
Guide to the A. Clifford Johnson 1930 High Trip book 1987.001

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Contributing Institution: William E. Colby Memorial Library

Title: A. Clifford Johnson 1930 High Trip book

Creator: Johnson, A. Clifford

Identifier/Call Number: 1987.001

Physical Description: 0.1 Linear Feet in 1 folder within manuscript box

Date (inclusive): July 7, 1930 - July 27, 1930

Abstract: This collection contains one hand-made book documenting A. Clifford Johnson's experiences on the Sierra Club's 1930 High Trip. Included in the book are typed descriptions of his day-to-day activities, names of people he met, and his reflections throughout the trip. In addition to typed text, Johnson has glued small black and white photos - likely cut from a contact sheet - illustrating some of the destinations on his trip.

Language of Material: English .

Arrangement

Due to its small size, this collection has not been arranged by an archivist. The materials are arranged in the order in which they were received from the donor.

Biographical / Historical

Little is known about A. Clifford Johnson's involvement in the Sierra Club. According to the Sierra Club High Trip personnel list, he was in attendance during the 1930 High Trip and resided in Whittier, CA at the time. No other information is known about his affiliation with Sierra Club.

A. Clifford Johnson moved from Indiana to Whittier, CA in 1898 after marrying Susan Harrison. While working at the Whittier National Trust and Savings Bank, Johnson rose from cashier to the bank's first president. Johnson also served on the Board of Trustees for Whittier College from 1902 to 1946, where his wife became one of the first female professors in the country, teaching Greek and Latin. The couple also donated financially to the college and donated the "Susan and Clifford Johnson Library of Quaker Literature," perhaps the largest collection of books by and about Quakers in the west. A. Clifford Johnson further contributed to the community in Whittier through his positions as a City Councilman, a charter member of the Rotary Club, and a founding member of the Board of Trade.

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Donated by Naomi Binford, great niece of Clifford Johnson, on April 15, 1987.

Preferred Citation

[Identification of item, date]; A. Clifford Johnson 1930 High Trip book; 1987-001; [box number]; [folder number or item identifier]; William E. Colby Memorial Library, Sierra Club.

Processing Information

Processed by Joanna Black in April, 2021. Included with the original donation was a typed note from donor Naomi Binford, great niece of Clifford Johnson, stating: "Dear friends, Enclosed is the account my Great Uncle Clifford Johnson made of a Sierra Club trip he took in 1930. I thought you might like to have it to put in your archives or publish - whatever. Many years later I too had many wonderful trips with the Sierra Club. Sincerely, Naomi Binford (Kirschner)." No other description was included with the item.

Content Description

This collection contains one hand-made book documenting A. Clifford Johnson's experiences on the Sierra Club's 1930 High Trip. Included in the book are typed descriptions of his day-to-day activities, names of people he met, and his reflections throughout the trip. He mentions the construction of the John Muir Trail as well as future plans to build a "hut" on John Muir Pass. Locations Johnson mentions included Rock Creek, Mono Creek, Muir Pass, Colby Meadows, Palisade Creek, and Bishop Pass. The trip officially lasted from July 7 to July 31, 1930, although Johnson's entries only cover July 7 to July 27. In addition to typed text, Johnson has glued small black and white photos - likely cut from a contact sheet - illustrating some of the destinations on his trip. Johnson also notes in his text that trip participants included Sierra Club leaders William Colby, Marion Parsons, and Ansel Adams.

Subjects and Indexing Terms

Camping

Inyo National Forest (Calif. and Nev.)

Sierra National Forest (Calif.)
