

# Robert Underwood Johnson:

## An Inventory of His Literary File Photography Collection at the Harry Ransom Center

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### Descriptive Summary

<b>Creator:</b>	Johnson, Robert Underwood, 1853-1937
<b>Title:</b>	Robert Underwood Johnson Literary File Photography Collection
<b>Dates:</b>	1918, undated
<b>Extent:</b>	381 items
<b>Abstract:</b>	The Robert Underwood Johnson Literary File Photography Collection consist of 381 images, including photographs of ambulances and drivers in Italy during World War I, views of the Hetch Hetchy Valley in California, and portraits.
<b>Call Number:</b>	PH-02866
<b>Language:</b>	English and Italian
<b>Access:</b>	Open for research. To make an appointment or to reserve photography materials, please email <a href="#">Visual Materials Reference staff</a> . Researchers must create an online Research Account and agree to the Materials Use Policy before using archival materials.
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**Administrative Information**

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**Acquisition:** Internal transfers

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## Scope and Contents

The Robert Underwood Johnson Literary File Photography Collection consist of 381 images (301 loose photographs, 77 photographs in 3 albums, 2 nitrate negatives, and 1 tintype), including photographs of ambulances and drivers in Italy during World War I, views of the Hetch Hetchy Valley in California, and portraits. An index at the end of this guide lists identified photographers whose work is featured in this file. Further descriptions of some items may be available in a card catalog in the repository.

This file forms a part of the Literary Files Photography Collection that is comprised of photographs and albums withdrawn from the libraries and/or papers of literary figures, and generally includes portraits and images collected by or of those figures.

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## Index Terms

### People

- Johnson, Pamela Hansford, 1912-1981.
- Johnson, Robert Underwood, 1853-1937.
- Thomas, Dylan, 1914-1953.

### Subjects

- Ambulances--American--Italy--1910-1920.
- Hetch Hetchy Valley (Calif.)--History--Pictorial works.
- Portraits.
- World War, 1914-1918--Italy.
- World War, 1914-1918--Medical aspects.

### Places

- Hetch Hetchy Valley (Calif.)
- Italy.
- Yosemite Valley (Calif.)

### Document Types

- Nitrate negatives.
- Photograph albums.
- Photographic prints.
- Tintypes.



- Print Number: P1, P2A-P2B, P3-P5, P6A-P6B, P7-P34, P35A-P35C, P36A-P36H, P37A-P37F, P38A-P38C, P39A-P39G, P40A-P40B, P41A-P41H, P42A-P42W** Portraits of Robert Underwood Johnson and Pamela Hansford Johnson (P5 is a tintype of Johnson with an unidentified man; P7 is with Dylan Thomas); views of Yosemite Valley. **Location** Johnson, R. U., Lit File Box 1
- Print Number: P43-P58, P59A-P59Q, P60-P78, P79A-P79V, P80A-P80Z** Views of the Hetch Hetchy Valley, Calif. (P43-58), Italian street scenes (P60-P78), an American Red Cross (Croce Rossa Americana) ambulance in Italy during World War I (P59A-P59Q), two men (an American and an Italian ambulance driver?) on either side of the open rear doors of an ambulance (P79A-P79V), and ambulance drivers lined up in front of ambulances parked in a row along a building in Italy (P80A-P80Z). **Location** Johnson, R. U., Lit File Box 2
- Print Number: P80AA-P80UU, P82A-P82D, P83A-P83E, P84-P104, P106** Views of ambulance drivers lined up in front of ambulances parked in a row along a building in Italy (P80AA-P80UU), a church and convent in S. Gregorio, Italy (Red Cross building), the upper floor of the Hetch Hetchy Valley, an unidentified child, a campsite with tent, and a mockup of copyright documents. **Location** Johnson, R. U., Lit File Box 3
- Accession Number: 2004:0036:0001-0054** Portraits of Johnson and other people, views of various places, and images of a grandfather clock and some chairs.
- Print Number: [formerly P81]** *Ambulanza Oculistica d'Armata: 'Poeti Americani'* (Bologna : Regio Esercito Italiano, Ambulanze Chirurgiche d'Armata, Marzo 1918). Published album containing 17 photographs, which document the "American Poets Ambulances in Italy" aid efforts during World War I. **Location** Johnson, R. U., Lit File Album 1
- Print Number: [formerly P105]** *Saletta Operatoria per Autocarro 15 Ter* ([Italy] : Commissione Allestimento Ambulanza Chirurgiche d'Armata, [1918]). Published album containing 10 photographs; inscribed on first page: "Photographs of the operating-room of the Ambulanza Oculistica dei Poeti Americani going into service on the Italian front on March 15, 1918. / R.U.J. from H.N.G." **Location** Johnson, R. U., Lit File Album 2
- Print Number: [formerly P107]** Large, brown album (tied with red, white, and green ribbon) containing 50 photographic prints with handwritten captions (in Italian). **Location** Johnson, R. U., Lit File Album 3

**Accession Number: 986:0036:0005-0006** 2 nitrate negatives, originally accompanied ALS to Frank H. Holden.

**Location**

Cold  
Storage  
Lit File  
Boxes

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