Parish B. Johnson Papers

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**Descriptive Summary**

**Title:** Parish B. Johnson Papers  
**Dates:** 1864-1886  
**Collection Number:** mssJohnson papers  
**Creator:** Johnson, Parish B. (Parish Barkydt), 1838-  
**Extent:** 43 items  
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**Abstract:** Diary of Captain Parish Barhydt Johnson (born 1838), Western newspaper publisher, covering a trip from Wilmington, California, to Tucson, Arizona during his time in the United States Army in 1864, as well as 38 pieces of correspondence related to the newspaper business in Northern California and Washington Territory and family concerns in the 1870s and 1880s.

**Language of Material:** The records are in English.

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**Acquisition Information**  
The collection was purchased from Mrs. O. C. Hodges in December 1946.

**Biography**  
Parish B. Johnson (born 1838), a Western newspaper publisher, became a member of the general committee which controlled the Walla Walla Union when it was founded in 1868. He assumed full editorship of the paper from 1876-1890.

**Scope and Content**  
The papers include a diary kept by Parish B. Johnson when he was a captain in the United States Army during a trip from Drum Barracks, Wilmington, California, to Tucson, Arizona, in 1864. There are also 38 pieces of correspondence (arranged alphabetically by author) primarily written within the Johnson family. The authors include Johnson himself, his wife Libbie, their son Smith S. Johnson, Parish’s brother Grove L. Johnson, Grove’s daughter Josephine and son Albert M. Johnson as well as Libbie Johnson’s aunt and uncle, Mary and Park Waterbury. The subjects covered are limited to family concerns and the newspaper business in Northern California and Washington Territory. The ephemera consists of four items.

**Indexing Terms**  
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Huntington Library’s Online Catalog.

**Personal Names**  
Johnson, Parish B. (Parish Barkydt), 1838- -- Archives.

**Corporate Names**  
United States. Army -- Officers -- Diaries.

**Subjects**  
Newspaper editors -- Washington (State) -- Walla Walla -- Correspondence.  
Newspaper publishing -- Washington (State) -- Walla Walla.

**Geographic Areas**  
Southwest, New -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865 -- Personal narratives.
Genre
Diaries West (U.S.) 19th century.
Letters (correspondence) West (U.S.) 19th century.

Box 1 Papers
Folder 1 Johnson, Parish B. (Parish Barkydt), b. 1838. Journal. 1 item 1864
Folder 2 Fink, A. R. 3 telegrams to Parish B. (Parish Barkydt) Johnson, b. 1838. 3 items. undated
Folder 3 Fink, Josephine Johnson. 2 letters to Libbie Johnson. 3 items. 1881-1884
  Scope and Content Note
  Includes budget.
Folder 4 Fink, Josephine Johnson. 1 letter to Parish B. (Parish Barkydt) Johnson, b. 1838. 1 item. 1877, Jan. 5
Folder 5 Freeman, Nellie. 2 letters to Libbie Johnson. 2 items. 1885
Folder 6 Johnson, Albert M. 1 letter to Parish B. (Parish Barkydt) Johnson, b. 1838. 1 item. 1877, July 25
Folder 7 Johnson, Grove Lawrence, 1841-. 12 letters to Parish B. (Parish Barkydt) Johnson, b. 1838. 12 items. 1884-1886
Folder 8 Johnson, Libbie. 4 letters to Parish B. (Parish Barkydt) Johnson, b. 1838. 4 items. 1876-1877
Folder 9 Johnson, Parish B. (Parish Barkydt), b. 1838. 2 letters to Libbie Johnson. 2 items. 1883-1885
Folder 10 Johnson, Smith S. 3 letters to Libbie Johnson. 3 items. 1885
Folder 11 Moore, Miles C. 1 letter to A. R. Fink. 1 item. 1884, Nov. 10
Folder 12 Perkins, J. A. 1 letter to A. R. Fink. 1 item. 1876, Sep. 7
Folder 13 Spud?, Dolly. 1 letter to Libbie Johnson. 1 item. 1885, Mar. 3
Folder 14 Waterbury, Mary. 1 letter to Libbie Johnson. Includes letter from Park N. Waterbury to Parish B. (Parish Barkydt) Johnson, b. 1838. 2 items. 1885, Mar. 16 - 17
Folder 15 -----, Clem. 1 letter to Libbie Johnson. 1 item. 1885, Aug. 10
Folder 16 -----, Henrietta. 1 letter to Libbie Johnson. 1 item. 1885, Nov. 10
Folder 17 Ephemera. 4 items. 1885