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., 1830-1904
                    Johnson, Abby A., 1828-1921
                    Johnson Family
Extent: 1 box (.5 linear feet)
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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
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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