

**Finding Aid for the
William Smyth (W. S.) Johnson ledgers
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Creator: William Smyth (W. S.) Johnson

Title: William Smyth (W.S.) Johnson ledgers

Inclusive Dates: 1946-1951

Quantity: 0.23 c.f.

Abstract

Account books belonging to William Smyth (W. S.) Johnson for his service station at Seventh and Clinton streets in Arkadelphia, opened in July 1920. Johnson's service station was among the first drive-in service stations in Arkansas. According to a 1932 newspaper article, his station was "rated as one of the largest and best automobile stations in southwest Arkansas.

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Scope and Contents

Business ledgers for Johnson's service station at Seventh and Clinton streets in Arkadelphia. Two volumes record charges to various customer accounts, and one volume records cash transactions.

Biographical/Historical

William Smyth Johnson was born in Delight, Arkansas, on 8 October 1869. He graduated from Ouachita College shortly after its founding, and then did graduate work at Yale, where he earned a Ph.D. He served as head of the Philosophy Department at the University of Arkansas and also headed a college in Oklahoma for a time. Johnson is reportedly the first Arkansas to earn a doctorate. In his retirement, he opened the Arkadelphia service station. He died on 12 July 1955 and is buried in Rose Hill Cemetery, Arkadelphia.

Keywords

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Box/Folder Contents Inventory

Box 3213

3213/001	Accounts ledger, 1946-1947
3213/002	Accounts ledger, 1949-1951
3213/003	Cash book, 1949-1950