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Descriptive Summary

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Language

The materials in the collection are in English.

Abstract

The collection contains correspondence, speeches, scrapbooks, diaries, photographs, and other memorabilia from Johnston's tenure and local and national politics and business.

Creator

Johnston, Clement Dixon, 1895-1979

Extent

19 Cubic Feet 19 boxes

Physical Location

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Repository

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Biographical Note

Clement Dixon Johnston (1895-1979), a native of Louisville, Kentucky, graduated from Centre College in 1916. He began a career in business and public affairs in 1926 when he founded the Roanoke (Virginia) Public Warehouse. Johnston served at various times as president of the Roanoke Chamber of Commerce (1934), deputy director of the U.S. Office of Civil Defense Planning (1947-1948), president of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce (1954-1955), and special representative of the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee to study the foreign aid program in Southeast Asia (1956-1967). In 1960, he served as president of the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce.

During World War I, Johnston served as an Infantry Captain and Company Commander in the Panama Canal Zone. He retained reserve status until accepting a World War II assignment. He was Warehouse Officer for the Army Ordinance Field Service for nearly three years. Johnston completed his war service in China as Ordinance Supply Officer and Staff Quartermaster for "Z" forces under General Stillwell.

Scope and Contents

Johnston's papers include correspondence, speeches, letterbooks, scrapbooks, newspaper clippings, diaries, photographs, and memorabilia from his local and national business, political, and military careers. The majority of the collection consists of subject files (especially Johnston's service with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and foreign aid work) and correspondence.

Keywords

Local/Regional History and Appalachian South

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Arrangement

The collection is in its original order.

Boxes 1-9 and 12 include subject files in alphabetical order. Boxes 9-11 contain speeches from local and national events. Boxes 13-16 include correspondence, arranged chronologically. Box 17 contains military materials, honors and awards, and photographs. Box 18 includes publications. Boxes 18-19 contains scrapbooks.

Description of Subordinate Components

Subject Files

AWA (American Warehousemen's Association), 1942-1952; Advisory Committee, Office of Defense Transportation; Air Force Seminar, 1949; American Association of Nurserymen, 1955; American Chain of Warehouses, 1942-1949; American Petroleum Institute; Boy Scouts of America; Boys Club of America; Colleges and Universities (Centre, VMI, VPI, UVA); Hospital Fund Development; Burrell Memorial Hospital, 1942-1958

box 1

Burrell Memorial Hospital, 1959-1961; Community Hospital; Jefferson Lewis-Gale; McVitty House; Junior Achievement; Modern Arts Club; Monroe Library & Foundation; Rotary International; Sales Executives Club; Politics (Important letters, Democrats for Nixon, Goldwater-Byrd, Nixon-Lodge); Port Terminal Investigation; State Department; Taber Committee (Congress), 1953; Poly-Scientific Corporation; Travel (1955 State Department tour of Australia, India, and other Pacific countries; 1960; Argentina Trip, 1961; 1964-1-65; 1971-1972; 1975)

box 2

Rotary International; Roanoke Chamber of Commerce; Virginia State Chamber of Commerce, 1942-1960

box 3

Virginia State Chamber of Commerce, 1960-1962; Virginia State Chamber of Commerce, 1962-1975; U.S. Chamber of Commerce--Conference of National Organizations

box 4

U.S. Chamber of Commerce--Conference of National Organizations; U.S. Chamber of Commerce--Foreign Affairs Committee (Australia, New Zealand, India, Pakistan, 1955-1956; Southeast Asia, 1956-1957; Testimony before the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee); Government documents relating to foreign aid (see list below); U.S. Chamber of Commerce, 1942-1950 (Committee on International Political & Social Problems, Southeastern Division of U.S. Chamber of Commerce--Washington, D.C. and Atlanta, GA offices)

box 5

Scope and Content

List of government documents relating to foreign aid

U.S. Chamber of Commerce, 1946-1952 (Southeastern Division; International Chamber of Commerce, 1945-19446; Young Men's Committee; William K. Jackson, president, 1946-1947; Eric A. Johnston, president, 1945-1946; Finance Budget & Audit; Committee on International Political & Social Problems); U.S. Chamber of Commerce, 1948-1954 (Circle X; Commission on Intergovernmental Relations; Congressional Study; Civil Defense; National Automobile Dealers' Association); U.S. Chamber of Commerce (Armed Forces Manpower Committee; Arch Booth; Ralph Bradford; Brookings Institution; Canada-U.S. Committee; Defense Production Act; Federal Surplus Relief Corporation; Foreign Aid; Government Expenditures)

box 6

U.S. Chamber of Commerce (Military Spending Committee; Universal Military Training; International Political & Social Committee; Political Committee; Policy Committee/Nominating Committee; President Seyferth); U.S. Chamber of Commerce, 1952-1955 (including congratulatory letters); U.S. Chamber of Commerce, 1955-1960

box 7

U.S. Chamber of Commerce, 1956-1959; U.S. Chamber of Commerce, 1961, including Circle X
box 8

U.S. Chamber of Commerce--Project Adequate Roads

box 9

Trade Associations, including: Merchandise Warehousing Code Authority (Minneapolis; Chicago; Savannah, GA; Dallas; Seattle; Fort Worth; Boston); Commercial Code--Virginia (National--minutes, by-laws, proceedings, complaint hearings; National Recovery Administration; Newspaper Clippings; Southern Warehousemen's Association--1935 convention, proxy to vote, list of subscribers; D.L. Tilly; Clover Farm Stores, 1935; W. M. Caudell; Frank M. Cole; Lorena W. Coop; A. Lane Cricher; R. G. Culbertson; Distribution Warehousing; J. F. Duffy; Elmer Erickson; Miscellaneous

box 12

Speeches

Speeches--loose-leaf notebooks

box 9

Speeches--large loose-leaf notebook, miscellaneous manuscript and typescript notes; Speeches identified by "Title," subject, or site of delivery (see list below)

box 10

Scope and Content

List of identified speeches

- "Alternative Pathways"
- "America's Priceless Heritage - The Competitive System"
- Armed Forces
- Australian Broadcasting Commission
- Bar Association
- "Boundless Business Frontiers"
- Business
- Business & Industry
- "Centers of Initiative"
- Chamber of Commerce
- Civic Affairs
- Democracy - Citizenship
- Democratic National Committee
- Economics - "Pathways to Progress"
- Education - Colleges & Universities
- Foreign Aid
- Free Enterprise

- "Go South Young Man"
- Hibernian Society
- Hospitals
- Industrial Editors
- Keynote
- London
- Middle Man ("Jobber")
- Minimum Wage Law
- National Affairs
- "The New Renaissance"
- Ohio State Chamber of Commerce
- Orlando Chamber of Commerce
- "Pathways to Progress"
- "Price Controls" [a recording]
- Public Housing
- "Rendezvous with Destiny"
- Right to Work
- Testimony
- Transportation - Roads
- "Unaware and Unalert"
- Welfare State
- World-International Leadership

Numerous legal pads filled with handwritten notes and rough drafts. Many editorial references (clippings, brochures, etc.)

box 11

Correspondence

General Correspondence

Unit Date 1942-1950

box 12

General Correspondence

Unit Date 1950-1951

box 13

General Correspondence

Unit Date 1952-1953

box 14

General Correspondence

Unit Date 1953

Unit Date 1954-1955

Unit Date 1955-1957

box 15

General Correspondence

Unit Date 1958-1960

Unit Date 1961

Unit Date 1962-1964

box 16

General Correspondence

Unit Date 1964-1979

box 17

Memorabilia (Honors, Photographs, Scrapbooks)

Military (Diaries, 1942-1943; Legion of Merit correspondence); Honorary degrees; Photographs

box 17

Scrapbook: Hospital fund drive

box 18

Scrapbooks: 3 covering U.S. Chamber of Commerce presidential year, 1954-1955; Roanoke Campaign for Refugee and Overseas Relief, 1939 (includes a 12-minute sermonette); The story of "Alternative Pathways," 1952

box 19

Publications and Clippings

Chamber of Commerce programs, policies, directories; Government documents (see list below); Magazine articles (see list below); Miscellaneous publications (see list below); Newspaper clippings

box 18

Scope and Content

Government documents

- *How the Tax Rate Reform Would Benefit You* (Herlong-Baker bills)
- *1963 Congressional Handbook*
- *Under the Dome--How Our Congress Works*
- Page from June 16, 1959 *Congressional Record*
- *A Study of Civil Defense*, 1948
- *Civil Defense for National Security*, OCDP, 1948
- *The Federal Budget in Brief* (FY1956)
- *Overlapping Taxes in the United States*

Magazine articles

- *Newsweek*, May 10, 1954, p. 77
- *Newsweek*, February 28, 1955, p. 26
- *Washington Report*, May 7, 1954
- *Washington Report*, May 13, 1955
- *Manufacturers Record*, April 1955, p. 41
- *Florida Motor Court Journal*, November 1954
- *The Commonwealth Magazine of Virginia*, May 1954
- *Nation's Business*, June 1954, p. 38
- *Illustrated Weekly of Pakistan*, September 4, 1955, p. 9

Miscellaneous

- American Association of Commerce Publications
- American Warehousemen's Association program
- Washington (D.C.) Trade Association Executives membership list, 1954
- The American Forum, April 24, 1955--"Women Want to Know"
- "The Economics of the Guaranteed Wage"
- "'Fringe' Benefits"