

A Guide to the Bradley T. Johnson Papers

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Mrs. Bradley T. Johnson

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ca. 4000 items

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Biographical Sketch of Bradley T. Johnson

Bradley T. Johnson(1829-1903) was born in Frederick, Maryland, son of Charles Worthington Johnsonand Eleanor Murdock (Tyler) Johnson, grandson of Colonel Baker Tyler Johnsonof the Continental Army. He took a B.A. at Princeton(1849), studied law and was admitted to the bar in Frederickin 1851. On June 25, 1851 he married Jane Claudia Saundersof North Carolina. Johnson served as Maryland State's Attorney, Chairman of the Maryland State Democratic Committee, and delegate to both National Conventions of 1860. He was instrumental in the formation of " The Maryland Line, " a regiment of Marylanders who chose to fight for the South, and was elected their Colonel in 1862. On June 28, 1864, he was commissioned brigadier general, partly on the strength of a long standing recommendation from General T. J. Jackson. In the last days of the war he commanded cavalry under Wade Hamptonand Jubal Early. After the war, Johnson practiced law in Richmondand served in the Virginia Senate (1875-1879). From 1879 to 1890 he practiced in Baltimore. He died in Amelia, Virginia, in 1903. Among his published works are a life of Washington (1894) and A Memoir of the Life and Public Service of Joseph E. Johnston.

Scope and Content

The papers of Bradley T. Johnsonconsist of ca. 4000 items covering the years 1676 to 1937, and are primarily the personal correspondence of the members of three families: Johnson, Rutherfordand Saunders. By far the greatest number of letters and documents concern the affairs of the Johnson familyand Bradley T. Johnsonduring the period 1840-1880. The collection includes a great number of letters to Bradley T. Johnsonfrom his mother, Eleanor Murdock (Tyler) Johnson, and his wife, Jane Claudia (Saunders) Johnson. Items of particular interest include: copies of letters from George Washington to Thomas Johnsonrelative to Thomas Johnson's appointment to the United States Supreme Courtand letters to General Bradley T. Johnsonfrom Jubal A. Early, Joseph E. Johnston, Thomas J. Jackson, Jefferson Davis, Wade Hampton, J. S. Mosby, W. H. Fitzhugh Lee, Henry Adamsand Theodore Roosevelt.

In addition to correspondence, the collection contains unsigned speeches and essays dealing with contemporary (antebellum) political issues and elections as well as newspaper clippings, deeds, documents and memorabilia. In particular, there is a substantial number of items pertaining to Bradley T. Johnson's formation of the First Maryland Regiment, C. S. A., " The Maryland Line, " and its affairs during the Civil War and afterwards as a veterans' organization. There are a number of letters written by John C. Rutherfordand

Bradley T. Johnson's son, B. Saunders Johnson, to their respective families while the two were students at the University of Virginia, the former before and the latter after the Civil War.

Organization

Boxes 1 through 4 contain correspondence filed chronologically. The next three boxes contain speeches, essays, financial and Civil War papers. The last box contains empty envelopes.

Container List

Correspondence of Thomas Johnson and Baker Johnson

Unit Date 1775-1800

Container Box 1

[Letter of gratitude from the Maryland Assembly] to [?]

Unit Date 1779 Nov 22

Container Box 1

Correspondence of William Johnson and Thomas Johnson

Unit Date 1812-1818

Container Box 1

Correspondence of Eleanor Murdock Johnson and [William] Johnson

Unit Date 1823-1827

Container Box 1

Correspondence of Mrs. Ann Roy

Unit Date 1829-1830

Container Box 1

Correspondence of the Saunders, Rutherford, and Johnson families

Unit Date 1832-1836

Container Box 1

Correspondence of the Stevenson and Saunders families

Unit Date 1838-1841

Container Box 1

Correspondence primarily between John C. Rutherford and his family

Unit Date 1842-1843

Container Box 1

Correspondence of Bradley T. Johnson and of the Saunders and Rutherford families

Unit Date 1844-1846

Container Box 1

Extent 3 folders

Correspondence primarily between John C. Rutherford and his father

Unit Date 1847

Container Box 1

Correspondence of the Rutherford family

Unit Date 1848-1850

Container Box 1

Extent 3 folders

Correspondence of the Rutherford family

Unit Date 1851-1855

Container Box 2

Extent 5 folders

Correspondence of the Johnson, Rutherford, Saunders and Roy families

Unit Date 1856

Container Box 2

Correspondence primarily of the Rutherford family

Unit Date 1857

Container Box 2

Correspondence primarily of Bradley T. Johnson

Unit Date 1858

Container Box 2

Correspondence of John C. Rutherford and Bradley T. Johnson

Unit Date 1859-1860

Container Box 2

Extent 2 folders

Correspondence re: "The Maryland Line"

Unit Date 1861-1862

Container Box 2

Extent 2 folders

Correspondence of John C. Rutherford and Bradley T. Johnson

Unit Date 1863

Container Box 2

Correspondence primarily of John C. Rutherford

Unit Date 1864

Container Box 2

Correspondence of Bradley T. Johnson and John C. Rutherford

Unit Date 1865

Container Box 2

Correspondence primarily of Bradley T. Johnson including a copy of a letter from U. S. Grant recommending Johnson's release

Unit Date 1866

Container Box 2

Correspondence of Edward McCrady, Bradley T. Johnson, and the Saunders and Rutherford families

Unit Date 1867-1871

Container Box 2

Correspondence primarily of Bradley T. Johnson

Unit Date 1872-1873

Container Box 2

ALS, J. E. Johnston to Bradley T. Johnson

Unit Date 1874 May 4

Container Box 2

Correspondence principally from Saunders Johnson, a student at U. Va., to his father, Bradley T. Johnson

Unit Date 1874

Container Box 2

Correspondence primarily from Saunders Johnson to his parents

Unit Date 1875 Jan-May

Container Box 2

Correspondence primarily from Saunders Johnson to his parents

Unit Date 1875 June-Dec

Container Box 3

J. A. Early to Bradley T. Johnson

Unit Date 1875 Sept-Oct

Container Box 3

Correspondence of the Johnson family

Unit Date 1876-1880

Container Box 3

Extent 5 folders

Correspondence of Bradley T. Johnson and Edward McCrady

Unit Date 1881

Container Box 3

Correspondence of Bradley T. Johnson

Unit Date 1882-1888

Container Box 3

Correspondence of Bradley T. Johnson

Unit Date 1890-1893

Container Box 3

Correspondence of Bradley T. Johnson

Unit Date 1894-1900

Container Box 4

Correspondence primarily of Bradley T. Johnson and Bradley S. Johnson

Unit Date 1901-1904

Container Box 4

Correspondence of the Johnson family

Unit Date 1905-1937

Container Box 4

Extent 2 folders

Correspondence of Bradley S. Johnson primarily with his parents

Unit Date n. d.

Container Box 4

Correspondence of Bradley T. Johnson

Unit Date n. d.

Container Box 4

Correspondence of the Johnson family

Unit Date n. d.

Container Box 4

Extent 2 folders

Correspondence of the Johnson family

Unit Date n. d.

Container Box 5

Extent 2 folders

Correspondence of the Rutherford family

Unit Date n. d.

Container Box 5

Correspondence of the Saunders family

Unit Date n. d.

Container Box 5

Correspondence of the Stevenson family

Unit Date n. d.

Container Box 5

Notebook of Thomas Johnson, Jr.

Unit Date 1770

Container Box 5

Ms, Speech by Thomas Johnsonpraising George Washington, fragment of eulogy of George Washingtonby Thomas Johnson

Unit Date 1788 Feb.22

Container Box 5

AMs, "Political Paper" in defense of the Federal Government, by [Thomas Johnson]

Unit Date 1800

Container Box 5

AMs, Speech: "Politics 1806 Against Madison 1st Election" by [Thomas Johnson]

Unit Date 1806

Container Box 5

AMs, Speech: "Against Madison" by [Thomas Johnson]

Unit Date 1808

Container Box 5

Drafts of Political Speeches, Essays [Thomas Johnson]

Unit Date 1800-1809

Container Box 5

Speeches: "Politics-1812" [Thomas Johnson]

Unit Date 1812

Container Box 5

Printed Periodical "Rights of Man - by John Winter"

Unit Date 1800

Container Box 5

Essays, Speeches of J. C. Rutherford

Unit Date 1845

Container Box 5

John RutherfordSpeech

Unit Date 1885

Container Box 5

Essays, Speeches of B. T. Johnson

Unit Date 1847-1849

Container Box 5

B. T. Johnson Printed Writings

Unit Date 1860-1894

Container Box 5

2 leaves from a life of Washington by B. T. Johnson

Unit Date 1894

Container Box 5

Bradley Johnson, Jr.'s essay "The Spanish War"

Unit Date 1898

Container Box 5

Nannie P. Rutherford's essay "The Life of Byron"

Unit Date n. d.

Container Box 5

Memoirs of Ann Rutherford of the James River and Kanawha Canal

Unit Date n. d.

Container Box 5

Miscellaneous manuscripts, fragments of essays, writings by unknown authors

Unit Date n. d.

Container Box 5

Bradley Johnson's Christmas stories written for his children

Unit Date 1893-1894

Container Box 5

Poetry

Unit Date n. d.

Container Box 5

Eulogies, Memorials

Unit Date 1890-1917

Container Box 5

Marriage Record and Birth Record, family of Richard Johnson

Unit Date 1676-1680

Container Box 6

"The Answer of Christopher Moyer to the Bill of Complaint of Baker Johnson"

Unit Date 1771 Mar. 22

Container Box 6

Indenture: Thomas Beatyto Baker Johnson

Unit Date 1778 Aug. 24

Container Box 6

Page from business records

Unit Date 1725-1790

Container Box 6

Account booklet, financial records

Unit Date 1826-1850

Container Box 6

Surveyors reports

Unit Date 1701-1826

Container Box 6

Wills, including a statement of funds of the estate of William Johnson

Unit Date 1881-1911

Container Box 6

Trust Deeds, Indentures and related agreements, some referring to the ownership and sale of slaves

Unit Date 1828-1911

Container Box 6

Legal Documents, Subpoenas, Court Decisions, Land Title, Contract of Sale

Unit Date ca.1867-1914

Container Box 6

Genealogies and notes for genealogies, including those for the Booths, Alexanders, Todds, Roys and Seddons and Johnsons of Yarmouth

Unit Date n. d.

Container Box 6

The Georgetown Weekly Ledger

Unit Date 1792 Jan. 21

Container Box 6

Frederick-Town Herald

Unit Date 1808-1819

Container Box 6

Newspaper Clippings, a large number relating to the death of Wade Hampton and Dr. George Ben Johnson

Unit Date n. d.

Container Box 6

Educational records

Unit Date 1822-1875

Container Box 6

"Belles Lettres Class Book" belonging to Nannie S. Rutherford

Unit Date 1875

Container Box 6

"House Book" of expenses (household)

Unit Date 1860-1863

Container Box 6

Maps

Unit Date 1887, 1907, n.d.

Container Box 6

Religious booklets

Unit Date n. d.

Container Box 6

Miscellaneous Papers, including plans for a Memorial to B. T. Johnson

Unit Date n. d.

Container Box 6

Bradley T. Johnson and The Maryland Line: Proclamations, Orders and Battle Accounts

Unit Date 1861-1888

Container Box 7

Election results for Commander of Maryland Line

Unit Date 1864 Feb 6

Container Box 7

Military financial records: Requisitions and supplies

Unit Date 1862-1865

Container Box 7

Civil War: Miscellaneous Documents

Unit Date n. d.

Container Box 7

Charter for an organization of Confederate Veterans

Unit Date n. d.

Container Box 7

Documents relating to various civic and philanthropic societies

Unit Date 1879-1913

Container Box 7

Receipts for deposits with Confederate Memorial Literary Society

Unit Date 1902-1906

Container Box 7

Mr. and Mrs. Bradley T. Johnson: Honors, Appointments, Invitations

Unit Date 1871-1919

Container Box 7

Materials relating to B. T. Johnson's Senate race

Unit Date 1874 Sept

Container Box 7

Recommendations of Bradley T. Johnson for Assistant Attorney General

Unit Date 1893-1898

Container Box 7

Family Financial Records - Civil War Period

Unit Date 1859

Container Box 7

Financial Papers: Inventories, Promissory Notes, Receipts

Unit Date 1866-1899

Container Box 7

Papers relating to the Bankruptcy of William J. Saunders

Unit Date 1867

Container Box 7

Oyster Industry Papers

Unit Date n. d.

Container Box 7

Financial Papers: Receipts, Insurance Policies, Stock Brokers' Reports

Unit Date 1900-1926

Container Box 7

Souvenir Ribbons and Memorabilia

Unit Date n. d.

Container Box 7

Documents relating to the R.M.S. "Titanic," the S.S. "Lapland," and other sailing information

Unit Date n. d.

Container Box 7

Tourist cards, Booklets, Souvenirs

Unit Date n. d.

Container Box 7

Post Cards

Unit Date n. d.

Container Box 7

Empty Envelopes

Container Box 8

Deed of property in South Carolinabetween Frederick W. Ford, Bradley T. Johnson, and William J. Saunders

Unit Date 1867 Feb. 10

Container Oversize (Box)

Bradley T. Johnson's credentials as Electore for the State of Maryland

Unit Date 1884

Container Oversize (Box)

The Spectator

Unit Date 1934 Sept 21

Container Oversize (Box)

Certificate of gratitude to Mrs. Bradley T. Johnsonfrom The Society of the Army and Navy of the Confederate States

Unit Date n. d.

Container Oversize (Box)

Photograph of Caldwell A. Alphin

Unit Date n. d.

Container Oversize (Box)