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## Johnson Family Papers

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## **Descriptive Summary**

**Title:** Johnson Family Papers

**Dates:** 1840-1870

**Collection Number:** MS.2014.001

**Creator/Collector:** Johnson, Mary E., 1830-1904Johnson, Abby A., 1828-1921Johnson Family

**Extent:** 1 box (.5 linear feet)

**Repository:** Wardman Library-Whittier College  
Whittier, California 90602

**Abstract:** Items related to the Johnson Family of East Weare, New Hampshire from 1840-1870. Items include correspondence, certificates, receipts, and legal documents.

**Language of Material:** English

### **Access**

The collection is open for research use.

### **Publication Rights**

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### **Acquisition Information**

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### **Biography/Administrative History**

The Johnson family of East Weare, New Hampshire included Col Edmund Johnson (1794-1814), his wife Phebe Austin Whittier (1798-1871) and their children: Anna (1822-1861), Maranda (1823-1869), Caroline (1826-1926), Abby (1828-1921) a school teacher, and Mary (1830-1904) also schoolteacher. Phebe A. was a cousin of the famous poet, John Greenleaf Whittier. Her brother was Moses Austin Cartland who was also an abolitionist and frequent contributor to *The National Era*, an abolitionist newspaper.

### **Scope and Content of Collection**

The Johnson Family Papers consists mainly of correspondence between family members. Printed matter belonging to the family such as receipts, bills and notices is included as well. There are notes and contracts made out during Meeting House meetings as Edmund Johnson participated in the local government. Also included are what seem to be schoolwork assignments, two with indecipherable names signed at the end, and the rest unnamed. There is a commonplace book which includes poems by John Greenleaf Whittier and Edgar Allen Poe.

### **Indexing Terms**

Families--New Hampshire

New Hampshire--History

New Hampshire

Letters--19th Century

Correspondence--New Hampshire

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