I. Title Johnson Family Collection, 1848-1982

II. The papers of Peter Johnson and his family deposited in the Library on ______, by the estate of Hilda Johnson. In converted the deposit to a gift. Hagstrom

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VII. Biographical note:

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VIII. Analysis:

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Biographical Note

Although this collection includes information about many members of the Johnson family, the patriarch was Peter Johnson (1867-1943). His 1896 passport records his birth place as Russia in the town of Overmark, Finland. Until Finland received independence in 1917, it was under Russian rule, hence the Johnson passport.

Peter Johnson and his growing family settled in Branford at 186 Harbor Street and Johnson worked at the Malleable Iron Fitting Co. until his retirement.

Pages from the Johnson family Bible record births, marriages and deaths of some family members. Especially important are the documents relating to the Johnson children who lived in Branford all their lives, John Alfred Johnson (1891-1955), long a commodore of the Branford Yacht Club, and Hilda Johnson Hagstrom (1897-1978), from whose estate this collection comes.

Unlisted in the family Bible were two brothers of Peter Johnson, Charles Johnson and John Alfred Johnson, both ranchers and miners, whose tragic lives are recorded in the collection.

Photographs trace the Johnson family from 1890 to 1982, and also include views of the 1938 hurricane.
Guide to the Collection

The Johnson Family Collection has been divided into five major subjects, each labeled as a Series.

Within each Series, this collection of two boxes contains folders lettered alphabetically. Documents within the folder are arranged chronologically. Wherever possible and logical, the provenance of materials has been retained.

Series I: Delineates birth, marriage and death dates gleaned from the Johnson Family Bible.

Series II: Illuminates the trials and tribulations of Peter Johnson and his brothers, Charles Johnson (1862-1931) and John Alfred Johnson (1883-1928).


Series IV: Correspondence from Sweden.

Series V: Comprehensive photographic collection of the Johnson Family from 1890-1982, including photographs of the 1938 hurricane.
REGISTER TO THE JOHNSON
FAMILY COLLECTION

SERIES I
JOHNSON GENEALOGY AND FAMILY RECORDS
1848-1952

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**Johnson Family Bible**

Folder A  Pages from the Johnson Family Bible
record births, marriage and death

dates of family members and their
spouses.

**Family Records**

Folder B  1. Passports to the United States for
Peter Josefson Perjus and Lisa
Johanna, both from Overmark
parish in the Grand Duchy of
Finland.

2. Marriage certificate for Peter
Josefson and Lisa J. Prins.

3. Citizenship paper for Peter
Johnson, birthplace recorded as
Russia.

4. Birth announcements, written in
Swedish for Thure Valdemar, John
Alfred and Hilda Johnson.

5. Confirmation documents for Johnson
children.


7. Obituaries for Hilda Spelman and
Josef Spelman, no identification.
**SERIES II**

**JOHNSON FAMILY IN THE UNITED STATES**  
**1928-1978**

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<td>Papers for Charles Johnson (1862-1931), brother of Peter Johnson, who homesteaded in Colville, Wash. in 1919. Documents include 1905 citizenship papers, mortgage, tax bills, death certificate and letter revealing the loss of 160 acres in 1932 for $113 in unpaid taxes.</td>
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<td>E</td>
<td>Peter Johnson's death documents, with newspaper account and accompanying photograph of Johnson with other retired employees at Branford's Malleable Iron Fittings Co.</td>
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<td>Papers for John Alfred Johnson (1891-1955), a life-long Branford, Conn. resident. His mementos include World War I U.S. Army papers, Branford Yacht Club information along with estate and probate documents.</td>
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<td>Death documents for John Alfred Johnson (1883-1928), Peter Johnson's brother, who committed suicide in Pony, Montana, a deserted mining town.</td>
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<td>Hilda Johnson Hagstrom papers, including birth and wedding certificates, land transactions, and probate documents.</td>
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<td>Obituary for Axel W. Johnson, Sr.</td>
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SERIES III
RICHARD WALTER HAGSTROM
1913-1978

R. W. Hagstrom (1897-1978):
His Life and Times

Folder K
1. Tintype of Hagstrom's mother and Uncle Eddie. n.d.
2. Newspaper clipping, 8th grade award. 1913
3. World War I Naval records, identification tags, 1945 separation papers from U.S. Navy, membership cards in Veteran's organizations, birth and death certificates and funeral bills. 1945-1978
4. Newspaper obituary, Mrs. Helmar Hagstrom, together with medical and funeral bills and a drawing of Mrs. Hagstrom's headstone. 1946
5. Warranty deed and title to three pieces of land in Branford. 1947-1948
6. Construction records for Hagstrom's Branford home with bills and photographs. 1948
7. Hagstrom's Social Security records. 1956-1959
Folder L
Letters from Johnson relatives in Sweden, and also an invitation from the Swedish-Finnish Hospitalization Society to attend their 40th anniversary festivity in Sweden.

Folder M
The publication, "The East Bothnian Village," is a collection of memories and pictures published on the 25th anniversary (April 24, 1942) of the Society of Swedish East Bothnians in Helsinki, Finland. On page 454, the great-grandfather of Hilda Johnson Hagstrom was mentioned.
## SERIES V

**JOHNSON FAMILY PHOTOGRAPHS**

**1890-1982**

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