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Summary Information

Repository:	Rare Book and Manuscript Library
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Creator:	Johnson, Katharine McMahon
Creator:	Ward, Mary Augusta Arnold, 1851-1920
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Biographical / Historical

Editor of the CENTURY MAGAZINE and American Ambassador to Italy, 1920-1921.

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Summary

Correspondence of Johnson with literary and other prominent people in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. There are letters from Annie Fields, John Burroughs, Witter Bynner,

Mary Mapes Dodge, Edmund Gosse, Helen Hunt Jackson, Rudyard Kipling, Emma Lazarus, S.W. Mitchell, John Muir, Joseph Pennell, James Whitcomb Riley, Tommaso Salvini, Carlo Sforza, and William Watson. The correspondence deals with the business affairs of the CENTURY MAGAZINE (earlier SCRIBNER'S MAGAZINE), the American Copyright League, the American Embassy in Rome, and Johnson's interest in conservation. There are 600 letters between Johnson and his wife, Katherine McMahan John, which are not only personal but also concern literary and business matters. Among the manuscripts are poetry and prose of Robert Underwood Johnson and Katherine Johnson, poetry of Sir William Watson, Mary Mapes Dodge and John Muir, and sets of corrected proof of Mrs. Humphry Ward's (Mary Augusta Ward) SIR GEORGE TRESSADY. Also, one box of miscellaneous correspondence, American Copyright League materials, photographs, and printed memorabilia.

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Arrangement

Selected materials cataloged remainder arranged.

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Processing Information

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Existence and Location of Copies

Royal Cortisoz correspondence is also available on microfilm. See MN# 11922 and 11923. This microfilm includes Cortisoz correspondence from other collections.

Existence and Location of Copies

Josephine Shaw Lowell correspondence is also available on microfilm. See MN# 11355. This microfilm includes Lowell correspondence from other collections.

Accruals

Materials may have been added to the collection since this finding aid was prepared. Contact rbml@columbia.edu for more information.

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Related Materials

Related Materials - at Columbia University

Correspondence between Nikola Tesla and the Johnsons can be found in the [Nikola Tesla Papers](#), Rare Book & Manuscript Library.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Century illustrated monthly magazine
- Literature publishing -- United States
- American literature -- 19th century
- American literature -- 20th century
- American literature -- Periodicals
- Conservation of natural resources
- Copyright -- Societies, etc
- Diplomatic and consular service, American -- Italy -- Rome
- United States -- Foreign relations -- Italy
- Ambassadors
- Diplomats
- Editors
- Authors, American
- Burroughs, John, 1837-1921
- Bynner, Witter, 1881-1968
- Dodge, Mary Mapes, 1830-1905
- Gosse, Edmund, 1849-1928
- Jackson, Helen Hunt, 1830-1885
- Kipling, Rudyard, 1865-1936
- Lazarus, Emma, 1849-1887
- Mitchell, S. Weir (Silas Weir), 1829-1914
- Muir, John, 1838-1914
- Pennell, Joseph, 1857-1926
- Riley, James Whitcomb, 1849-1916
- Salvini, Tommaso, 1829-1915
- Sforza, Carlo, conte, 1872-1952
- Watson, William, 1858-1925
- American Copyright League

Collection Inventory

Series I: Cataloged Correspondence

Title/Description	Instances
A - F	box 9
G - Johnson, Katherine, 1887	box 7
Johnson, Katherine, 1888 - Johnson, O.	box 8
Johnson, Robert Underwood, 1871-1887 February	box 1
Johnson, Robert Underwood, 1887 March-1889 June	box 2
Johnson, Robert Underwood, 1889 July-1891	box 3
Johnson, Robert Underwood, 1892-1898 June	box 4
Johnson, Robert Underwood, 1898 July-1903	box 5
Johnson, Robert Underwood, 1905-1935 - J	box 6
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Series II: Miscellaneous Correspondence

Title/Description	Instances
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Series III: Cataloged Manuscripts and Documents

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