

Inventory of

Yvonne Johnson
Sycamore, Illinois

Collection

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Regional History Center

RC 337

INTRODUCTION

Yvonne Johnson of Sycamore, Illinois donated her personal and professional papers to the Regional History Center on July 31, 2014. Additional materials were donated in 2015.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Yvonne Johnson Collection dates from 1874 to 2015, with materials dating predominately between 1930 and 2015, and includes personal and professional materials related to Yvonne Johnson's fifty-one year career as a science teacher. The collection provides a snapshot into American education through the eyes of an admired and successful educator. The collection is arranged into nine series and follows a mostly chronological order. Series I is composed of Yvonne Johnson's biographical information, containing photographs, cards, flyers, and announcements.

Series II contains information regarding the Johnson family, including her brother Kenneth, sister Elaine, and mother Virginia. This series holds photographs, booklets, stories, and family history information. Researchers interested further in this family history should also see the Leo B. Olson Collection (RC 338).

Series III is composed of Yvonne Johnson's educational materials that chronicle her early education and training to become a teacher. Materials include workbooks, art work, yearbooks, diplomas, and other documents she created during the course of her education.

The bulk of the collection consists of materials related to Yvonne Johnson's teaching and professional activities. Series IV, Teaching Materials & Professional Papers, include teaching philosophies, yearbooks, programs, and photographs of classrooms and faculty. Also included are student instructional workbooks, work sheets, and other charts. There are also a number of handmade materials and correspondence from students. Series V consists Awards and Certificates presented to Yvonne Johnson on the local, state, and national levels. Of particular are handmade awards made by her students. Series VI, Organizations, documents Yvonne Johnson's involvement in various professional and local charitable organizations. Series VII consists of educational material, programs, and photographs related to the NASA educational workshop for elementary teachers program from 1988-1992.

Scrapbooks and Ephemera make up Series VIII. The scrapbooks consists of photographs celebrating Yvonne Johnson's career, letters and cards by students, and various newspaper clippings related to her career. There are also a number of artifacts, including plaques, ornaments, and a Saw-Set tool that belonged to her Grandfather Andrew Nelson, who filed a patent for the invention. The final series, Series IX, is composed of Oversized Materials such as display tri-folds put together by Yvonne Johnson to celebrate her 50 years of teaching. Four of these tri-fold displays were dismantled for preservation purposes and have been integrated into the collection. Also included are larger print items related to her family history such as diplomas, newspaper articles, and family trees.

The addendum contains records related to Yvonne Johnson's personal life as well as her education and professional career as a science teacher, including photographs, teacher's guides, activity books, award certificates, student papers, and textiles. Family records, photographs, clippings, and local area historical publications are also contain in the addition. Family records include photographs, diaries, and clippings.

Digital images (37) are also archived as part of the collection. These images may be accessed in the Center's reading room.

HISTORICAL SKETCH

Yvonne Johnson (1930-), was a science teacher for West Elementary School in Sycamore, Illinois for forty-nine years and Love School for two. After growing up in the DeKalb country area, Yvonne graduated high school at 16 years old in 1947 and later attended the Northern Illinois State Teachers College where she earned a Bachelors of Science in Education in 1951. Yvonne continued her education at Northern Illinois University where she earned a Masters of Science in Education in 1960. Yvonne Johnson also attended and received credits from Rockford College, Oklahoma State University, and Lewis University. Yvonne Johnson's academic achievements allowed her the opportunity to be awarded several National Science Foundation grants including a Penn State University grant in Chemistry and Physics in 1961, a Rutgers University grant in Geology and Meteorology in 1962, and grants from the Illinois State Universities for Physics, Biology, and Geology from 1985 through 1988. In 1966, Yvonne Johnson traveled through four Scandinavian countries studying Comparative Education. Yvonne Johnson participated in the first group to be trained in the NASA Lewis Research Center's program for elementary teachers. In 1991 and 1992, Yvonne Johnson returned to the Lewis Research Center as a faculty coordinator and later in 1995 returned as part of NASA's Empowerment of Educators Program. Yvonne Johnson's involvement with NASA's education efforts continued as she attended several workshops at the Goddard Space Center, Johnson Space Center, and workshops in Washington D.C.

Yvonne Johnson's teaching career began in 1951 at Love School, a one room school for all eight grade levels. From 1953 until 2002, Yvonne Johnson continued teaching at West

Elementary School in Sycamore, IL for grades 4, 5, and 6. After leaving West Elementary School in 2002, Yvonne Johnson continued teaching at the Learning Center until 2008. From the Learning Center, Yvonne Johnson continued to tutor students in the school until 2011. During her teaching career, Yvonne Johnson also conducted over 250 Elementary Teacher Science Workshops throughout the state of Illinois along with participation in NSTA Science Conventions from 1985 until 1999. Yvonne Johnson has also served on the Sycamore Education Association as both secretary and president. During her time as president, Yvonne helped establish the HSSR scholarship program. Yvonne served on the Sycamore Library Board from 1978 through 1997. During that time, Yvonne became president and served from 1984 through 1997. During that time, Yvonne received a state grant to restore the roof and crown of the Carnegie building and later began fundraising for the library's addition. Yvonne was successful in raising close to 1.5 million dollars for the project. Yvonne Johnson has also worked on other projects such as Resource Bank's video "One Room, One School," contributed writing and photographs in the Rural School Journey Book, has written several articles published in science publications.

Yvonne Johnson's has received many awards and recognitions for her achievements beginning in 1972 when Yvonne was awarded DeKalb County Conservation Teacher of the Year. In 1984, Yvonne was awarded Master Teacher of Illinois, and in 1987 a National Science Teachers Association certification as a Master Elementary Science Teacher. From 1985 through 1987 Yvonne Johnson was awarded Outstanding Science Teacher in Region II by the National Science Foundation. In 1990, Yvonne received both a Certificate of Honor and Presidential Award for Excellence in Science and Math Teaching while also receiving a Certificate of Recognition from the Illinois Math and Science Academy. In 2006, Yvonne Johnson was awarded the Clifford Danielson Outstanding Citizen Award by the Sycamore Chamber of Commerce. Yvonne's most recent achievement has been the induction as a distinguished alumni of Sycamore High School on September 21, 2013.

Yvonne's family has roots in the DeKalb county area since the 1800's. Yvonne's grandmother and her two brothers were charter members of the First Lutheran Church in DeKalb where Yvonne has been a life long member. Yvonne served six years on the church council where she served as council secretary, congregational secretary, and on the executive committee. Later she has served as a communion assistant at First Lutheran Church on Sundays and is on the personnel committee. Yvonne Johnson's grandfather helped lay the railroad through DeKalb in 1853 before the town was officially established. On her mother's side, Yvonne's grandfather, with his father, built the first fire wagons used in DeKalb.

SUBJECT TRACINGS

DeKalb County (Ill.) – History
Education.
Elementary school teachers.

Elementary school teaching.
Elementary schools – Illinois.
Illinois Federation of Business and
Professional Women's Clubs

Johnson, Kenneth Albert
Johnson, Virginia Nelson
Johnson, Yvonne A.
National Science Teachers Association
Nelson, Andrew E.
Northern Illinois State Teachers College.

Northern Illinois University.
Olson, Elaine V.
Olson, Leo B.
Pets.
Saw sets--United States--Patents.
Science teachers.
Sycamore (Ill.)
Teachers – Training of.
United States. – National Aeronautics and
Space Administration

COLLECTION INVENTORY

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Series I: Personal Papers and Photographs		
1	1	Baby name idea sheet and monthly weights from Yvonne Johnson, 1930
	2	Birth announcement for Yvonne Johnson, July 1, 1930
	3	Yvonne Johnson birth weight chart, July 1, 1930
	4	Best Wishes card on New baby from First National Bank, July 2, 1930
	5	Mother's Day card from Yvonne Johnson to her mother, May 10, 1936
	6	Handmade Mother's Day card by Yvonne Johnson, n.d.
		Photographs
	7-9	Yvonne Johnson Photographs (18), 1931-1939
	10	Yvonne Johnson milking family cow (1), 1937
	11	Yvonne Johnson's Dog Jiggs (1), 1937-1944
	12	Yvonne Johnson at Church Confirmation (1), 1943
	13	Yvonne Johnson and favorite dog Mickey Joe Boots in St. Charles (1), 1944
	14	Photograph of Mickey Joe Boots (1), 1944-1956
	15	Transparency of Yvonne Johnson, n.d.
	16	Yvonne Johnson at Church 100 th Anniversary wearing Grandmother's Clothes (1), 1958
	17	Publicity photos before WREX-TV Sycamore Science Program (2), 1959
	18-21	Yvonne Johnson (3), 1968-1972, 1983
	22	Yvonne Johnson and Dorothy Walker at 50 Years of Teaching Celebration (1), 2001
	23	First Lutheran Sesquicentennial presentation to Bishop Wollersheim (4), ca. 2008
	24	Letter written by Yvonne Johnson to mother, n.d.
	25	Yvonne Johnson Real Estate listing for house, 1997
	26	Public auction flyers for Yvonne Johnson, July 2, 1997
Series II: Johnson Family		
	27	Promotional Flyer for "The Shenanigans", n.d.
	28	Various Newspaper clippings of interest to Yvonne from unknown newspapers, n.d.

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1	29	"An Eskimo Book" by Yvonne Johnson, 1938	
	30	Brief history of North Grove School, unknown author, 1968	
	31	"Santa Claus" poem, unknown author, n.d.	
	32	12 Short Songs, unknown author, n.d.	
		Kenneth Johnson:	
	33	Letter from Mrs. Tom Roberts, Sr. Found in Chair Kenneth Johnson refinished, n.d.	
	34	Newspaper clipping talking about Kenneth Johnson finding Federal Land Grant, n.d.	
	35	Photograph, n.d.	
	36	Kenneth Johnson name cards, n.d.	
	37	Photograph of Kenneth Johnson, Cindy Crawford at Dorothy's 75 th Birthday, 1992	
	38	Photo of cows raised by Kenneth Johnson during 4H project, 1925-1930	
	39	Live stock commission bill from John Clay to Kenneth Johnson, December 5, 1931	
	40	Lifetime membership Certificate for the Hampshire Swine Record Association, December 31, 1938	
	41	Photograph of Kenneth Albert Johnson, 1940s	
	42	Certificate of membership for Kenneth Johnson from the Imperial Council of the Ancient Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, December 4, 1971	
	43	Letter to Kenneth Johnson from DeKalb County Clerk about mistaken death, April 4, 1985	
	44	Memorial booklet for Kenneth Johnson, August 7, 1994	
	45	Kenneth Johnson obituary listings from newspaper, 1994	
	46	Photographs of Dorothy Walker's 75 th Birthday with James Walker, Richard Gere, and Cindy Crawford, 1992	
	47	Photograph of Dorothy Walker, Cindy Crawford, Richard Gere at Dorothy's 75 th Birthday, 1992	
	48	Genealogy of Ezra M. Ames and Orpha M. Ames, n.d.	
	49	Pledge to the Roosevelt's, n.d.	
	50	"An Irish Mother" handwritten by Elene Foster, n.d.	
	51	[empty - moved to Series VII per request of donor]	
	52	Genealogy of Peter O. Cody by Sarah Cody Jorgenson, 1818-1946	
	53	Genealogy booklet of Olsen family by Sarah Cody Jorgenson, 1818-1946	
	54	<u>Harper's School Geography Book, 1880</u>	

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1	55	Virginia Nelson Johnson: DeKalb Township High School Report Cards, 1905-1908	
	56	Teaching Certificate, September 2, 1909	
	57	“Jean Valigan and the Bishop Hugo” written down by Virginia Nelson, June 30, 1911	
	58	“Keeping a Seat at the Benefit” by May Friske, handwritten copy by Virginia Nelson, n.d.	
	59	Handwritten letter by Virginia Nelson, n.d.	
	60	Lavinia Nelson High School Graduation Commencement program, DeKalb Township High School, June 15, 1911	
	61	Wedding photograph of Virginia Petronella Johnson and invitation, March 6, 1912	
	62	Photograph of Virginia Johnson, Julia Lydig, Maria Johnson and Elaine Johnson, 1913	
	63	Tax document for Albert Johnson, 1918	
	64	<u>The Beacon Fifth Reader</u> , 1918	
	65	Photo of Virginia Nelson Johnson, Elaine Johnson at 8 yrs. old, Kenneth Johnson at 4 yrs. old, 1920 (1)	
	66	Andrew Nelson’s U.S. Patent Office Paperwork on Saw-Set Invention, February 19, 1920	
		Elaine Johnson:	
	67	Admission to the 8 th grade certificate, August 30, 1924	
	68	DeKalb County Public School Diploma, August 31, 1925	
	69	Confirmation Photograph (1), 1925	
	70	Photograph in Family Farm Living Room (1), 1926	
	71	Teaching certificate, July 20, 1933	
	72	Beauty Contest Winner Portrait (1), 1933	
	73	Photographs (2), 1950-1955	
	74	Real Estate Listing for House, ca. 1996	
	75	Photos of Elaine Johnson and Yvonne Johnson at 1 yr. old (5), ca. 1931	
	76	DeKalb Township High School commencement exercise invitations, May 28-June 1, 1933	
	77	Photos of Elaine Johnson at 26 years old, Kenneth Johnson at 20 years, and Yvonne Johnson at 6 years (3), ca. 1936	
	78	“Little Folk’s Prayer of Thanksgiving” from the Prairie Farmer, November 18, 1939	
	79	[empty - moved to Series VII per request of donor]	
	80	Kane County Music Festival and Regional Promotion Exercises Program, 8 th Grade Graduation , May 20, 1943	

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1	81	Thank you letter to Leo Olson from J.V. Patten Company, February 5, 1943	
	82	Photo of Yvonne Johnson and Elaine Johnson at St. Charles Farmhouse (1), 1944	
	83	Poem about the South Pacific, author unknown, 1944	
	84	Photo of Charles and Tillie Johnson, 50 th anniversary (1), May 1951	
	85	Newspaper auction notification for Albert O. Johnson, December 6, 1955	
	86	Photo of Albert O. and Virginia Nelson Johnson, 50 th wedding anniversary (1), March 7, 1962	
	87	Albert Johnson obituary from Daily Chronicle, 1964	
	88	Photo of Yvonne Johnson and Elaine Johnson with dog Bugsy (1), 1968	
	89	Photo of Yvonne Johnson, Virginia Johnson, and Elaine Johnson at Open House (1), 1970	
	90	News article about Bengt Hadarsson, Yvonne's cousin, visit to the United States, April 11, 1971	
	91	Photo of Virginia Johnson at 85 th Birthday (1), 1975	
	92	Photo of Leo Olson and Elaine Johnson Olson (1), ca. 1980	
	93	Photo of Leo B. Olson (1), 1930-1933	
	94	"Alpha-toon" colored sign for Kenny's Korner, 1980	

Series III: Yvonne Johnson's Education

95	Class work, 3 rd and 4 th grade, (1937-1939)
96	English workbook grade 6, (1940-1941)
97	English workbook grade 7, (1941-1942)
98	Spelling workbook grade 7, (1941-1942)
99	English workbook grade 8, (1942-1943)
100	Artwork, n.d.
101	School days display, n.d.
102	Yvonne Johnson's 100 perfect spelling lessons award, n.d.
103	Sycamore High School senior play ticket, December 12, 1940
104	Photo copy and letter from Mary Ellen Clausen Skeler of Ward School, class 1941
105	Yvonne Johnson's 7 th grade diploma for completing the course of Reading, November 18, 1942
106	Yvonne Johnson's elementary school diploma from Kane County, May 20, 1943
107	<u>Leaves of 1945</u> , Sycamore Community High School yearbook, 1945

<u>BOX</u>	<u>FOLDER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	9
	108	Sycamore High School baccalaureate program, June 1, 1947	
	109	Sycamore High School Commencement program, June 5, 1947	
	110	High School graduation photo, 1947	
	111	Diploma from Sycamore Community High School, 1947	
2	1	School Transcripts and Certification Letters, n.d. Northern Illinois State Teachers College	
	2-4	Yearbooks, 1948-1950	
	5	"Man and his Environment" by Yvonne Johnson, Fall 1949	
	6	52 nd Annual Commencement Program, June 3, 1951	
	7	52 nd Annual Commencement Invitation for Yvonne Johnson, June 3, 1951	
	8	Graduating Class Commencement Program Announcement, June 1951	
	9	Limited State Elementary School Certificate for Yvonne Johnson, July 23, 1951	
	10	Photo of Yvonne graduating Northern Illinois State Teachers College, 1951 (1)	
	11	N.I.S.T.C. Bachelor's of Science in Education Degree and Tassel, June 3, 1951	
	12	Northern Illinois University 61 st Annual Commencement Invitation and Program, August 11, 1960	
	13	Northern Illinois University Masters Degree and Tassel, August 11, 1960	
	14-15	Teachers Certificates, 1951-1998, 1990	
Series IV: Teaching Materials & Professional Papers			
	16	Professional development, no date	
	17	Essay on Science Education, no date	
	18	Handmade Christmas card from Billy O., n.d.	
	19	Christmas artwork by Robbie MacMillen, n.d.	
	20	Photos of 5 th grade Aerospace project, no date	
	21	Elementary school science bulletin, article, December 1962	
	22	Burdette Peterson's retirement party program, 1971	
	23	West Elementary school faculty photograph, 1976-1977	
	24	Yvonne Johnson's Philosophy and Biography, ca. 1980s	
	25	Photos of Hot Air Balloon launch, 5 th grade, 1982-1983	
	26	Student correspondence, 1983-1990	
	27	Brochure by Yvonne Johnson on Developing Top Science programs in schools, 1985-1999	

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2	28	School consultation, 1986	
	29	West Elementary School Yearbook, 1988	
	30-41	West Elementary School Yearbook, 1993-2008 Handmade Yearbooks	
	42	Handmade West Elementary School yearbook, 4 th grade, 1998-1999	
	43	Handmade West Elementary yearbook, no grade listed, 1999-2000	
	44	Handmade West Elementary yearbook, 5 th grade, 2001-2002	
	45	Handmade West Elementary yearbook, 4 th grade, 2002	
	46	Handmade West Elementary yearbook, 5 th grade, 2002	
	47	Educational and Civic service, ca. 1990s	
	48	Evidence of classroom mastery, 1990-1991	
	49	Background and Experience, circa 1991	
	50	Ag in the classroom, 1990-1993	
	51	Educational Service Center: Thematic Workshops, 1992	
		School Photos	
	52	West Elementary School, 5 th grade photo (1), 1994-1995	
	53-55	West Elementary School, 4 th grade photo (3), 1998-2002	
	56-58	West Elementary School faculty photo (3), 2005-2009	
	59	“Fun Weekends” Packet, 1994-1995	
	60	Photo of Yvonne Johnson and student teacher at 50 years of teaching celebration, 2001	
	61	Teaching is a Verb, display , 1985	
	62	Teaching Pedigrees, display, 1983	
	63	Instructional Unit, grade K, 9 booklets, 1959-1965	
	64	Instructional Unit, grade 1, 5 booklets, 1959-1965	
	65	Instructional Unit, grade 2, 8 booklets, 1959-1965	
	3	1	Instructional Unit, grade 3, 9 booklets, 1985-1999
		2	Instructional Unit, grade 4, 10 booklets, 1985-1999
		3	Instructional Unit, grade 5, 11 booklets, 1985-1999
4		Instructional Unit, grade 6, 7 booklets, 1985-1999	
5		Weather work book, grade 4, 1992-1993	
6		Geology work book, grade 5, 1985-1999	
7		Oceanography unit, no grade, 1985-1999	
8		Science course of study grades K-6, Sycamore IL, 1959	
9		Science course of study, Sequence Chart, grades K-6, 1959	

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		Revised January, 1961	
3	10	Math work book, no grade, n.d.	
	11	Indian Lore and Legend work book, no grade, n.d.	
	12	“Science is a Verb” workbooks, no grade, 4 booklets, n.d.	
	13	Supplemental worksheets, no grade, no date, n.d.	
	14	Science Course of Study, Scope Chart, grades K-6, 1961-1962	
	15	Science Course of Study, Sequence Chart, grades K-6, 1962	
	16	Desk Calendars, 1987, 1990-1995	

Series V: Awards and Certificates

	17	Newspaper mention of Yvonne Johnson, National Science Foundation Scholarship, 1961
	18	Certificate of Participation in NSF Institute in Earth Science, August 10, 1962
	19	Certificate for Mathematics Workshop at Littlejohn School, November 6, 1962
	20	Certificate from Det Danske Selskab for participation, 1966
	21	Resolution of Appreciation from DeKalb County Board to Yvonne, June 27, 1967
	22	English and Reading Workshop Certificate from Sycamore Senior High School, April 15, 1968
	23	News article about Yvonne’s Award of “Conservation Teacher of the Year” 1971
	24	Certificate of Participation from Training Institute in Gifted Education, June 1981
	25	Handmade Teaching Award for Outstanding Teaching Ability by students, Rachel Switzley and Brenda Wolfenberger, June 4, 1981
	26	Teacher of the Year letters, 1981-1986
	27	Official Commission Certificate for Appointment to Sycamore Public Library Board, May 1, 1981-April 30, 1984
	28	Thank You print made from student, Corey, 1984
	29	Master Bus-Girl Award from El Matador Ltd., 1984
	30	Governor’s Master Teacher program application, February 1, 1984
	31	Photo Award by student, Erica Gwillim, grade 5, 1984-1985
	32	Honors Project for Outstanding Teachers of Science in Illinois, 1984-1986
	33	Thank You cards and letters of praise from Parents, 1984-1986
	34	“Those Who Excel” 13 th Statewide Salute to winners booklet, October 31, 1986
	35	“Those Who Excel” Teacher of the Year application, 1986-1987

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3	36	Congratulation letter from Governor James Thompson on "Those Who Excel" award, January 20, 1987	
	37	National Science Teachers Association, Honors Workshop, 1987	
	38	Certificate of recognition for Yvonne's certification by National Science Teachers Association, 1987	
	39	Pride of the Prairie Sesquicentennial Pioneer Certificate given because of Bengt Nelson, July 18, 1987	
	40	Pride of the Prairie Sesquicentennial Pioneer Certificate given because of John and Maria Johnson, July 18, 1987	
	41	Outstanding Achievement award for Best Brochure, July 30, 1987	
	42	Teachers Education workshop certificate, July 22-August 3, 1990	
	43	PAESMT Selection Committee – Letters of recommendation, 1990	
	44	Presidential Elementary Science Award, 1990-1991	
	45	NTSA Conference badges and ribbons, 1991-1999	
	46	Summer Training Institute on Exemplary Science Certificate of Participation, July 5-9, 1993	
	47	DeKalb County Community Foundation - Excellence in Education Awards, 1999-2000	
	48	Staff Recognition Celebration, 2000	
	49	50 th Teaching Anniversary celebration, 2001	
	50	Clifford Danielson Outstanding Citizen Award, September 28, 2006	
	51	7 th annual DeKalb County Tribute to Heroes, October 1, 2009	
	52	Certificate of appreciation from National World War II Museum, March 31, 2011	
	53	Certificate of recognition for purchase of Legacy Data Plate at the National Museum of the United States Air Force, October 9, 2012	

Series VI: Organizations

4	1	Sycamore Business & Professional Women's Club, 1962-1975	
	2	Mink by Mitzi Fashion Show presented by Sycamore BPW Club, October 14, 1965	
	3	Sycamore BPW Club scrapbook, 1965-1966	
	4	5 th annual Det Danske Skelskab Scandinavian-American Educational seminar, 1966	
		Business and Professional Women's Club (BPW)	
	5	Illinois Federation BPW official Illinois Guide, 1968-1969	
	6	Woodstock BPW Club Spring Open House booklet, 1969	
	7	Illinois Federation of BPW Club, Spring Meeting Invitation, State Membership Charter, March 28, 1971	
	8	Illinois Federation of BPW Club Annual Convention	

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4	9	Booklet, Program Chairman at State Convention, April 20-23, 1972 The Illinois Bulletin, 51 st Annual Convention of Illinois Federation of BPW Clubs, Nike - Samothrace Chair, April 21-23, 1972	
	10	Illinois Federation of BPW Clubs annual report, 1973-1974	
	11	Illinois Federation of BPW Clubs, the IL Guide, 1973-1974	
	12	Honors project for Outstanding Teachers of Science in the State of Illinois, 1985-1987 (Johnson participated 1985-1987)	
	13	Illinois Science Teachers Association convention, 1986-1987	
	14	Photo of Yvonne Johnson and Gloria Dobry at Great America, ISU Honors Science Teachers (1), 1987	
	15	National Science Teachers Association standards for science teachers, January 1987	
	16	Photo of Yvonne at Illinois State University Honors Science Teachers program (1), 1987	
	17	Photo of Yvonne, Renee Ellingson, and Chris Sarver at KCH Foundation (1), 2007	
	18	DeKalb County community foundation, Engaged Philanthropy annual report, 2010	
	19	General news articles about Yvonne Johnson, 1988-2010	
	20	Newspaper photo of Yvonne accepting donation from Kiwanis Club, n.d.	

Series VII: National Aeronautics and Space Administration Education Workshops

21	NASA Educational workshop for elementary teachers program, July 7-15, 1988
22-23	Photos of participants in NASA educational workshop for elementary teachers (7), 1988, 1990
24	NASA Educational workshop program, July 22-August 3, 1990
25	Future Voyagers: Aerospace Resource Guide for Educators, June 25, 1990
26	Lewis Research Center activity book, 1990
27	Lewis Research Center log book, 1990
28	Lewis Research Center activity book, 1991
29	Lewis Research Center log book, 1991
30	5 th Anniversary program for the Lewis Research Center, 1991
31	Faculty coordinator for NASA Educational workshop Materials and Photographs (8), 1990-1991
32	NASA/NSTA certificate of attendance, July 19-23, 1991
33	<u>Space Flight: The First 30 Years</u> by NASA, December 1991

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4	34	<u>NASA Spinoffs: 30 Year Commemoration Edition</u> , 1992
	35	Aerospace education liaison for NASA Lewis empowerment of Educators program, 1993
	36	Certificate of recognition to Yvonne Johnson from NASA Lewis Research Center, August 15, 1995
	37	Photo of Yvonne Johnson's visit to Johnson Space Center (1), 1996
	38	Staff Development for Educators (SDE) Conference Badges, 1997, 2000
	39	NASA photos display (19), n.d.
Series VIII: Scrapbooks and Ephemera		
	40	Scrapbook of Cards & Letters for 50 Years of Teaching, 2001
	41-42	Teaching scrapbooks, n.d.
	43	Class/Faculty Photo Scrapbook, 1975-2000
	44	Class Photographs (22), 1969-1988
	45	General Photographs (20), 1994
	46	5 th Grade Class Photographs (30), 1994-1995
	47	Student "Yearbook" for Ms. Johnson, 1997-1998
	48	50 Years of Teaching Celebration Photographs (60), 2001
	49	Teaching Scrapbook, circa 1990
	50-51	Newspaper articles on Yvonne Johnson, 1986-1987, 2005, 2009, n.d.
	52	Magazines featuring articles about Yvonne Johnson, 2009-2010
	53	Photograph of Andrew Johnson
	54	Teacher's Contract for Dorothea Van Patten, June 26, 1939
Artifacts		
5		Saw-Set Tool (Possibly Andrew Nelson), 1890s
		Pumpkin Festival black and orange ribbons (2)
		Sycamore Library ornaments (2), 1995-1996
		Illinois Outstanding Science Teacher Plaque, 1985
		Outstanding Contribution to DeKalb County Soil and Water Conservation District Plaque, 1995
		Appreciation to Yvonne Johnson from Rochelle Business and Professional Women's Club Plaque, 1995
6		Scrapbook with Cards, n.d.

Series IX: Oversized

Drawer

36	1	American Education Week poster, November 14-20
	2	Certificate to Yvonne Johnson for punctuality/regular attendance for 3 rd grade, 1937
	3	Calendar, n.d.
	4	Northern Illinois State Teachers College, large print cards, n.d.
	5	Photo of Virginia Nelson Johnson, 1910-1912
	6	Illinois State tax documents for Ed Johnson, March 1904, 1905, 1906, 1908, 1909
	7	Estate Auction posters Elaine Johnson Olson, October 19, 1996
	8	Print with student signatures, 5 th grade, 1991-1992
	9	Life Membership Certificate from National Education Association, October 3, 1963
	10	Yvonne Johnson school art project, 1949-1950
	11	Pupil Reading Circle certificate for Kenneth Johnson, May 14, 1926
	12	Kenneth Johnson's diploma from DeKalb Township High School, June 1, 1933
	13	Board of Anvil Club, Inc. Award to Kenneth Johnson, n.d.
	14	DeKalb Township High School diploma for Virginia Nelson Johnson, June 11, 1908
	15	DeKalb Township High School diploma for Elaine Johnson, June 13, 1929
	16	Yvonne Johnson's students projects, n.d.
	17	Newspaper articles on Yvonne Johnson, n.d.

Posterboard Displays:

- Memory Board display, 1994-1997
- Cloud Parade and Folklore display, 1988-1991
- Retirement board, letters and cards, 2001
- School Days Posterboard Display, n.d.

37	1	Johnson Family Tree (3), n.d.
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Posterboard Displays:

- Johnson Family display, n.d.
- Teaching Conferences display, n.d.
- Teaching Collage board, n.d.
- 50 years of teaching display, ca. 2001

ADDENDUM

Series I: Personal Papers and Photographs

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| 7 | 1 | Yvonne Johnson photographs (14), 1931-1990s |
| | 2 | Yvonne Johnson Friendship Autograph Book, 1936-1945 |
| | 3 | Letter written by Kenneth Johnson to Yvonne, July 16, 1962 |
| | 4 | Prairie Pioneers Remembrance plaque honoring Yvonne Johnson's grandparents |

Series II: Johnson Family

Photographs:

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| 5 | Johnson Family (8), 1920s-1966 |
| 6 | John and Maria Johnson (6), 1840s-1924 |
| 7 | Allen and Albert Johnson (2), circa 1935-1936 |
| 8 | Albert Johnson (6), circa 1920-1964 |
| 9 | Virginia Johnson (16), 1889-1975 |
| 10 | Leo and Elaine (Johnson) Olson (40), 1940s-1990s |
| 11 | Kenneth Johnson (24), 1930s-1993 |
| 12 | Jim Walker, Kenneth Johnson, Cindy Crawford (4) |
| 13 | El Matador (restaurant ran by K. Johnson) (8), 1971-1991 |
| 14 | Nelson Family (3), 1886-circa 1904 |
| 15 | Lavina Nelson (3), 1890s-1940s |
| 16 | Extended Family and Pets (8), circa 1870s-1997 |
| 17 | Family history, 1937-2015 |
| 18 | Albert Johnson live stock records, 1917 |
| | Virginia Johnson: |
| 19 | Shower invitation, 1912 |
| 20 | Diaries, 1919-1920 |
| 21 | Diaries, 1935-1936 |
| 22 | Diaries, 1950-1955 |
| 23 | Funeral program and obituary, 1978; 85 th birthday clipping, 1975 |
| 24 | Kenneth Johnson botanical samples for 8 th grade |
| 25 | El Matador restaurant (Sycamore, IL), 1971-1991 |
| 26 | Western Union Telegram to John Johnson, October 16, 1893 |
| 27 | John Johnson eulogy, 1921 |
| 28 | Warranty deeds of Bengt C. Nelson, 1871, 1880 |
| 29 | Bengt C. Nelson railroad freight receipts, 1874-1875; obituary, 1904 |

<u>BOX</u>	<u>FOLDER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
7	30	Affidavit of Charles A. Bloom, bent tree with Andrew E. Nelson in Dekalb, April 28, 1933
	31	G. Henry Carlson funeral memory booklet, April 27, 1941
	32	Black fig wine recipe
	33	<i>Ropp's Commercial Calculator</i> (1887)
	34	Illinois maps and Northern Illinois plat maps featuring farms

Series IV: Teaching Materials & Professional Papers

35	Geology classroom activities designed by Yvonne Johnson
36	Writing guides and activities
37	Science activity books
38	Class assignments, 1970s-1980s
39	Student Publications - poetry and newsletters, 1980s
40	Teacher's Guide for Rocks and Charts (1969)
41	Music sheets and lyrics
42	<i>Through the Rainbow Children, Science and Literature</i> , CESI sourcebook VIII (1995)
43	<i>The Book Shoppe</i> activity book
44	Ocean activity book
45	Correspondence, 1961, 1985-1986
46	Clippings
Item 1	"The Game of Space" (1987)

Series V: Awards and Certificates

8	1	Conservation Teacher of the Year, 1970-1971
	2	Master Teacher clippings, 1984
	3	Illinois Teacher Awards, 1984-1986
	4	Award Certificates, 1980s-2003
	5	Certificates of Participation and Training, 1997-2000
	6	Kishwaukee College Yvonne A. Johnson Science Wing, February 2015
	7	NIU Alumni Awards Dinner, College of Education, April 2015

Series VII: National Aeronautics and Space Administration Education Workshops

8	Fact Books
9	Postcards, 1970s-1980s
10	Publications, 1990s
11	Activity Books, 1980s-1990s
12	Teacher's Guides, 1990s
13	Language Arts Activity Cards for Science Topics: Space and

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8	14	Technology, 1988 NASA Space Activities, NSF/ISU Honors Science Teachers Project, circa 1988	
	15	Certificate of Achievement, Newest Reunion Workshop, August 7-9, 1991	
	16	Aerospace Education K-8	
Series VIII: Scrapbooks and Ephemera			
	17	Smith Mine Disaster visit photographs (2), July 1989	
	18	Eric Rohmann (illustrator) photographs (6), December 2005	
	19	Iceland postcards (8)	
	20	Church Street Station postcard, Orlando, Florida	
	21	Cards to Yvonne Johnson, 1996-2015	
	22	Community Organizations awards, invites, and memberships, 2000-2015	
	23	Clippings	
	24	Bird art catalogs	
	25	"Questionnaire on the Illinois Old Age Assistance Law" February 1936	
	26	United states Air Force Informational Kit, Strategic Air Command Civic Leader Your, Chicago, June 20-21, 1973	
	27	<i>The Farmer & The Politician: An Historical Record, 1860-1960</i> , (1960)	
	28	<i>Genoa, 1836-1961</i> , (1961)	
	29	<i>The 100th Sandwich Fair, souvenir album and premium book, September 9-13, 1987</i>	
	30	<i>Gone But Not Forgotten, veterans buried in Elmwood Cemetery Sycamore, IL, 1993</i>	
	31	<i>A Reason for Tears, 15th Anniversary Edition</i>	
Publications:			
9	Item 1	<i>The MidWeek Newspaper</i> (v20:no26), July 1, 1987	
	Item 2	"DeKalb County Sesquicentennial Tab," <i>Sycamore Republican News</i> , July 15, 1987	
	Item 3	"The National Bank & Trust Company of Sycamore, 1867-1992," May 13, 1992	
	Item 4	"Building on Tradition," <i>The Daily Chronicle</i> , April 26, 1992	
	Item 5	"Insights," <i>The Daily Chronicle</i> , April 25, 1992	
	Item 6	"Milestone 150," <i>The Daily Chronicle</i> (1987)	
	Item 7	<i>Register Star Outlook</i> , February 27, 1994	

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- Photo Albums:
- Item 1 Midwest Museum of Natural History (Sycamore, IL), 2005
- Item 2 Album made by Leo B. Olson, circa 1940-1969
- Item 3 Album made by Leo B. Olson, 1914-1986
- Box 1 Bracelet made of Australian coins that Leo Olson send back while stationed there during World War II
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- Item 1 Blue shirt, 1950s
- Item 2 Pink dress and hat with blue ribbon Virginia Johnson made for Yvonne Johnson to wear to her cousin Martha Johnson's (cousin) garden wedding to Wilderfay, 1936
- Item 3 Pot holder made by student as gift for Yvonne Johnson
- Item 4 Craft made by student as gift for Yvonne Johnson
- Item 5 Craft made by student as gift for Yvonne Johnson
- Items 6-14 Placemats (8) and rug made by Yvonne Johnson in Professor Elsie Wiggert's Fine Arts Class in Altgeld at NIU, 1949-1950

Series IX: Oversized

Drawer

- 37 2 "My Saints" family photo poster created by Yvonne for the First Lutheran Church's All Saints Day celebration
Elaine Olson Estate Auction broadside, October 12-13, 1996
Elaine Olson Estate Auction broadside, October 19, 1996
Kenneth Albert Johnson photograph
- 3 *The DeKalb Daily Chronicle*, May 7, 1930