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**HOWARD JOHNSON
PAPERS, CA. 1951–1970**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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NOTES:

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Howard Johnson was born on 22 May 1873 to Franklin Pierce Johnson and Georgia Ann Pursel. He was born in the house of his grandfather, Oliver Johnson. Howard attended School Number 6 at the corner of Central Avenue and 46th Street until around 1888. This school would later become Indianapolis School 70, or Mary E. Nicholson School. Howard went on to attend Mapleton School at 38th Street and Illinois Street. He then took a two-year course at North Indianapolis High School. While there, he met Minnie C. Fessler. On 22 May 1894, Howard married Minnie, and later that year, the couple moved into Oliver's house and Howard managed his grandfather's farm. They had two children. Around 1907, Howard and his family moved to a farm on 79th Street between Hoover Road and Ditch Road. Howard died on 16 June 1970.

Sources:

Collection materials.

Johnson, Howard. *A Home in the Woods; Oliver Johnson's reminiscences of early Marion County*. Indianapolis: Indiana Historical Society, 1951.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains materials about the life of Howard Johnson and his family. This includes autobiographical sketches wherein Howard describes his life and his experiences in Indiana during his youth in the 1880s and 1890s, a rough draft for Howard's publication called *A Home in the Woods* about his grandfather's life experiences, correspondence from Howard containing biographical information and his experiences at North Indianapolis High School, and miscellaneous notes concerning Howard's manuscript about his grandfather's reminiscences. Also contained in the collection is a handwritten, five-page account by Howard Johnson of School Number 6, located at the corner of Central Avenue and 46th Street. Johnson attended the school from around 1878 until about 1888, when his father moved the family to a farm south of the Indiana State Fairgrounds. The account discusses Howard's experiences of the school, the children who attended, and the location of different buildings and homes in the surrounding area.

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