



John Litt Johnson Speech (K0219)

Collection Number: K0219

Collection Title: John Litt Johnson Speech

Dates: 1860

Creator: Johnson, John Litt, 1816-1903

Abstract: The collection contains a speech by ex-mayor of Kansas City, Missouri, John Litt Johnson, in defense of the policies of the Republican Party and support for the election of Abraham Lincoln.

Collection Size: 0.01 cubic foot
(1 folder)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Historical Note:

John Litt Johnson was born in England in 1816. He moved to New York, and in 1845, he met and married Diana Hausbrook Hoagland. From New York, Johnson moved his family to

Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where his two children, Mary and Arthur, were born. In 1852, Johnson moved to Kansas City, Missouri, where he sought work as an architect. Johnson is known for designing Kansas City's first city hall, and for designing the Coates House.

In 1855, Johnson was elected mayor, but resigned after 35 days. Johnson moved from Kansas City to Wyandotte County, Kansas, in the late 1850s and settled on a farm near Wallula, Kansas. John Litt Johnson died in 1903.

Arrangement:

This collection has been arranged into a single folder.

Scope and Content Note:

This collection contains the speech, "A Defense of Republicanism," which was presented by John Johnson, ex-mayor of Kansas City, before the Kansas City Republican Club on September 15, 1860. In his address he argues the policies of the Republican Party, particularly toward slavery, are not radical and destructive, as other parties have asserted, but that Republicanism is an economically, morally and socially sound position. The speech was printed at the Free State Republican Office, Kansas City, Missouri.

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