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Drake, Stillman, collector

Drake Collection of Alexander Bryan Johnson  
Papers, 1941-1974.

2 boxes and mapcase (26 cm.)

Stillman Drake, a collector of the history and philosophy of science became interested in the writings of A.B. Johnson, 1786-1867, in 1938 after reading his A treatise on language. Johnson, a banker who wrote and spoke on many subjects including philosophy, finances, American government and politics, was born in Gosport, England, but lived most of his life in Utica, New York.

The collection contains typed transcripts made by Drake with holograph notes of Johnson pamphlets which he had been unable to buy because of their scarcity; correspondence with Johnson's descendants, scholars, and other Johnson collectors about Johnson, and the 1967 Johnson centenary conference in Utica, N.Y.

Many of Johnson's pamphlets and books are in the A. B. Johnson Collection.

Gift of Stillman Drake in 1987.

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Drake Collection of A.B. Johnson Papers

- Box 1      Typed transcripts of pamphlets, alphabetically arranged some of which are in A.B. Johnson Collection
- Folder 1    An address to the Utica Forum delivered December 9, 1824
- Folder 2    An address to the Utica Temperance Society ... July 29, 1829
- Folder 3    The advanced value of gold, suspended specie payment, legal-tender notes, taxation and national debt, investigated impartially. 1862
- Folder 4    The approaching presidential election. 1864
- Folder 5    "Bank failures". From the Bankers Magazine, Oct. 1857
- Folder 6    The banks and the currency. From the Bankers Magazine, Oct. 1864
- Folder 7    Fragments from A diatribe on language. 1868  
"Written in 1946 while attempting to dissuade Rynin from some criticisms incorporated in his critique of Johnson". With TNS from Drake to David Rynin, Jan. 14, 1946
- Folder 8    (Extract from) Proceedings of the Democratic State Convention ... 1861. Mr. Johnson's address
- Folder 9    An introductory address delivered before the Utica Lyceum ... fifth day of February 1824
- Folder 10   Letter. [Utica observer ?] Dec. 19, 1859. Union meeting in New York tonight.
- Folder 11   Letter of A.B. Johnson, Esq. Albany argus extra, Oct. 17, 1834; and  
Mapcase    Galleys inscribed by Jacob Zeitlin, 1948
- Folder 12   Letter to the Hon. Roscoe Conkling [1866?]
- Folder 13   Letters on the currency and balance of trade. From Bankers magazine, Dec. 1864
- Folder 14   The meaning of words (1854). Preface
- Folder 15   Notes on A.B. Johnson's relations with Hunt's Merchant's Magazine

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- Folder 16 An oration commemorative of American Independence  
 ... July 5, 1824
- Folder 17 Our monetary condition
- Folder 18 (Excerpts from) The peaceful revolutionist
- Folder 19 (Excerpt from A.B. Johnson's autobiography  
 relating to The Philosophical Emperor
- Folder 20 Recollections of an old banker
- Folder 21 Speech before a meeting of the democratic citizens  
 of Utica ... Mar. 25, 1834
- Folder 22 Speech before an Auxiliary of the American  
 Colonization Society ... 1834
- Folder 23 To the democratic electors of Oneida County ...  
Oneida Whig, Oct. 27, 1840 and Utica observer,  
 Oct. 27, 1840
- Folder 24 To the electors of the County of Oneida County ...  
 1840.  
 Another transcript with a different title of the  
 same text
- Folders A treatise on language. Lectures [1939-40]  
 25-27
- Folder 28 The Union as it was and the constitution as it is  
 ... 1862
- Folder 29 Where we stood and where we stand [1862?]
- Folder 30 Letter to A.B.J., author of the pamphlet entitled  
 The Union as it was and the Constitution as it is"  
 ... 1863
- Folder 31 Notes about Johnson
- Folder 32 Checklist of works by Alexander Bryan Johnson
- Folder 33 Works by Alexander Bryan Johnson

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Box 2

Correspondence: about Drake's printing of The treatise on language and about A.B. Johnson includes letters from Eric Temple Bell, P.W. Bridgman, Alice C. Dodge, Joseph Dorfman, Albert Einstein, Aldous Huxley, Alexander B. Johnson, Irving J. Lee, Mary St. Arnauld; arrangements for the 1967 Johnson centenary conference, and publication of the papers. Correspondents include Alice C. Dodge, David Rynin, Charles L. Todd.

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Clippings

"The almighty dollar" in [Albany] Atlas & [argus],  
Sept. 4, 18[56?]  
The Johnson centenary conference, 1967