



Johnson Hagood papers, ca. 1895-1949
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Creator: Hagood, Johnson, 1873-1948.

Description: 2 linear ft.

Biographical/historical note: U.S. Army officer. Born in Orangeburg (S.C.), he graduated from West Point in 1896 and saw service in Europe during World War I. He was promoted to major general in 1925. After a political controversy in 1936 Hagood was relieved of command of the Eighth Corps by President Roosevelt and soon afterwards retired; in congressional testimony (solicited in confidence but then publicized) he called WPA funds "stage money" and suggested that they would be better used for improvements to army housing. He authored a number of books and magazine articles.

Scope and content: Collection consists of clippings, correspondence (1926-1949), ephemera, genealogical notes, photographs, printed material, and writings. The correspondence chiefly concerns Hagood's political views, his desire to return to active duty in the U.S. Army during World War II, and his attempts to find a publisher for his various writings. Included among the wartime correspondence are letters from General George S. Patton, George C. Marshall, U.S. Army Chief of Staff, Henry L. Stinson, Secretary of War, as well as letters from Johnson Hagood, Jr., in France.

The bulk of this collection is comprised of three separate sets of typescript memoirs: "Down the Big Road," "Out of the South," and "Scattered Recollections." In these writings Hagood discusses his life in South Carolina, in the military, and in politics. Typescript drafts of Hagood's own children's stories, collectively titled "Nockididdle and Bitsy Boy," are also included.

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Search terms:

Hagood, Johnson, 1873-1948.
Patton, George S. (George Smith), 1885-1945.
United States. Army -- Officers.
Children's literature.
Generals -- United States.
New Deal, 1933-1939.

World War, 1939-1945.
United States -- Politics and government -- 20th century.
Letters (correspondence)
Memoirs.
Writings.

Container list:

Box 1

366.01 (C) 01: Clippings
366.01 (C) 02: Correspondence, 1926-1949
366.01 (E) 01: Ephemera, 1919-1949
366.01 (E) 02: Essays, ca. 1895-1944: "Congress and the War Department," "How to Secure an Appointment at West Point," "States Rights"
366.01 (G) 01: Genealogical notes
366.01 (P) 01: Photographs
366.01 (P) 02: Printed material

Box 2

366.01 (W) 01: Writings
366.01 (W) 01 (d) 01: "Down the Big Road" (n.d.)
366.01 (W) 01 (n) 01: "Nockididdle and Bitsy Boy" (1926 / 1948)
366.01 (W) 01 (o) 01: "Out of the South"

Box 3

366.01 (W) 01 (o) 01: "Out of the South" (continued)
366.01 (W) 01 (s) 01: "Scattered Recollections" (draft 1)

Box 4

366.01 (W) 01 (s) 02: "Scattered Recollections" (draft 2)
366.01 (W) 01 (s) 03: "Scattered Recollections" (bound copy)