

Inventory of the

Johnson Family
DeKalb County, Illinois

Records

In the

Regional History Center

RC 231

INTRODUCTION

Corinne Johnson donated the Johnson Family Records to the Regional History Center in February 1994, with an addition in May 2005. Property rights in the collection belong to the Regional History Center; literary rights are dedicated to the public. There are no restrictions on access to the collection.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT

At present the collection contains information relating to Revere E. Johnson's careers in farming (1917 - 1945), and at the General Electric Plant in DeKalb (1946-1964), Johnson family materials and photographs, documentation relating to World War II rationing, maps, and DeKalb County history articles.

HISTORICAL SKETCH

Revere Elmer Johnson was born in 1898, the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Johnson. He also had a brother Carl Martin and a sister Helen M. Johnson. On February 24, 1926 Revere married Zaida Christine Munson, and they had one daughter Corinne Elizabeth. In 1917 Revere had taken an agricultural course at Madison, Wisconsin and apparently hired out for several years, until he joined his father on a farm C.M. purchased in 1926. In December of 1946 he started working at the General Electric plant in DeKalb. Over the years he held a number of jobs including machine operator, stock keeper, dispatcher, process planner, foreman (Stator Making, second shift, beginning March 1, 1954), and by December 1961 he was a plant guard. After his retirement from GE on June 1, 1963, he enjoyed gardening. He died in 1966, and Zaida in 1970. They are buried in the Fairview Cemetery, DeKalb, IL.

SUBJECT TRACINGS

Barbed Wire	General Electric
DeKalb County	Johnson Family, DeKalb County
Farm Bureau	Maps
Farm Life	World War II

COLLECTION INVENTORY

<u>BOX</u>	<u>FOLDER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
1	1	Johnson Family, Photographs and Newspaper Clippings, Ca. 1920-1963
	2	Revere Johnson, Photograph Album, May 1919
	3	Defense Savings Bond Pledge of Corrine E. Johnson, 1942
	4	Report Card, 7th Grade, Corinne Johnson, June 1943
	5	Revere Johnson's Bank Books, 1926-1941
	6	Correspondence, Central Illinois Light Company, January 26, 1937
	7	Revere Johnson, Selective Service Registration Certificate, 1918; Registration Certificate, 1942; Registration, 1942; Notice of Classification, 1943 (2) [5 cards]
	8	OPA Blue Points, World War II
	9	World War II Ration Books, 1942-1945
	10	Revere Johnson, Career at General Electric (GE), 1946-1963
	11	Suggestions for Improvements at GE by Revere Johnson, 1948-1950
	12	Supervisory Reports and Meetings at GE, 1951, 1952, 1957
	13	History of GE Motor, ca. 1955
	14	Illinois Farm Bureau Member Sticker, n.d.; DeKalb Farm Bureau Dues Receipt, 1948
	15	Farm Bureau History Edition, DeKalb Daily Chronicle, June 30, 1922
	16	Farm Ownership Map Book, 1936; Street Guide of DeKalb, IL, 1938; DeKalb County Plat Book, 1940; DeKalb County Road Map, 1966
	17	Revere Johnson, Receipts from Various Businesses, 1948-1949; East End Bicycle Shop notebook, ca. 1940's
	18	Old Court House and Hospitals Article, DeKalb County Journal, March 27, 1968
	19	"Bet-A-Million Gates: The Man Who Fenced the West" Kiwanis Magazine, December 1968/January 1969
2	1	Revere Johnson's Pocket Notebooks of Agricultural Activities (1919-1944)
	2-5	Revere Johnson's Farm Account Books, 1935-1945
	6	Farm Bureau Management Service Reports, 1938-1944
	7	Revere Johnson's Workbook from College of Agriculture, Madison, WI, 1917; Short Course in Dairying, 1921