistant in the Registrar's Office for two years.

On August 5, 1935, Marie Finley married Lloyd Johnson. The Johnson's had a son Keith and a daughter Mary Kay. Keith attended Northern and graduated during the mid-1950s with a B.S. degree. Mary Kay attended Northern from 1964 to 1965 before transferring and completing her work for a degree in English at the University of North Dakota.

After graduating from Northern, Marie continued to work as Assistant Registrar until 1939. She returned to Northern in 1943 as an instructor in Journalism and advisor of the Exponent. In the fall of 1948, Marie agreed to serve Associate Director of Admissions and Records until the position was filled. Finally after some persuasion from the President and Dean she stayed and worked until her retirement in 1970 due to an illness. Marie died from her poor health on April 14, 1971 in her home

Scope and Content

This collection has been arranged into 7 series: papers, Gypsy Day memorabilia, Gypsy Day Costumes, scrapbooks, photographs, Pasques and Theses, and Boy's State. The Pasques and Theses series is arranged chronologically. The contents of this collection include mementos from their school days, papers detailing both their educational and professional lives, and artifacts documenting their activities.

Series Descriptions

Series Title: Papers Boxes: 1 & 2 Dates: 1932-2000

This series of the collection contains a variety of manuscripts from Lloyd and Marie's time at Northern as students and professionals.

Series Title: Gypsy Day Memorabilia Box: 3 Dates: c. 1975

This series of the collection contains three items of Gypsy Day memorabilia. The first item is a stuffed wolf wearing the school colors of maroon and gold, and the letter NSTC are on the side. The second item is an Honorary Gypsy Day Crown that has "1972 Lloyd Johnson" and "1975 Clark Swisher" on the sides of it. The third item is an award for Lloyd Johnson from 1973 that says "Gypsy Day Parade Marshal."

Series Title: Gypsy Day Costumes Boxes: 4 & 5 Dates:

This series of the collection contains Gypsy Day costumes. Lloyd F. Johnson wore one costume when he was King of the Gyps. Keith and Barbara Johnson donated the other costume.

Series Title: Scrapbooks Boxes: 6, 7, 9 Dates:

This series of the collection contains two scrapbooks, Lloyd and Marie's. Lloyd's scrapbook starts from his first days at Northern until the time he graduated from NNIS in 1932. In his scrapbook there are invitations, newspaper clippings, valentines, certificates, award letters, announcements, pictures, typed documents, ect.

Marie's scrapbook starts from her time in eighth grade at Sacred Heart to her final days in school at Northern. There are grade reports a letter of recommendation, valentines, pictures, announcements, play programs, awards, letters and notes from friends, ect.

Series Title: Photographs Boxes: 8, 9 Dates:

This series of the collection contains photograph from the Johnson family life. Photographs included are as follows: Lloyd F. Johnson (3); Lloyd with siblings Irvin and Bea (2); Lloyd with siblings and Grandmother (1); Marie Finley Johnson (3); Johnson baby (1); Dorothy Hopper, friend of Marie (1); Northern Orchestra (1); Pictures from the farm (3- from 1914, 1916, 1917).

Series Title: Pasques and Theses Boxes: 10,11 Dates: 1923-1965

This series of the collection contains Northern Pasques that belonged to Lloyd and Marie. These Pasques are from the time Lloyd and Marie were students and a few from their professional years at Northern. Many of the Pasques are written in and signed by friends and faculty. Also included is a 1928 Pasque from Julia Finley, Marie's sister.

Series Title: Boy's State Boxes: 9 Dates: 1980-1985

This series of the collection contains two awards given to Lloyd Johnson, including a certificate of distinction and a Special Boys State Citation.

Detailed Description of the Collection

1. Series Title: Papers

Box #1

FF1: Camelot Play Program (1973)

FF2: Alumni News (Spring 1973)

FF3: Program sheet for "Peg O' My Heart" presented by NSTC, directed by Paul Jones Harkness and assisted by Marie Finley

FF4: NSC Staff Bulletin (April 16, 1971)

FF5: Certificate that entitled Dr. Lloyd Johnson to a 1971 Pasque

FF6: Invitation letter to Recognition Banquet for Lloyd Johnson and other Retirees (1971)

FF7: Lloyd Johnson's permanent classification card

FF8: Lloyd Johnson Speech materials

FF9: Lloyd Johnson Speech materials

FF10: Proposed Fine Arts building (1969)

FF11: President's Club membership guest descriptions (1975)

FF12: Responsibilities of Administrative Services Office

FF13: Play program for "Death Takes a Holiday"

FF14: Lloyd F. Johnson's obituary, Aberdeen American News (1992)

FF15: Diploma- Lloyd F. Johnson's Bachelor of Science in Education (June 2, 1932)

FF16: Gypsy Letters (1970), Christmas card

FF17: Northern State College Foundation Papers (1969)

FF18: Play Program for "The Circle" by Senior Class of 1932

FF19: Northern State Teachers College alumni Banquet Program (1932)

FF20: Special Services Office (1966)

FF21: Lloyd F. Johnson's term paper for Dr. Holstine entitled "Educational Television Today, Is it Feasible in North Dakota?" (1952)

FF22: Lloyd F. Johnson's Hall of Fame Citation (1971)

Box #2

FF23: Around the World Tour (1970)

FF24: Africa, Italy and Middle East and Holy Land Tour (1973)

FF25: European-Scandinavian Tour (1971)

FF26: South Eastern United States and Nassau Tour (1973)

FF27: Educational Lecture Series (1977-1978)

FF28: Speeches of Governor Frank Farrar (Boys State: 1969-1971)

FF29: Speech, 50th Anniversary American Legion

FF30: Senator George McGovern, commencement speech (1969)

FF31: Surveys, Enrollment figures (1969-1971)

FF32: Christmas Letters

FF33: Office of Extension and Field Services; job duties and procedures (1954-1956)

FF34: Valentine "Bee and Lewis"

FF35: EAE Banquet Program (1934)

FF36: Alumni News (March 1969)

FF37: Dedication brochure of Mewaldt-Jensen and Kramer Hall (1964)

FF38: Inauguration brochure of NSC's 10th President Norbert Baumgart (1969)

FF39: List of research projects at NSC (1965)

FF40: "Montezuma Castle", Report for Traveling Classroom by Patricia Johann (1959)

FF41: "The Island of Kauai, Hawaiian Islands" Report in partial fulfillment for traveling classroom by Lloyd Larson (1959)

FF42: NSC Traveling Classroom to Nova Scotia Field Trip by I. Robertson, c. 1

FF43: NSC Traveling Classroom to Nova Scotia Field Trip by I. Robertson, c. 2

FF44: Guide to the Open Highway by I. Robertson

FF45: NSC South America Tour Guide (1974)

FF46: President Baumgart's budget request, figures, and reports (1970)

FF47: Joseph McFadden's resume, misc. (1967-1968, 1970)

FF48: Itinerary for the members of the SD Joint Appropriations Committee (Nov. 10, 1969)

FF49: NSC Foundation President's Club (1971-1977)

FF50: Oral interviews with Keith Johnson (April 17, 2000), Mary Coughlin (April 19, 2000)

2. Series Title: Gypsy Day Memorabilia

Box #3

Stuffed Gypsy Day Wolf

Honorary Gypsy Day Crown

Award for Lloyd Johnson (Gypsy Day Parade Marshall)

3. Series Title: Gypsy Day Costumes

Box #4

Gypsy day costume donated by Keith and Barbara Johnson. Included is:

Box #5

Gypsy day costume worn by Lloyd F. Johnson as King of the Gyps.

4. Series Title: Scrapbooks

Box # 6

Scrapbook of Marie Finley Johnson

Box #7

Scrapbook of Lloyd F. Johnson

Box #9

Scrapbook of ??

5. Series Title: Photographs

Box #8

Photo 1- Dorothy Hooper (Friend of Marie's)

Photo 2- Lloyd Johnson and car

Photo 3- Lloyd Johnson

Photo 4- Grandmother, Lloyd, Bea, Irvin (siblings)

Photo 5- Lloyd, Bea, Irvin (picture postcard)

Photo 6- Baby

Photo 7- Marie Finley Johnson (includes name plate)

Photo 8- Marie Finley and her sister Julia Finley (graduation)

Photo 9- Lloyd Johnson (graduation)

Photo 10- Lloyd and siblings Bea and Irvin

Photo 11- Northern Orchestra

Photo 12- Marie Finley Johnson

Photo 13- Farm

Photo 14- Farm

Photo 15- Farm

Box #9

Photo 1- Photograph of Mary Spinsley Johnson, Lloyd's 2nd wife.

6. Series Title: Pasques and Theses

Box #10

Lloyd F. Johnson's Graduate School Thesis from the University of South Dakota: "The Development of School District United in South Dakota" (1939)

Lloyd F. Johnson's Doctoral Dissertation from the University of North Dakota: "A Study of Some Public Relations Practices in Teachers Colleges and Other Selected Colleges Offering Teacher Education in Certain Midwestern States" (1954)

Pasque 1923

Pasque 1925

Pasque 1926

Pasque 1927

Pasque 1928 (2 copies)
Pasque 1929 (2 copies)
Pasque 1930
Pasque 1931
Pasque 1933

Box #11

Pasque 1938
Pasque 1939b
Pasque 1948
Pasque 1954
Pasque 1955
Pasque 1956
Pasque 1957
Pasque 1960
Pasque 1961
Pasque 1962
Pasque 1965

7. Series Title: Boy's State

Box #9

Item 1 Special Boys State Citation for Lloyd Johnson (1980)
Item 2 Certificate of Distinction for Lloyd Johnson (1985)