

Walter Willard "Spud" Johnson:

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

Descriptive Summary

Creator:	Johnson, Walter Willard, 1897-1968
Title:	Walter Willard "Spud" Johnson Literary File Photography Collection
Dates:	20th century
Extent:	1,619 items (15 boxes)
Abstract:	The Walter Willard "Spud" Johnson Literary File Photography Collection contains 1,619 items, including portraits and snapshots of Johnson both alone and with many of his friends and associates.
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Language:	English
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Administrative Information

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Scope and Contents

The Walter Willard "Spud" Johnson Literary File Photography Collection contains 1,619 items (1,369 photographic prints and safety negatives, and 250 nitrate negatives). Images include portraits and snapshots of Johnson both alone and with many of his friends and associates, some of whom are unidentified. 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This file forms a part of the Literary Files Photography Collection that is comprised of photographs and albums withdrawn from the libraries and/or papers of literary figures, and generally includes portraits and images collected by or of those figures.

Related Material

Associated and related material by and about Johnson can be found in the Center's library and in the Walter Willard "Spud" Johnson Papers (MS-02208) and the Walter Willard "Spud" Johnson Art Collection (AR-00134).

Index Terms

People

- Anderson, Clinton Presba, 1895-1975.
- Benrimo, Dorothy.
- Benrimo, Tom, 1887-1958.
- Brett, Dorothy, 1883-1977.
- Bynner, Witter, 1881-1968.
- Chavez, Dennis, 1888-1962.
- Crews, Judson.
- Dasburg, Andrew, 1887-1979.
- Gillmore, Inez Haynes, 1873-1970.
- Johnson, Walter Willard, 1897-1968.
- Kissel, Elénore.
- Kutchin, Lucius, 1901-1936.
- Larrinaga, Mario.

Lawrence, D. H. (David Herbert), 1885-1930.

Lawrence, Frieda, 1879-1956.

Luhan, Mabel Dodge, 1879-1962.

Sedillo, Juan A. A. (Juan Antonio Abad), 1902-.

Skinner, Cornelia Otis, 1901-1979.

Stone, Idella Purnell, 1901-.

Subjects

Artists--New Mexico.

Poets.

Portraits.

Snapshots.

Taos school of art.

Places

Mexico.

Taos (N.M.)

Document Types

Negatives.

Nitrate negatives.

Photographic prints.

Print Number: P9, P13, P17, P21-P77D Photographs of Johnson, except P17 which is of Cornelia Otis Skinner.

Location
Johnson,
W. W.,
Lit File
Box 1

Print Number: P78-P121A Photographs of Johnson.

Location
Johnson, W.
W., Lit File
Box 2

Print Number: P121B-P182B Photographs of Johnson (P121B-P146); photographs of Johnson with others including Hal Binner, D.H. Lawrence, Mrs. Wellington, Mrs. Sterne, Idella Purnell Stone, Lee Faron, Dorothy Brett, Becky James, Ruth Swaine, Ted Cabot, Chris Schwarzenbach, Francis Crone, Angelo Ravagli, Belle McCausland, Mrs. Art Noble, Mrs. Charles Reynolds, Leona Kahl, Winnie Berninghaus, Barbara Sherman, Dick Dicus, Gertrude and Ralph Casey, Mario Larrinaga, Al Rosen, Romon Dernardy, Ray Deueaux, Margot Grainger, Dick Grainger, and Art Merrill (P147-P182B).

Location
Johnson,
W. W.,
Lit File
Box 3

Print Number: P183A-P240 Photographs of Johnson with various unidentified people.

Location
Johnson,
W. W.,
Lit File
Box 4

Print Number: P241-P291 Photographs of Johnson with various unidentified people (P241-P244) and with a German Shepherd dog (P245); individual portrait photographs of Johnson's friends and associates, including: Senator Clinton P. Anderson, Juan Arenas, Bobby Berg, W. S. Bill, Dorothy Brett, Bobby Bright's daughter, Witter Bynner, Senator Dennis Chavez, Judson Crews, Andrew Dasburg, W. Ely, Lee Faron, Tsya Feshina, Joe Foster, Ted Egris, Sally Gillespie, John Goldmark, Bob Gribbock, Mrs. Hughes, Gen. Patrick J. Hurley, Inez Haynes Irwin, Lucius Kutchin, Joel Lacy, Mabel Dodge Luhan, Loren Mosley, Bob Murray, Orlando Ortiz, Ralph Paden, Otto Pitche, Juan Sedillo, Juan Silveti, Felix Valdez, Caroline Van Rensselaer, Gen. Francisco "Pancho" Villa (postcard), John Vos, Maj. Gen. Stephen Watts, Mrs. Wellington, and Dr. Victor J. Westphall (P246-P291).

Location
Johnson,
W. W.,
Lit File
Box 5

Print Number: P292-P358E Photographs of individuals identified by one name only (P292-P299); photographs of two or more people, some identified, including Gilbert Archuleta, Dennis Herrera, Fred Bacc, Tom and Dorothy Benrimo, O.G. and Winnie Berninghaus, Billy the Kid and Pat Garrett (postcards), Hal Binner with Patricio and Raphael, Dorothy Brett (P306-P307), Ted Cabot (P308-P313), Lee Faron (P317-P318), Orlando Garcia, Panky Romero, Leo Martinez, Raul Miera, Ricky Garcia, Suzie and Terry Golden, Robinson Jeffers and Albert Bender (P321), Eleanore Kissel with Dorothy Brett and Luther Cook (P322), Gordon Lacy

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Johnson,
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(P323-P324), D.H. Lawrence (P325-P326), Frieda Lawrence and Dorothy Brett (P327A-P327B), Frieda Lawrence and others (P328-P329), Mabel Luhan (P330, negative only), Art Noble and Bud Romney, Tony Salazar, Felix Valdez, and Cruz Truyillo.

Print Number: P359A-P399 Photographic prints and negatives of various unidentified or partially identified people.

Location
Johnson,
W. W.,
Lit File
Box 7

Print Number: P400-P465I Photographic prints and negatives of various unidentified men.

Location
Johnson,
W. W.,
Lit File
Box 8

Print Number: P466A-P545E Photographic prints and negatives of various unidentified men and women.

Location
Johnson,
W. W.,
Lit File
Box 9

Print Number: P546A-P639B Photographic prints and negatives of unidentified men, women, and children.

Location
Johnson,
W. W.,
Lit File
Box 10

Print Number: P640-P744B Photographic prints and negatives of: unidentified children, some with adults (P640-P665), people, places, things, and events related to *The Horse Fly* and *El Crepusculo*, a Taos, N.M., periodical (P666-P734), and views of Johnson's house (P735-P744B).

Location
Johnson,
W. W.,
Lit File
Box 11

Print Number: P745A-P789 Photographic views of Johnson's house (P745-P772AB), and various ranches, including the Lawrence ranch (P773-P774) and the Luhan ranch (P777A-P777D).

Location
Johnson,
W. W.,
Lit File
Box 12

Print Number: P790A-P840 Photographs of: unidentified homes and ranches (P790A-P797B); various churches, missions, and cathedrals (P798-P827); native American houses near Taos, N.M. (P828-P838B); an art Gallery in Taos, N.M. (P839A-P839C); and an archway in Mexico (P840).

Location
Johnson,
W. W.,
Lit File
Box 13

Print Number: P841A-P876H Photographs of miscellaneous scenes in Taos, N.M., and Mexico, including a parade featuring "Laughing Horse," and snapshots from a Dorothy McGuire movie set in Taos.

Location
Johnson,
W. W.,
Lit File
Box 14

Print Number: P877-P904 Photographs of miscellaneous objects and animals, except P904 which is a small (5.5" x 4.125") oval portrait of Johnson at age 2 (image in very poor condition).

Location
Johnson,
W. W.,
Lit File
Box 15

Print Number: P1-P8 Photographic portraits of Johnson.

Location Lit
File OV Box,
Small

Print Number: P18 Photograph of an old adobe church.

Print Number: P169 Photocollage of unidentified people in party wear.

Print Number: P10 "Spud Johnson & his laughing horse," 18" x 14" photographic print.

Location
Lit File
OV Box,
Medium

Print Number: P11 Photographic print, 18" x 14," of Johnson setting type.

Print Number: P12 Photographic print, 18" x 14," of Johnson seated at a kitchen table.

Print Number: P15 Photographic print, 19" x 14.25," of Johnson seated at kitchen table.

Print Number: P16 Portrait photograph, 19.5" x 15," of K. Wells (bust, 3/4 right profile), circa 1934.

Print Number: P14 Portrait photograph, 20" x 15," of Johnson (bust, full front).

Location
Lit File
OV Box,
Large

Print Number: P19 Photographic print, 20" x 15," of a desert scene.

Print Number: P20 Photographic print, 20" x 15," of a dead horse.

Print Number: P28-P32, P40-P44, P45A-P45B, P53, P55, P57, P62, P64-P65, P67, P70-P71, P77A-P77D, P82, P90A-P90D, P91, P96C, P106A-P106D, P107-P108, P110A-P110F, P150-P153, P170-P172, P181, P188A-P188B, P191, P193A-P193B, P196, P204, P209, P269E-P269G, P326A-P326D, P361A-P361B, P368, P373A, P380A-P380H, P380L-P380M, P385, P387, P390 Negatives of images pertaining to Johnson.

Location
Cold
Storage,
Johnson,
W. W.
Box 1

Print Number: P404A-P404B, P422A-P422B, P428, P429A-P429B, P433A-P433B, P437A, P440A-P440F, P466B, P525, P542, P545A-P545D, P557A-P557K, P562-P563, P587, P599, P602A-P602B, P602G-P602J, P660, P668, P669B, P670B, P688, P690-P704, P706-P718, P719B, P724, P727A-P727B, P728A-P728E, P733B, P736A, P736D, P737, P738A-P738B, P742, P748-P749 Negatives of images pertaining to Johnson.

Location
Cold
Storage,
Johnson,
W. W.
Box 2

Print Number: P750-P751, P753, P758-P764, P765A-P765C, P766, P769-P771, P775, P779A-P779W, P781, P786A, P788-P789, P792, P795, P798-P800, P806-P807, P825A-P825E, P839A-P839C, P841M-P841N, P843, P858B, P864A-P864B, P878A-P878B, P880, P885, P895 Negatives of images pertaining to Johnson.

Location
Cold
Storage,
Johnson,
W. W.
Box 3

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