

FREEMAN C. JOHNSON COLLECTION

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PROVENANCE

The Rochester Museum & Science Center acquired the Freeman C. Johnson Collection by purchase. Upon the death of Freeman and Arlene Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. William Veltz, neighbors of the Johnsons, inherited their house and personal possessions. Realizing the importance of keeping Freeman Johnson's materials together as a collection, the Veltzes contacted the Rochester Museum & Science Center. After reviewing the items, the Museum decided to purchase the Johnson Collection in November, 1970.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Freeman C. Johnson Collection contains a great variety of archival material including manuscripts, typescripts, printed materials and photographs. This material spans the period of Johnson's lifetime beginning from young adulthood, about 1900.

The manuscripts include personal and business letters (many to and from noted government officials), speeches, copies of treaties, and lists in an Iroquoian language. Printed materials include such items as school diplomas, maps, copies of legislative bills, books, and newspaper articles.

The Johnson Collection also includes American Indian material such as articles of clothing, head dresses, jewelry, beads, feathers, etc., which can be found in the anthropological section of the Museum collection

BIOGRAPHY*

Freeman C. Johnson was a member of the Tonawanda Band of Senecas born on the Tonawanda Indian Reservation on June 14, 1886. His parents were Herbert Johnson and Lucinda Printup Johnson. Born into the Wolf clan, Johnson was descended from a large and prominent family.. His great-grandfather was the Seneca warrior Blacksquirrel, who fought in the War of 1812. His paternal grandmother was Lucinda Blacksquirrel Ground, and his great-aunt was Nancy Blacksquirrel Miller, who reportedly lived to be 109. His uncle, Charles Johnson, was a Bear clan sachem at Tonawanda.

Johnson probably attended one of the one-room schools on the reservation. His mother died in 1897 when Johnson was 10 years old, leaving behind not only her son Freeman, but two older brothers, Herbert Jr. (1880-1910), Alva (1883-1908), and two younger sisters, Ella (1890-1988), and Delia, or Dorothy (1895-circa 1980). After his mother's death, Johnson attended Carlisle Indian School, Carlisle, Pennsylvania, beginning June 28, 1900. He was a member of the school band, learning to play the clarinet and the saxophone. While at Carlisle, Johnson met Jim Thorpe, another Carlisle student, who became a noted Indian athlete. Johnson graduated April 4, 1907, receiving his diploma in tailoring.

After graduating from Carlisle, Johnson returned to the reservation. Traditionally, each Seneca is given a clan name, first as a child, then, a new name as an adult. At the age of 21, he was given the name of *Gah-squa-e-wo*, meaning "Handsome Stone."

Johnson was living in Rochester, NY in the early 1900s, where he found work as a tailor. In 1916, Johnson joined a fraternal organization known as the Improved Order of Red Men (I.O.R.M.). He joined the local Rochester chapter, or tribe, named the Wahbee. The fraternal order was based loosely on the Iroquois Confederacy; each chapter was known as a tribe, and the overall leader of the organization was referred to as the "Great Sachem." Members of the I.O.R.M. tended to dress up in "traditional" Indian garb for

* Edited and expanded by Terry Abrams based upon further research (2007-10).

certain ceremonial occasions. Johnson was appointed Deputy Great Sachem in 1926. He continued to be active in the Order of the Red Men for several years.

In 1926, the Wolf clan sachem for the Tonawanda Senecas, Thomas Poodry, passed away. Poodry had succeeded Ely S. Parker as *Do-ne-ho-ga-wenh*, the "Open Door." A dispute arose over who was the rightful candidate to succeed Poodry. One faction named his brother, Edward Poodry, Jr., while another named Johnson as *Do-ne-ho-ga-wenh*, with both men claiming the title. The controversy apparently ended with Edward Poodry's death in 1930. As the only claimant, Johnson remained Wolf clan sachem until his own death.

Johnson continued working as a tailor. He was active as a member of the Chief's Council of the Tonawanda Band of Senecas. He also participated in Indian pageants and other events in the Rochester area. Photographs from this time period show him, in full regalia, at pageants in Ellison Park. Other people in these photographs include his sister Delia, his sister Ella, and her husband, Chief Harrison Ground.

During his adult life Chief Johnson devoted unlimited time to fellow Native Americans and to helping non-Indians to better understand traditional Iroquois culture. He was involved in numerous community activities and frequently gave speeches and wrote letters about legislation concerning the American Indian.

Johnson was one of the people instrumental in preserving Gannagaro, a historic sixteenth century Seneca village, located in what is now Victor, New York. The site has been known to archaeologists as Boughton Hill, and the area eventually became Ganondagan, a state historic site.

He was also involved in the commemoration activities related to the Pickering Treaty, or Canandaigua Treaty of 1794. This treaty between the United States and the Iroquois Confederacy affirmed the Confederacy's land rights in New York State. Along with Sheldon Fisher and Jane Rode LeClair (two non-Indians who became adopted Senecas), Johnson was active in ensuring recognition of the treaty's continued validity.

Johnson spent much of his life educating people about the Iroquois, and their place in history. He spoke to numerous schoolchildren and scout groups. He would often appear wearing a Plains-style headdress and beaded outfit. Later in life, Johnson began wearing the traditional Seneca headdress, known as a *gustoweh*. This particular style of headdress had long fallen out of fashion, and it wasn't until the early seventies that it reclaimed its place as the headwear of choice for Iroquois men dressed in traditional clothing.

Johnson was married September 26, 1942, to Arlene Gelder, a non-Indian from Rochester, New York.

Johnson died at the age of 82 on April 13, 1969, as a result of an automobile accident. Mrs. Johnson died shortly thereafter on May 6, 1969 due to the same accident. After his death, many of his personal possessions were acquired by the Rochester Museum & Science Center, including several pieces of traditional clothing, letters and speeches, and numerous photographs dating from the 1890s to the 1960s. These, along with other items related to him, are contained in the Freeman Johnson Collection.

Freeman Johnson and his wife are buried in Holy Sepulcher Cemetery in Rochester, New York.

INVENTORY

BOX 1:

Folder 1: Family Newsclippings

-**Misc.** newsclippings including articles and photos about Johnson; his father, Herbert Johnson; his grandmother, Lucinda Ground; and his great-grandmother, Nancy Miller **Blacksquirrel**.

Folder 2: Family (Photocopies of Newsclippings)

-Photocopy of news article on Lucinda Ground, Johnson's grandmother. ~~May~~ 12, 1927. 1p.

-Photocopy of news article on Nancy **Blacksquirrel**, Johnson's great-grandmother. November 19, 1927, 1p.

-Photocopy of news article on Nancy **Blacksquirrel**. April 21, 1928, 1p.

Folder 3: U.S. Indian School, Carlisle, Pennsylvania

-Ms. signature from Jim Thorpe, a fellow classmate at the school, on postcard to Johnson. (postmarked Philadelphia, **Pennsylvania**, November 14, 1951). - 70.133,4

-**Misc.** printed items including school poem, copies of the school newspaper, a booklet of names of graduates and printed photos of students.

Folder 4: U.S. Indian School, Carlisle, Pennsylvania, Newsclippings

-**Misc.** newsclippings including articles about Jim Thorpe,

Folder 5: Speeches

-Ms. speech about Iroquois given at Naples High School, New York, on October 14, 1961, Signed Sachem Freeman Johnson. 3pp. 70.133.22

-Typescript copies (3) of the above speech in various stages of development. 70.133.22

-Ms. speech dedicating New York State marker. (May 10, 1962), unsigned. 4pp. 70.133.57

-Typescript copies (6) of above speech. One signed Sachem Freeman Johnson. 70.133.57

-Typescript speech of November 11, 1962, to commemorate the signing of the Pickering Treaty of 1794 between the Iroquois Confederacy and the United States. Signed Sachem Freeman Johnson. 1p. 70.133.59

-Typescript copies (3) of above speech in various stages of development, Each signed Sachem Freeman Johnson. 1p. 70.133.59

-Ms. speech of November 11, 1963, to commemorate signing of the Pickering Treaty of 1794. Signed Sachem Freeman Johnson. 1p. 70.133.59

-Unsigned ms. copy of above speech. 2pp. 70.133.59

-Typescript copies (2) of above speech in different stages of development. Each signed Sachem Freeman Johnson. 70.133.59

Folder 6: -Typescript speech of May 5, 1967, to commemorate the grave of Jekosaseh, a Seneca woman. Signed Sachem Freeman Johnson. 4pp. 70.133.52

-Typescript copies (3) of above speech. Dated May 20, 1967, One signed Sachem Freeman Johnson. 70.133.52

-Typescript speech of November 11, 1968, given at the Pickering Treaty Ceremony. Signed Sachem Freeman Johnson. 1p. 70.133.58

-Typescript "rough draft" of above speech. 70.133.58

-Typescript statement (speech?) of February, 1969 on the state of affairs in the United States, Signed Chief Sachem Freeman Johnson, Donahogaweh of the wolf Clan. 3pp. 70.133.19

Folder 6: continued:

-Ms. speech on peace council. undated and unsigned.

70,133.53

-Misc. ms. and typescripts of statements on Iroquois.
Undated and unsigned. 70,133.8?

Folder 7: Political Views and Legislation Concerning the American Indian.

-Ms. copies (2) of **letter** to Hon. C. Delano, Secretary of the Interior, from William A. Richardson, Acting Secretary about taxes and duties in trade between Iroquois and other **Indians** in Canada. (Treasury Department, Washington, D.C., March 15, 1873), 1p. each. 70,133.82

-Ms. copy of letter to Office of Indian Affairs from J.P. Horthey, Assistant, about taxes and duties in trade between **Iroquois** and other **Indians** in Canada. (Treasury Department, Washington, D.C. received November 15, 1914). 1p. 70,133.82

-Ms. letter from Mohawk Nation to Secretary of War on a number of complaints. Signed by David E. Terrance and various women and warriors. (Rooseveltown, New York, April 20, 1936), 6pp. 70,133.84

-Printed copy of Senate Bill S1240. Accompanying envelope from U.S. Senate to Johnson, postmarked Washington, D.C., February 2, 1942. 70,133.88

-Ms. letter by Johnson of February 25, 1952 about U.N. 1p. 70,133.12

-Ms. copy and typescript copy of above letter. 1p. each. 70,133.93 70,133.12

-Ms. letter from Johnson to John Cotter, Philadelphia, about Iroquois League. (22 Almay Road, Rochester, New York, February 8, 1963). 1p. 70,133.20

-Printed Report No. 18, First Session, 90th Congress, by National Wildlife Federation on various bills involving Indians. May 26, 1967. Accompanying envelope. 5pp. 70,133.90

Folder 7: Continued:

- Typescript letter to Johnson from Whitney Shoemaker, Assistant to the President of the U.S. acknowledging receipt of a letter commenting on legislation. Accompanying envelope. (The White House, Washington, December 5, 1967). 1p. 70.133.14
- Printed article from The Christian Science Monitor on appointment of Robert Bennett as commissioner of Indian Affairs. (1967?) 70.133.89
- Ms. letter concerning House of Representatives Bills, H.R.4603-4802 and 4813 concerning the Iroquois. Undated. 2pp. 70.133.86
- Typescript statement on H.R.288, the Carter Indian Citizenship Bill as concerns the Seneca Indians in N.Y. Undated. 2pp. 70.133.91
- Typescript statement on Senate bills concerning Indians, and quotations from George Washington. Undated. 1p. 70.133.94
- Photocopy of newspaper article on New York State's right to govern Indians. SEE FOLDER 10

Folder 8: Political Views and Legislation, U.S. Department of Interior correspondence

- Typescript letter to Johnson from C.F. Hauke on deeding of Tonawanda Reservation. (Department of the Interior, Office of Indian Affairs, Washington, D.C., November 27, 1914). 1p. 70.133.79
- Typescript letter to Johnson from W.K. Moorehead, Department of Interior Board of Indian Commission, on factional differences among the Iroquois. (Andover, Massachusetts, November 15, 1928). 2pp. 70.133.81
- Typescript letter to Johnson from Warren K. Moorehead (same subject as above). (Andover, Massachusetts, January 29, 1929). 2pp. 70.133.81
- Typescript letter to Chief Albert Abram, Chairman Council of Chiefs, Tonawanda Band of Senecas, from William A. Brophy, Commissioner, about taxes, Iroquois 70.133.78

Folder 8: Continued:

Constitution and **American** Indian History. (U.S. Department of Interior, Office of Indian Affairs, Washington 25, D.C., January 15, 1946). 1p.

Enclosure: Typescript letter to Dr. **MacCracken** from Harold L. **Ickes**, Secretary of the Interior. (Washington, D.c., November 30, 1945). 2pp. 70,133,78

-Typescript letter to Johnson from William A. Brophy (see above) about income taxes: (U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of Indian Affairs, Washington, January 16, 1946). 1p. 70,133,77

Folder 9: Miscellaneous Congressional Bills Concerning Indian Affairs

-Printed copy of U.S. Senate Report No.864 on American Indian Day. **December** 8, 1941. 70,133,88

-Printed copy of Congressional Act, H.R.⁴⁴⁹⁷~~4417~~. Approved August 13, 1946. 70,133,75 D

-Printed copy of U.S. Senate Bill **S.1683** on jurisdiction of the Courts of the State of New York. (July 21, 1947). 70,133,75 A

-Printed copy of U.S. Senate Bill **S.1686** on obligations of U.S. to New York State Indians. (July 21, 1947). 70,133,75 B

-**Printed** copy of U.S. Senate Bill **S.1687** on jurisdiction of Courts of New York State. (July 21, 1947). 70,133,75

-Printed copy of U.S. Senate Bill **S.1947** on collection of Seneca lease funds. (May 26, 1949). 70,133,75

Folder 10: Political Views and Legislation Newsclippings

Folder 11: State Legislation Regarding the Mining of Natural Resources on Tonawanda Reservation, New York

-Typescript agreement concerning exploration and mining of gypsum on Tonawanda Reservation. June 1921. 7pp. 70,

-Typescript resolution to New York State Legislature regarding the sale of gypsum, sand and gravel from

Folder 11: Continued:

Tonawanda Reservation. 1928. 2pp. 70,133,96

-Typescript agreement between the Tonawanda Band of Seneca Indians and Henry A. Walter of Buffalo, New York, regarding prospecting for oil and gas in Tonawanda Reservation. June, 1930. 5pp. 70,133,66

Folder 12: U.S. Congressional Bill S.192 ("to confer jurisdiction on the courts of the State of New York with respect to civil actions between Indians or to which Indians are parties.") 70,133,73

-Printed copy of Bill S.192. January 5, 1949. 70,133,73

-Ms. resolution (2 copies) from Tonawanda Band of Senecas in opposition to Bill S.192. (1952?) 70,133,87 -

-Typescript of above with minor adjustments. 1952. 2pp. 70,133,74

-Photocopy of newsclipping concerning Bill S.192. August 10, 1947. SEE ENCL 10

Folder 13: Naming of Irondequoit Bay Bridge

-Typescript letter from Johnson to Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller recommending Indian names for the Irondequoit Bay Bridge. (22 Almay Road, Rochester, New York. June 9, 1968). lp. 70,133,97

-Typescript letter to Johnson from Charles F. Stockmeister, New York Assemblyman, stating that he would sponsor legislation to name Irondequoit Bay Bridge the "Hiawatha Peace Bridge". (Albany, June 24, 1968). lp. 70,133,98

-Typescript letter to Jacquelyn R. Platt, Indian friend of Johnson, from Charles F. Stockmeister, see above. (Albany, June 24, 1968). lp. 70,133,99

Folder 13: Continued:

-Typescript letter to Jacquelyn R. Platt from Lee McCanne, Monroe County Historian, concerning the naming of Irondequoit Bay Bridge. Enclosure: 1p. typescript on LaSalle. (Office of Historian, Rochester, New York, June 24, 1968). 70,133,100

-Typescript letter to Johnson from Jacquelyn Platt on naming of the Bay Bridge. (163 Vinton Road, Rochester, New York, June 28, 1968). 1p. 70,133,101

-Typescript letter to Johnson from Charles F. Stockmeister on naming of the Bay Bridge. (Albany, New York, January 29, 1969). 1p. Enclosure: Printed copy of New York State Act 2195 on naming the proposed bridge over Irondequoit Bay as the "Hiawatha Peace Bridge". January 20, 1969. 70,133,104 § 104A

-Ms. and typescript letter to Johnson from Mrs. Platt (see above). 1p. 70,133,102

-Typescript letter "To Whom It May Concern" from Jacquelyn R. Platt on naming of Irondequoit Bay Bridge. (163 Vinton Road, Teoronto, Iroquois Confederacy, January 25, 1969). 1p. 70,133,102

-Typescript letter to Jacquelyn Platt from S. William Rosenberg, New York Assemblyman, acknowledging receipt of above letter. (Albany, February 3, 1969). 1p. 70,133

-Typescript letter to Mrs. Platt from Jacob K. Javits, U.S. Senator from New York, acknowledging receipt of Mrs. Platt's letter. (Washington, D.C., February 3, 1969). 1p. 70,133,101

-Typescript letter to Mrs. Platt from Frank Horton, U.S. Congressional Representative from New York State. (Washington, D.C. . February 7, 1969). 1p. 70,133,102

-Photocopy of newspaper article on subject.

Folder 14: Naming of Irondequoit Bay Bridge Newsclipping

Folder 15: Naming of the New York State Thruway ("**The Iroquois Trail**")

-Typescript copy of "**A Resolution in re New York State Thruway**". Adopted by Improved Order of Red Men of the State of New York, August 15, 1955. 70,133.95

-Typescript copy of New York State Act **No.235** concerning naming various sections of the New York State Thruway. January 9, 1956). 1p. 70,133,71

-Printed copies (3) of New York State **Assembly Bill No.2465** on same subject as above. February 12, 1957. 70,133,70

-Typescript copy of press release by **Averill** Harriman, State of New York Executive Changer, naming sections of New York Thruway. (Albany, April 19, 1957). 1p. 70,133,71

-Typescript letter to Johnson from Henry Valent, Grand Sachem in Improved Order of Red Men, on above subject. (Watkins Glen, New York, May 19, 1958). 1p. 70,133,69

-Ms. "Resolution In RE Iroquois **Trail**" concerning the naming of New York State Thruway. (1959) 70,133,61

-Typescript copies (3) of above resolution. One copy is signed Chief **Beeman** Logan. 1959, 70,133,76

-Ms. statement on naming New York Thruway "**The Iroquois Trail**", Undated. 2pp. 70,133,61

Folder 16: Efforts to Preserve Iroquois Historic Sites

-Ms. and typescript statement on The Nundawaga Society for History and Folklore and its activities. With envelope addressed to Johnson, (postmarked Fishers, New York, April 19, 1954). 1p, 70,133,25

-Typescript letter to Johnson from John L. Cotter, Regional Archaeologist concerning several Iroquois historic sites. (U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, January 23, 1962). 2pp. 70,133,42

Folder 16: Continued:

-Ms. letter to Johnson from Robert E. Moody on the selection of a Seneca historic site. (Rushville, New York, August 25, 1962). 2pp. 70,133,23

-Typescript letter to Johnson from Ronald F. Lee, Regional Director of National Park Service, on the consideration of Bare Hill as an historic site. (U.S. Department of Interior, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, December 21, 1962). 1p. Enclosure: Leaflet explaining how National Survey of Historic Sites and Buildings is conducted. 70,133.40

-Typescript letter to Johnson from John L. Cotter, Regional Archeologist on Iroquois historical sites. (U.S. Department of the Interior, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, January 9, 1963). 1p. 70,133.41

-Photocopies (3) of newspaper articles pertaining to subject. SEE FOLDER 10

Folder 17: Efforts to Preserve Gannagaro (Boughton Hill) as an Iroquois Historic Site.

(All correspondence is on the subject of preserving Gannagaro, the Capital of the Seneca Nation unless otherwise stated),

-Typescript letter to Johnson from J. Sheldon Fisher, Ontario County Historian, on preserving the Seneca sites in Victor. (Fishers, New York, August 23, 1962). 2pp. 70,133.31

-Printed article from The Amerindian on the tree planting at the site of Gannagaro and the formation of the Gannagaro Association, July-August 1967,

-Typescript letter to Beaman Logan, president and Chief Council, Tonawanda Reservation from Jane LeClair, Gannagaro Association, Secretary. (39 Rode Drive, Rochester, New York, October 26, 1967). 3pp. 70,133,26

Folder 17: Continued:

-Typescript letter to Laurence Rockefeller, Chairman, Council of State **Parks**, from Charles F. Stockmeister, New York Assemblyman. June 7, 1968, 1p. 70.133.47

-Photocopy of typescript letter to Samuel S. Stratton, U.S. Representative from John E. Kelley. (Washington, D.C., June 21 1968), 1p. Enclosure: Photocopy of two Democrat and Chronicle newspaper articles. 70.133.44

-Photocopy of typescript letter to John E. Kelley from Samuel S. **Stratton(?)**. (Washington, D.C., June 28, 1968) 1p. 70.133.44

-Typescript statement on meeting of Gannagaro Assoc. (Fishers, New York, July 12, 1968), 1p. 70.133.34

-Photocopy of typescript letter to Samuel S. **Stratton** from J. **Jansen(?)**, Assoc. Director. (U.S. Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C., July 19, 1968), 2pp. 70.133

-Photocopy of typescript letter to John E. Kelley from Samuel S. Stratton. (Washington, D.C., July 24, 1968), 1p. 70.133.46

-Typescript resolution from Improved Order of Red Men. August 12, 1968. 70.133.24

-Typescript letter to Johnson from Wilbur E. Wright, Executive Secretary, New York State Historic Trust. (Albany, New York, October 9, 1968), 1p. , 133.43

Folder 18: Continuation of Folder 17

-Typescript letter from Johnson to Editor of the Democrat and chronicle, (22 Almay Road, Rochester, New York, March 11, 1969), 2pp. 70.133.33

-Typescript copy of letter from Johnson to New York Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller. (22 Almay Road, Rochester, New York, March 11, 1969), 2pp. 70.133.37

-Typescript copy of letter from Johnson to Editor of Democrat and Chronicle. (22 Almay Road, Rochester, New York, March 16, 1969), 1p. 70.133.33

Folder 18: continued

-Photocopy of typescript letter to Jane R, LeClair from Alton G, Marshall, Executive Officer to the Governor, (Albany, March 20, 1969), 1p. 70,133,39

-Typescript petition to Governor Nelson A, Rockefeller from "persons of Indian blood from the Great Iroquois confederacy and brother tribes." March 25, 1969, 5pp. 70,133.

-Typescript letter to Johnson from Macolm Wilson, Lieutenant Governor, (Albany, March 27, 1969), 1p. 70,133,35

-Typescript letter to Johnson from T.N. Hurd, Director of the Budget, (Albany, April 1, 1969), 1p. 70,133,36

-Typescript petitions (2) to Governor Nelson A, Rockefeller from persons of the Iroquois confederacy, brother tribes and friends, April 1, 1969, 1p. each, 70,133,38

-Typescript petitions (3) as above, One dated April 8, 1969, and two dated April 9, 1969. 70,133,38

-Photocopy of typescript circular from Gannagaro Assoc, Fishers, New York. Undated, 70,133,29

-photocopies (9) of newspaper articles of subject, 70,133,27, 70,133,30, 70,133,32

Folder 19: Gannagaro (Boughton Hill) Newsclippings

Folder 20: United States Treaties Concerning the American Indian

-Ms. list of treaties pertaining to the Iroquois. August 26, 1945, 1p. 70,133,65

-Ms. copy of above. 70,133,65

-Ms. copy of the Treaty With the Seneca, Tonawanda Band of 1857, 13pp. 70,133,3

-Typescript copy of U.S. Law of Treaties, Article VI, Section 2, U.S. Constitution, Annotated with a note to Johnson from Jane (LeClair?), 70,133,92

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-Ms. copy of Article VI, The constitution (U.S.), pp.2;
and No. 27 of September 15, 1797. 70,133,92

-Ms. list of treaties concerning the American Indian.
3pp. 70,133,83

-Typescript copy of ^{DEED TO TOW. RES.} Tonawanda Treaty of 1857, 5pp. 70,133,67

-Ms. copy of the Treaty with the Six Nations, 1794, 3pp.
70,133,85

-Ms. copy of the Agreement with the Senecas of September 15,
1797, 2pp. 70,133,85

-Photocopies (5) of newspaper articles including one on
the Treaty of Canadaigua, September 12, 1961.

Folder 21: Traditional Iroquois Ceremonies

-Ms. letter to Johnson from Robert E. Moody, President,
Nundawaga Society for History and Folklore about holding
a pageant on the Tonawanda Reservation. (Rushville,
New York, August 3, 1960), 1p. 70,133,48

-Typescript letter to Johnson from Mrs. Ralph Shrader,
President, East Shore Cottager's Assoc., Inc. about
giving thanks on Genundowa Day at Bare Hill.
(Canandaigua?, New York, October 5, 1962), 1p. 70,133,49

-Typescript copy of letter to Governor Nelson Rockefeller
from J. Sheldon Fisher, President, Gannagaro Assoc., on
the adoption of Rockefeller into the Seneca tribe.
(Fishers, New York, August 2, 1968), 1p. 70,133,62

-Ms. statement on how Jane LeClair and Johnson originally
met. (1968?), 3pp. 70,133,21

-Typescript papers (6) on the adoption of Jane Rode
LeClair into the Seneca Nation, Wolf Clan. Including
interview with Johnson and LeClair read before the
ceremony, and LeClair's acceptance speech, June 22, 1968.
70,133,21

-Photocopy of Jane LeClair's Certificate of Adoption
into the Seneca Nation. 70,133,21

Folder 21: Continued:

-Ms. Statement of Seneca celebrations by Johnson.
undated. 1p. 70.133.50

-Typescript copy of above statement. 70,133.50

-Ms. list of Seneca celebrations and what is done at
each one of them. 1p. 70.133,60

-Ms. statement to the "Great Spirit of the Universe."
Invocation. Undated. 2pp. 70.133,18

-Photocopies (2) of newspaper articles.

Folder 22: Traditional Iroquois Ceremonies Newsclippings

Folder 23: General Information on the Iroquois

-Typescript postcard to Johnson on the relationship of
the Delawares to the Iroquois. (postmarked Rochester,
New York, February 20, (1932?). 1952 70,133,13

-Photocopy of ms. list of the Sachems and Chiefs of the
Tonawanda Senecas. Compiled by Freeman Johnson, November 3
1957. 70.133,64A

-Photocopies of newspaper articles on interviews (2) with
Johnson by Bill Beeney. May 25, 1962, 2pp. and June 7,
1963, 1p.

-Typescript letter to Johnson from Henry Valent, Improved
Order of Red Men, concerning the origin of the Senecas.
(December 18, 1964), 1p. Enclosure: photocopy of section
from Handbook Of American Indians North Of Mexico on
Senecas. 4pp. 70,133,9

-Photocopy of newspaper article on interview with Johnson
by Bill Beeney. September 20, 1966. 2pp.

-Ms. papers on Iroquois clan statistics, Indian names,
moons of the year, etc, Mostly in an Iroquoian language,
70,133,1

Folder 23: Continued:

- Ms. list of Seneca sachems, chiefs, and runners. 70.133.64
- Ms. list of clans and moons in an Iroquoian language. *
70.133.64B 70.133.13
- Ms. list in an Iroquoian language.* 70.133.64C
- Typescript list of Iroquois sachemship by tribes and clans from Lewis Henry Morgan. 4pp. 70,133,63
- Typescript copy of above list. 7 d 133,63
- Ms. mythology stories, Boy and His Grandmother and Great Hill People. 13pp. 70,133,3
- Photocopies (4) of newspaper articles on Iroquois.

Folder 24: General Iroquois Newsclippings

Folder 25: Indian Activities Involving the Community

- Typescript bulletin No. 10 from the Genesee Country Historical Federation about Big Tree Sesquicentennial celebration. September 3, 1947. 2pp. 70,133,55
- Typescript letter to Johnson from Clayton Mau, President, Livingston County Historical Society, on the Sesquicentennial Enclosure: Photo of group at Sesquicentennial. See folder in photo collection. (Geneseo, New York, October 1, 1947, 1p. 70.133.54
- Ms. letter to Johnson from Art Lewis about Indian pageant. (Fishers, New York, April 19, 1950?), 1p. 70,133,15
- Ms. letter to Johnson from Chief Harrison Ground on Indian ceremonies that Ground attended in Ohio. (Basom, New York, October 8, 1958), 3pp. 70.133.16
- Typescript photocopy of letter by Lee McCanne, Monroe County Historian, on ceremony commemorating LaSalle. (Rochester, New York, undated), 1p. Enclosure: Photocopy of article titled "LaSalle in the Empire State", 1p. 70.133.56
- Photocopy of typescript circular announcing the sesquicentennial observance of the Big Tree Treaty. 1947.
70.133.55?

Folder 25: Continued:

-Photocopy of typescript announcement on the National Aboriginal Traditional Convention in **Okemah**, Oklahoma.

-Numerous photocopies of newspaper articles.

Folder 26: Indian Activities Involving the Community **Newspaper** clippings

Folder 27: Improved Order of Red Men (**I.O.R.M.**)

✓ -**Ms.** and printed postcard to Johnson from Hiokattoo Tribe No. 74 **I.O.R.M.** on adoption degree. Postmarked Rochester, New York, May 31, 1916, No AC#

✓ -**Ms.** and printed postcard to Johnson from Hiokattoo Tribe **No. 74**, **I.O.R.M.** on warriors degree. Postmarked Rochester, New York, June 13, 1916.

✓ -**Ms.** and printed postcard to Johnson from Hiokattoo Tribe No. 74, **I.O.R.M.** on chiefs degree, Postmarked Rochester, New York, June 21, 1916.

✓ -Printed booklet titled "Directory of Tribes, **I.O.R.M.**, Reservation of New **York**" issued March, 1920.

✓ -Typescript copy of announcement from Johnson about meeting of Quarterly Council of Hiokattoo Tribe, No. 74, **I.O.R.M.** on March 29, 1920.

✓ -**Ms.** and printed envelope to Johnson from Hiokattoo Tribe **No. 74**, **O.O.R.M.** Postmarked Rochester, New **York**, June 24, 1920

✓ -Typescript copy of announcement from Johnson about meeting of Quarterly Council and Election of Chiefs, **I.O.R.M.**, on June 28, 1920.

✓ -**Ms.** and printed envelope to Johnson from Edward C. **Widman**, C. of R., Wahoo Tribe, No. 288, **I.O.R.M.** Postmarked Rochester, New York, March 3, 1922,

✓ -**Printed** booklet, Directory of Associations, by State Haymakers Association of New York, issued January, 1922, Found in above envelope.

Folder 27: Continued:

- Printed booklet "**The Improved Order of Red Men**". Found in above envelope. *Mar 1922*
- ✓ - Printed newspaper "The Red Man", Vol. VI, Snow Moon (February, 1926), G.S.D. 435, No. *10.5*
- ✓ - Typescript copy of announcement from Johnson about meeting of Quarterly Council of Hiokatoo Tribe No. 74, I.O.R.M. on September 24, 1926.
- ✓ - **Ms.** and printed certificate of Johnson's appointment as Deputy Great Sachem, **I.O.R.M.**, October 26, 1926. *70,133,10*
- ✓ - Printed booklet, Official Directory, Great Council of New York Improved Order of Red Men. March 1, 1934.
- ✓ - Typescript copy of letter to William Brophy, Commissioner, U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of Indian Affairs, from Arthur W. Lennon, Great Chief of Records, on subject of **I.O.R.M.** (Washington, D.C., August 9, 1946), 2pp. *70,133*
- ✓ - Typescript copy of letter to Harold L. Ickes, Olney, Md., from Arthur W. Lennon, Great Chief of Records, on subject of I.O.R.M. August 12, 1946, 2pp. *70,133,80*
- ✓ - Typescript copy of letter to the "Chiefs and Members of the **Great Council of New York**" from Arthur W. Lennon, Great Chief of Records on subject of I.O.R.M. news happenings. **November 22, 1955, 2pp.**

Folder 28: Improved Order of Red Men Newsclippings

Folder 29: Miscellaneous Items Collected by Johnson

- ✓ - Printed circular on a train excursion to Ontario Beach Park. August 12, 1903, 1p.
- ✓ - Printed newspaper "The Corinthian" containing a photo and write-up on Johnson, Rochester, New York, October, 1921
- Printed program on the on the **Benefit** Entertainment by Timber **Wolf** and his Original Seneca Indians. January 15, 1932, Buffalo, New York.

Folder 29: Continued:

- Ms. letter to Johnson from his wife, Arlene. (April 6, 1954), 1p. Accompanying envelope postmarked Fishers, New York, April 7, 1954. 70,133.15A

- Printed telegram notifying Johnson of death of Cyantwaka. (July, 1956?). 70,133.5

- Typescript letter to Johnson from W. Stephen Thomas, Director, Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences, to send Johnson a copy of a photo of the wampum "Horns of Office". (Rochester, New York, July 18, 1961), 1p. See photo with same date in photograph folder No. ? 70,133.11
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- ✓ -Photocopy of typescript letter to Samuel S. Stratton, U.S. Representative, from John E. Kelley describing a newspaper clipping on "Red Power". (July 1, 1968), 1p.

- ✓ -Typescript letter from Johnson to Mrs. Joseph Keppler, wife of a Seneca Indian who held Pine Tree Chieftainship, on the holding of the Joseph Kepler wampum or "Horns of Office" by the Rochester Museum. (22 Almay Road, Rochester, New York, October 12, 1968), 1p. 70,133.17

- ✓ -Typescript letter to Johnson from Mrs. Joseph ^{KEPPLER} ~~Kepler~~ on same subject as above. (Newburgh, New York, October 19, 1968), 1p. 70,133.17

- ✓ -Photocopy of typescript article from Hartwick College Bulletin, Oneonta, New York, on archaeological site in region of Upper Susquehanna River. December, 1968. 70,133.28

- ✓ -Photocopy of typescript letter from Charles F. Hayes, III, Director, Rochester Museum and Science Center, to Stephen S. Jones, Jr., Continental Confederation of Adopted Indians, Santa Ana, California, on the nomination of Johnson for the Indian Achievement Award. Summary of Johnson's major interests and accomplishments, (Rochester, New York, May 2, 1973), 2pp.

- Ms. list of names and addresses of some persons living in Rochester. Undated and no explanatory information. 70,133.38
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- Printed circular titled "Sioux Critic Hits Demonstrators". Undated, 1p.

Folder 29: Continued:

- ✓ -Ms. list explaining letter abbreviations, (Written by Johnson?), 1p.
- ✓ -Printed photo of Timber Wolf and His Original Seneca Indian Orchestra. Undated,
 - Ms. list of positions held by Johnson. In envelope marked "Return to Freeman Johnson". Undated. 70.133.6?
- ✓ -Ms. and printed envelope to Johnson from Department of the Interior, Undated.
- ✓ -Ms. memo book with miscellaneous information.
- ✓ -Photocopy of newspaper article on State Names of Indian Derivation, January 8, 1961.

Folder 30: Miscellaneous Newsclippings

Folder 31: Maps Collected by Johnson - 70.133.112

- Printed map of the "Country of the Five Nations of the Iroquois Indians". Reproduction of same published in London in 1728.
- Printed map showing Indian Reservations in United States, 1889. Signed on back Freeman Johnson,
- Printed map showing the trolley lines of Massachusetts. Copyright 1909 by Rand, McNally and Co.
- Printed map of "The New Europe". June, 1919.
- Printed map of the boundaries of the Tonawanda Indian Reservation, New York, from U.S. Department of the Interior, General Land Office, Washington, D.C., September 1, 1939.
- Printed map of "Indian Tribes, Reservations, and Settlements in the United States", 1939, (2 copies)

Folder 32: Continuation of folder 31

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- Printed "Historical Map of Pennsylvania and New Jersey". Sunday News, June 19, 1949.

Folder 32: Continued:

-Printed map of "Indian Lands (Areas Operating Under Some Degree of Federal Responsibility)", Geological Survey, Washington, D.C., 1965.

-Printed map of "The Iroquois Today" with outline of New York State and drawings of Iroquois persons and places. Project of Eighth Grade, Mohawk Indian School. Published by Akwesasne Mohawk Counselor Organization, St. Regis Reservation. Undated.

DIPLOMAS

-Ms. and printed diploma of Freeman Johnson showing his completion of a course in tailoring from Indian Industrial School, Carlisle, Pennsylvania. April 4, 1907.

70.133.124 B

-Ms. and printed diploma of Freeman Johnson showing his graduation from the Indian Industrial School, Carlisle, Pennsylvania. April 4, 1907. Signed Freeman Johnson on the back. 70.133.124 A

(Removed from Johnson Collection and integrated into the printed book collection of the Rochester Museum and Science Center Library.)

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Association. Vol. **VII, No.1.** Morgan Chapter, Rochester, N.Y.,
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- League of the Ho-de-no-sau-neeor Iroquois. Lewis Henry Morgan. Dodd,
Mead and Co., N.Y., 1904.
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Printing Office, Washington, D.C., 1948.
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- "Official Congressional Directory, 79th Congress, 1st session, January 3,
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Office. Washington, **D.C.**