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Summary Information

Repository:	Rare Book and Manuscript Library
Creator:	Johnson, William Samuel, 1795-1883
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Biographical / Historical

William Samuel Johnson was a grandson of Columbia College President William Samuel Johnson (1727-1819); Assistant Alderman, 35d Ward, 1834-1835, Trustee of the New York Society Library, 1837-1840; and a member of the New York State Senate, 1848-1849.

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Summary

Papers dealing with Johnson's public life in New York City and in the New York State Senate. While Assistant Alderman, Johnson received numerous letters of application from citizens seeking patronage for a variety of municipal offices, ranging from requests to be a night

watchman to a position as a municipal court justice. Also, letters, reports, and other documents relating to various municipal services such as health, welfare, fire fighting, street maintenance, water, sewers, railroads, ferries, and stage coaches. Some letters and documents concern Whig Party politics in the 3rd Ward. Johnson's correspondence as a New York Society Library Trustee refers to the proposed merger with the New York Athenaeum. Also, twelve items relating to his term in the State Senate, covering taxation and control of foreign laborers.

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Arrangement

Selected materials cataloged; remainder arranged.

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Publication Statement

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Ownership and Custodial History

Gift of the Carmalt estate.

Processing Information

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Controlled Access Headings

- Libraries -- New York (State) -- New York
- Taxation -- New York (State) -- New York
- Public welfare -- New York (State) -- New York
- Fire extinction -- New York (State) -- New York
- Streets -- New York (State) -- New York
- Public utilities -- New York (State) -- New York
- Railroads -- New York (State)
- Ferries -- New York (State) -- New York
- Transportation -- New York (State) -- New York
- Noncitizen labor
- New York (State) -- Politics and government -- 1775-1865
- New York (N.Y.) -- Politics and government -- To 1898

- Addresses
- Annual reports
- Applications
- Bylaws (administrative records)
- Contracts
- Indentures
- Licenses
- Lists (document genres)
- Maps (documents)
- minutes (administrative records)
- Mortgages
- Petitions
- Posters
- Reports
- Resolutions (administrative records)
- Politicians
- Edwards, Charles, 1797-1868
- Edwards, Ogden, 1781-1862
- Hart, James H., 1825-1906
- Haviland, John, 1792-1852
- Hoffman, Ogden, 1793-1856
- Inglis, William, 1804?-1863
- Johnson, Laura Woolsey, 1800-1880
- Johnson, Susan Edwards, 1771-1856
- Lafever, Minard
- Laight, Edward William, 1773-1852
- Lord, Daniel, 1795-1868
- Lynch, James, 1781-1853
- Meriam, E. (Ebenezer), 1794-1864
- Parker, John Mason, 1805-1873
- Ruggles, Samuel B (Samuel Bulkley), 1800-1881
- Smith, John Augustine, 1782-1865
- Tallmadge, James, 1778-1853
- Verplanck, Gulian C (Gulian Crommelin), 1786-1870
- Whitney, Eli, 1787-1850
- Woolsey, Theodore Dwight, 1801-1889
- Woolsey, William Walton, 1766-1839
- New-York Athenæum
- Whig Party (N.Y.)
- New York (N.Y.). Board of Health
- New York (N.Y.). Metropolitan Fire Department
- New York Society Library
- New York (State). Legislature. Senate

Collection Inventory

William Samuel Johnson papers, 1834-1868	
Title/Description	Instances
Haviland, John	box 1
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Board of Health, 1834-1835	box 1
Ferries, 1834	box 1
Fire Department, 1834-1836	box 1
Scope and Contents	
3rd Ward Hose Company; Departmental reorganization	
Licenses, 1834	box 1
Scope and Contents	
Applications for liquor and other business licenses	
New York Society Library, 1837-1838	box 1
Scope and Contents	
Re: proposed union with New York Athenaeum	
Patronage (9 folders), undated, 1834-1835; 1837	box 1
Railroads, 1834	box 1
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State Senate, 1848-1849	box 1
Street Committee, 1834-1835	box 1
Water, circa 1834-1835	box 1
Welfare, 1834-1835	box 1

Welfare (Alms house on Blackwell's, i.e., Welfare Island), 1835-1836	box 1
Whig Party (3rd Ward), 1834; 1836; 1838	box 1
Miscellaneous topics, 1834-1835	box 1
Bothell, Larry Lee. Cloak and Gown: A Study of Religion and Learning In the Early Career of Samuel Johnson of Connecticut, Unpublished thesis (Ph.D.) Princeton University, 1966	box 1

Scope and Contents

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